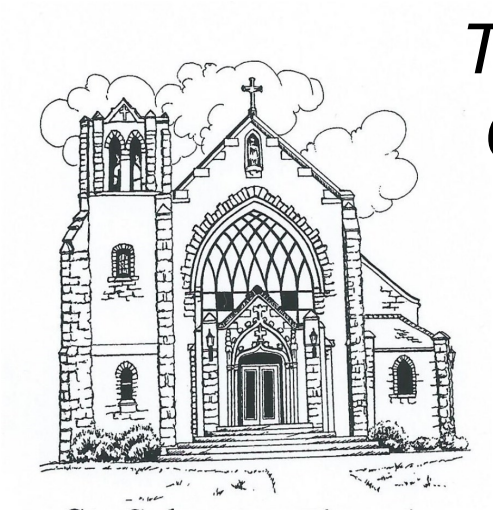
***St. Sylvester, Woodsfield***
***founded 1866***

***St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg***
***founded 1841***

*Parishes of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Steubenville*



# *The Monroe County Catholic Churches*



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## NOVEMBER 1, 2026

**ALL SAINTS**

**RV** 7:2-4, 9-14 **1 JN** 3:1-3 **MT** 5:1-12a

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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*

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|---|---|
| St. Sylvester: | Saturday 4:00pm to 4:45pm. |
| | Sunday 7:45am to 8:15am. |
| St. John The Baptist: | Saturday 12:00pm to 12:30pm |
| | Sunday 9:45am to 10:15am |

### *Pastoral Care of the Sick and Infirmed*

Call Fr. Ward 1(740) 457-7701 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

### *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-CALL TO REGISTER
**St. Sylvester**: Jill Schumacher (740) 213-4665
**St. John the Baptist:** Eileen Ackerman (740) 757-2481

### *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

**ALL SAINTS**
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**SUNDAY** **NOV 1ST**
**St. Sylvester,** Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
+Phyllis Demchak *by CWC*

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

**MONDAY** *All Souls Day Page 782* **NOV 2ND**
**St. Sylvester,** Woodsfield *School Mass* 8:30 a.m.
**Following Rosary New Section**
**St. John The Baptist**, Miltonsburg 12:15 p.m.
All Souls
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 8:30 p.m.
All Souls

**TUESDAY** **NOV 3RD**
**St. John The Baptist,** Miltonsburg 8:00 a.m.
Holy Hour 7:00 a.m.
+Mary Ellen Barber Norris *by Sony Block*

**St. Patrick Cemetery** 12:00 noon
**Archer's Fork**

**WEDNESDAY** **NOV 4TH**
**St. Joseph Cemetery** 12:00 Noon
**Burkhart Station**

**Immaculate Conception Cemetery** 4:00 p.m.
**Ozark**

**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 6:30 p.m.
+Bob Wallace *by Mary Wallace*

**THURSDAY** **NOV 5TH**
**St. John The Baptist,** Miltonsburg 8:00 a.m.
Holy Hour 7:00 a.m.
+Lois Stephen *by Rosemary Burkhart*

**St. Joseph Cemetery** 12:00 noon
**Chapel Hill**

**FRIDAY** **NOV 6TH**
**St. Sylvester,** Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
+Carol Schumacher *by Mark Wells*

**St. Sylvester Cemetery** 12:00 noon
**Old Section**

**SATURDAY** **NOV 7TH**
**St. John The Baptist**, Miltonsburg 12:30 p.m.
+Stella Crum *by John Rosich Family*
**Following Rosary Old Section**

**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 5:00 p.m.
+Monica Habig *by CWC*

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

**St. John The Baptist**, Miltonsburg 10:30 a.m.
Paul & Stella Crum *by Joanne Swearman*
**Following Rosary New Section**

# SCHOOL NEWS…

Christmas Bazaar—Country Store

Donations needed by November 13th
Drop off at the school between 8-3
Remember, the more items we have the more money for our schools future.




## 2027 Cemetery Lawn Care

St. Sylvester Cost .....$ 16,200.00
Lawn Care Donations .....$ 7,939.00

St. John The Baptist Cost.....$ 8,400.00
Donations .....$ 6,427.00

Imm Conception Cemetery Cost.....$ 4,200.00
Donations .....$ 3,600.00

St. Joseph/Chapel Hill Cost.....$ 8,620.00
Donations .....$ 2,450.00

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

**Our Sunday Offering**
October 24 - October 25

**St. John The Baptist**

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|---|---|---|
| Adult Collection | $ | 811.00 |
| Loose Collection | $ | 184.00 |
| Education Fund | $ | 30.00 |
| World Mission | $ | 170.00 |
| In Memory 2027 | $ | 60.00 |
| Building Fund | $ | 50.00 |
| Cemetery Fund | $ | 80.00 |

**St. Sylvester**

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|---|---|---|
| Adult Collection | $ | 3,384.00 |
| Loose Collection | $ | 203.00 |
| Education Fund | $ | 135.00 |
| World Mission | $ | 195.00 |
| Cemetery Fund | $ | 100.00 |

*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 2027 beginning in January.
$15 each - donation
Mark memo as:
"In memory of 2027"

## 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** **Goal Received $ 19,260.00**
**St. John The Baptist Goal: $ 17,726.00** **Goal Received $ 9,165.00**

***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
Barb Sobocinski
Bill & Carol Schumacher

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

Dear Parishioners,

After the Creed at Mass for the Solemnity of All Saints, we will chant the Litany of the Saints, which is number **609 in the Saint Michael Hymnal**. A partial Indulgence is granted to the faithful who piously recite the Litany (with the normal stipulations still applying).

The Litany is one of the oldest Christian prayers still used today, since the middle of the 4th Century AD (300s), though its form and the names of Saints included have changed somewhat throughout the centuries. It is prayed on the most solemn of occasions (such as ordinations, rogations, processions, canonizations, and during the Easter Vigil). The Litany calls to mind the reality of what is spoken of by Saint Paul in his letter to the Hebrews: "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us (Hebrews 12:1)."

I think it is ***especially*** important for us Catholics living in Monroe County to realize that we are so surrounded by the Saints. According to our October counts, only about 200 people (give or take) attend Mass regularly on Sundays at St. Sylvester and St. John's (225 if you include the homebound and those in assisted living). There are roughly 12,900 residents of Monroe County. That means less than 2% of people living in this County are actively living the Catholic faith. Surrounded by so many heretics, pagans, atheists, agnostics, and apostates, we need good examples of the Christian life.

Now, I'm not saying your non-Catholic neighbors are not "good," although Jesus Himself uses this word with caution: "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God! (Mark 10:18)." However, we are very impressionable, and terribly susceptible to the scandal (bad example) of those around us. We don't share the same faith as most of the people around us. And as many differences as exist between Catholics and various protestants, how many more exist between Catholics and atheists?

I'm not bringing this up to be judgmental, or to encourage you to look down on your neighbor with contempt. Just because someone is not a practicing Catholic or does not believe in God doesn't make them a particularly malicious person. Precisely my point though: Our Non-Catholic coworkers, classmates, neighbors and relatives who are friendly and decent human beings may be of comfort and use to us in so many ways, but they cannot give us what they do not have: a good example of how to live the true Catholic faith that has been passed down to us. Furthermore, their apparent happiness and decency can give us the misleading impression that our faith isn't necessary. How many of your Catholic relatives and friends have come to that sad conclusion?

Appalachian Ohio is not like so many places in Catholic Europe or Latin America where being Catholic is the norm, where there are Catholic churches on every block, and local holidays revolve around the Catholic liturgical Calendar. The Saints are not as visible here as they are in other places. But they are present to us nonetheless. Their stories, their witness, writings, and example, are known to us. They are not truly dead; they are alive in Christ (indeed, more alive than those who are dead in their sins).

Those who love and honor the holy ones, the great army of the Church Triumphant in heaven whose company we hope to join, are never truly alone. We have so much to learn from them and they have so much to offer us. What friends we have in the great throng of the elect in Heaven, and what joys we will have in their company one day if we learn to befriend them here on earth!

God bless you all,

In Christ, Fr. Nick

**TUESDAY BINGO**

**November 3rd**
Robyn Guiler
Randall Sefert
Hines
M/A Schumacher
Blackstone
Steele
Merideth

**November 10th**
Robyn Guiler
Kitty Lowler
Hartwell
Woodell

**SUNDAY BINGO**

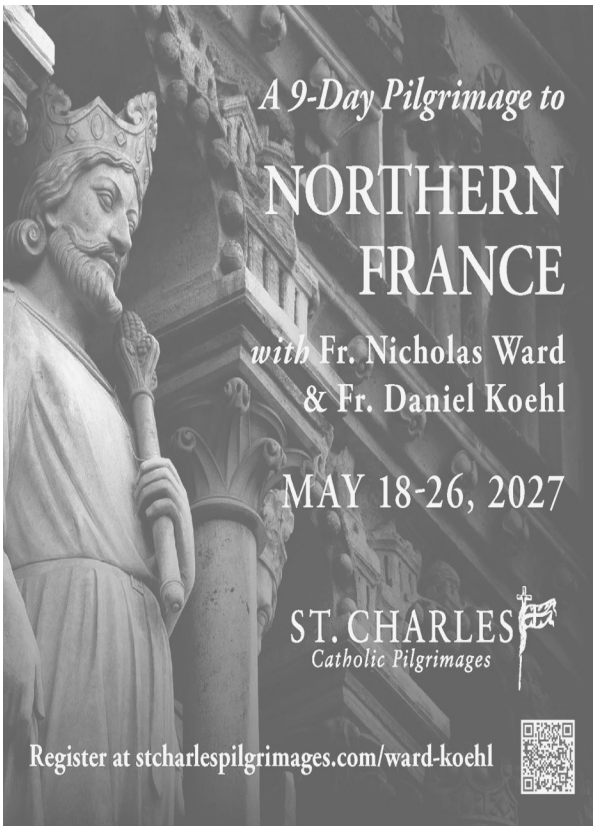
**November 1st**
Shaun Steed
Missy Knowlton
Missy Dean
Dixon

**November 8th**
Missy Knowlton
Terry Schumacher
Missy Dean
Dixon

| TUESDAY KITCHEN | SUNDAY KITCHEN |
|---|---|
| **November 3rd** | **November 1st** |
| **November 10th** St. John CWC | **November 8th** |

## ST. SYLVESTER LECTOR READERS

November 7….Tammy Jones
November 8…. Tom Dick
November 14….Steve Burkhart
November 15….Becky Baldwin




## ST JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH

### *Cleaning Schedule*

November 7—Fr. Nick Ward
November 14—Fr. Nick Ward

November 21—Shannon & Lori Pirl
November 28—Shannon & Lori Pirl

December 5—Tony Schumacher
December 12—Tony Schumacher

December 19—Carson Kuhn
December 26—Carson Kuhn

## Scripture Reading of the Week

**Sunday**
**NOVEMBER 1ST**
**ALL SAINTS**
RV 7:2-4, 9-14
1JN 3:1-3
MT 5:1-12a
**Monday**
**NOVEMBER 2ND**
WIS 3:1-9
ROM 5:5-11
**Tuesday**
**NOVEMBER 3RD**
PHIL 2:5-11
LK 14:15-24
**Wednesday**
**NOVEMBER 4TH**
PHIL 2:12-18
LK 14:25-33
**Thursday**
**NOVEMBER 5TH**
PHIL 3:3-8a
LK 15:1-10
**Friday**
**NOVEMBER 6TH**
PHIL 3:17-4:1
LK 16:1-8
**Saturday**
**NOVEMBER 7TH**
PHIL 4-10-19
LK 16:9-15
**Sunday**
**NOVEMBER 8TH**
**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
WIS 6:12-16
1 THES 4:13-18
MT 25:1-13



**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, November 4th. 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, November 11th - 7:00 p.m. @ Generations