

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

FEBRUARY 8, 2026

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
IS 58:7-10 1COR 2:1-5 MT 5:13-16**

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Fr. Nicholas Ward
Administrator



Parish Contacts

New Parishioners are always welcome! Please contact the office.

Fr. Nicholas Ward (740) 457-7098

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

FEB 8TH

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
+Carol Schumacher *by Lance LaFollette*

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

MONDAY

FEB 9TH

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:30 p.m.
+Francis & Freeda Paulus
by Paulus & Rodgers

TUESDAY

FEB 10TH

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

WEDNESDAY

FEB 11TH

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 6:30 p.m.
+Joseph A. Dick
by Clayton & Theresa Farnsworth

THURSDAY

FEB 12TH

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.
Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.
+Mary Paulus *by Paulus & Rodgers*

FRIDAY

(School Mass)

FEB 13TH

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
+Billie Jean Elliott *by Terry Elliott*

SATURDAY

FEB 14TH

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
Ruth Dunfee

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00 p.m.
+Dar Zwick *by Donnie & Janet Zwick*

SUNDAY

FEB 15TH

Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
+Joseph A. Dick *by Tom & Kelly Dick*

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

OCLIA

Every Thursday at 7:00p.m.
location at St. Sylvester Church
Basement

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Our Sunday Offering

January 31 - February 1

St. John The Baptist

Adult Collection	\$ 1,130.00
Loose Collection	\$ 88.00
Education Fund	\$ 65.00
Priest Retirement	\$ 220.00
In Memory 2026	\$ 105.00
Starter Set	\$ 20.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 50.00
Rental Hall	\$ 50.00
Building Fund	\$ 310.00

St. Sylvester

Adult Collection	\$ 2,270.00
Loose Collection	\$ 183.00
Education Fund	\$ 120.00
Priest Retirement	\$ 82.00
CWC Dues	\$ 20.00
1st Offering	\$ 10.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 50.00
Building Fund	\$ 32.00

THANK YOU!!
*for your continued
support of our
Parishes & School*

PRIEST RETIREMENT COLLECTION

Throughout their lives, our priests have dedicated themselves to guiding us in faith, serving our parishes, and attending to our spiritual needs. They have been there for us in our moments of joy, sorrow, and growth. Now, it is our turn to support them in their time of retirement. Your generosity helps to ensure that our retired priests receive the care and support they deserve after a lifetime of service to God and his people. Please prayerfully consider giving generously to the Priest Retirement

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.

In Loving Memory of:

For the Bulletin...
Anyone that wants to insert a deceased family or friend on the memory list for the entire year of 2026 beginning in January. \$15 each - donation— Mark memo as: "In memory of 2026"

**School Cancellation or
Delayed for Snow Days
Morning Masses
to be rescheduled
12 noon @ St. Sylvester Church**



2025 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: \$29,390
St. John The Baptist Goal: \$17,806

Goal Received \$21,259
Goal Received \$19,643

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
Ralph & Alice Buckalew
Grace Ann Joyce
Joseph Fillippi
Norbert Burkhart
Agnes Burkhart
Tina Burkhart Muffet
Harold Robinson
Ellen Robinson
Francis Reischman
Hazel Reischman

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

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Sexagesima Sunday! We're only 10 days away from the beginning of Lent. Inserted in the Bulletin is the Lent schedule (Holy Week schedule will be forthcoming), Fish Fry and Diocesan Men's Day of renewal information, as well as some news which I'm excited to share with you here:

1. Beginning this year, occurring on every other Friday of Lent (beginning with the second Friday), **we will have Stations of the Cross at St. John the Baptist in Miltonsburg.** This will be on the Fridays when we don't have Fish Frys going on at St. Sylvester School. Before the Miltonsburg stations, we will have a meatless soup-and-side potluck. "Soup & Stations" is meant to enable Miltonsburg to be able to have their own Stations of the Cross this year, and will give that community their own special Lenten event, to complement the Fish Fry, which we will of course have at St. Sylvester School. I will place a sign-up sheet in the entrances of St. John's & St. Sylvester's for those interested in the "Soup & Stations" potluck. Bring a meatless soup or a side. Soup ideas: Tomato, vegetable, meatless chili, broccoli and cheddar, seafood gumbo, minestrone, cheese and potato, cabbage, lentil, etc. Side ideas: Grilled cheese sandwiches, garden salad, cornbread, breadsticks, vegetable quiche, meatless pasta salad, etc. Beverages will be provided. I hope that the addition of this event will also boost attendance for one of my personal all-time favorite devotions, the Stations of the Cross.

2. We will also this Lent host a **40-hour Eucharistic Devotion Event**, when the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the Monstrance on the altar continuously from 4:00 PM, Friday March 13th, to 8:00 AM Sunday March 15th. This will take place instead of the Lenten mission we did last year, which was preached by Fr. Joshua Erickson. Sign-up sheets will be available in the churches. Please feel free to sign up for as many hours as you wish. Deacon Peter Stetson, one of our diocesan seminarians who will be ordained a priest this summer (God-willing!), is going to give a talk on Friday and will preach the weekend Masses. Please come to spend time before our Lord; Prayer is, after all, one of the fundamental "pillars" of Lent!

3. Lastly, as formerly advertised in the bulletin, on Sunday February 22nd at 7:00 PM, St. Stephen Church is Caldwell is hosting a "**Shroud Encounter Event**" for those interested in learning about the Shroud of Turin, which Catholics around to world revere as the burial cloth of Our Lord Jesus Christ. It is also the most scientifically studied relic and artifact in the world, as the nature of the image on the fabric is regarded as nothing short of miraculous. The event is free.

I pray that you all are able to reap the copious spiritual fruits that this year's "Great Fast" of 40 days will have to offer us. May the Lord Jesus, who fasted and prayed as a model for us, lead us to the Father by the mystery of His Holy Cross.

O Jesus, Savior of the world, deliver Thy servants whom by Thy precious blood Thou hast redeemed!

May God bless you all,

In Christ, Fr. Nick

TUESDAY BINGO**February 10th**

Missy Knowlton
Mary Atkinson
John Kemp
Missy Dean
Safreed/Piatt

February 17th

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

SUNDAY BINGO**February 8th**

Missy Knowlton
Terry Schumacher
Brooke Yontz

February 15th

Missy Knowlton
Robyn Guiler
Aaron/Kendra Hines
Lori Pirl
Sam/Megan Ward
Gina Ball
Missy Dean

TUESDAY KITCHEN**February 10th****SUNDAY KITCHEN****February 8th****LECTOR READERS**

February 7....Tammy Jones

February 8....Tom Dick

February 14....Catherine Paulus

February 15...Becky Baldwin

Scripture Reading of the Week**Sunday****FEBRUARY 8TH
FIFTH SUNDAY IN
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IS 58:7-10

1COR 2:1-5

MT 5:13-16

Monday**FEBRUARY 9TH**

1KGS 8:1-7, 9-13

MK 6:53-56

Tuesday**FEBRUARY 10TH**

1KGS 8:22-23, 27-30

MK 7:1-13

Wednesday**FEBRUARY 11TH**

1KGS 10:1-10

MK 7:14-23

Thursday**FEBRUARY 12TH**

1 KGS 11:4-13

MK 7:24-30

Friday**FEBRUARY 13TH**

1KGS 11:29-32; 12:19

MK 7:31-37

Saturday**FEBRUARY 14TH**

1 KGS 12:26-32;

13:33-34

MK 8:1-10

Sunday**FEBRUARY 15TH
SIXTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

SIR 15:15-20

1 COR 2:6-10

MT 5:17-37

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**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, February 4th. 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, February 11th - 7:00 p.m. @ Generations

