

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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Woodsfield, Ohio 43793-1027

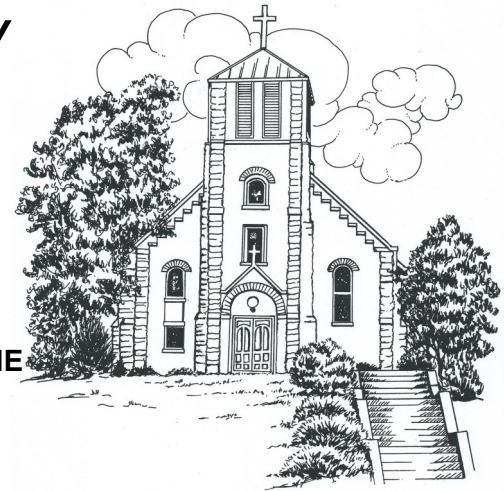
SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EZ 33:7-9 ROM 13:8-10 MT 18:15-20

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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 6TH

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield

8:30 a.m.

Living & Deceased of our Parishes

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg

10:30 a.m.

+Paul & Stella Crum Family

by Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren

MONDAY

SEPT 7TH

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield

NO MASS

TUESDAY

SEPT 8TH

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg

8:00 a.m.

Holy Hour 7:00 a.m.

+Jenny Crum *by 5 Surviving Spouses*

WEDNESDAY

SEPT 9TH

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield

6:30 p.m.

+Bill Calert *by Dennis & Doreen Seamon*

THURSDAY

SEPT 10TH

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg

8:00 a.m.

Holy Hour 7:00 a.m.

+Norma Matko *by Tom & Cindy Schumacher*

FRIDAY

SEPT 11TH

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield School Mass 8:30 a.m.

+Francis & Freeda Paulus *by Paulus & Rodgers*

St. Sylvester Church Basement

7:00 p.m.

OCIA

SATURDAY

SEPT 12TH

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg

12:30 p.m.

Confessions 12:00 p.m.

Souls in Purgatory *by John & Regina Garfold*

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield

5:00 p.m.

+Judy Tamasovich *by Edythe Schumacher*

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

CONGRATULATIONS!

**BOB & BECKY
CRUM**



**GOD BLESS YOU ON
YOUR MARRIAGE**

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

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

Our Sunday Offering

August 29 - August 30

St. John The Baptist

Adult Collection	\$ 1,560.00
Loose Collection	\$ 310.00
Education Fund	\$ 80.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 255.00
Building Fund	\$ 3,275.00
IC Cemetery	\$ 100.00

St. Sylvester

Adult Collection	\$ 2,373.00
Loose Collection	\$ 527.00
Education Fund	\$ 95.00
Starter Set	\$ 30.00
Assumption	\$ 40.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 15.00
Building Fund	\$ 270.00
Mass Request	\$ 50.00

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 \$ 18,240.00

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 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,

There are few things as refreshing as the honesty of a child. Going through the school this past Monday, I asked the students a fairly open-ended question: "Are you happy to back?" The question was met with both unfettered enthusiasm and expressions of horror and despair.

Regardless, I for one am pleased to see our little school is a hive of activity once more, if only that our parish life can once again be brightened by their bright laughter and the illumination of curious little minds. "Unless you acquire the heart of a child, you cannot enter the kingdom of God (Matthew 18:3)." It has been good to teach, and I have been learning from them as well. One thing I am pleased to report to you all is my impression of just how smart our kids are (if not, sometimes, 'smart-alecky').

My old pastor and mentor, Fr. Wayne Morris, would remind me often that the children are the sweet ones: it's the parents who are rotten. A good maxim to remember when disciplining a wayward pupil. Children are often wayward, headstrong, stubborn, impulsive, rebellious.... Come to think of it, so are we adults!

At the beginning of this academic year for children and all students, we should all resolve to have the mind and heart of a child, to be open to learning something new that God wants to teach us. He has so much to show us of himself, of the life of heaven, of the joy of holiness and truth and charity.

There is still so much for each of us to discover of the numerous ways that He provides and cares for us. Gratitude for His Goodness, and the wonder of God's Being should give us an openness and a desire to learn as much as we can from Him. As the priest Eli instructed the young prophet Samuel, our hearts should be ready to listen and learn from God. We should say to Him, with a perfect spirit of docility and receptivity: "Speak Lord! Your servant is listening (Samuel 3:9-10)."

May the Spirit of God, who enlightens the whole world with wisdom and truth, enlighten our minds and hearts to desire more perfectly to know and to do His will.

God bless you all!

In Christ,

Fr. Nick

TUESDAY BINGO**September 8th**

Missy Knowlton
Kitty Lowler
Hines
Hartwell
Blackstone

September 15th

Donna Robinson
Brenda Fisher
Friday
Rosnick
M/A Schumacher

SUNDAY BINGO**September 13th**

Missy Knowlton
Terry Schumacher
Jess Mckelvey

September 20th

Missy Knowlton
Robyn Guiler

TUESDAY KITCHEN**September 8th**

St. John CWC

September 15th

Julie Selmon
Marcia Shipp

SUNDAY KITCHEN**September 13th**

Louise Kress
Sandy Barnes

September 20th

Jill Schumacher
Barb Burkhart

Scripture
Reading
of the Week

Sunday
SEPTEMBER 6TH
TWENTY-THIRD
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

EZ 33:7-9
ROM 13:8-10
MT 18:15-20

Monday
SEPTEMBER 7TH

1COR 5:1-8
LK 6:6-11

Tuesday
SEPTEMBER 8TH

MI 5:1-4a
MT 1:1-16, 18-23

Wednesday
SEPTEMBER 9TH

1COR 7:25-31
LK 6:20-26

Thursday
SEPTEMBER 10TH

1COR 8:1b-7, 11-13
LK 6:27-38

Friday
SEPTEMBER 11TH

1COR 9:16-19, 22b-27
LK 6:39-42

Saturday
SEPTEMBER 12TH

1COR 10:14-22
LK 6:43-49

Sunday
SEPTEMBER 13TH

TWENTY-FOURTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

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

LECTOR READERS

September 5....Tammy Jones

September 6....Tom Dick

September 12....Steve Burkhart

September 13....Becky Baldwin

2026 Cemetery Lawn Care

St. Sylvester Cost\$ 16,800.00
Lawn Care Donations\$ 6,329.00

St. John The Baptist Cost.....\$ 6,720.00
Donations\$ 4,942.00

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

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, Sept 2nd. 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, Sept 9th - 7:00 p.m. @ Generations