

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 12, 2026

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
IS 55:10-11 ROM 8:18-23 MT 13:1-23**

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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 12TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
Living & Deceased of our Parishes

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30 a.m.
+Lois Stephen *by Eileen Miller*

MONDAY **JULY 13TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:30 p.m.
+Joe A Dick *by Hilda Ulrich*

TUESDAY **JULY 14TH**
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.
Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.
Repose of the Soul, Richard Durigg

WEDNESDAY **JULY 15TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 6:30 p.m.
Knights of Columbus Members 5009

THURSDAY **JULY 16TH**
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.
Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.
+Larry Krone *by David & Mattie Krone*

FRIDAY **JULY 17TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
+George Demchak *by Denise Kachel*

West Wood Place, Woodsfield 10:00 a.m.
+Jack Brown

SATURDAY **JULY 18TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
+Martha Brown

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00 p.m.
+Donald Biedenbach

SUNDAY **JULY 19TH**
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

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

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
- ◆ New roof for Church & Rectory

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 4 - July 5

St. John The Baptist

Adult Collection	\$ 1,374.00
Loose Collection	\$ 79.00
Candle Fund	\$ 136.00
Education Fund	\$ 10.00
Peter Pence	\$ 75.00
Oil Royalties	\$ 36.46
Cemetery Fund	\$ 240.00
Building Fund	\$ 100.00

St. Sylvester

Adult Collection	\$ 3,033.00
Loose Collection	\$ 430.00
Education Fund	\$ 30.00
Peter Pence	\$ 25.00
Building Fund	\$ 152.00
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
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!

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,

Since I will be teaching this year at St. Sylvester School, I have had to amend the daily Mass schedule through the week. Basically, Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Miltonsburg will have to be earlier in the morning so that I can make it to class. I would also like to move the Saturday Morning Mass to St. John's in Miltonsburg, since the devotees of the Saturday morning Mass are mostly St. John's people anyway. It is also my intention to add an additional time for confessions on Saturday afternoons in Miltonsburg, since we've been having to start Sunday Mass late on account of the number of penitents desiring sacramental reconciliation before receiving the Holy Eucharist (a good problem to have!).

Here is a tentative schedule. Times for the Weekend Masses at both churches will remain unchanged.

SS = *St. Sylvester*

SJ = *St. John the Baptist*

WW = *Westwood Assisted Living*

MONDAY: No public Mass unless for a major feast of the church, solemnity, or holy day of obligation.

TUESDAY: 7:00 AM Adoration, rosary, and lauds followed by 8:00 AM Mass at **SJ**

WEDNESDAY: All-day Adoration beginning at 8:00 AM at **SS** concluding with benediction at 6:00 PM, Mass at 6:30 (unchanged)

THURSDAY: 7:00 AM Adoration, rosary, and lauds followed by 8:00 AM Mass at **SJ**

FRIDAY: 8:30 AM School Mass at **SS**, 10:30 AM Rosary at **WW** with Mass every third week, First Friday Mass and devotions 7:30 PM every First Friday at **SS**

SATURDAY: 11:30 PM Confessions at **SJ** followed by Mass at 12:30 PM, 4:00 PM Confessions at **SS**

Please feel free to provide feedback. The new schedule will go into effect next month.

God bless you all,

In Christ,

Fr. Nick

TUESDAY BINGO**July 14th**

Missy Knowlton
Mary Atkinson
John Kemp
Missy Dean

July 21st

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

SUNDAY BINGO**July 12th**

Missy Knowlton
Terry Schumacher
Tyler/Tiff Schumacher
Heather Monroe
David/Jess Murphy

July 19th

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

TUESDAY KITCHEN**July 14th**

St. John CWC

July 21st

Julie Selmon
Marcia Shipp

SUNDAY KITCHEN**July 12th**

Louise Kress

July 19th

Louise Kress
Jill Schumacher

Scripture Reading of the Week

Sunday JULY 12TH FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

IS 55:10-11
ROM 8:18-23
MT 13:1-23

Monday**JULY 13TH**

IS 1:10-17
MT 10:34-11:1

Tuesday**JULY 14TH**

IS 7:1-9
MT 11:20-24

Wednesday**JULY 15TH**

IS 10:5-7, 13b-16
MT 11:25-27

Thursday**JULY 16TH**

IS 26:7-9, 12, 16-19
MT 11:28-30

Friday**JULY 17TH**

IS 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8
MT 12:1-8

Saturday**JULY 18TH**

MI 2:1-5
MT 12:14-21

Sunday**JULY 19TH**

**SIXTEENTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**
WIS 12:13, 16-19
ROM 8:26-27
MT 13:24-43

LECTOR READERS

July 11....Tammy Jones

July 12....Tom Dick

July 18....Steve Burkhart

July 19....Becky Baldwin

2026 Cemetery Lawn Care

St. Sylvester Cost\$ 21,000.00
Lawn Care Donations\$ 5,097.00

St. John The Baptist Cost.....\$ 8,400.00
Donations\$ 4,149.00

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



A 9-Day Pilgrimage to
**NORTHERN
FRANCE**
with Fr. Nicholas Ward
& Fr. Daniel Koehl
MAY 18-26, 2027
ST. CHARLES
Catholic Pilgrimages
Register at stcharlespilgrimages.com/ward-koehl