



St. Sylvester, Woodsfield
founded 1866



St. John Bosco, Sardis
(founded 1863) dedicated 1976



St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg
founded 1841

Parishes of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Steubenville

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The Monroe County Catholic Churches

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March 21, 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

JER 31:31-34 HEB 5:7-9 JN 12:20-33

Bulletin information

Must be in to the office by Thursday at 10:00am.

Parish Registration: New Parishioners are always welcome!
Please contact the parish office (740) 472-0187 to register.

Infant Baptism:

Contact the parish office (740) 472-0187 to schedule.

Confessions: Woodsfield: Sat. 4:00pm to 4:45pm.; Sun 7:45am to 8:15am. and by appointment.

Weddings:

No date may be reserved for a wedding until the couple meet with the priest.

Pastoral Care of the Sick and Infirm:

Call 1 (918) 637-1774 Hospitals and Care facilities **regularly do not notify** the parish unless specific request is made.

Catholic Woman's Club:

Meet First Wednesday of each month at the Brown Center at 7:00p.m.

St. Sylvester: Diane Burkhart (740) 391-0391

St. John the Baptist: Eileen Ackerman (740) 757-2481 or Eileen Miller (740) 472-0279

St. Joseph of Monroe County Council 5009 Knights of Columbus

Meet on the first Wednesday of each month at St. Sylvester Church, following 6:30pm Mass. Grand Knight: Sam Schumacher.

Parish Prayer Chain:

Call: Jackie Kirkland (740) 472-0338

Purgatorial Society Founded in the 1780's to pray for those holy souls in Purgatory. To join or more information contact: Jackie Kirkland at (740) 472-0338.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, (RCIA): RCIA is an adult preparation for Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist. Mr. Joseph Long, coordinator.

Parish School of Religion (PSR aka. CCD)

The Parish Religion Classes for children (not enrolled in a Catholic School) in grades 1-8.

St. Sylvester: Jill Schumacher (740) 472-5483

St. John the Baptist: Eileen Ackerman (740) 757-2481

Call to register your children.

Catholic Education

St. Sylvester Central Elementary: (Pre-K-8) 119 Wayne Street, Woodsfield, Ohio. Mrs. Robyn Guiler, principal. (740) 472-0321

Diocesan Vocation Director Fr. Michael Gossett: mgossett@diosteub.org

Cub Scout Pack 17, Pack Leader is Missy Dean (740) 934-9382

Mkd_1972@yahoo.com

Boy Scout Troop 17 Scout Master: Mr. Tim Dolan (740) 213-7365

Catholic Cemetery Contacts:

St. Sylvester Woodsfield: Donald & Rita Biedenbach (740) 472-1849

St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg & Immaculate Conception, Ozark; Jason Weiss or St. Sylvester Parish Office (740) 472-0187

St. Joseph & Chapel Hill, Burkhart Station: Russell Betts (740) 567-3286

St. Patrick's, New Matamoras: Parish office: (740) 472-0187

Diocese of Steubenville Office of Family and Social Concerns & Referral (i.e. Catholic Charities), 1-800-339-7890.

Diocesan Child Protection and reporting of abuse

Father James M. Dunfee, Vicar General of the Diocese of Steubenville, (740) 282-3631 or e-mail jdunfee@diosteub.org.

Monday & Friday School Masses
When School is Canceled or Delayed
Mass will be moved to 12:00p.m.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

SUNDAY **MAR 21ST**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30a.m.
 +Francis Schumacher by John Paulus Family

St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30a.m.
 Living & Deceased of our Parishes

St. John Bosco Mission, Sardis 12:30p.m.
 +Debra Block by Shelly Carpenter

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00p.m.
 Vespers of Lent Prayer

MONDAY **MAR 22ND**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield (School Mass) 8:30a.m.
 +Souls in Purgatory by Bruce Dougherty

TUESDAY **MAR 23RD**
St. John Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00a.m.
 Holy Hour 8:00a.m.
 Special Intentions by Mike & Missy Knowlton

WEDNESDAY **MAR 24TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 6:30p.m.
 Knights of Columbus

THURSDAY **MAR 25TH**
St. John Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00a.m.
 Holy Hour 8:00a.m.
 Souls in Purgatory by Bruce Dougherty

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield (Latin Mass) 6:00p.m.
 DJ Stapleton Family

FRIDAY **MAR 26TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield (School Mass) 8:30a.m.
 Cyril Burkhardt by Ron & Cathy Gallagher

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 7:00p.m.
Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY **MAR 27TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield (Latin Mass) 8:30a.m.
 Fr Ty Tomison by Greg Schaad

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00p.m.
Blessing of the Palms
 +Debra Block by Knights of Columbus

SUNDAY **MAR 28TH**
PALM SUNDAY OF THE
PASSION OF THE LORD
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 9:00a.m.
 "Mass to begin in the school gym"
 +Glen Dierkes by Fr Heinz

John & Blanche Mussio Scholarship

Applicants for this award must be a high school senior, who will be in the graduating class of 2021 and residence located within the Diocese of Steubenville.

For more information and an application please stop at the St. Sylvester's Church Office.

Our Sunday Offering for March 13-14

St. John Bosco Mission
 Adult Collection \$ 182.00
 Loose \$ 0.00
 Rice Bowl \$ 97.00
 Easter Flowers \$ 55.00
 Help Brothers & Sister \$ 75.00

St. John the Baptist
 Adult Collection \$ 1,041.00
 Loose \$ 0.00
 School Fund \$ 97.00
 Building Fund \$ 20.00
 Help Brothers & Sister \$ 100.00
 Easter Flowers \$ 65.00
 Rice Bowl \$ 20.00
 First Offering \$ 5.00
 CWC Dues \$ 10.00

St. Sylvester
 Adult Collection \$ 1,741.00
 Loose Collection \$ 122.00
 Education Collection \$ 157.00
 DOS Brothers & Sisters \$ 265.00
 Easter Flowers \$ 335.00
 Rice Bowl \$ 265.00
 Cemetery Fund \$ 40.00
 Lawn Fund \$ 20.00

*Thank you for your
continued support
of our parishes and
school.*

Spring is around the Corner!

**We would appreciate if everyone would help in
sending donations toward our Lawn Company this
year. "April thru September" Any amount would
help to have our properties look fabulous!**

The Diocese is seeking men who are interested in the Permanent Diaconate.

If you feel you may be called to this vocation, or are just interested in finding out more, plan on attending an information session on Saturday, March 27. For more information, see the flyer in the bulletin or read the article in the March 5th issue of the *Steubenville Register*.

Pandemic Notice:

Don't forget to skip a pew between families and careful not to congregate in the entrance, speak to each other or shake hands before or after mass in the church.

Thanks,

Fr. Tim

This Week

Wednesday

Adoration
 8:00a.m.-6:00p.m.
 Benediction 6:00p.m.
 Rosary 6:15p.m.
 Mass 6:30p.m.

2021 Diocesans/Parish Share Campaign

Despite the current pandemic slowing many things down, the DPSC is well underway.

The following is the current status for each of the three parishes. If have not yet contributed, please consider doing so. Amounts raised over the goal is returned back to the parishes. If you have already donated or pledged, thank you for your support.

Goal for 2021

St. John Bosco \$ 1,941.99
 St. John the Baptist \$ 8,954.46
 St. Sylvester \$ 17,653.35

The Verdin Sonata ***Carillons Fund***

\$10,000.00



\$5,000.00

\$0.00

See SHRINES... <https://www.facebook.com/stambrosecwc/>

In Loving Memory of:

Emma Schumacher
Paul Ditto
Debra Schumacher
Francis (Fritz) Schumacher
Katy Madison
Paul Madison
Paul Madison Jr.
Danny Betts
Billie Jean Elliott
David Baker
Lowell Baker
William H. Bolon
Robert M. Miller Sr.
Walter Knox
Clarence & Dorothy Howell
Ralph & Ella Richter
Ruth Ellen Howell
Lawrence & Lucy Gallaher
James Gallaher
Andrew & Ova Howell
Clarence Smith
Thurman & Martha Smith
Charles & Susannah Richter
Lawrence M. Gallaher
Lawrence C. Gallaher
Francis Paulus
Freeda Paulus
Hilda Paulus
Mary Paulus
Darrell Cline
Clara Rush
Raymond Baldwin
Grace Ann Joyce
Ralph & Alice Buckalew
Imelda Scott
Herman & Hilda Burkhart
Monica Long
Roman & Clara Schumacher
Susan Schumacher Thomas
Deloris Knowlton
Cyril Burkhart
Joe Gallagher
Eunice Gallagher
William B. Schumacher
Meri C. Welsh
Ray & Rita Yontz
Vernon & Cinderella Butler
Eugene & Mary Louise Wells
Meri C Welsh
Ches & Freda Schafer
Betty Smith
Andrew & Ova Howell Family
Thurman & Martha Smith Family
Lawrenc & Lucy Gallaher Family
Charles & Suzann Richter Family

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

Dear Beloved of God,

On this Sunday please welcome Bishop Monforton to the Church of St. John the Baptist in Miltonsburg. He will be celebrating the 10:30 a.m. Mass. We are happy to have our Bishop come for a visit. We pray in every Mass for our Bishop knowing that his work of governing the Diocese is not an easy one. Bishop has had to deal with the recent financial crisis in Steubenville and has done well in helping to resolve that crisis. He has also been dealing with the gradual decrease in population in our part of Ohio and the scarcity of vocations as well as the aging of the clergy. All these things must at times weigh heavily on his heart. He has to be a support to each of his priests and always seek the sanctification of the laity. And so let us continue to show our prayerful support of the one whom God has placed over us in our Diocese.

Thanksgiving After Mass

I think my guardian angel must be prompting me to remember that the time after Holy Communion is truly an ideal time to commune with Almighty God. Just having received the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ we are privileged "tabernacles" of His presence which remains in us for about 15 minutes. That is why that is a holy time, a time to remain conscious of God's goodness and mercy toward us. I like the story told about St. Phillip Neri. He was distressed by the fact that some people would leave the church as soon as they received Holy Communion or as soon as the Mass was over. St. Phillip Neri on one occasion instructed his altar boys with lighted candles to go and accompany a man who had left the church right after his Communion. The real presence of Jesus Christ was in that man and so St. Phillip Neri wanted to show the respect that should follow the reception of Holy Communion. He certainly would have frowned upon the loud talking and bantering that often marks the time after Mass even within some of our churches.

Veiling the Statues

As you can see the statues are now veiled from view giving us another sign that Lent is a time of sorrow for our sins. Even the joy of seeing the beautiful statues is now being removed from us. This Sunday marks the transition within the Lenten period and is called the beginning of "Passiontide" in which the Church reflects even more upon the suffering and death of her Lord and God. As you see the statues now covered perhaps you are aware that your sins helped to crucify the Lord and this is certainly the time to rid yourselves of such sins through making a good confession. The Church commands us to go to confession at least once a year during this season of Lent and Easter if we are conscious of having committed a mortal sin. I will be available from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. this coming Tuesday, March 23rd at St. Sylvester's for confessions as well as after the Stations of the Cross this Friday, March 26th and of course on Saturday as usual from 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. I also hear confessions on Sundays before the Masses as time permits starting at 7:45 a.m. at St. Sylvester's.

The Solemnity of the Annunciation

This coming Thursday, March 25th is a Solemnity in the Church. It is the Feast of the Annunciation. It is also known as the Feast of the Incarnation since on this day our God took to Himself a human nature and became Man in the womb of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary. We will have two Masses to mark the occasion: at 9:00 a.m. at St. John's in Miltonsburg as on every Thursday and at 6:00 p.m. at St. Sylvester's. The 6:00 p.m. Mass will be a sung Latin Mass. We have some students coming from Morgantown in W.Va. to help with the singing and serving for that Mass and plan to have a pizza reception afterwards in the basement. I hope everyone attends one of these Masses to honor Jesus Christ the Son of God and the Son of Mary.

Saturday, March 27th Vigil of Palm Sunday

Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. will mark the beginning of the Holy Week Liturgies. At the 5:00 p.m. Mass we will have the blessing of palms inside of the Church as well as the Passion Reading. This Mass is especially suited for those who might not want to participate in the Palm Sunday Procession tomorrow.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday, March 28th will be a special day for the Catholic communities of Monroe County in that we will all have an opportunity to worship together at the Palm Sunday Liturgy. The Liturgy will begin in the gym of the school at 9:00 a.m. Both entrances to the school will be unlocked. Following the blessing of palms and the reading of the first Gospel about Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem we will process out of the gym and through the cemetery to the Church. There will be no Liturgy at St. John's in Miltonsburg or at St. John's in Sardis that day. On Monday, March 29th the Mass will be at 8:30 a.m. at St. Sylvester's

On Tuesday, March 30th the Mass will be at 9:00 a.m. at St. John the Baptist. There will also be a Mass at St. Mary's Basilica at 5:00 p.m. in Marietta for the blessing of the holy oils. However, that Mass will involve only the priests and a few of the laity. On Wednesday, March 31st the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held as usual beginning at 8:00 a.m. and going until 6:00 p.m. There will be Benediction at 6:00 p.m. followed by Mass at 6:30 p.m.

On Thursday, April 1st the Mass will only be held in the evening and it will be at 7:00 p.m. Again the whole Catholic community of Monroe County is invited to come together to celebrate the solemn Liturgy of Holy Thursday. However, the Foot Washing ceremony will not be held this year due to continuing concerns about the spread of the Covid-19 Virus.

On Friday, April 2nd there is no offering of Mass anywhere in the world. At noon at St. John's in Miltonsburg there will be Stations of the Cross and other prayers to mark Good Friday and in the evening at 7:00 p.m. at St. Sylvester's there will be the Liturgy of Good Friday with the reading of the Passion, veneration of the cross as well as reception of Holy Communion.

On Saturday, April 3rd at 8:00 p.m. there will be the Easter Vigil at St. Sylvester's. This year there is no one being baptized or received into the Church. But, the Liturgy will include various readings from the Old and New Testaments as well as a renewal of our baptismal promises. Those who attend the Vigil will not need to attend the Mass on Easter Sunday as the Vigil fulfills the obligation to assist at Mass.

On Sunday, April 4th Easter Masses will be celebrated at the usual times in each of the three Churches in Monroe County. The Easter Octave will then continue until the following Sunday in which the Church celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday. That Sunday, April 11th will be marked by a special service at 3:00 p.m. to sing the Divine Mercy Chaplet and adore Our Eucharistic Lord until 4:00 p.m. Please retain this bulletin so that you will be aware of the Holy Week services.

God bless you all. Father Timothy Davison

<u>TUESDAY BINGO</u>	<u>SUNDAY BINGO</u>	<u>TUESDAY KITCHEN</u>	<u>SUNDAY KITCHEN</u>
<u>March 16th</u> Monica Habig Lance LaFollette Brooke Yontz Tyler/Tiffany Schumacher Terry/Ruth Volkovic Mikey/Sam Habig	<u>March 14th</u> Sam Schumacher Monica Habig Michael/Charity Jorris Ted Babcock Brad/Alisha Ludwig Carey/Becky Bott	<u>March 16th</u> St. John Baptist	<u>March 14th</u> Louise Kress Robyn Guiler
<u>March 23rd</u> Monica Habig Amanda Schumacher Anna Lang Aaron Brown Joella Urbanek	<u>March 21st</u> Sam Schumacher Missy Knowlton Aaron/Tasha Headley Beth/Tyler Knowlton Matthew/Nicole McGuire Randall/Kim Sefert	<u>March 23rd</u> Diane Burkhart Jennifer Winkler	<u>March 21st</u> Louise Kress Kathy Singleton



EASTER FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF:

Alden & Betty Husk
Rodney LaFollette Family
George & Martha Kress
Clarence & Helen Hoff
Fred Kress
Clem Kress
Floyd Griffin
Victor & Dorothy Davidson
Sam Schumacher Family
Deloris Knowlton
Roman Schumacher
Clara Schumacher
Susan Thomas
Rick Schumacher
Nelson & Ella Smithberger
George & Shirley Perkins
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Biedenbach
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Dick
Thomas Doudna
Tim Davison Family
Victor Ogas Family
Roy & Wilma Riggensbach
Joanie Fletcher
Gene & Linda Randall
Teresa Lucas
Robert Miller Sr.
Michael & Judy Garten
Park & Elsie Wood
Larry & Graw
Irene Okel
Walter Knox
Josephina Jack
Delmas Finnicum Family
Lawrence Miller Family
Paley Griffith
Tyler Knowlton Family

SPRING FLING WINNERS!

Mary Holubeck	Jani Wheeler
Patrick Craig	Dennis Clift
Jaya Potts	Joey Lang
Hollie Elliott	Diane Marty
Lori Grant	Ashley Masters
Madison McLaughlin	

Clarence Stephen
Luzelda Stephen
Lonnie T. Stephen
Gertrude Bosnick
Andy & Edith Rensi
Bernice Gilmore
Janet Dunaway
Brothers & Sisters
Paul & Katy Madison
Francis & Freeda Paulus
Archibald & Learrena Griffith
Joseph & Margaret Paulus
Mary & Hilda Paulus
David Rodgers
Francis Schumacher
Debra Schumacher
Margaret Bride
Jeffery Woodell

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Charles & Suzanne Richter Family
Mr. & Mrs Ed Doudna
Robert Miller Sr.
Earl & Dessie Okey

Scripture Reading of the Week

Sunday
MARCH 14TH
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
2 CHR 36:14-16, 19-23
EPH 2:4-10
JN 3:14-21
Monday
MARCH 15TH
IS 65:17-21
JN 4:43-54
Tuesday
MARCH 16TH
EZ 47:1-9, 12
JN 5:1-16
Wednesday
MARCH 17TH
IS 49:8-15
JN 5:17-30
Thursday
MARCH 18TH
EX 32:7-14
JN 5:31-47
Friday
MARCH 19TH
Saint Joseph, Spouse of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
2 SM 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16
ROM 4:13, 16-18, 22
MT1:16, 18-21, 24a
Saturday
MARCH 20TH
JER 11:18-20
JN 7:40-53
Sunday
MARCH 21ST
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
JER 31:31-34
HEB 5:7-9
JN 12:20-33



St. Joseph of Monroe County,
Council 5009 of the Knights of Columbus
Samuel 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 APRIL 7th. Adoration at 6:00 p.m. Rosary at 6:15 p.m. Mass at 6:30 p.m. meeting to follow.

*Catholic Women's Club Meeting, APRIL 7th, 7:00 p.m. Brown Community Center

