

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 13, 2026

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SIR 27:30-28:7 ROM 14:7-9 MT 18:21-35

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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 13TH

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

SEPT 14TH

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:30 p.m.
+Holdyn Kinison *by Fr. Ward*

TUESDAY

SEPT 15TH

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 8:00 a.m.
Holy Hour 7:00 a.m.
+Bill & Hazel Rose *by Hartwell Family*

WEDNESDAY

SEPT 16TH

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 6:30 p.m.
Knights of Columbus Members 5009

THURSDAY

SEPT 17TH

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 8:00 a.m.
Holy Hour 7:00 a.m.
+Lois Stephen *by Rosemary Burkhardt*

FRIDAY

SEPT 18TH

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield School Mass 8:30 a.m.
Cat Belasco (healing) *by Hartwell Family*

West Wood Place, Woodsfield 10:00a.m.
+Martha Brown

SATURDAY

SEPT 19TH

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 12:30 p.m.
+Joseph A Dick *by Judy Yontz*

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00 p.m.
+James & Marie Kirkland *by Daughter's*

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, SEPTEMBER 14TH
6:15 p.m.

**Church Finance
Council Meeting**

THANK YOU !!

For all the donations toward the
Care of our Cemeteries

KEEP IT GROWING!

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\$ 6,379.00

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\$ 2,400.00

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

Our Sunday Offering
September 5 - September 6

St. John The Baptist

Adult Collection	\$ 2,083.00
Loose Collection	\$ 301.00
Education Fund	\$ 240.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 90.00
Building Fund	\$ 10.00
Oil Royalties	\$ 40.69
Assumption	\$ 10.00
Hall Rental	\$ 225.00

St. Sylvester

Adult Collection	\$ 2,258.00
Loose Collection	\$ 109.00
Candle Fund	\$ 66.00
Education Fund	\$ 260.00
Purgatory Society	\$ 90.00
Starter Set	\$ 30.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 50.00
Building Fund	\$ 234.00

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"

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 \$ 18,240.00
Goal Received \$ 8,075.00

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,

I once knew an old priest who said to me once that we priests are in the “forgiveness business.”

One of the many things that we priests do of course is hear confessions, in which we impart God’s mercy upon the repentant sinners.

Now in six years or so, administering the Sacrament of Reconciliation has gotten a lot easier for me. I’ve said those words of absolution probably 10,000 times at this point – and at this point, as far as sins go, I’ve heard it all (and yes, that includes murder).

But it isn’t so hard for me to forgive the sins committed by others against our all-loving, all caring, merciful and perfect God – what somehow is still difficult for me, though, is forgiving people when they offend against this very sinful priest: yours truly!

Forgiving others can be difficult. And this isn’t entirely because of how prideful or selfish we are. Sometimes the hurts and wounds we receive from others can be very hard to deal with.

And yet, we are asked to forgive: a reality which makes the Christian life difficult at times.

Peter asks Jesus in our Gospel this Sunday: “How often must I forgive my neighbor? As often as seven times?” a reasonable number: perhaps, since seven is the number of perfection in Judaism, Peter assumed that a person would be perfectly reasonable and just to forgive someone a maximum of seven times. Jesus makes it perfectly clear to us, however, that we need to do even better than that: “I say to you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.”

For us who are easily offended and slow to forget the offenses of others (even long after we’ve forgotten our own sins), this may sound a bit absurd.

But Jesus, who tells us we must be perfect “As your heavenly Father is perfect (Matt. 5:28)” tells us we have to forgive more perfectly as well: in other words, to forgive like the Father.

Jesus, who forgave his torturers even as they were driving nails into His Sacred Hands, saying “Father! Forgive them! (Luke 23:34)” teaches how to forgive after the pattern of the Father’s style of forgiveness. The Father, who forgives us our sins which put His Son on the Cross, and who makes the sun shine on the just and the unjust (Matt. 5:45), has a lot to teach us about forgiving others – a key step in obtaining Christian perfection.

We may get tired of asking for forgiveness for ourselves, or granting forgiveness to others. God never tires of forgiving. All He wants is for us is to know the healing power of His forgiveness.

We all want healing for the hurts others have caused us. But as Sirach says in our first reading: “Could anyone nourish anger against another, and expect healing from the Lord?”

Something to think on for sure!

God bless you all,
in Christ,

Fr. Nick

TUESDAY BINGO**September 15th**

Donna Robinson
Brenda Fisher
Friday
Rosnick
M/A Schumacher

September 22nd

Susie Cunion
Brenda Fisher
Ferguson

SUNDAY BINGO**September 13th**

Missy Knowlton
Terry Schumacher
Jess Mckelvey

September 20th

Missy Knowlton
Robyn Guiler
Seppala
Miller
Merideth

TUESDAY KITCHEN**September 15th**

Julie Selmon
Marcia Shipp

September 22nd

Diane Burkhart
Dawn Kuhn

SUNDAY KITCHEN**September 13th**

Louise Kress
Sandy Barnes

September 20th

Jill Schumacher
Barb Burkhart

LECTOR READERS

September 12....Steve Burkhart
September 13....Becky Baldwin
September 19....Catherine Paulus
September 20....Bill Frank

Scripture Reading of the Week

Sunday
SEPTEMBER 13TH
TWENTY-FOURTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

SIR 27:30-28:7

ROM 14:7-9

MT 18:21-35

Monday**SEPTEMBER 14TH**

NM 21:4b-9

PHIL 2:6-11

JN 3:13-17

Tuesday**SEPTEMBER 15TH**

1COR 12:12-14, 27-31a

JN 19:25

Wednesday**SEPTEMBER 16TH**

1COR 12:31-13:13

LK 7:31-35

Thursday**SEPTEMBER 17TH**

1COR 15:1-11

LK 7:36-50

Friday**SEPTEMBER 18TH**

1COR 15:12-20

LK 8:1-3

Saturday**SEPTEMBER 19TH**

1COR 15:35-37, 42-49

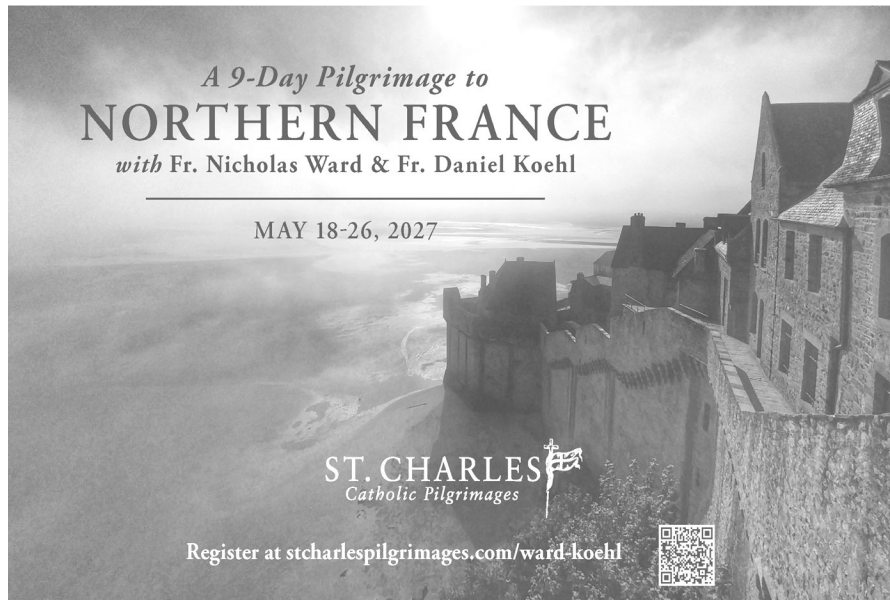
LK 8:4-15

Sunday**SEPTEMBER 20TH****TWENTY-FIFTH****SUNDAY IN****ORDINARY TIME**

IS 55:6-9

PHIL 1:20c-24, 27a

MT 20:1-16a

**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

