



St. Sylvester, Woodsfield  
founded 1866



St. John Bosco, Sardis  
(founded 1863) dedicated 1976



St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg  
founded 1841

*Parishes of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Steubenville*

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## *The Monroe County Catholic Churches*

[www.monroecountycatholic.org](http://www.monroecountycatholic.org)

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**January 31, 2021**

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

DT 18:15-20 1COR 7:32-35 MK 1:21-28

### **Bulletin information**

Must be in to the office by Thursday at 10:00am.

**Parish Registration:** New Parishioners are always welcome!  
Please contact the parish office (740) 472-0187 to register.

### **Infant Baptism:**

Contact the parish office (740) 472-0187 to schedule.

**Confessions:** Woodsfield: Sat. 4:00pm to 4:45pm.; Sun 7:45am to 8:15am. and by appointment.

### **Weddings:**

No date may be reserved for a wedding until the couple meet with the priest.

### **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 First Wednesday of each month at the Brown Center at 7:00p.m.

**St. Sylvester:** Diane Burkhart (740) 391-0391

**St. John the Baptist:** Eileen Ackerman (740) 757-2481 or Eileen Miller (740) 472-0279

### **St. Joseph of Monroe County Council 5009 Knights of Columbus**

Meet on the first Wednesday of each month at St. Sylvester Church, following 6:30pm Mass. Grand Knight: Sam Schumacher.

### **Parish Prayer Chain:**

Call: Jackie Kirkland (740) 472-0338

**Purgatorial Society** Founded in the 1780's to pray for those holy souls in Purgatory. To join or more information contact: Jackie Kirkland at (740) 472-0338.

**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 for children (not enrolled in a Catholic School) in grades 1-8.

**St. Sylvester:** Jill Schumacher (740) 472-5483

**St. John the Baptist:** Eileen Ackerman (740) 757-2481

**Call to register your children.**

### **Catholic Education**

**St. Sylvester Central Elementary:** (Pre-K-8) 119 Wayne Street, Woodsfield, Ohio. Mrs. Robyn Guiler, principal. (740) 472-0321

**Diocesan Vocation Director** Fr. Michael Gossett: [mgossett@diosteub.org](mailto:mgossett@diosteub.org)

**Cub Scout Pack 17,** Pack Leader is Missy Dean (740) 934-9382

[Mkd\\_1972@yahoo.com](mailto:Mkd_1972@yahoo.com)

**Boy Scout Troop 17** Scout Master: Mr. Tim Dolan (740) 213-7365

### **Catholic Cemetery Contacts:**

**St. Sylvester** Woodsfield: Donald & Rita Biedenbach (740) 472-1849

**St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg & Immaculate Conception,** Ozark; Jason Weiss or St. Sylvester Parish Office (740) 472-0187

**St. Joseph & Chapel Hill,** Burkhart Station: Russell Betts (740) 567-3286

**St. Patrick's,** New Matamoras: Parish office: (740) 472-0187

**Diocese of Steubenville Office of Family and Social Concerns & Referral** (i.e. Catholic Charities), 1-800-339-7890.

### **Diocesan Child Protection and reporting of abuse**

Father James M. Dunfee, Vicar General of the Diocese of Steubenville, (740) 282-3631 or e-mail [jdunfee@diosteub.org](mailto:jdunfee@diosteub.org).

**Monday & Friday School Masses**  
***In the event School is Canceled***  
***Mass will be moved to 12:00p.m.***

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN**  
**ORDINARY TIME**

**SUNDAY** **JAN 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 8:30a.m.  
 Living & Deceased of our Parishes

**St. John the Baptist**, Miltonsburg 10:30a.m.  
 +Jennylinda Crum by Ron & Cathy Gallagher

**St. John Bosco Mission**, Sardis 12:30p.m.  
 +Francis Schumacher by Larry & Connie Richter

**MONDAY** **FEB 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield (school mass) 8:30a.m.  
 +Debra Schumacher by Ron & Cathy Gallagher

**TUESDAY** **FEB 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**St. John Baptist**, Miltonsburg 9:00a.m.  
 Holy Hour 8:00a.m.  
 Knights Of Columbus

**Feast of Candlemas**  
**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** (Latin mass) 6:00p.m.  
 +Peter Nguyen by Juliane & Wuti Chainakul

**WEDNESDAY** **FEB 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 8:30a.m.  
**Feast of St. Blaise, Blessing of the Throats**  
 +Robert McLaughlin by John Paulus Family

**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** 6:30p.m.  
 +Thomas Bui Hien by Bruce Dougherty

**THURSDAY** **FEB 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**St. John Baptist**, Miltonsburg 9:00a.m.  
 Holy Hour 8:00a.m.  
 +Josh Dulaney by William & Roberta Dent

**FRIDAY** **FEB 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield (School Mass) 8:30a.m.  
 +Marylou Fruia by Marilyn Kern

**St. John Baptist**, Miltonsburg 3:00p.m.  
 Holy Hour Prayer

**SATURDAY** **FEB 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield (Latin Mass) 8:30a.m.  
 Fr. Tim Davison & Intentions

**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 5:00p.m.  
 +Debra Block by Joe Block Family

**SUNDAY** **FEB 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 8:30a.m.  
 +Francis Schumacher by Becky Baldwin

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

**St. John Bosco Mission**, Sardis 12:30p.m.  
 +Debra Block by Larry & Connie Richter

**Wednesday Adoration**  
**11:00a.m.—6:00p.m.**



**Employment Opportunity...**

2021 Cleaning — St. Sylvester Church  
 Twice a Month, all supplies provided,  
 Monthly income.

Call Jennifer 740-472-0187

**2020 Offering Donation for your Taxes**

If you have not picked up your tax donation statement at the church, then call the office and leave a message. I will mail it to you.

Anyone interested in listing a name in the bulletin **"In Loving Memory Of:"**

The year 2021

\$15.00

Label envelope as "In Loving Memory Of:" list name and send in church basket or mail.

Thank You

**Our Sunday Offering**  
 for  
 January 23-24

**St. John Bosco Mission**  
 Adult Collection \$120.00  
 Loose \$ 65.00  
 Envelope System \$ 10.00  
 Cemetery Fund \$ 250.00

**St. John the Baptist**  
 Adult Collection \$ 1062.00  
 Loose \$ 3.00  
 School Fund \$ 234.00  
 St. Vincent DePaul \$ 15.00

**St. Sylvester**  
 Adult Collection \$ 2506.00  
 Loose Collection \$ 95.00  
 Education Collection \$ 195.00  
 2021 Prayers \$ 15.00  
 Mass Prayers \$ 110.00  
 CWC Dues \$ 10.00  
 First Offering \$ 15.00

*Thank you for your continued support of our parishes and school.*



***This Week***

**Wednesday**

Adoration  
 11:00am-6:00pm  
 Benediction 6:00pm  
 Rosary 6:15pm  
 Mass 6:30pm

**2020Diocesan/Parish Share Campaign**

Despite the current pandemic slowing many things down, the DPSC is well underway.

The following is the current status for each of the three parishes. If have not yet contributed, please consider doing so. Amounts raised over the goal is returned back to the parishes. If you have already donated or pledged, thank you for your support.

	Goal	Amount paid + Pledged	% of Goal	Amount Returned
St. John Bosco	\$ 1,835	\$2,720	148%	\$935.00
St. John the Baptist	\$ 8,638.	\$9,110	105%	\$597.00
St. Sylvester	\$16,110	\$19,180	119%	\$3,070.00

See SHRINES... <https://www.facebook.com/stambrosewcw/>

***In Loving Memory of:***

Emma Schumacher  
Paul Ditto  
Debra Schumacher  
Francis (Fritz) Schumacher  
Katy Madison  
Paul Madison  
Paul Madison Jr.  
Danny Betts  
Billie Jean Elliott  
David Baker  
Lowell Baker  
William H. Bolon  
Robert M. Miller Sr.  
Walter Knox  
Clarence & Dorothy Howell  
Ralph & Ella Richter  
Ruth Ellen Howell  
Lawrence & Lucy Gallaher  
James Gallaher  
Andrew & Ova Howell  
Clarence Smith  
Thurman & Martha Smith  
Charles & Susannah Richter  
Lawrence M. Gallaher  
Lawrence C. Gallaher  
Francis Paulus  
Freeda Paulus  
Hilda Paulus  
Mary Paulus  
Darrell Cline  
Clara Rush  
Raymond Baldwin  
Grace Ann Joyce  
Ralph & Alice Buckalew  
Imelda Scott  
Monica Long  
Herman & Hilda Burkhart

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



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

National Catholic Schools' Week begins today. Our Bishop will be visiting the school on Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> and we will have Mass that day at 8:30 a.m. with the traditional blessing of throats for the Feast of St. Blaise. Because of social distancing requirements we will only have the 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade in attendance and not the whole school. There is adequate room, however for others to attend the Mass as long as a pew can be kept in between one family and another. Since Wednesdays are the days that we have Eucharistic Adoration from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. we will have to adjust our schedule and begin the adoration at 11:00 a.m. instead of 8:00 a.m. that day. We will continue the adoration until 6:00 p.m. and then close with Benediction and Mass at 6:30 p.m. I will also concelebrate the Mass in the morning at 8:30 a.m. with the Bishop as well as offer the Mass at 6:30 p.m. We have a wonderful little Catholic school in a predominately protestant area of Ohio. For over 150 years our school has been open and we have been teaching many generations about the Catholic faith. I would like to thank all of you who have so faithfully supported the work of the school and continue to do so with your generous contributions. May the Lord bless you most abundantly.

On Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Feast of the Presentation in the Temple or in the Traditional Calendar the Feast of Candlemas or sometimes referred to as the Purification of Mary is a special day in the liturgical calendar of both the East as well as the West. It is a commemoration of the day forty days after the birth of Christ when Mary and Joseph brought the Child Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem to fulfil an ancient precept of the Law with regard to the first born male child and also to perform a ceremony of purification of the mother. It is a Feast recalling the fact that the Light of the World came to the Temple in Jerusalem and was recognized as the Messiah by Simeon the Jewish priest who held Him in his arms and by Anna, the Prophetess who had waited patiently for His coming for many, many years. We will have Mass both at St. John the Baptist in Miltonsburg as well as at St. Sylvester's in Woodsfield. The morning Mass preceded by the holy hour beginning at 8:00 a.m. at St. John's will be at 9:00 a.m. as usual on Tuesdays. The evening Mass at St. Sylvester's will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will be a Latin sung Mass with blessing of candles and a procession.

Since Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> is the First Friday of February we will have at St. John's a holy hour of prayer at 3:00 p.m. with prostrations before the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar. In imitation of the children of Fatima who prostrated themselves before the presence of the Blessed Sacrament held aloft by the angel we too will seek to prostrate ourselves and pray the prayers the angel taught the children and make reparation for the horrible sins of sacrilege committed by people who receive Him unworthily in this most august Sacrament. Anyone is free to come and join us in this prayer to honor Our Blessed Lord on the First Friday of the month as He asked St. Margaret Mary Alacoque to do and which the Church has sought to do for centuries now.

I might also remind you that Our Lady of Fatima asked that the First Saturday of the month be a day of reparation for the sins committed against her Immaculate Heart and so the First Saturday Mass on February 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. is a Mass of Reparation. It is offered in Latin at St. Sylvester's. We are asked by Our Lady to pray the rosary in reparation that day as well as meditate for 15 or 20 minutes on one or more of the mysteries apart from the rosary and to do so in a spirit of reparation. To fulfil the request Our Lady also asked that we go to confession sometime before or after the First Saturday and receive Holy Communion again in the spirit of reparation.

I hope everyone will have a great week. May God bless and keep you in His love.

Yours Sincerely,

Father Timothy Davison

**TUESDAY BINGO****February 2nd**

Monica Habig  
Amanda Schumacher  
Aaron Brown  
Greg/Leanna Harper  
Aaron/Brandy Lucas

**February 9th**

Monica Habig  
Sam Schumacher  
Caitlin Kinney  
Tom/Lydia Brodegard  
Joella Urbanek  
Linda Piatt

**February 16th**

Monica Habig  
Lance LaFollette  
Brooke Yontz  
Phillip/Chelsea  
Masters  
Camden/Ashley  
Dierkes  
Aaron/Melanie Yontz

**February 23rd**

Monica Habig  
Amanda Schumacher  
Anna Lang  
Landri Miller  
Brandi/Jason Weiss

**SUNDAY BINGO****February 7th**

Amanda Schumacher  
Sam Schumacher  
Adrienne Shelton  
John/Shelly Blackstone  
Chad/Marissa Cole  
Tim Woodell

**February 14th**

Sam Schumacher  
Monica Habig  
Adam/Jodi Chambers  
Ted Babcock  
Dustin/April Pardon  
Jonathan/Nicole Wilson

**February 21st**

Sam Schumacher  
Missy Knowlton  
Lucas/Crystal  
Cunningham  
Christopher/Andrea  
Hall  
Jeff/Dean  
Justin/Abby Friday

**February 28th**

Amanda Schumacher  
Jill Schumacher  
Ace Guiler  
Jessica Knowlton  
Ryan/Jenna Rosnick  
Arika/David Barnhardt

**TUESDAY KITCHEN****February 2nd**

Diane Burkhart  
Carol Kuhn

**February 9th**

Diane Burkhart  
Jeannie Dixon

**February 16th**

St. John Baptist

**February 23rd**

Diane Burkhart  
Sandy Barnes

**SUNDAY KITCHEN****February 7th**

Louise Kress  
Lisa Chambers

**February 14th**

Louise Kress  
Diane Burkhart  
Rita Biedenbach

**February 21st**

Louise Kress  
Michelle Speelman

**February 28th**

Louise Kress  
Catherine Paulus



Saint Blaise was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia during the fourth century. Very little is known about his life. According to various accounts he was a physician before becoming a bishop. His cult spread throughout the entire Church in the Middle Ages because he was reputed to have miraculously cured a little boy who nearly died because of a fishbone in his throat. From the eighth century he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illnesses of the throat.<sup>[1]</sup>

Details regarding the miraculous healing of the boy vary. One account relates that the miracle occurred during the journey to take Blaise to prison when he placed his hand on the boy's head and prayed; another that the miracle happened while Blaise was in prison when he picked up two candles provided to him and formed a cross around the boy's throat. The use of candles for the blessing of throats stems from the candles that Blaise used while in prison. When an old woman's pig had been miraculously rescued from a wolf by Saint Blaise, she would visit

**St. Joseph of Monroe County,  
Council 5009 of the Knights of Columbus  
Samuel 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 February 3rd . Adoration at 6:00 p.m.  
Rosary at 6:15 p.m. Mass at 6:30 p.m. meeting to follow.

\*Catholic Women's Club Meeting, February 3rd, 7:00 p.m. Brown Community Center

**Scripture Reading  
of the Week**

**Sunday  
JAN 31<sup>ST</sup>**

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN  
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DT 18:15-20  
1COR 7:32-35  
MK 1:21-28

**Monday  
FEB 1<sup>ST</sup>**

HEB 11:32-40  
MK 5:1-20

**Tuesday  
FEB 2<sup>ND</sup>**

MAL 3:1-4  
HEB 2:14-18

**Wednesday  
FEB 3<sup>RD</sup>**

HEB 12:3-7, 11-15  
MK 6:1-6

**Thursday  
FEB 4<sup>TH</sup>**

HEB 12:18-19, 21-24  
MK 6:7-13

**Friday  
FEB 5<sup>TH</sup>**

HEB 13:1-8  
MK 6:14-29

**Saturday  
FEB 6<sup>TH</sup>**

HEB 13:15-17, 20-21  
MK 6:30-34

**Sunday  
FEB 7<sup>TH</sup>**

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

JB 7:1-4, 6-7  
1COR 9:16-19, 22-23  
MK 1:29-39