

Parishes of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Steubenville

# The Monroe County Catholic Churches

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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 Burkhardt (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

Rector Office: (740) 425-2181 Cell: (740) 381-4415 or St. Stephen Church, Caldwell, Ohio, Fr. Tom Nelson ~ Rector Office: (740) 732-4129

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<u>SUNDAY</u>	<b>FEB 8TH</b>
<b>St. Sylvester</b> , Woodsfield	8:30 a.m.
+Carol Schumacher by Lance LaFollette	
<b>St. John The Baptist</b> , Miltonsburg	10:30 a.m.
Living & Deceased of our Parishes	
<u>MONDAY</u>	<b>FEB 9TH</b>
<b>St. Sylvester</b> , Woodsfield	5:30 p.m.
+Francis & Freeda Paulus by Paulus & Rodgers	
<u>TUESDAY</u>	<b>FEB 10TH</b>
<b>St. John The Baptist</b> , Miltonsburg	9:00 a.m.
Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.	
Special Intentions by Someone Who Cares	
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<b>FEB 11TH</b>
<b>St. Sylvester</b> , Woodsfield	6:30 p.m.
+Joseph A. Dick by Clayton & Theresa Farnsworth	
<u>THURSDAY</u>	<b>FEB 12TH</b>
<b>St. John The Baptist</b> , Miltonsburg	9:00 a.m.
Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.	
+Mary Paulus by Paulus & Rodgers	
<u>FRIDAY</u>	<b>(School Mass)</b>
<b>St. Sylvester</b> , Woodsfield	8:30 a.m.
+Billie Jean Elliott by Terry Elliott	
<u>SATURDAY</u>	<b>FEB 14TH</b>
<b>St. Sylvester</b> , Woodsfield	8:30 a.m.
Ruth Dunfee	
<b>St. Sylvester</b> , Woodsfield	5:00 p.m.
+Dar Zwick by Donnie & Janet Zwick	
<u>SUNDAY</u>	<b>FEB 15TH</b>
<b>Sylvester</b> , Woodsfield	8:30 a.m.
+Joseph A. Dick by Tom & Kelly Dick	
<b>St. John The Baptist</b> , Miltonsburg	10:30 a.m.
Living & Deceased of our Parishes	

## OCIA

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

Our Sunday Offering  
January 31 - February 1

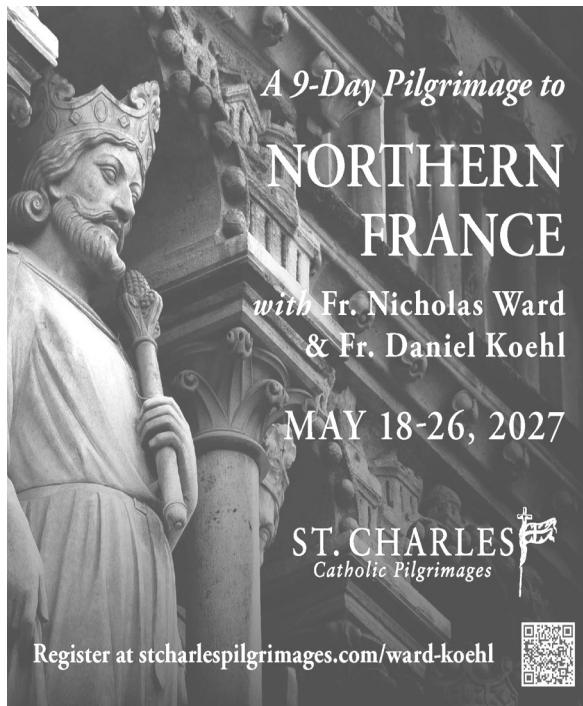
### St. John The Baptist

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

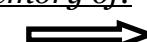


### PRIEST RETIREMENT COLLECTION

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”

### **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**

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

***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  
Madelene Mellinger  
Francis & Freedea 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  
Ralph & Alice Buckalew  
Grace Ann Joyce  
Joseph Fillippi  
Norbert Burkhardt  
Agnes Burkhardt  
Tina Burkhardt 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 13<sup>th</sup>, to 8:00 AM Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 the 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  
Beckey 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****Scripture Reading of the Week****Sunday****FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>  
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**Monday****FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>  
1KGS 8:1-7, 9-13  
MK 6:53-56****Tuesday****FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>  
1KGS 8:22-23, 27-30  
MK 7:1-13****Wednesday****FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>  
1KGS 10:1-10  
MK 7:14-23****Thursday****FEBRUARY 12<sup>TH</sup>  
1 KGS 11:4-13  
MK 7:24-30****Friday****FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>  
1KGS 11:29-32; 12:19  
MK 7:31-37****Saturday****FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>  
1 KGS 12:26-32;  
13:33-34  
MK 8:1-10****Sunday****FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>  
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
SIR 15:15-20  
1 COR 2:6-10  
MT 5:17-37**

*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](http://stcharlespilgrimages.com/ward-koehl)

**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