

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

JANUARY 4, 2026

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

IS 60:1-6 EPH 3:2-3 5-6 MT 2:1-12

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Fr. Nicholas Ward
Administrator



Parish Contacts

New Parishioners are always welcome! Please contact the office.

Fr. Nicholas Ward (740) 457-7098

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

JAN 4TH

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
Living & Deceased of our Parishes

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30 a.m.
+Irene Okel & Mary Rossman *by Carol Miller*

MONDAY

JAN 5TH

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:30 p.m.
+Connie Kavalieios *by Rich & Marsha Saul*

TUESDAY

JAN 6TH

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.
Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.
+Stella Crum *by Ken & Theresa Turchik*

WEDNESDAY

JAN 7TH

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 6:30 p.m.
Sick & Distressed *by Knights of Columbus*

THURSDAY

JAN 8TH

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.
Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.
+Francis Schumacher *by Jennifer Winkler*

FRIDAY

(School Mass)

JAN 9TH

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
+Fred Ulrich *by Judy Yerty*

SATURDAY

JAN 10TH

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
George Brooks *by Jeannie & Jerry Mazik*

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00 p.m.
+Joe Kuhn *by Bob & Donna Spangler*

SUNDAY

JAN 11TH

Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
+Ed Rensi *by Alberta Rensi*

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

OCLIA (NOT CANCELED)

Every Thursday at 7:00p.m.

Adult Catechesis Class, (CANCELED ONLY)

location at St. Sylvester
Church Basement

2025 Family Contribution List

If you have not received your Tax Contribution List
by the end of January please contact
Jennifer 740-472-0187



The feast of the Epiphany, which was kept in the East and in certain Western Churches before being observed in Rome, seems to have been originally a feast of the nativity;

January 6, for those churches where it was kept, was the equivalent of Christmas (December 25) in the Roman Church. The feast was introduced at Rome in the second half of the sixth century and became the complement and, so to say, the crown of the Christmas festival.

Our Sunday Offering

December 27 - December 28

St. John The Baptist

Adult Collection	\$ 784.00
Loose Collection	\$ 100.00
Education Fund	\$ 60.00
CWC Dues	\$ 20.00
1st Offering	\$ 20.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 8.00
Christmas Offer	\$ 745.00
Sol of Mary	\$ 30.00
Mass Request	\$ 60.00
Building Hall Fund	\$ 50.00
Cemetery Ozark	\$ 50.00

St. Sylvester

Adult Collection	\$ 2,491.00
Loose Collection	\$ 184.00
Education Fund	\$ 185.00
Candle Fund	\$ 46.00
CWC Dues	\$ 10.00
Human Develop	\$ 50.00
Christmas Offer	\$ 2,547.00
1st Offering	\$ 5.00
Religious Retire	\$ 297.00
Immaculate Concept	\$ 12.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 50.00
Building Fund	\$ 3,050.00

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.

In Loving Memory of:

For the Bulletin....
Anyone that wants
to insert a deceased family or friend
on the memory list for the entire year
of 2026 beginning in January.
\$15 each - donation

School Cancellation or
Delayed for Snow Days
Morning Mass

to be rescheduled
12 noon @ St. Sylvester Church



2025 DPSC Share Campaign

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: \$29,390

St. John The Baptist Goal: \$17,806

Goal Received \$20,759

Goal Received \$10,773

In Loving Memory Of:

Emma Schumacher
Paul Ditto
Deb Schumacher
Francis (Fritz) Schumacher
Katy Madison
Paul Madison
Paul Madison Jr.
Shirley Pfalzgraf
Lois Stephen
Cyril Burkhart
Eunice Gallagher
Joe Gallagher

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you so much for all the Christmas gifts and cards, and for your prayers during my prolonged illness during the Octave. Below, you will find a house blessing which any layperson can do for the Epiphany, or, if you wish, I can come over to your house and do the blessing as well (the Epiphany blessing is a great opportunity to invite the priest over).

In the following or similar words, the leader prepares those present for the blessing:

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling place among us. It is Christ who enlightens our hearts and homes with his love. May all who enter this home find Christ's light and love.

One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example, Luke 19:1-9:

Listen to the words of the holy Gospel according to Luke:

Jesus came to Jericho and intended to pass through the town. Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man, was seeking to see who Jesus was; but he could not see him because of the crowd, for he was short in stature. So, he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus, who was about to pass that way. When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, "He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone, I shall repay it four times over." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham."

After the reading the leader invites all present to say the Lord's Prayer. The leader says the prayer of blessing with hands joined:

Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house, and all who inhabit it. Fill them (us) with the light of Christ, that their (our) concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.

The leader concludes the rite by signing himself or herself with the sign of the cross and saying:

May Christ Jesus dwell with us, keep us from all harm, and make us one in mind and heart, now and forever.

R/. Amen.

It is preferable to end the celebration with a suitable song, for example, "O Come, All Ye Faithful" or "We Three Kings."

The following sign is inscribed above the entry with blessed chalk: 2 0 + C + M + B + 2 6

This stands for "Christus Mansionem Benedicat" (God bless this house) as well as Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar (the names of the three wise men).

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

TUESDAY BINGO

January 6th

Missy Knowlton
Randall Sefert
Eric/Kendra Billiter

January 13th

Missy Knowlton
Mary Atkinson
Courtney Collmar
Jake/Krysten Schuerman
Jenna Rosnick
Missy Dean
Safreed/Piatt

SUNDAY BINGO

January 4th

Robyn Guiler
Brooke Yontz

January 11th

Missy Knowlton
Terry Schumacher
Jess McKelvey

TUESDAY KITCHEN

January 6th

Julie Selmon
Becky Baldwin

January 13th

St. John Baptist
CWC

SUNDAY KITCHEN

January 4th

Louise Kress
Robyn Guiler

January 11th

Louise Kress
Becky Bott

Scripture Reading of the Week

Sunday

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IS 60:1-6
EPH 3:2-3 5-6
MT 2:1-12

Monday

JANUARY 5TH

1JN 3:22-4:6
MT 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday

JANUARY 6TH

1JN 4:7-10
MK 6:34-44

Wednesday

JANUARY 7TH

1JN 4:11-18
MT 6:45-52

Thursday

JANUARY 8TH

1JN 4:19-5:4
LK 4:14-22

Friday

JANUARY 9TH

1JN 5:5-13
LK 5:12-16

Saturday

JANUARY 10TH

1JN 5:14-21
JN 3:22-30

Sunday

JANUARY 11TH THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

IS 42:1-4, 6-7
ACTS 10:34-38
MT 3:13-17

LECTOR READERS

January 3.....Tammy Jones

January 4.....Jill Schumacher

January 10.....Steve Burkhart

January 11....Tom Dick

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

DO YOU KNOW YOUR BIBLE?

Who, before starting a journey to Bethel with is family, had them destroy idols, bathe, and put on fresh clothing?

ANSWER: Jacob

**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, January 7th. 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, January 14th - 5:30p.m. @ Generations

