



St. Sylvester, Woodsfield
founded 1866

St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg
founded 1841

Parishes of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Steubenville

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The Monroe County Catholic Churches

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FEBRUARY 5, 2023
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
IS 58:7-10 1COR 2:1-5 MT 5:13-16 (Page 693 Year A)

Bulletin Information

Must be in to the office by Thursday at 10:00am.

Parish Registration New Parishioners are always welcome!

Please contact the parish office (740) 472-0187 to register.

Infant Baptism

Contact the parish office (740) 472-0187 to schedule.

Confessions

Woodsfield: Saturday 4:00pm to 4:45pm.

Sunday 7:45am to 8:15am. and by appointment.

Weddings

No date may be reserved for a wedding until the couple meet with the priest.

Pastoral Care of the Sick and Infirm

Call 1 (918) 637-1774 Hospitals and Care facilities **regularly do not notify** the parish unless specific request is made.

Catholic Woman's Club

Meet on Second Wednesday of each month
at Generation's Building @ 7:00p.m.

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 6:30pm Mass ~ Grand Knight: Sam Schumacher

Parish Prayer Chain

Call: Jackie Kirkland (740) 472-0338

Purgatorial Society Founded in the 1780's to pray for those holy
souls in Purgatory. To join or more information contact: Jackie
Kirkland at (740) 472-0338.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): RCIA is an adult preparation
for Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist. Mr. Joseph Long, coordinator.

Parish School of Religion (PSR aka. CCD)

The Parish Religion Classes children 1st – 8th grade (not enrolled in a Catholic School)

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 ~ 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 Youth Group Leader: Regina Knox

Diocesan Vocation Director Fr. Joshua Erickson

Catholic Cemeteries

St. Sylvester Woodsfield: Donald & Rita Biedenbach (740) 472-1849

St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg & **Immaculate Conception**, Ozark;

Jason Weiss 740-472-1210

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. Tim Davison 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

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

SUNDAY FEB 5TH
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30a.m.
+Mary & Hilda Paulus by *Paulus Family*

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

MONDAY FEB 6TH
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:30p.m.
+Terri Gordon by *Linda & Bruce Bibler*

BIBLE STUDY to follow after Mass

TUESDAY FEB 7TH
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00a.m.
Holy Hour 8:00a.m.
+Debra Block by *Clarence & Eileen Ackerman*

WEDNESDAY FEB 8TH
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 6:30p.m.
+Joe Block by *Tony & Cindy Schumacher*

THURSDAY FEB 9TH
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00a.m.
Holy Hour 8:00a.m.
Williams Family by *Sandra Barnes*

FRIDAY FEB 10TH
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield (*School Mass*) 8:30a.m.
Patrick Phibbs by *Charlene Phibbs*

SATURDAY FEB 11TH
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield (*Latin Mass*) 8:30a.m.
David Stapleton Family

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00p.m.
+Darlene Zwick by *Don & Janet Zwick*

SUNDAY FEB 12TH
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30a.m.
+Deb Schumacher by *Perry Schumacher*

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

We received a rebate check for \$3,417.00 from Dioceses of Steubenville. During the 2022 DPSC Campaign St. John The Baptist Parish exceeded it's goal so, now we have this money that we will put toward the Cemetery Lawn Care 2023 expense for St. John The Baptist.

Please continue to help fund this expense. Also, please give generously to the DPSC in 2023 so that we can get a rebate check for the next year. We haven't heard yet what the goal will be for this year but when the Diocese lets us know I'll pass the information along.

Fr. Tim Davison

Our Sunday Offering
for
JAN 28 - JAN 29

St. John the Baptist
Adult Collection \$ 450.00
Loose Collection \$ 22.00
School Fund \$ 65.00
DPSC Rebate \$ 3,417.00
Mass Request \$ 120.00
In Mem Of 2023 \$ 105.00
Easter Flowers \$ 30.00
Building Fund \$ 20.00
Cemetery Fund \$ 20.00

St. Sylvester
Adult Collection \$ 1,761.00
Loose Collection \$ 59.00
School Fund \$ 258.00
Candle Fund \$ 17.00
Religious Retire \$ 200.00
In Mem 2023 \$ 140.00
Purgatory Society \$ 60.00
Cemetery/Lawn \$ 50.00
Mass Request \$ 10.00

Thank you
for your
continued
support of
our parishes
and school !!

Steubenville Priests' Retirement Plan
- On the weekend of February 4th & 5th, we will have the first-ever collection for the *Steubenville Priests' Retirement Plan*. This is an effort to help the Plan to become fully funded. Please be mindful that this is a new and distinct collection from the Collection for Retired Religious. The Collection for Retired Religious that was taken up in December is specifically for Sisters and Brothers belonging to religious orders. The priests of our diocese receive no benefit whatsoever from that collection. We have opted to initiate an annual collection specifically for the retirement plan to which our diocesan priests belong. We face the same dilemma as religious communities - namely more elderly priests entering retirement and fewer younger priests still in ministry generating support for the retirement plan. There are envelopes for the *Steubenville Priests' Retirement Plan* in your envelope packets as well as some available in the vestibule of the church and the parish office. Please be generous to this collection to help support those who have given a lifetime of service in the parishes of the Diocese of Steubenville. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact your pastor.

This Week
Wednesday
St. Sylvester Church
Adoration
8:30a.m.—6:00p.m.
Rosary 6:00p.m.
Mass 6:30p.m.

We would like to Thank everyone for the donations toward our Cemetery Lawn Companies
KEEP IT GROWING!

School Cancellations or Delayed because of snow A.M. Mass will be reschedule to:
12p.m. St. Sylvester Church

John & Blanche Mussio Scholarship
If interested 2023 applications are available in our office.

In Loving Memory of:

Emma Schumacher
Paul Ditto
Deb Schumacher
Francis (Fritz) Schumacher
Katy Madison
Paul Madison
Paul Madison Jr.
Francis Paulus
Freeda Paulus
Mary Paulus
Hilda Paulus
Herman Burkhart
Hilda Burkhart
Madeline Mellinger
Raymond Baldwin
Alice & Ralph Buckalew
Grace Joyce
Joe Fillippi
Wes & Clara Hossman
Cindy Miller Stevens
Donald Miller
Larry Krone
Joy Taylor
David Baker
Lowell Baker
William Bolon
Danny Betts
Billie Jean Elliott
Meri C. Welsh
Norbert Burkhart
Agnes Burkhart
Francis Reishman
Hazel Reishman
Robert M. Miller Sr.
Walter Knox
Josephine Jack
Terri Gordon
Eunice Gallagher
Joe Gallagher
Cyril Burkhart
Harry & Lucille Elliott
Monica Long
Francis & Edith Block
Virgil Block
Joe & Debbie Block
Gladys (babe) Burkhart
William B. Schumacher
Michael, Bertha &
Rebeca Burkhart
Paul & Barbara Conner
Jim Scott
Thelma Scott
Harmon Scott
Darrell Cline
Clara Rush
Virgil Rush

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

Dear Friends in Christ,

This week our daily Masses will follow the normal schedule at both St. Sylvester's and St. John's. I hope you can join us as often as possible to receive the Bread of Life and listen to God's word.

In a couple of weeks we will be starting the Lenten season. Ash Wednesday is February 22nd. On that day all who are 18 to 59 inclusive are required to fast. Fasting on Ash Wednesday means eating only one full meal. Two snacks that don't equal another meal may be taken as well. This might be an apple or a piece of toast or something similar. Also those who are at least 14 years of age and older are required to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent.

It is a tradition that on the Fridays of Lent the Catholic community prays the Stations of the Cross. We will do so every Friday of Lent at 6:00 p.m. at St. Sylvester's. The Knights of Columbus will offer a Fish dinner starting at 4:30 p.m. on February 24th, March 10th, and March 24th at St. Sylvester's. The Church will be open on those days starting at 4:30 p.m. so that after the meal people can go to the Church and pray and wait for the Stations of the Cross to begin at 6:00 p.m. I was disappointed last year because there were not many people who prayed the Stations. I am hoping that we do better this year.

Lent is a time to reflect on the goodness of God and His infinite love for sinners. It is a time of penance and prayer imitating Our Lord's 40 day fast and prayer in the desert as He began His sacred public ministry. For those who are preparing to enter the Church at Easter it is a special time to try to live as completely as possible the life of a committed Christian. The Church should be praying for these people and showing them a good example.

This time of "pre-Lent" is a time for each of us to carefully consider how we are going to observe this holy time. It is a time of renewal for the Christian community and for each of us individually. It should include a good confession at some point or perhaps a couple of times during the Lenten season. It should also include the voluntary sacrifices we wish to make and the prayer routine that we intend to follow. We are preparing for the greatest Liturgical Feast of the entire year, that of Easter. Our preparation should be sincere and heartfelt so that we can more worthily arrive at that great Feast.

This quote from Blessed Elizabeth of the Trinity seems appropriate as we prepare for Lent: "For my heart is always with Him, day and night it thinks unceasingly of its heavenly and divine Friend, to whom it wants to prove its affection. Also within it arise this desire: not to die, but to suffer long, to suffer for God, to give Him its life while praying for poor sinners."

Have a good week everyone.

Sincerely yours,

Father Timothy Davison

TUESDAY BINGO

February 7th

Sam Schumacher
Monica Habig
Angie LaFollette
Jenna Rosnick
Gene Hupp
Melissa Miller

February 14th

Jason Winkler
Monica Habig
Brooke Yontz
Tyler Knowlton
Justin Hogue
Jason Weiss

February 21st

Brenda Fisher
Monica Habig
Andy Schumacher
Phillip Masters
Jani Wheeler
Leanne Harper

February 28th

Brenda Fisher
Monica Habig
Anna Lang
Tom Stephen
Jenna Rosnick
Angie LaFollette

SUNDAY BINGO

February 5th

Sam Schumacher
Robyn Guiler
Gina Ball
Nicole Wilson
Adam Chambers
Dugan/Cassie Demchak

February 12th

Jason Winkler
Monica Habig
Carey Bott
Brandy Lucas
Sean/Tiff Zeakes
Tony Schumacher

February 19th

Robyn Guiler
Missy Knowlton
Evan/Johnna Yoss
David Barnhardt
Dorothy Rentz
Jeff Dean

February 26th

Sean Edgell
Ashley Guiler
Crystal Cunningham
Aaron Brown
Marissa Cole
Adam Chambers

TUESDAY KITCHEN

February 7th

Missy Knowlton
Sally LaFollette

February 14th

St. John CWC

February 21st

Missy Knowlton
Nancy Schenk

February 28th

Missy Knowlton
Susie Yonak

SUNDAY KITCHEN

February 5th

Louise Kress
Lisa Chambers

February 12th

Louise Kress
Becky Baldwin

February 19th

Louise Kress
Jill Schumacher

February 26th

Louise Kress
Jess Knowlton

**Scripture Reading
of the Week**

**Sunday
FEB 5TH
FIFTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

IS 58:7-10
1COR 2:1-5
MT 5:13-16

**Monday
FEB 6TH
GN 1:1-19
MK 6:53-56**

**Tuesday
FEB 7TH
GN 1:20-2:4a
MK 7:1-13**

**Wednesday
FEB 8TH
GN 2:4b-7, 15-17
MK 7:14-23**

**Thursday
FEB 9TH
GN 2:18-25
MK 7:24-30**

**Friday
FEB 10TH
GN 3:1-8
MK 7:31-37**

**Saturday
FEB 11TH
GN 3:9-24
MK 8:1-10**

**Sunday
FEB 12TH
SIXTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

SIR 15:15-20
1COR 2:6-10
MT 5:17-37

LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE

- Feb 4.....Bill Frank
- Feb 5.....Jill Schumacher
- Feb 11.....Robert Blatt
- Feb 12.....Tom Dick
- Feb 18.....Steve Burkhart
- Feb 19.....Becky Baldwin
- Feb 22.....School Children a.m.
- Feb 22.....Catherine Paulus
- Feb 25.....Robert Blatt
- Feb 26.....Bill Long

EASTER FLOWERS

Clarence Stephen
Luzelda Stephen
Lonnie T. Stephen



**St. Joseph of Monroe County,
Council 5009 of the Knights of Columbus
Sam 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, February 1st. 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, Wednesday, February 8th @ Generations 7:00p.m.

