

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

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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: Saturday 12:00pm to 12:30pm

Sunday 9:45am to 10:15am

Pastoral Care of the Sick and Infirm

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

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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ORDINARY TIME**

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SUNDAY **SEPT 27TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
 Living & Deceased of our Parishes

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30 a.m.
 +Robert M Miller, Sr.

MONDAY **SEPT 28TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield NO MASS

TUESDAY **SEPT 29TH**
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 8:00 a.m.
 Holy Hour 7:00 a.m.
 Souls in Purgatory *by John & Regina Garfold*

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

THURSDAY **OCT 1ST**
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 8:00 a.m.
 Holy Hour 7:00 a.m.
 +Ty Burkhardt *by Todd & Nicki Burkhardt*

FRIDAY **OCT 2ND**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield *School Mass* 8:30 a.m.
 +Lisa Chambers *by Tony & Cindy Schumacher*

St. Sylvester School 2:00 p.m.
 Blessing of the Animals

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 7:00 p.m.
 +Duane Hill *by Tom Dick*

SATURDAY **OCT 3RD**
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 12:30 p.m.
 +Bill Calvert *by Sharon Boleer*

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00 p.m.
 +Phyllis Demchak *by CWC*

SUNDAY **OCT 4TH**
St. 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

Woodsfield Courthouse 12noon-1pm
 Life Chain

LIFE CHAIN



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

NOON—1PM

**MONROE COUNTY
COURT HOUSE**

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

All school children 1st—8th grade
 St. Sylvester and Public schools
 Religion Classes
Sign up begins now.

St. Sylvester Church
 Classes begin in September
 Contact Jill Schumacher
 740-213-4665

St. John The Baptist
 Classes begin September 21, 2025
 at the Church on Sunday's — 9:30a.m.
 Contact Eileen Ackerman
 740-757-2481

2026 Cemetery Lawn Care

St. Sylvester Cost\$ 16,800.00
 Lawn Care Donations\$ 7,479.00

St. John The Baptist Cost.....\$ 6,720.00
 Donations\$ 5,672.00

Imm Conception Cemetery Cost.....\$ 3,600.00
 Donations\$ 3,600.00

St. Joseph/Chapel Hill Cost.....\$ 7,200.00
 Donations\$ 2,450.00

St. Patrick Cemetery Cost.....\$ 2,400.00
 Donations\$ 850.00

Our Sunday Offering
 September 19 - September 20

St. John The Baptist

Adult Collection	\$ 1,025.00
Loose Collection	\$ 147.00
Candle Fund	\$ 116.00
Education Fund	\$ 70.00
Immaculate Heart	\$ 192.00
Building Fund	\$ 50.00
St. John Cemetery	\$ 640.00
St John Hall	\$ 200.00

St. Sylvester

Adult Collection	\$ 2,810.00
Loose Collection	\$ 332.00
Candle Fund	\$ 27.00
Education Fund	\$ 190.00
Immaculate Heart	\$ 350.00
Mass Request	\$ 30.00
Starter Set	\$ 40.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 550.00
Building Fund	\$ 75.00

*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.

THANK YOU !!

For all the donations toward the
 Care of our Cemeteries

KEEP IT GROWING!



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 \$ 18,750.00
Goal Received \$ 8,235.00

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

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

Dear parishioners,

We are blessed today with the graced opportunity to reflect on the beauty of holy obedience. Holy obedience! What is so holy about obedience?! Obedience can be ominous, odious even. Is it not better for us to have our own way all the time?

Obedience is part of a “holy trinity” with the other theological counsels: poverty and chastity. While there are many religious orders that take vows to hold to these counsels more faithfully, all of the Christian faithful are called to observe them in some way. The religious orders are wonderful because they show us how powerful these counsels are: they not only guard and keep the counsels, but the counsels give life and strength to the orders. The theological counsels will give us strength and life as well if we keep them.

Perhaps the most difficult to keep is obedience. This is on account of our stubbornness, waywardness, our “pig-headed ness.” Our desire to have our own way in everything is completely at odds with the heart of Christ who says “Not my will, but yours, Father, be done (Luke 22:42).”

Saint Paul says to us today that Christ was obedient, even to the point of death. His ministry to us was a mission of obedience – obedience to the will of the Father. God’s perfect will is always for our good and our sanctification. We must learn to love and trust him, as Jesus trusts and loves the Father.

In our Gospel, two sons struggle with obedience. The one son is late in doing his father’s will – the other says “yes” immediately to his father’s will but fails but to carry it out. Why do they struggle to respond?

Obedience is more than just a matter of the will – it is a matter of the heart. The heart that listens in love is able to respond swiftly because the heart that loves is set on accomplishing the good of the other.

St. Benedict begins his famous Rule of Life of the Benedictine Order with the following words. I believe they apply perfectly to our readings today. We will speak more of them at homily-time. For now, let us meditate on these powerful words of the great St. Benedict, and his ponderously great obedience with which he loved the Lord so greatly:

“Listen carefully, my son, to the master’s instructions, and attend to them with the ear of your heart. This is advice from a father who loves you; welcome it, and faithfully put it into practice. The labor of obedience will bring you back to him from whom you had drifted through the sloth of disobedience. This message of mine is for you, then, if you are ready to give up your own will, once and for all, and armed with the strong and noble weapons of obedience to do battle for the true King, Christ the Lord.”

God bless you all,

In Christ,

Fr. Nick

TUESDAY BINGO**October 6th**

Missy Knowlton
Randall Sefert
Friday Family
Masters Family
Blackstone

October 13th

Missy Knowlton
Kitty Lowler
Wilson Family

SUNDAY BINGO**September 27th**

Ace Guiler
Mary Atkinson
Seppala
Kemp

October 4th

Robyn Guiler
Missy Knowlton
Dick Family

TUESDAY KITCHEN**October 6th**

Julie Selmon
Sharon Kilburn

October 13th

St. John CWC

SUNDAY KITCHEN**September 27th**

Louise Kress
Ace Guiler

October 4th

Louise Kress
Jill Schumacher

Scripture
Reading
of the Week

Sunday
SEPTEMBER 27TH
TWENTY-SIXTH
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ORDINARY TIME

EZ 18:25-28
PHIL 2:1-11
MT 21:28-31

Monday
SEPTEMBER 28TH

JB 1:6-22
LK 9:46-50

Tuesday
SEPTEMBER 29TH

DN 7:9-10, 13-14
JN 1:47-51

Wednesday
SEPTEMBER 30TH

JB 9:1-12, 14-16
LK 9:57-62

Thursday
OCTOBER 1ST

JB 19:21-27
LK 10:1-12

Friday
OCTOBER 2ND

JB 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5
MT 18:1-5, 10

Saturday
OCTOBER 3RD

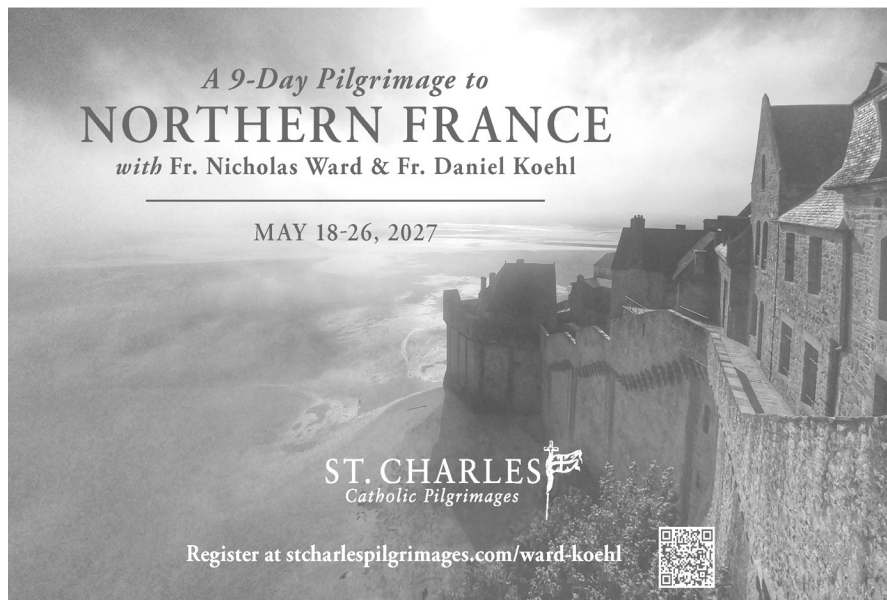
JB 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17
LK 10:17-24

Sunday
OCTOBER 4TH
TWENTY-SEVENTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

IS 5:1-7
PHIL 4:6-9
MT 21:33-43

LECTOR READERS

September 26....Bill Long
September 27....Jill Schumacher
October 3....Tammy Jones
October 4....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

**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, October 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, October 14th - 7:00 p.m. @ Generations

