

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

334 South Main Street
Woodsfield, Ohio 43793-1027

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

IS 55:6-9 PHIL 1:20c-24, 27a MT 20:1-16a

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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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SUNDAY **SEPT 20TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
Living & Deceased of our Parishes

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30 a.m.
+Lois Stephen *by Carol Miller*

MONDAY **SEPT 21ST**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:30 p.m.
+Don and Katie Barron

TUESDAY **SEPT 22ND**
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 8:00 a.m.
Holy Hour 7:00 a.m.
+Stanley David *by 5 Surviving Spouses*

WEDNESDAY **SEPT 23RD**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 6:30 p.m.
+Kay Robb *by Tom & Becky Stephen*

THURSDAY **SEPT 24TH**
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 8:00 a.m.
Holy Hour 7:00 a.m.
+Stella Crum *by Ken & Theresa Turchik*

FRIDAY **SEPT 25TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield School Mass 8:30 a.m.
+Don Biedenbach *by Tony & Cindy Schumacher*

SATURDAY **SEPT 26TH**
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 12:30 p.m.
+Martha Brown

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00 p.m.
+Hilda Paulus *by Paulus & Rodgers*

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.

SCHOOL NEWS...

St. Sylvester School is in search for someone to join the School Advisory Board. Meeting 3-4 time a year to discuss budgets, financials, salaries and school related matters. Please contact school 740-472-0321

In search of Volunteer Bingo Workers.
Bingo is Sunday and Tuesday evenings, walk around to sell tickets, arrival time 5pm.
Desperate for someone
Sept 20th & Sept 27th .
Interested call Missy Knowlton
740-213-5142

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\$ 6,929.00

St. John The Baptist Cost.....\$ 6,720.00
Donations\$ 5,032.00

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 12 - September 13

St. John The Baptist

Adult Collection \$ 1,215.00
Loose Collection \$ 134.00
Education Fund \$ 25.00
Building Fund \$ 70.00
St. Joseph Cemetery \$ 50.00

St. Sylvester

Adult Collection \$ 2,376.00
Loose Collection \$ 379.00
Candle Fund \$ 66.00
Education Fund \$ 95.00
Mass Request \$ 30.00
Starter Set \$ 40.00
Cemetery Fund \$ 550.00
Building Fund \$ 355.00

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.

~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"

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 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
Raymond Baldwin
Jenny Crum
Ralph & Alice Buckalew
Grace Ann Joyce
Joseph Fillippi
Norbert Burkhardt
Agnes Burkhardt
Tina Burkhardt 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,

September 28th of this year will mark three years without a Diocesan Bishop for our beloved Diocese of Steubenville. In that same time, **72 Dioceses in the United States have received bishops**, either in the form of a diocesan bishop or an auxiliary. This is not counting the hundreds of sees that have been filled worldwide in the past three years as well.

While the absence of a bishop does not affect every aspect of day-to-day life in the parish, it is an immense strain on the life of a diocese to operate without a bishop – the effects can be felt in numerous ways in all our parishes.

It is a frustrating situation. No one is more frustrated than us Steubenville priests. It is very easy to cast blame and grow cynical – I have to confess; I have been guilty of both of those things with regard to this seemingly endless process. But while we are powerless in many respects, we are not powerless with respect to the power of prayer.

In John 14:13, Jesus tells us that he will grant whatever we ask in His Name. Of all the things we could ask God for, a good bishop is a worthy request!

Beginning this Sunday, **September 20th**, a number of priests of the Diocese of Steubenville will be praying a novena to our diocesan patroness, the Immaculate Heart of Mary. I invite you to join us. We can always be confident in Mary's intercession. No one pleads more effectively or lovingly for sinners than our dear Mother. Nothing that she asks her Son for is ever denied.

Here is the novena prayer:

O Most Blessed Mother, heart of love, heart of mercy, ever listening, caring, consoling, hear our prayer. As your children, we implore your intercession with Jesus your Son. Receive with understanding and compassion the petitions we place before you today, especially: *that God may send a worthy bishop for our Diocese of Steubenville.*

We are comforted in knowing your heart is ever open to those who ask for your prayer. We trust to your gentle care and intercession, those whom we love and who are sick or lonely or hurting. Help all of us, Holy Mother, to bear our burdens in this life until we may share eternal life and peace with God forever.

Amen.

(One Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be)

God bless you all,

In Christ, Fr. Nick

TUESDAY BINGO**September 22nd**

Susie Cunion
Brenda Fisher
Ferguson

SUNDAY BINGO**September 20th**

Missy Knowlton
Robyn Guiler
Seppala
Miller
Merideth

September 27th

Ace Guiler
Mary Atkinson
Seppala
Kemp

TUESDAY KITCHEN**September 22nd**

Diane Burkhart
Dawn Kuhn

SUNDAY KITCHEN**September 20th**

Jill Schumacher
Barb Burkhart

September 27th

Louise Kress
Ace Guiler

LECTOR READERS

September 19...Catherine Paulus

September 20...Bill Frank

September 26...Bill Long

September 27...Jill Schumacher

Scripture
Reading
of the Week

Sunday
SEPTEMBER 20TH
TWENTY-FIFTH
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IS 55:6-9

PHIL 1:20c-24, 27a
MT 20:1-16a

Monday**SEPTEMBER 21ST**

EPH 4:1-7, 11-13

MT 9:9-13

Tuesday**SEPTEMBER 22ND**

PRV 21:1-6, 10-13

LK 8:19-21

Wednesday**SEPTEMBER 23RD**

PRV 30:5-9

LK 9:1-6

Thursday**SEPTEMBER 24TH**

ECCL 1:2-11

LK 9:7-9

Friday**SEPTEMBER 25TH**

ECCL 3:1-11

LK 9:18-22

Saturday**SEPTEMBER 26TH**

ECCL 11:9-12:8

LK 9:43b-45

Sunday**SEPTEMBER 27TH****TWENTY-SIXTH****SUNDAY IN****ORDINARY TIME**

EZ 18:25-28

PHIL 2:1-11

MT 21:28-32

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

**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