

**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield**  
founded 1866

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

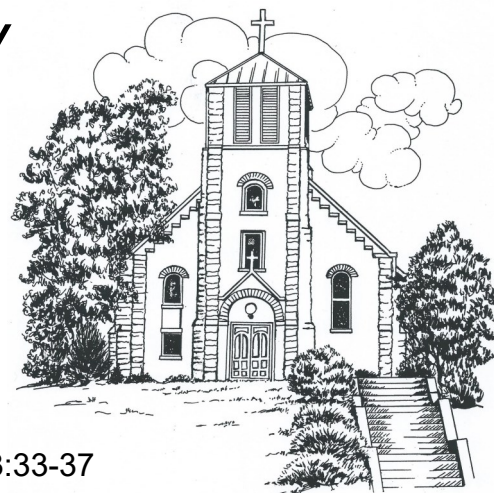
Parishes of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Steubenville

# The Monroe County Catholic Churches

[www.monroecountycatholic.org](http://www.monroecountycatholic.org)  
334 South Main Street  
Woodsfield, Ohio 43793-1027

**DECEMBER 3, 2023**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**IS 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 1COR 1:3-9 MT 13:33-37**



**Fr. Timothy Davison ~ Pastor**

## Parish Contacts

New Parishioners are always welcome! Please contact the office.  
**Fr. Timothy Davison** 1(918) 637-1774  
Jennifer Winkler (740) 472-0187  
Office Hours Mon-Thurs. 9-2

## Holy Matrimony & Baptism

Contact the parish office (740) 472-0187

## Confessions

Woodsfield: Saturday 4:00pm to 4:45pm.  
Sunday 7:45am to 8:15am. and by appointment.

## 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 @ 7:00 p.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 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. Joshua Erickson

## 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 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: Donald & Rita Biedenbach (740) 472-1849

**St. John the Baptist, & 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](mailto: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

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**SUNDAY** DEC 3<sup>RD</sup>  
**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** 8:30 a.m.  
 Living & Deceased of our Parishes

**St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg** 10:30 a.m.  
 +Joe Block by *Ed & Valerie Paulus*

**MONDAY** DEC 4<sup>TH</sup>  
**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** 5:30 p.m.  
 +Al Joliat by *Erica Soehmler*

**TUESDAY** DEC 5<sup>TH</sup>  
**St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg** 9:00 a.m.  
 Holy Hour 8:00 a. m.  
 +Luella Burkhart by *Don & Marlene*

**WEDNESDAY** DEC 6<sup>TH</sup>  
**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** 6:30 p.m.  
 +Ed Rensi by *Lois Stephen*

**THURSDAY** DEC 7<sup>TH</sup>  
**St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg** 9:00 a.m.  
 +Doug Abbott by *Tom & Becky Stephen*

**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** 5:30 p.m.  
 +Ruth Ann Knox by *Regina Knox*

**FRIDAY** DEC 8<sup>TH</sup>  
**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** (School Mass) 8:30 a.m.  
 +Rick Schumacher by *Mike & Missy Knowlton*

**St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg** 5:30 p.m.  
 +Donald Miller by *Ed, Erin, Lan & Grace Thomas*

**SATURDAY** DEC 9<sup>TH</sup>  
**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** 8:30 a.m.  
 David Stapleton

**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** 5:00 p.m.  
 +Joy Taylor Graham by *Kiven Smithberger*

**SUNDAY** DEC 10<sup>TH</sup>  
**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** 8:30 a.m.  
 Living & Deceased of our Parishes

**St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg** 10:30 a.m.  
 +Kenneth & Ruthan Knox Family



**CWC St. Sylvester's**  
**December 20th ~ 6:00 p.m.**  
**@ Generations Building**  
 \$25 gift exchange, must have  
 reservations in by December 13th  
 Diane Burkhart 740-391-0391 or  
 Louise Kress 757-474-5922  
 All St Sylvester & St John The Baptist  
 CWC Parishioners



**CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
**St. John The Baptist Hall**  
 Sunday, December 3rd  
 after the 10:30 a.m. Mass  
 Bring covered dish and \$5 gift for the Bingo

**~SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE~**  
 Former St. Sylvester Graduates,  
 applying to Ohio University Eastern:  
**THE CRUM FAMILY**  
 Appreciation Scholarship.  
 1. Attended St. Sylvester Central  
 2. Request consideration from  
 CRUM Family Scholarship On  
 application, provide this  
 "other information"

**Our Sunday Offering**  
 for  
 NOV 25 - NOV 26

**St. John The Baptist**

Adult Collection	\$ 1,160.00
Loose Collection	\$ 50.00
School Fund	\$ 45.00
Building Fund	\$ 70.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 40.00
Mass Request	\$ 30.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 225.00
In Memory of 24	\$ 50.00
CWC Dues	\$ 10.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 40.00
1st offering	\$ 5.00

**St. Sylvester**

Adult Collection	\$ 7,156.00
Loose Collection	\$ 77.00
School Fund	\$ 95.00
Candle Fund	\$ 25.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 20.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 123.00
Human Develop	\$ 5.00
Building Fund	\$ 5.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 50.00

*Thank you for your continued support of our parishes and 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 2024 beginning in January. \$15 each - donation  
 Mark memo as: "In memory of 2024"

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

**2023 DPSC Share Campaign**  
 Thanks again for your participation. If you have not pledged, please do so. You can place a pledge in the collection basket or mail it directly to DPSC envelope or go online at [www.Give.DioSteub.org](http://www.Give.DioSteub.org). 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.

<b>St. Sylvester Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 26,030.00</b>	<b>Goal Received \$ 19,205.00</b>
<b>St. John The Baptist Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 13,711.00</b>	<b>Goal Received \$ 7,775.00</b>

***In Loving Memory of:***

Emma Schumacher  
Paul Ditto  
Deb Schumacher  
Francis (Fritz) Schumacher  
Katy Madison  
Paul Madison  
Paul Madison Jr.  
Francis & 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  
Joe & Eunice 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  
Francis Stephen  
Carol Moore  
Roman & Clara Schumacher  
Susan Thomas Schumacher  
Rick Schumacher  
Deloris Knowlton  
Cinderella Butler  
Vernon Butler  
Wayne Forshey

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

Dear Friends in Christ,

This weekend we begin the season of Advent, a period of waiting in expectation for the coming of the Lord. Christmas is not too far away but we have this special time to prepare our hearts for the Lord Jesus to be born again in us. So Advent like Lent is a penitential season and that is why we do not decorate the Church until close to Christmas. The priest wears purple during Advent signifying that this time is a time to do penance. We should try to mortify our appetites with some fasting and abstinence and spend more time in prayer and spiritual reading. Amidst the hustle and bustle that characterize this season we are to try to find time to be quiet and reflective and wait in patience for Christmas to arrive. This year Christmas falls on Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> and so the fourth week of Advent will last only for a day because December 24<sup>th</sup> is on a Sunday and is the Sunday of the fourth week of Advent. But, that very evening at 5:00 p.m. we will celebrate the Christmas eve Mass at St. Sylvester's!! Our Masses for Christmas Day will be at 8:30 a.m. at St. Sylvester's and 10:30 a.m. at St. John's. Let us pray for each other as we begin this holy season of Advent that our hearts will be truly purified and made ready for the coming of the Lord.

Please take a look in this bulletin at the Masses for this week because we have a Holy Day of Obligation this week. The Holy Day is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It falls on Friday of this week. So our Masses for the Holy Day are as follows: Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> the Vigil Mass of the Immaculate Conception will be at 5:30 p.m. at St. Sylvester's. Then, on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> we will have a school Mass at 8:30 a.m. at St. Sylvester's and an evening Mass at 5:30 p.m. at St. John's. The other Masses during this week are as normal and adoration on Wednesday will be as usual as well.

We have had some extraordinary expenses lately. We bought new books for St. Sylvester's for over \$4,000.00. They will not need to be replaced again for many years. There is a hymnal as well as another volume for the readings. Also, at St. Sylvester's we are faced as you know with repairs on the boiler and that will cost several thousand dollars. At St. John's we put in a new security system and spent several thousand dollars as well. Before the New Year if any one would like to give either Church a special gift to help us out it would be greatly appreciated.

God bless each of you and may you find joy and peace in this season of Advent.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Father Timothy Davison

**TUESDAY BINGO**

**Dec 5th**

Monica Habig  
Robyn Guiler  
Sam Schumacher  
James & Des Peters  
Stacey Sharp

**Dec 12th**

Monica Habig  
Terry  
James & Des Peters  
Stacey Sharp

**Dec 19th**

Monica Habig  
Terry  
Angie LaFollette  
Andy Schumacher  
Tyler Knowlton

**SUNDAY BINGO**

**Dec 3rd**

Monica Habig  
Sam Schumacher  
Brooke Yontz  
Robyn Guiler

**Dec 10th**

Monica Habig  
Terry  
Joe & Christi Block  
Jeff Dean

**Dec 17th**

Missy Knowlton  
Terry  
Gina Ball  
Marissa Cole  
Evan Yoss  
Carey Bott  
Aaron Brown

**TUESDAY KITCHEN**

**Dec 5th**

Missy Knowlton  
Karen Forshey

**Dec 12th**

St John CWC

**Dec 19th**

Missy Knowlton  
Carol Kuhn

**SUNDAY KITCHEN**

**Dec 3rd**

Louise Kress  
Catherine Paulus

**Dec 10th**

Louise Kress  
Becky Baldwin

**Dec 17th**

Louise Kress  
Jill Schumacher

**Scripture Reading of the Week**

**Sunday  
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IS 63:16b-17, 19b;  
64:2-7  
1COR 1:3-9  
MT 13:33-37  
**Monday  
DEC 4<sup>TH</sup>**  
IS 2:1-5  
MT 8:5-11  
**Tuesday  
DEC 5<sup>TH</sup>**  
IS 11:1-10  
LK 10:21-24  
**Wednesday  
DEC 6<sup>TH</sup>**  
IS 25:6-10a  
MT 15:29-37  
**Thursday  
DEC 7<sup>TH</sup>**  
IS 26:1-6  
MT 7:21, 24-27  
**Friday  
DEC 8<sup>TH</sup>**  
GN 3:9-15, 20  
EPH 1:3-6, 11-12  
LK 1:26-38  
**Saturday  
DEC 9<sup>TH</sup>**  
IS 30:19-21, 23-26  
MT 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8  
**Sunday  
DEC 10<sup>TH</sup>  
SECOND SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT**  
IS 40:1-5, 9-11  
2PT 3:8-14  
MK 1:1-8

**LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE**

- Dec 2.....Bill Frank
- Dec 3.....Bill Long
- Dec 7.....Steve Burkhart
- Dec 8.....School Children
- Dec 9.....Catherine Paulus
- Dec 10.....Jill Schumacher



**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS  
IN MEMORY OF**

Larry Okey      Myrna Minder

**SPECIAL INTENTIONS MASS  
REQUEST...**

Just a reminder, 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, December 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 Wednesday, December 13th 7:00 p.m. @ Generations

