

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

JULY 26, 2026

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1KGS 3:5, 7-12 ROM 8:28-30 MT 13:44-52

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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: 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

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 JULY 26TH
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
Living & Deceased of Our Parishes

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30 a.m.
+Dennis Schneider *by Delilah Hartwell*

MONDAY JULY 27TH
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:30 p.m.
Lisa Chambers *by John & Teresa Paulus*

TUESDAY JULY 28TH
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.
Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.
+Bob Miller *by 5 Surviving Spouses*

WEDNESDAY JULY 29TH
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 6:30 p.m.
+Joe A Dick *by Robert Spangler*

THURSDAY JULY 30TH
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.
Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.
Special Intentions *by Someone Who Cares*

FRIDAY JULY 31ST
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
+Phyllis Demchak *by Catherine Paulus*

SATURDAY AUG 1ST
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
Souls in Purgatory *by John & Regina Garfold*

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 5:00 p.m.
+George Mehler *by Stacey & Jackie Kirkland*

SUNDAY AUG 2ND
Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
Living & Deceased of our Parishes

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30 a.m.
+Michael, Bertha & Rebecca Burkhart
by Steve Burkhart

Pilgrimage
Info Meeting
August 13th
7:00 p.m.
St. Sylvester Rectory

St. John The Baptist Picnic

Sunday, August 2nd
10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

EAT IN or CARRY OUT
DINNERS

Country Style Chicken & Beef Dinners
Homemade Mashed Potatoes & Gravy,
Noodles, Green Beans, Dressing, Roll &
Dessert

Raffle Tickets with \$1,500+ in prizes
available now through the day of dinner.
Everyone Welcome!

**ST STEPHEN
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Caldwell, Ohio

Parish Social Hall

Sunday, August 2nd - 5pm-8pm

Homemade shredded chicken
sandwiches, Noodles by the bowl, Sloppy
Joe's, Hot Dogs, Coney Dog's, Pie, Cake,
Soda & Coffee
Prizes & Bingo

Our Sunday Offering
July 18 - July 19

St. John The Baptist

Adult Collection	\$ 1,273.00
Loose Collection	\$ 219.00
Education Fund	\$ 50.00
Mass Request	\$ 30.00
Peter Pence	\$ 40.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 40.00
Building Fund	\$ 5,000.00

St. Sylvester

Adult Collection	\$ 2,725.00
Loose Collection	\$ 470.00
Education Fund	\$ 130.00
Starter Set	\$ 25.00
Mass Request	\$ 90.00
Building Fund	\$ 820.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 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.

**ST MICHAEL
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Caldwell, Ohio

Annual Picnic Sunday, August 9th

10:30am-1:30pm

Chicken & Ham Dinners
Adults \$15 Child \$7
Drive thru available

BINGO-RAFFLE TICKETS
EVERYONE COME ON OVER!

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 \$ 16,980.00
Goal Received \$ 7,845.00

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.***

July 23rd 2026

To the Parishioners of St. Sylvester Church

Dear Parishioners,

As some of you have noticed, we have finally begun some of our long-awaited summer projects.

The first to be underway is the gutter repairs. We debated for some time what the best solution to the problems caused by our aged, copper gutters might be. In the end, we decided to repair, rather than replace them.

Hopefully we will also begin soon the process of repairing the outside basement steps. While from the outside these may not seem in a terrible state of disrepair, we suspect that some of our ongoing water issues are coming from this area. Hopefully the necessary fixes will help. We will, at the same time, be making some repairs to the handicap ramp as well, which is looking a little worse-for-wear.

When this project is done, we are going to repave the parking lot. The reasons for doing this are many: first of all, and most importantly, snow plows have to clear the parking lot in the winter time, and a smooth surface will help this process by not wearing down the plows. We have been told repeatedly by those who come to plow our lot that this is something we need to do. Also, this space is used by the school children sometimes for recess; a smoother parking lot without so many loose chunks of asphalt and shallow craters will be a safer place for them to run around in. Having less tripping hazards for elderly parishioners, pall bearers carrying a casket to the cemetery, etc. will also be very helpful. The repairs will also give us an opportunity to repaint the parking lines which are somewhat faded as well.

Another issue I want to turn my attention to is the issue of the lighting and electrical wiring of the church which I suspect to be long past its time. You may notice that lightbulbs periodically blow in the church; we have noticed this sometimes happens even after we replace them with new bulbs. We suspect that this is indicative of a wiring issue. Also, some of the lights, such as the ones above the windows, and the inset lights above the sanctuary floor, no longer work even with fresh bulbs. This is not just a nuisance, but effects our worship when the church is darker than it needs to be. Furthermore, faulty wiring is a fire hazard (which goes without saying). I would like to find out in the near future the exact extent of these issues and get to work, hopefully when some of these other projects are nearing completion. I will let you know when we have selected a contractor: some excellent leads have already been suggested to me by Fr. Tom Nelson in Noble Co., who recently had some electrical work done at St. Mary's in Fulda.

Many of you have already donated toward these projects. I thank you. You understand, as I do, the necessity of preserving what our ancestors built for the glory of God and the salvation of souls. We are stewards of God's many gifts: like the parable of the servants and the talents, we need to use what we have been given well so that, when our Master returns, we can present to Him the fruits of our labors, and demonstrate to Him that we have not been idle, or wasted what we have been given.

I hope that your summers continue to be restful, or fruitful, or whatever you need them to be. God is doing great things in our community.

May God bless you all,

In Christ,

Fr. Nick

TUESDAY BINGO**July 28th**

Susie Cunion
Brenda Fisher
John Kemp
Ashley Murphy

SUNDAY BINGO**July 26th**

Ace Guiler
Olivia Fisher
Heather Monroe
Missy Dean

TUESDAY KITCHEN**July 28th**

Diane Burkhart
Missy Knowlton

August 4th

Julie Selmon
Sharon Kilburn

SUNDAY KITCHEN**July 26th**

Louise Kress
Kathy Singleton

August 2nd

Louise Kress
Jill Schumacher

Scripture
Reading
of the Week

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ROM 8:28-30
MT 13:44-52

Monday**JULY 27TH**

JER 13:1-11
MT 13:31-35

Tuesday**JULY 28TH**

JER 14:17-22
MT 13:36-43

Wednesday**JULY 29TH**

JER 15:10, 16-21
JN 11:19-27

Thursday**JULY 30TH**

JER 18:1-6
MT 13:47-53

Friday**JULY 31ST**

JER 26:1-9
MT 13:54-58

Saturday**AUGUST 1ST**

JER 26:11-16, 24
MT 14:1-12

Sunday**AUGUST 2ND**

**EIGHTEENTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

IS 55:1-3
ROM 8:35, 37-39
MT 14:13-21

LECTOR READERS

July 25....Catherine Paulus

July 26....Bill Frank

August 1....Bill Long

August 2....Jill Schumacher

2026 Cemetery**Lawn Care**

St. Sylvester Cost\$ 21,000.00

Lawn Care Donations\$ 5,197.00

St. John The Baptist Cost.....\$ 8,400.00

Donations\$ 4,279.00

Imm Conception Cemetery Cost.....\$ 4,200.00

Donations\$ 3,500.00

St. Joseph/Chapel Hill Cost.....\$ 9,000.00

Donations\$ 2,300.00

St. Patrick Cemetery Cost.....\$ 2,800.00

Donations\$ 850.00

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, Aug. 5th. 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, Aug 12th - 7:00 p.m. @ Generations