

St. Sylvester, Woodfield
founded 1866

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg
founded 1841

Parishes of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Steubenville

The Monroe County Catholic Churches

www.monroecountycatholic.org

334 South Main Street
Woodfield, Ohio 43793-1027

APRIL 26, 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ACTS 2:14a, 36-41 1PT 2:20b-25 JN 10:1-10

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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, Woodfield, Ohio.

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

Catholic Cemeteries

St. Sylvester Woodfield: 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 **APRIL 26TH**
 St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
 Living & Deceased of our Parishes

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30 a.m.
 +Lois Stephen *by Gerald & Barb Gallagher*

MONDAY **APRIL 27TH**
 St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:30 p.m.
 +Richard Schumacher *by Tony & Cindy Schumacher*

TUESDAY **APRIL 28TH**
 St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.
 Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.
 +Carol Schumacher *by Tony & Cindy Schumacher*

WEDNESDAY **APRIL 29TH**
 St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 6:30 p.m.
 +Joseph A Dick *by Chuck & Michelle Warner*

THURSDAY **APRIL 30TH**
 St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.
 Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.
 Burkhardt Family *by Joanna Swearman*

FRIDAY **May 1ST**
 St. Sylvester, Woodsfield (School Mass) 8:30 a.m.
 +Carol C Kuhn *by Francis & Judy Blackstone*

West Wood Place, Woodsfield 10:00 a.m.
 +Walter & Alberta Ackerman

SATURDAY **May 2ND**
 St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
 Deacon Gary Paul & Theresa Beam

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00 p.m.
 +Josh Goddard *by Kiven Smithberger*

SUNDAY **May 3RD**
 Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
 +Hilda Paulus *by Paulus & Rodgers*

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

Pilgrimage Info Meeting
 August 13th 7:00 p.m.
 St. Sylvester Rectory

SCHOOL NEWS...

SPRING CARNIVAL

SUNDAY, APRIL 26TH

10:30AM ST. SYLVESTER SCHOOL
 HOG ROAST DINNER \$15
 Pulled Pork, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans,
 Mac n Cheese & Stalder Creamery
 DON'T MISS IT!!

CWC CONVENTION

Holy Family Church
 2608 Alexander Ave, Steubenville, Ohio
 Registration 8:15 a.m. Holy Family Church Social Hall
 Wednesday, June 3rd
 Register by May 18th
 740-264-2825

SCHOOL NEWS...

School Secretary Position

2026-2027 School Year

St. Sylvester Central School is seeking a friendly and efficient secretary to join our school family. Duties include managing daily administrative tasks with strong organizational skills, greeting and assisting visitors, student, staff and parents with a positive attitude, maintaining student files, attendance, tuition, and lunch records. If interested or would like more details, please call the school office 740-472-0321

2026 Cemetery Lawn Care

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| St. Sylvester Cost | \$ 21,000.00 |
| Lawn Care Donations | \$ 2,382.00 |
| St. John The Baptist Cost..... | \$ 8,400.00 |
| Donations | \$ 1,324.00 |
| Imm Conception Cemetery Cost.... | \$ 4,200.00 |
| Donations | \$ 3,500.00 |
| St. Joseph/Chapel Hill Cost..... | \$ 9,000.00 |
| Donations | \$ 1,900.00 |
| St. Patrick Cemetery Cost..... | \$ 2,800.00 |
| Donations | \$ 850.00 |

Our Sunday Offering
 April 18 - April 19

St. John The Baptist

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|------------------|----|--------|
| Adult Collection | \$ | 875.00 |
| Loose Collection | \$ | 194.00 |
| Candle Fund | \$ | 85.00 |
| Education Fund | \$ | 45.00 |
| Cemetery Fund | \$ | 20.00 |

St. Sylvester

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|------------------|----|----------|
| Adult Collection | \$ | 2,818.00 |
| Loose Collection | \$ | 208.00 |
| Starter Set | \$ | 2.00 |
| Education Fund | \$ | 145.00 |
| Building Fund | \$ | 300.00 |
| Cemetery Fund | \$ | 250.00 |

*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.

Catholic Home Mission

40% of dioceses in the US are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities for their communities. Your support funds religious training, programs & seminary formation. Please be generous. www.usccb.org/home-missions


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 \$ 10,140.00
Goal Received \$ 3,180.00

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 Burkhart
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 Burkhart
Hilda Burkhart
Ty A Burkhart
Madeline Mellinger
Francis & Freeda Paulus
Mary Paulus
Hilda Paulus
Robert M Miller Sr.
Walter Knox
Josephina Jack
Paul Connor
Barbara Connor
Michael Burkhart
Bertha Burkhart
Rebecca Burkhart
Francis & Edith Block
Virgil Block
Joe & Deb Block
Mary Ellen Barber
Gladys (Babe) Burkhart
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 Burkhart
Agnes Burkhart
Tina Burkhart 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

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

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday is called frequently “Good Shepherd Sunday” because of our gospel reading, in which Jesus calls Himself “the Good Shepherd” who, out of love for His flock, lays down His life for his sheep (John 10:15).”

St. Peter tells us: “He Himself bore our sins in His body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed. For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls (1 Peter 2:24-25).”

This brings to mind a parable of Jesus who speaks about leaving the flock to find the one missing sheep (Luke 15:4-7).” No matter how far we stray, Jesus is prepared to bring us back, and willing to suffer much to accomplish this.

Let us consider the price of our souls which Christ paid for with His won blood. Let’s consider also our waywardness which cost Him so dearly.

Disobedient and wayward, that is what we are. How we think we know better! How often to do we think and act only according to how we think and feel, as if we knew what was best for ourselves! This is why we need a shepherd: acting alone only gets us into trouble. We become lost and hurt like straying sheep.

Our faith needs to be strengthened by trust. Trust in God that, even though I don’t know the answers, that Jesus will still guide me. Trust that even though I think I know better, Christ and His Church know best. Trust that in whatever I suffer and endure, my share in the cross of Christ will lead me closer to God.

In our present time, we have been wounded by betrayals not only by friends and family members, but politicians, leaders, yes, even leaders in the Church. It is hard to have trust when so much in the world makes us cynical.

But Jesus’ voice in a world of confusion is the one which is always clear and truthful. Following this voice, we will always arrive at greener pastures.

Lead us always, Jesus the Good Shepherd, through this world’s struggles, to where you lead and bid us to follow!

God bless you all,

In Christ,

Fr. Nick

TUESDAY BINGO

April 28th

Susie Cunion
Brenda Fisher
Jenna Rosnick
Missy Dean
Ashley Murphy
Robert/Stephanie Hartwell

May 5th

Missy Knowlton
Randall Sefert
Beckey Russell
Courtney Collmar
Marcus/Allie Schumacher
Missy Dean

SUNDAY BINGO

April 26th

Ace Guiler
Lori Pirl
Aaron/Kendra Hines
Missy Dean
Gina Ball

May 3rd

Robyn Guiler
Justin Hogue
Missy Dean
Heather Monroe
David/Kasey Block

TUESDAY KITCHEN

April 28th

Diane Burkhart
Jess Knowlton

May 5th

Julie Selmon
Marcia Shipp

SUNDAY KITCHEN

April 26th

Louise Kress
Catherine Paulus

May 3rd

LECTOR READERS

April 25....Bill Frank
April 26....Becky Baldwin
May 2....Tammy Jones
May 3....Bill Long

**Scripture Reading
of the Week**

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ACTS 2:14a, 36-41
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JN 10:1-10
Monday
APRIL 27TH
ACTS 11:1-18
JN 10:11-18
Tuesday
APRIL 28TH
ACTS 11:19-26
JN 10:22-30
Wednesday
APRIL 29TH
ACTS 12:24-13:5a
JN 12:44-50
Thursday
APRIL 30TH
ACTS 13:13-25
JN 13:16-20
Friday
MAY 1ST
ACTS 13:26-33
JN 14:1-6
Saturday
MAY 2ND
ACTS 13:44-52
JN 14:7-14
Sunday
MAY 3RD
FIFTH SUNDAY OF
EASTER
ACTS 6:1-7
1PT 2:4-9
JN 14:1-12

MOTHER'S DAY...

IN MEMORY OF:
DEB SCHUMACHER
LUZELDA STEPHEN

IN HONOR OF:
EDYTHE SCHUMACHER



**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, May 6th. 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, May 13th - 7:00 p.m. @ Generations