

St. Sylvester, Woodfield
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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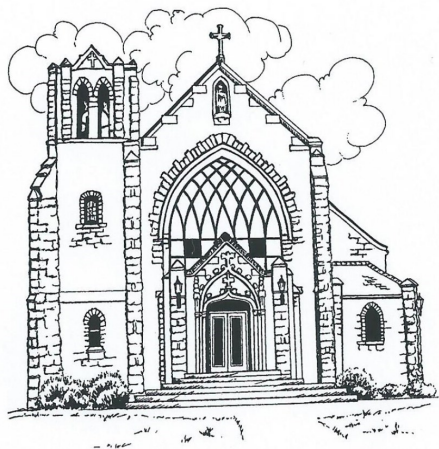
APRIL 12, 2026

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

ACTS 2:42-47 1PT 1:3-9 JN 20:19-31

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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, Woodfield, Ohio.

Mrs. Robyn Guiler: Principal (740) 472-0321 ~ Preschool (740) 472-0420

Catholic Cemeteries

St. Sylvester Woodfield: 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

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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SUNDAY APRIL 12TH
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 APRIL 13TH
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield NO MASS

TUESDAY APRIL 14TH
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg NO MASS

WEDNESDAY APRIL 15TH
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 6:30 p.m.
 +Seiford Popkie *by Valerie Paulus*

THURSDAY APRIL 16TH
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.
 Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.
 +Lois Stephen

FRIDAY APRIL 17TH
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield (School Mass) 8:30 a.m.
 +Judy Carpenter *by Linda Swallie*

West Wood Place, Woodsfield 10:00 a.m.
 +Walter & Alberta Ackerman

SATURDAY APRIL 18TH
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
 William Polsinelli *by Lorraine Fedak & Ben Podolski*


St. Sylvester, Woodsfield
 Eucharistic Holy Hour 3:30 p.m.
 +Dar Zwick *by Donnie & Janet Zwick* 5:30 p.m.

SUNDAY APRIL 19TH
Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
 +Francis (Fritz) Schumacher *by Edythe Schumacher*

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

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

THANK YOU !!
 For all the donations toward the
 Care of our Cemeteries
KEEP IT GROWING!



SCHOOL NEWS...

School Secretary Position
 2026-2027 School Year

St. Sylvester Central School is seeking a friendly and efficient secretary to join our school family. Duties include managing daily administrative tasks with strong organizational skills, greeting and assisting visitors, student, staff and parents with a positive attitude, maintaining student files, attendance, tuition, and lunch records. If interested or would like more details, please call the school office 740-472-0321

Practice for Confirmation
 Wednesday April 22 at 7:00 p.m.

2026 Cemetery Lawn Care

St. Sylvester Cost	\$ 21,000.00
Lawn Care Donations	\$ 1,957.00
St. John The Baptist Cost.....	\$ 8,400.00
Donations	\$ 1,249.00
Imm Conception Cemetery Cost....	\$ 4,200.00
Donations	\$ 3,500.00
St. Joseph/Chapel Hill Cost.....	\$ 9,000.00
Donations	\$ 1,900.00
St. Patrick Cemetery Cost.....	\$ 2,800.00
Donations	\$ 300.00

Our Sunday Offering
 April 4 - April 5

St. John The Baptist	
Adult Collection	\$ 620.00
Loose Collection	\$ 155.00
Candle Fund	\$ 44.00
Education Fund	\$ 25.00
Easter	\$ 915.00
Rice Bowl	\$ 845.00
Holy Land	\$ 180.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 165.00
Oil Royalties	\$ 123.33
Mother's Day	\$ 10.00
IC Ozark Cemetery	\$ 500.00
St. Sylvester	
Adult Collection	\$ 2,883.00
Loose Collection	\$ 1,026.00
Candle Fund	\$ 30.00
Holy Land	\$ 533.00
Easter Offer	\$ 1,457.00
Education Fund	\$ 110.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 650.00
Building Fund	\$ 1,250.00
Rice Bowl	\$ 94.00

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.

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.

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:	\$	Goal Received \$
St. John The Baptist Goal:	\$	Goal Received \$

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

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

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Easter! Christ is Risen!

In our Gospel this weekend, Christ says to His disciples "Peace be with you." He says this three times; twice when he appears to them immediately after His resurrection, and then when He appears to the twelve together with Thomas. These words from Chapter 20 of St. John's Gospel echo His sentiments in Chapter 14, which He speaks at the Last Supper: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid (John 14:27)."

These words of peace frame a rather ugly and violent part of the scriptures, where Christ is brutally tortured and put to death by crucifixion. Despite his maltreatment, however, Jesus does not return violence for violence. He tells Peter to sheath his sword, saying "Those who live by the sword shall die by it (Matthew 26:52)." He chooses not even to retaliate with words, "He opened not His mouth, like a lamb led to the slaughter (Isaiah 53:7)." The words He does speak are of forgiveness: "Father, forgive them; they do not know what they are doing (Luke 23:34)."

Peace requires mercy and forgiveness: Jesus demonstrates this in the Resurrection. Instead of rising from the dead with a vengeance, he returns on a mission of peace. When he appears to the twelve, he doesn't smite them for their cowardice and betrayal; he instead offers them peace, and what's more, he offers them friendship.

Forgiving enemies, forgetting grievances, and choosing not to seek revenge... these are not optional conditions of peace. They are necessary! And if we want peace, we must also be patient, merciful and forgiving. This kind of peace, which offers mercy, clemency and forgiveness, is necessary for spreading the gospel. As St. Paul teaches, Jesus' mission to us was and is a mission of peace: "For he is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father." St. Paul speaks again of peace in his letter to the Romans: "Repay no one evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends upon you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him drink... Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good (Romans 12:17-21)."

Our Holy Father Pope Leo has asked us to pray for peace. If we want to experience the joy of the Resurrection this Eastertide, let us have hearts that are welcome and open to peace, which depends so much on love for one another, patience, and forgiveness of wrongs. Do not let bitterness and hatred rob you of the joy and peace Jesus wants to bring to your troubled hearts!

Rejoice! In dying for us, Jesus "made peace through the blood of His cross (Colossians 1:20)." May his blood, poured out of love for us, cleanse us of all bitterness and hatred, and enable us to share the fullness of His Peace in Heaven. *Pax vobis!*

In Christ, Fr. Nick

TUESDAY BINGO

April 14th

Missy Knowlton
Mary Atkinson
Phillip/Chelsea Masters
Missy Dean
Courtney Collmar
Carey Bott
Holly Merideth

April 21st

Donna Robinson
Brenda Fisher
Tyler Knowlton
Tim/Tiff Woodell
Becky Russell

SUNDAY BINGO

April 12th

Missy Knowlton
Terry Schumacher
David/Kasey Block
Cody/Sam Miller
Justin Hogue
Missy Dean

April 19th

Missy Knowlton
Robyn Guiler
Dugan/Cassie
Demchak

TUESDAY KITCHEN

April 14th

St. John CWC

April 21st

Julie Selmon
Marcia Shipp

SUNDAY KITCHEN

April 12th

Louise Kress
Jill Schumacher

April 19th

Louise Kress
Kathy Singleton

LECTOR READERS

April 11....Tammy Jones
April 12....Jill Schumacher
April 18....Steve Burkhart
April 19...Tom Dick

**Scripture Reading
of the Week**

**Sunday
APRIL 12TH
SECOND SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

ACTS 2:42-47
1PT 1:3-9
JN 20:19-31

**Monday
APRIL 13TH
ACTS 4:23-31
JN 3:1-8**

**Tuesday
APRIL 14TH
ACTS 4:32-37
JN 3:7b-15**

**Wednesday
APRIL 15TH
ACTS 5:17-26
JN 3:16-21**

**Thursday
APRIL 16TH
ACTS 5:27-33
JN 3:31-36**

**Friday
APRIL 17TH
ACTS 5:34-42
JN 6:1-15**

**Saturday
APRIL 18TH
ACTS 6:1-7
JN 6:16-21**

**Sunday
APRIL 19TH
THIRD SUNDAY OF
EASTER**

ACTS 2:14, 22-33
1PT 1:17-21
LK 24:13-35



EASTER FLOWERS...

IN MEMORY OF:

CLARENCE E. STEPHEN
LUZELDA E. STEPHEN
LONNIE T. STEPHEN
FRANCIS (FRITZ) SCHUMACHER
DEB SCHUMACHER
ALDEN & BETTY HUSK
EARL & DESSIE OKEY
BROTHERS & SISTERS OF CAROL KUHN
BILLY JEAN ELLIOTT
MARY MALANOWSKI
BUZZ & ENOLA RIGGS
HELEN CROCK BURKHART
LAWRENCE CROCK
FRANCIS BURKHART
WILMA BURKHART
JUDY CARPENTIER
HILDA BURKHART
TY BURKHART
MADELINE MELLINGER
DELORES KNOWLTON
ROMAN SCHUMACHER
CLARA SCHUMACHER
SUSAN SCHUMACHER THOMAS
FLOYD GRIFFIN
RICHARD & JANE RADON
JOSEPH & MARGARET PAULUS
RUTH MILLER
DAVID MILLER
VERNON & CINDERELLA BUTLER
MIKE GARTEN
RICHARD GARTEN
DON HANNING
RAPLH & MATINE KEEVERT
EMMA SCHUMACHER
PANDORA NEUHART
ROSEMARY SCHUMACHER
SUSAN THOMAS
LUCY & SARAH DICK
MICHAEL & BERTHA BURKHART
PLATT FAMILY
JOSEPHINA JACK
MARY ROSMON
FATHER SAPRANO
ROBERT MILLER
RAY & INEZ KEMP
LAWRENCE & CLARA MILLER
JAMES & MARIE KIRKLAND
KIRKLAND & MEHLER FAMILY
LEANDER & GENEVIEVE KUHN

ROSEMARY SCHUMACHER
WALTER KNOX
THERESA GARFOLD
CAROL GARFOLD
ROBERT MILLER SR
KENNETH & RUTHANN KNOX
ALBERT & CLARA GARFOLD
DON & BESSIE ANN FREEMAN
JERRY & GOLDIE WEISS
NELSON SMITHBERGER
ELLA SMITHBERGER
SHIRLEY PERKINS
FRANICS & FREEDA PAULUS
HILDA & MARY PAULUS
VICTOR & DOROTHY DAVIDSON
KENNY, SHIRLEY & MARK KUHN
JOE, MARTHA & DAVID KUHN
LEANDER & GENNY KUHN
CAROL, PAUL & JIMMY KUHN
KATHY HANNAHS
GEORGE & MARTHA KRESS
CLARENCE & HELEN HOFF
FRED, CLEM, & GEORGE JR. KRESS
DAVE RODGERS
ARCHIBALD & LEARRENA GRIFFITH
PAUL & LEOBA ARCHER
ARTHUR MILLER
QUINN KAHRIG
GENE & MARY LOUISE WELLS
JUDY GARTEN
JOANN GARTEN
DONALD & LOIS STEPHEN
CHARLES & MARY HUNKLER
KATY MADISON
CAROLYN LOWERY
RICK SCHUMACHER
HENRY & IDA MILLER
MERI C. WELSH
PAUL & BARBARA CONNER
DIMMERLING DECEASED FAMILY
IRENE OKEL
TODD GRINELL
WALTER KNOX
ARBA & MARY LUCAS
DELMAS & IRENE FINNICUM
GEORGE & PHYLLIS DEMCHAK
GEORGE MEHLER
KATY MADISON & FAMILY
JOE KUHN

IN HONOR OF:

BARBARA STEPHEN
EMMA CARPENTIER
SHIRLEY CLOUSE
DELMA GARRETT
DELMAS & LUCY BETTS
& FAMILY

MARTHA KUHN
DAVID KUHN
CAROL KUHN
ELBERT & ZELDA BETTS
GARY BETTS
DANNY BETTS
TOM DIERKES



**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, May 6th. 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, May 13th - 7:00 p.m. @ Generations