

**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

**JANUARY 25, 2026**

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**IS 8:23-9:3 1COR 1:10-13, 17 MT 4:12-23**

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**Fr. Nicholas Ward**  
**Administrator**



## **Parish Contacts**

New Parishioners are always welcome! Please contact the office.

**Fr. Nicholas Ward** (740) 457-7098

[nward@diosteub.org](mailto: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](mailto: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

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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### SUNDAY

**JAN 25<sup>TH</sup>**

**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

### MONDAY

**JAN 26<sup>ST</sup>**

**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 5:30 p.m.  
Jaimie Hallock (health) *by Fr. Ward*

### TUESDAY

**JAN 27<sup>TH</sup>**

**St. John The Baptist**, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.  
Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.  
+Lois Stephen *by Meredith & Linda Kahrig*

### WEDNESDAY

**JAN 28<sup>TH</sup>**

**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 6:30 p.m.  
+Charles Burkhardt *by John & Teresa Paulus*

### THURSDAY

**JAN 29<sup>TH</sup>**

**St. John The Baptist**, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.  
Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.  
Alice (health) *by Stephanie Hartwell*

### FRIDAY

(School Mass)

**JAN 30<sup>TH</sup>**

**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.  
+Don Biedenbach *by Mike & Yvette Nau*

### SATURDAY

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

**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield NO MASS

**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 5:00 p.m.

+Dar Zwick *by Donnie & Janet Zwick*

### SUNDAY

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

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

**St. John The Baptist**, Miltonsburg 10:30 a.m.  
+Ty Burkhardt *by Arla & Caden Potts*

## OCLIA

Every Thursday at 7:00p.m.  
location at St. Sylvester Church  
Basement

### 2025 Family Contribution List

If you have not received your Tax Contribution List  
by the end of January please contact  
Jennifer 740-472-0187

### Our Sunday Offering

January 17 - January 18

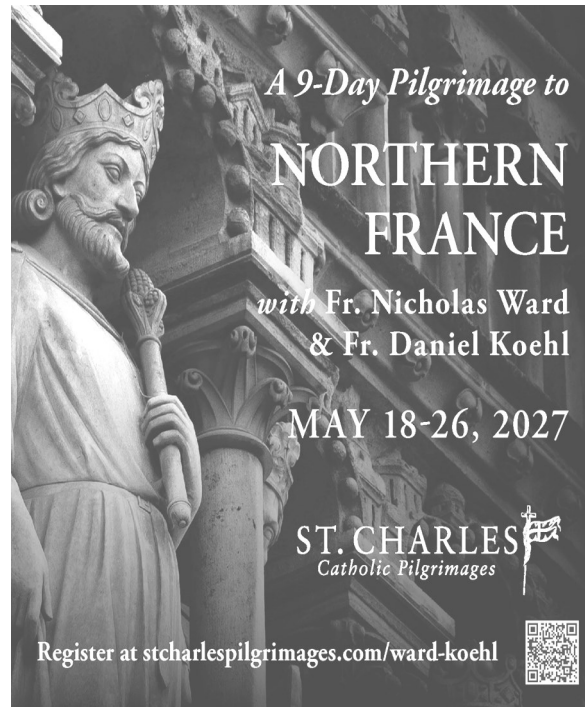
#### St. John The Baptist

Adult Collection	\$ 1,245.00
Loose Collection	\$ 49.00
Education Fund	\$ 45.00
CWC Dues	\$ 10.00
1st Offering	\$ 10.00
In Memory 2026	\$ 105.00
De Paul	\$ 50.00
Mass Request	\$ 100.00
Rental Hall	\$ 200.00

#### St. Sylvester

Adult Collection	\$ 2,744.00
Loose Collection	\$ 153.00
Education Fund	\$ 130.00
CWC Dues	\$ 20.00
In Memory 2026	\$ 30.00
1st Offering	\$ 15.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 70.00
Building Fund	\$ 274.33
Mass Request	\$ 10.00

**THANK YOU!!**  
*for your continued  
support of our  
Parishes & School*



A 9-Day Pilgrimage to  
**NORTHERN FRANCE**  
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& Fr. Daniel Koehl  
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Catholic Pilgrimages  
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#### *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  
2026 beginning in January.  
\$15 each - donation  
Mark memo as: "In memory of 2026"

**School Cancellation or  
Delayed for Snow Days  
Morning Mass**

to be rescheduled  
12 noon @ St. Sylvester Church



## 2025 DPSC Share Campaign

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: \$29,390**  
**St. John The Baptist Goal: \$17,806**

**Goal Received \$20,759**  
**Goal Received \$10,773**

***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

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

To the Parents, Teachers, and Lay Catechists of  
The Monroe County Catholic Parishes & Saint Sylvester Central School  
January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Fr. Nicholas Ward, Parochial Administrator

Dear Parishioners,

This year Bishop Lohse (Apostolic Administrator) will celebrate a Mass of Confirmation for our youth Candidates at St. Sylvester Church on **Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM.**

The Sacrament of Confirmation is a serious and important rite of full initiation into the Church, wherein the grace of the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the Candidates, completing the earlier anointing of grace which took place at baptism. St. Paul urges us "not to receive the grace of God in vain (2 Corinthians 6:1)." Therefore, it is incumbent upon the Candidates for Confirmation to seriously prepare for receiving the grace of the Sacrament so that they may consent not only to the grace they will receive, but also to the mission of living out their Catholic Faith into adulthood.

For their preparation for receiving the Sacrament, it is necessary that the Candidates commit themselves to the knowledge and understanding of their faith. I have provided below a list of important information every Candidate for Confirmation should know. This list, while not exhaustive of all the things a Catholic should know, contains basic information that will serve them in their life's journey towards Christian perfection in the Holy Spirit, who Christ promised would "Guide you into all truth (John 16:13)." Therefore, **I am requiring teachers and parents to teach the following things to the Candidates before receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation:**

**The Ten Commandments** (Catechism of the Catholic Church 2083-2550)

**The Precepts of the Church** (CCC 2042-2043)

**Required Days of Abstinence** (Ash Wednesday and all Fridays in Lent)  
**and Fasting** (Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, see CCC 1434 & 1438)

**Holy Days of Obligation** (CCC 2177-2178)

**The Seven Sacraments** (CCC 1210)

**The Corporal & Spiritual Works of Mercy** (CCC 2447)

**The Theological Virtues** (CCC 1841)

**The Human/Cardinal Virtues** (CCC 1834)

**The Gifts & Fruits of the Holy Spirit** (CCC 1831-1832)

**The Mysteries of the Holy Rosary**

**The Hail Mary, Our Father, & Glory Be**

**The Apostle's Creed**

**The Prayer to the Holy Spirit** ("Come, Holy Spirit, fill their hearts of Your faithful...")

Please ensure in the following months that the Candidates commit this information to memory. Parents, who bear the primary responsibility for educating their children in the faith, should assist teachers/lay catechists in helping their children learn this information.

God bless you all,

In Christ,



**TUESDAY BINGO****January 27th**

Susie Cunion  
Brenda Fisher  
Tyler Knowlton  
Beckey Russell  
Marcus/Alli Schumacher

**February 3rd**

Missy Knowlton  
Randall Sefert  
Courtney Collmar  
Jake/Krysten Schuerman  
Robert/Steph Hartwell  
Tyler Knowlton

**SUNDAY BINGO****January 25th**

Aaron/Kendra Hines  
Missy Dean  
Ace Guiler  
Tyler/Tiff Schumacher

**February 1st**

Robyn Guiler  
Daniel/Carrie Dick

**TUESDAY KITCHEN****January 27th**

Diane Burkhardt  
Angie LaFollette

**SUNDAY KITCHEN****January 25th**

Louise Kress  
Catherine Paulus

**LECTOR READERS**

January 24....Bill Frank

January 25....Bill Long

January 31....Steve Burkhardt

February 1....Jill Schumacher

**Scripture Reading  
of the Week****Sunday****JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>  
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1 COR 1:10-13, 17

MT 4:12-23

**Monday****JANUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>**

2 TIM 1:1-8

MK 3:22-30

**Tuesday****JANUARY 27<sup>TH</sup>**

2 SM 6:12b-15, 17-19

MK 3:31-35

**Wednesday****JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>**

2 SM 7:4-17

MK 4:1-20

**Thursday****JANUARY 29<sup>TH</sup>**

2 SM 7:18-19, 24-29

MK 4:21-25

**Friday****JANUARY 30<sup>TH</sup>**

2 SM 11:1-4a,

5-10a, 13-17

MK 4:26-34

**Saturday****JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup>**

2 SM 12:1-7a, 10-17

MK 4:35-41

**Sunday****FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>****FOURTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

ZEP 2:3; 3:12-13

1 COR 1:26-31

MT 5:1-12a

# *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](http://stcharlespilgrimages.com/ward-koehl)

**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.

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