



St. Sylvester, Woodsfield  
founded 1866

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 26, 2023

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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#### **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: Saturday 4:00pm to 4:45pm.

Sunday 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 on Second Wednesday of each month at Generation's Building @ 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

#### **Knights of Columbus** *St. Joseph of Monroe County Council 5009*

Meet on 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 children 1st – 8th grade (not enrolled in a Catholic School)

**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 ~ 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 Youth Group** Leader: Regina Knox

**Diocesan Vocation Director** Fr. Joshua Erickson

#### **Catholic Cemeteries**

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

**St. John the Baptist**, Miltonsburg & **Immaculate Conception**, Ozark;

Jason Weiss 740-472-1210

**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](mailto:victimassistance43952@gmail.com)

Phone: 740-278-3455

#### **Emergency Contact "When Fr. Tim Davison 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

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**SUNDAY** MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup>  
 St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30a.m.  
 Living & Deceased of our Parishes

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30a.m.  
 +Joy Graham Taylor *by Lois Stephen*

**MONDAY** MARCH 27<sup>TH</sup>  
 St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:30p.m.  
 Return Latin Masses *by Dixie Jenne*

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 6:00p.m.  
 Bible Study

**TUESDAY** MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup>  
 St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00a.m.  
 Holy Hour 8:00a.m.  
 +James Davison *by Fr Tim Davison*

**WEDNESDAY** MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>  
 St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 6:30p.m.  
 +Anthony Biedenbach

**THURSDAY** MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup>  
 St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00a.m.  
 Holy Hour 8:00a.m.  
 +Louella Burkhart *by Tony & Cindy Schumacher*

**FRIDAY** MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>  
 St. Sylvester, Woodsfield (School Mass) 8:30a.m.  
 +Yolanda & Seiford Popkie  
*by Ed & Teresa Paulus*

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 6:00p.m.  
 Stations of the Cross

**SATURDAY** APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>  
 St. Sylvester, Woodsfield (Latin Mass) 8:30a.m.  
 +Joe & Deb Block *by Regina Knox*

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00p.m.  
 +Kim Sefert *by Kiven Smithberger*

**SUNDAY** APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>  
 St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30a.m.  
 +Rosemary Schumacher  
*by Mike & Missy Knowlton*

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

**CEMETERY SPRING  
 CLEAN UP**

It is that time of year again. Please remove any grave blankets from the graves. Any flowers or decorations in the cemetery should be attached to the tombstones and off the ground to make it easier for those who take care of the lawns.

Thank You

**Our Sunday Offering**  
 for  
 MARCH 18 - MARCH 19

**St. John the Baptist**

Adult Collection	\$ 900.00
Loose Collection	\$ 52.00
School Fund	\$ 65.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 110.00
Rice Bowl	\$ 30.00
Pro of Faith	\$ 10.00
Europe	\$ 10.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 140.00
Ozark Cemetery	\$ 200.00
Religious Retire	\$ 25.00
CWC Dues	\$ 10.00
D Baker Estate	\$ 286.94
Hall Rent	\$ 75.00

**St. Sylvester**

Adult Collection	\$ 2,057.00
Loose Collection	\$ 80.00
School Fund	\$ 215.00
Candle Fund	\$ 34.00
Starter Set Fund	\$ 80.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 65.00
Mass Request	\$ 70.00
Bro & Sisters	\$ 23.00
Rice Bowl	\$ 93.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 120.00
D Baker Estate	\$ 286.94

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

**CWC MEETING...**

Reminder for the CWC Meeting in March. The date will be moved to  
**March 29th @7:00p.m.**  
 at  
**Generations Building.**



We will be working on Easter Egg Baskets for the School Easter Hunt. Please bring Candy & Loose Change for our baskets. Thanks Louise Kress

**Easter Hunt**

St. Sylvester School  
 April 12 @ 2p.m.

**REMINDER...**

Knights of Columbus April Meeting moved to Wednesday, April 12th

*This Week*

**Wednesday**

St. Sylvester Church Adoration  
 8:00a.m.—6:00p.m.  
 Rosary 6:00p.m.  
 Mass 6:30p.m.

**2023 DPSC Share Campaign**

Thanks again for your participation. If you have not pledged, please do so. You can place a pledge in the collection basket or mail it directly to DPSC envelope or go online at [www.Give.Diosteb.org](http://www.Give.Diosteb.org). 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.

<b>St. Sylvester Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 23,029.95</b>	<b>Goal Received \$</b>
<b>St. John The Baptist Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 13,711.14</b>	<b>Goal Received \$</b>

We would like to  
 Thank everyone for  
 the donations toward  
 the Care of our  
 Cemeteries

**KEEP IT  
 GROWING!**



***In Loving Memory of:***

Emma Schumacher  
Paul Ditto  
Deb Schumacher  
Francis (Fritz) Schumacher  
Katy Madison  
Paul Madison  
Paul Madison Jr.  
Francis & Freeda Paulus  
Mary Paulus  
Hilda Paulus  
Herman Burkhart  
Hilda Burkhart  
Madeline Mellinger  
Raymond Baldwin  
Alice & Ralph Buckalew  
Grace Joyce  
Joe Fillippi  
Wes & Clara Hossman  
Cindy Miller Stevens  
Donald Miller  
Larry Krone  
Joy Taylor  
David Baker  
Lowell Baker  
William Bolon  
Danny Betts  
Billie Jean Elliott  
Meri C. Welsh  
Norbert Burkhart  
Agnes Burkhart  
Francis Reishman  
Hazel Reishman  
Robert M. Miller Sr.  
Walter Knox  
Josephine Jack  
Terri Gordon  
Joe & Eunice Gallagher  
Cyril Burkhart  
Harry & Lucille Elliott  
Monica Long  
Francis & Edith Block  
Virgil Block  
Joe & Debbie Block  
Gladys (babe) Burkhart  
William B. Schumacher  
Michael, Bertha &  
Rebeca Burkhart  
Paul & Barbara Conner  
Jim Scott  
Thelma Scott  
Harmon Scott  
Darrell Cline  
Clara Rush  
Virgil Rush  
Francis Stephen  
Carol Moore  
Roman & Clara Schumacher  
Susan Thomas Schumacher  
Rick Schumacher  
Deloris Knowlton  
Cinderella Butler  
Vernon Butler  
Wayne Forshey

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

Dear Friends in Christ,

Here we are at the Fifth Sunday of Lent. Next weekend we will be celebrating Palm Sunday. It seems the Lenten season has gone by very quickly this year. As you can see the statues in the church are covered up with purple cloths. The joy of having our statues is taken away in these final days of Lent. We are reminded in a very visible way that the focus in these last weeks of Lent is on the suffering and death of the Son of Man. Next weekend we will have the Passion readings at each of the weekend Masses. It just so happens that next Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> the First Communion candidates will make their first confession at 4:00 p.m. They are preparing to receive the Lord for the first time on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Please keep them in your prayers.

On Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> we will have our last Bingo at the Brown Center. It is moving to the Generations building and the first Bingo there will take place on April 11<sup>th</sup>. We thank the Board of the Brown Center for allowing us to use the Brown Center all of these many years. Come and check out the new spot on April 11<sup>th</sup> if you can.

This week our Mass schedule will be as usual. I really hope that you will try to come and participate in at least some of our daily Masses. It is such a rich source of grace and it is a shame that more of you do not attend. Just think about what happens at every Mass. God Himself comes down upon the altar in the form of bread and wine and under those forms He gives His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity to those who receive Him. It seems that the church should be full of worshippers eager to hear His word and anxious to receive the living God. But, alas it is not so. I keep hoping though that a change will come about and our churches will be full of Catholics who truly desire to commune with the eternal God.

As we prepare to enter into Holy Week next weekend let us meditate once again on the mystery of suffering. Here is what St. Faustina has to say: "Suffering is a great grace; through suffering the soul becomes like the Savior; in suffering love becomes crystallised; the greater the suffering, the purer the love". Look how much Jesus suffered for each of us. May we enter into Holy Week with pure hearts and obtain from God the graces to suffer in union with Jesus for the salvation of the world.

Have a good fifth week of Lent everyone.

Sincerely yours in Christ.

Father Timothy Davison

