

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield
founded 1866

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg
founded 1841

Parishes of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Steubenville

The Monroe County Catholic Churches

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334 South Main Street
Woodsfield, Ohio 43793-1027

JULY 19, 2026

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WIS 12:13, 16-19 ROM 8:26-27 MT 13:24-43

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Fr. Nicholas Ward
Administrator



Parish Contacts

New Parishioners are always welcome! Please contact the office.

Fr. Nicholas Ward (740) 457-7701

nward@diosteub.org

Jennifer Winkler (740) 472-0187

Office Hours Mon-Thurs. 9-2

Holy Matrimony, Baptism & Funeral

Contact the parish office (740) 472-0187

Confessions

St. Sylvester: Saturday 4:00pm to 4:45pm.

Sunday 7:45am to 8:15am.

St. John The Baptist: Sunday 9:45am to 10:15am

Pastoral Care of the Sick and Infirm

Call Fr. Ward 1(740) 457-7098 Hospitals and Care facilities
regularly do not notify the parish unless specific request is made.

Catholic Woman's Club

St. Sylvester: Diane Burkhart (740) 391-0391

St. John the Baptist: Eileen Ackerman (740) 757-2481 or

Eileen Miller (740) 472-0279

Knights of Columbus *St. Joseph of Monroe County Council 5009*

Meet on First Wednesday of each month at St. Sylvester Church,
following the 6:30 p.m. Mass

Grand Knight: Anthony Schumacher (740) 827-3626

Purgatorial Society & Prayer Chain

To join & information contact: Jackie Kirkland at (740) 472-0338.

Catholic Youth Group

Leader: Regina Knox

Diocesan Vocation Director

Fr. Nicholas Ginnetti

740-432-7609

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):

RCIA is an adult preparation for Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist.

Contact Church Office 740-472-0187

Parish School of Religion (PSR aka. CCD)

The Parish Religion Classes children 1st—8th grade

St. Sylvester School & Public Schools

St. Sylvester: Jill Schumacher (740) 213-4665

St. John the Baptist: Eileen Ackerman (740) 757-2481 **Call to Register**

St. John The Baptist Hall

Schedule to Rent Hall for Any Occasion

Contact Jennifer Winkler 740-472-0187 or 740-213-2430

St. Sylvester Central Elementary

(PreK-8) 119 Wayne Street, Woodsfield, Ohio.

Mrs. Robyn Guiler: Principal (740) 472-0321 ~ Preschool (740) 472-0420

Catholic Cemeteries

St. Sylvester Woodsfield: Tony Schumacher (740) 827-3626

St. John the Baptist, & Immaculate Conception Ozark:

Tony Schumacher (740) 827-3626

St. Joseph & Chapel Hill, Burkhart Station: Russell Betts (740) 567-3286

St. Patrick's, New Matamoras: Parish office: (740) 472-0187

DOS Office of Family & Social Concerns & Referral

(i.e. Catholic Charities), 1-800-339-7890.

Diocesan Child Protection and Reporting of Abuse

Victim Assistance Team: email: victimassistance43952@gmail.com

Phone: 740-278-3455

Emergency Contact "When Fr. Ward is out of town"

Assumption Church, Barnesville, Ohio, Fr. David Cornett

Rectory Office: (740) 425-2181 Cell: (740) 381-4415 or St. Stephen Church,

Caldwell, Ohio, Fr. Tom Nelson ~ Rectory Office: (740) 732-4129

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SUNDAY **JULY 19TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
+Deb Schumacher *by Perry Schumacher*

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30 a.m.
Living & Deceased of our Parishes

MONDAY **JULY 20TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:30 p.m.
+Hilda & Mary Paulus

TUESDAY **JULY 21ST**
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.
Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.
+Donald Miller *by Carol Miller*

WEDNESDAY **JULY 22ND**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 6:30 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory *by John & Regina Garfold*

THURSDAY **JULY 23RD**
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.
Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.
+Donny Weisend *by Sony Block*

FRIDAY **JULY 24TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
+Phyllis Krone *by Don & Marlene Burkhart*

SATURDAY **JULY 25TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
Deacon Gary Paul & Theresa Beam

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00 p.m.
+Bill Calvert *by Stacey & Jacqueline Kirkland*

SUNDAY **JULY 26TH**
Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
Living & Deceased of our Parishes

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30 a.m.
+Dennis Schneider *by Delilah Hartwell*

These are some of the projects we have scheduled and to begin as soon as possible:

ST. SYLVESTER

- ◆ Re-pour the concrete steps leading to the basement and Re-pour ramp
- ◆ Re-pour entire parking lot.
- ◆ Seal gutters so that run-off is directed away from the church roof and walls
- ◆ Seal the sandstone where serious erosion has occurred
- ◆ New gutters and clean mold for Pre-k/Office
- ◆ Start re-wiring the church to remove fire hazard, prevent bulbs from blowing prematurely, and fix lights in the upper church which have not been lit in some time.

ST. JOHN the BAPTIST

- ◆ Finish electrical work in the hall
 - ◆ Partially seal the outside of the church where serious erosion has occurred in the stone
 - ◆ Level and seal the front steps of the Church where the sandstone stoop has worn away
 - ◆ Prepare the Miltonsburg rectory for the new tenants arriving this summer
- Due to the generosity of a handful of parishioners at St. Sylvester and St. John The Baptist these projects are mostly funded. Any other donations would be appreciated. These are things we can work on for now so that we can take care of future issues in a timely fashion (both churches will need new roofs in the next five years or so).

If anyone needs a tax deduction for 2026 now would be the time!

Our Sunday Offering July 11 - July 12

St. John The Baptist

Adult Collection	\$ 1,505.00
Loose Collection	\$ 181.00
Education Fund	\$ 70.00
Mass Request	\$ 20.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 90.00
Building Fund	\$ 1,150.00

St. Sylvester

Adult Collection	\$ 2,730.00
Loose Collection	\$ 244.00
Candle Fund	\$ 58.00
Education Fund	\$ 514.00
Mass Request	\$ 10.00
Building Fund	\$ 1,210.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 50.00

THANK YOU!!
*for your continued
support of our
Parishes & School*

This Week

Wednesday

St. Sylvester Church

ADORATION

8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Rosary 6:00 p.m.

Mass 6:30 p.m.

St. John The Baptist Picnic Prep

**Saturday, July 25th
8:00 a.m.**

Everyone Needed to
Help Clean the Hall for
our exciting picnic
coming up!

Hope to see you all
July 25th at 8am!

Pilgrimage

Info Meeting

August 13th

7:00 p.m.

St. Sylvester Rectory

ST. MARY CHURCH

Temperanceville, Ohio

ANNUAL PICNIC

Sunday, July 26 11a.m.-2p.m.

Barbecue Chicken or Roast Beef Dinners

2026 DPSC Share Campaign—Final Balance

Your sacrificial gifts enable the dioceses to educate our seminarians, future priests, care for retired priests, oversee education of our youth through Catholic Schools, religious programs and youth ministry, assist poor and other local efforts, Please keep this in mind as you graciously consider your contribution. You can also donate online @ Give.DioSteub.Org

St. Sylvester Goal: \$ 26,883.00
St. John The Baptist Goal: \$ 17,726.00

Goal Received \$ 15,730.00
Goal Received \$ 7,135.00

THANK YOU !!

For all the donations toward the
Care of our Cemeteries

KEEP IT GROWING!



In Loving Memory Of:

Emma Schumacher
Paul Ditto
Deb Schumacher
Francis (Fritz) Schumacher
Katy Madison
Paul Madison
Paul Madison Jr.
Shirley Pfalzgraf
Donald & Lois Stephen
Charles & Mary Hunkler
Fr. Samuel Saprano
Cyril Burkhardt
Eunice Gallagher
Joe Gallagher
Billie Jean Elliott
Harry & Lucille Elliott
Danny Betts
David Baker
Lowell Baker
William Bolon
Michael Koval
Norma H Koval
Seiford & Yolanda Popkie
Herman Burkhardt
Hilda Burkhardt
Ty A Burkhardt
Madeline Mellinger
Francis & Freeda Paulus
Mary Paulus
Hilda Paulus
Robert M Miller Sr.
Walter Knox
Josephina Jack
Paul Connor
Barbara Connor
Michael Burkhardt
Bertha Burkhardt
Rebecca Burkhardt
Francis & Edith Block
Virgil Block
Joe & Deb Block
Mary Ellen Barber
Gladys (Babe) Burkhardt
James Norris
Judith Marie Weisend
Donny Weisend
Richard Weisend
Vernon & Cinderella Butler
Raymond Baldwin
Jenny Crum
Ralph & Alice Buckalew
Grace Ann Joyce
Joseph Fillippi
Norbert Burkhardt
Agnes Burkhardt
Tina Burkhardt Muffet
Harold Robinson
Ellen Robinson
Francis Reischman
Hazel Reischman
Carlos & Doris Headley
Walter & Alberta Ackerman
Francis Stephen
Carol Moore
Meri C. Welsh
Jimmy Scott
Thelma Scott
Harmon Scott
Richard Scott
Phyllis Krone
Wes & Clara Hossman
Donald Miller
Joy Taylor
Cindy Miller Stevens
Jim & Jimmy Partridge
Barb Sobocinski

***Eternal rest grant unto
them, O Lord.***

Dear Parishioners,

It feels as if summer is whipping right on by us (which may be just as well, considering how hot and muggy it has been). At least we are getting rain though (*Deo gratias*).

We've been getting lot of weeds recently. I'm not just talking about in my flower beds and in the parking lot. They came up in our last gospel, i.e. the seed sown among the weeds, and now they're springing up in today's gospel too; although this time around, it is the weeds getting sewn, not the weeds. It goes to show that we may be doing everything right, or rather I should say, God has permitted that thing should be going well for us on account of His merciful will (being situated and sewn on good soil, that is), and things can still go wrong for us.

The servants in the gospel seem more agitated than the master. "Sir, we've got weeds! Where did they come from!?" They seem frustrated as if they don't know how their best laid plans for planting have astray. After all their hard work and preparation, they still have weeds! They even begin to blame the Master: "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field?"

God is not responsible however, for the evils of this world. "An enemy has done this" the master says. He doesn't seem to be terribly perturbed either; when the servants ask if they should root out the weeds, the master says no; let them remain until the harvest time.

We get awfully bent out of shape when the evil, much of which we have sewn in the world, does not receive immediate and terrifying vengeance from God. We wish that God would wipe out the evil doers from the face of the earth, like he did at Sodom and Gomorrah.

It is hard to live with evil in the world. But we can't let evil into our hearts. We see the corruption and vice in the outside world, and it is all too tempting to react with hatred and violence.

This not to say that we should allow evil to be perpetrated in society, or forget what justice demands of us. I don't think Jesus wants us to be "wimps" who just let evil people take advantage of them.

But that's not the purpose of the parable. I think, personally, that the point of the parable is that we need to be at peace inside, in our hearts, even if there is evil outside in the world. The devil, the "enemy" is going to keep on sewing weeds. He wants us to lose our heads over it. He wants us to run around frantically pulling weeds. God, however wants us to keep our heads. The harvest will be here soon enough, and all will be right.

"Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing frighten you. All things are passing away: God never changes. Patience obtains all things." – St. Theresa of Avila

God bless you,

In Christ,

Fr. Nick

TUESDAY BINGO**July 21st**

Donna Robinson
Brenda Fisher
Jenna Rosnick
Missy Dean
Sam/Megan Ward
Piatt/Safreed

July 28th

Susie Cunion
Brenda Fisher
John Kemp
Ashley Murphy

SUNDAY BINGO**July 19th**

Missy Knowlton
Robyn Guiler
Olivia Fisher
Missy Dean
Heather Monroe
Lori Pirl

July 26th

Ace Guiler
Olivia Fisher
Heather Monroe
Missy Dean

TUESDAY KITCHEN**July 21st**

Julie Selmon
Marcia Shipp

July 28th

Diane Burkhart
Missy Knowlton

SUNDAY KITCHEN**July 19th**

Louise Kress
Jill Schumacher

July 26th

Louise Kress
Kathy Singleton

LECTOR READERS

July 18....Steve Burkhart
July 19....Becky Baldwin
July 25....Catherine Paulus
July 26....Bill Frank

Scripture
Reading
of the Week

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WIS 12:13, 16-19
ROM 8:26-27
MT 13:24-43

Monday**JULY 20TH**

MI 6:1-4, 6-8
MT 12:38-42

Tuesday**JULY 21ST**

MI 7:14-15, 18-20
MT 12:46-50

Wednesday**JULY 22ND**

SG 3:1-4b
JN 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday**JULY 23RD**

JER 2:1-3, 7-8,
12-13

MT 13:10-17

Friday**JULY 24TH**

JER 3:14-17
MT 13:18-23

Saturday**JULY 25TH**

2COR 4:7-15
MT 20:20-28

Sunday**JULY 26TH**

**SEVENTEENTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

1KGS 3:5, 7-12
ROM 8:28-30
MT 13:44-52

2026 Cemetery Lawn Care

St. Sylvester Cost\$ 21,000.00
Lawn Care Donations\$ 5,147.00

St. John The Baptist Cost.....\$ 8,400.00
Donations\$ 4,239.00

Imm Conception Cemetery Cost.....\$ 4,200.00
Donations\$ 3,500.00

St. Joseph/Chapel Hill Cost.....\$ 9,000.00
Donations\$ 2,300.00

St. Patrick Cemetery Cost.....\$ 2,800.00
Donations\$ 850.00

**PURGATORY SOCIETY
MEMBERSHIP**

Registered to be a member of our
Purgatory Society. Just send in \$30 with
your name and memo "Purgatory Society
List" and you will be added to our
membership of 3 masses in your name
after you have passed.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS MASS REQUEST...

If interested in requesting mass for a loved one send in \$10 each with name of deceased and name of person requesting the mass. On envelope write "Mass Request". If wanting a specific date, write the date on request and I will schedule it unless someone else requested the same date first. Thanks



**St. Joseph of Monroe County,
Council 5009 of the Knights of Columbus
Anthony Schumacher, Grand Knight**



Leading by Example—Our council seeks to develop a culture of charity, unity, and fraternity in faithful service to the Church and community. New members are welcome to join us!

Next Meetings- *Knight's of Columbus Meeting will be on Wednesday, Aug 5th. Adoration at 6:00 p.m. Rosary at 6:15 p.m. Mass at 6:30 p.m. Meeting to follow in the Church Basement.

*Catholic Women's Club Meeting is Wednesday, Aug 12th - 7:00 p.m. @ Generations