

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

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Woodsfield, Ohio 43793-1027

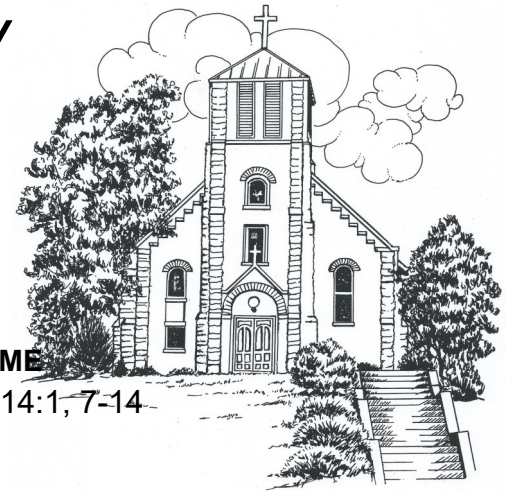
AUGUST 31, 2025

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SIR 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 HEB 12:18-19, 22-24a LK 14:1, 7-14

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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 **AUG 31ST**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
Living & Deceased of our Parishes

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30 a.m.
Paul & Stella Crum Family
by Joann Swearman

MONDAY **SEPT 1ST**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
+Lois Stephen *by Becky Baldwin*

TUESDAY **SEPT 2ND**
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.
Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.
+Seiford & Yolanda Popkie
by Ed & Valerie Paulus

WEDNESDAY **SEPT 3RD**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 6:30 p.m.
Knights of Columbus 5009 Members

THURSDAY **SEPT 4TH**
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.
Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.
+Stella Crum *by Joann Swearman*

FRIDAY (School Mass) **SEPT 5TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
+Bill Calvert *by Dennis & Doreen Seamon*

SATURDAY **SEPT 6TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
Deacon Gary Paul Beam

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

SUNDAY **SEPT 7TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
+Don Biedenbach

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

~SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE~

Former St. Sylvester Graduates, applying to
Ohio University Eastern:
The CRUM FAMILY Appreciation Scholarship.

1. Attended St. Sylvester Central
2. Request consideration from CRUM
Family Scholarship
On application, provide this
"other information"

Knights of Columbus

Meeting September 3, 2025
Lafollette's Cabin
43361 Sunfish Creek Road
Beallsville, Ohio 43716

After the 6:30 Mass

OCIA

Every Thursday at 7:00p.m. beginning
September 18th in the Rectory

Adult Catechesis Class Documents of Vatican II
Every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. beginning September
15th in the Rectory: 38867 Briar Ridge Rd

Our Sunday Offering
August 23 - August 24

St. John The Baptist

Adult Collection	\$ 735.00
Loose Collection	\$ 93.00
Education Fund	\$ 80.00
Assumption Mary	\$ 35.00
Mass Request	\$ 10.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 20.00

St. Sylvester

Adult Collection	\$ 1,532.00
Loose Collection	\$ 145.00
School Fund	\$ 175.00
Starter Set	\$ 200.00
Mass Request	\$ 80.00
Assumption Mary	\$ 10.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 300.00
Building Fund	\$ 105.00

*Thank You for your
continued support of
our Parishes & School*

**\$5 Raffle Ticket for the victims of the
Orphan Well Disaster
Remington Weckbacher, Chazz Bates
& Christopher Pinkerton**

Prizes:

- 1st: Gift Card Tree
- 2nd: Tailgater's Cooler (Cooler filled w/Football
themed gifts)
- 3rd: 19.5" Stainless Steel Smokeless Wood
Burning Fire Pit
- 4th: Coffee Lover's Basket

Drawing On October 11th

Contact: Madison Morisco 740-213-8296
Kaitlin Kinney 740-213-3045

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.

PARISHIONERS...

Anyone needing
"The Steubenville
Register"
mailed to your home,
contact Jennifer
740-472-0187

THANK YOU !!

Everyone, for the donations toward the
Care of our Cemeteries

KEEP IT GROWING!

2025 DPSC Share Campaign

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 \$13,019
Goal Received \$5,545

In Loving Memory Of:

Emma Schumacher
Paul Ditto
Deb Schumacher
Francis (Fritz) Schumacher
Katy Madison
Paul Madison
Paul Madison Jr.
Charles & Mary Hunkler
Donald & Lois Stephen
Michael E. Koval
Norma H. Koval
Herman Burkhart
Hilda Burkhart
Madeline Mellinger
Billie Jean Elliott
Harry & Lucille Elliott
David Baker
Lowell Baker
William Bolon
Meri C Welsh
Raymond Baldwin
Alice & Ralph Buckalew
Grace Ann Joyce
Joe Fillippi
Ty A. Burkhart
Darrell & Charlotte Cline
Clara Rush
Virgil Rush
Francis & Edith Block
Virgil Block
Joe & Debbie Block
Gladys (babe) Burkhart
Jimmy Norris
Mary Ellen Barber Norris
Quinn Kahrig
Danny Betts
Edward Rensi
Vernon Butler
Cinderella Butler
Francis Stephen
Carol Moore
Imelda D. Scott
Francis Paulus
Freeda Paulus
Mary Paulus
Hilda Paulus
Michael Burkhart
Bertha Burkhart
Rebeca Burkhart
Robert Miller Sr.
Walter Knox
Josephina Jack
Lawrence Crock
Helen Burkhart
Francis Burkhart
Wes & Clare Hossman
Donald Miller
Larry Krone
Joy Taylor
Cindy Miller Stevens
Norbert Burkhart
Agnes Burkhart
Tina Burkhart Muffett
Francis Reischman
Hazel Reischman
Harold Robinson
Ellen Robinson
Cyril Burkhart
Eunice Gallagher
Joe Gallagher
Thelma Scott
Harmon Scott
Jimmy Scott
Richard Scott
Delores Quarles
Carol Lumbatis
Richard J. Sobocinski
Fr. Samuel Saprano

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

My dear Parishioners,

One hundred years ago, the Catholic Christians of Woodsfield Ohio built a truly beautiful church.

They purchased hand-chiseled marble altars from Italy. They commissioned the finest stained-glass windows from Bavaria in Germany. With sweat and hard labor, they quarried massive blocks of golden sandstone and hauled them by horse-drawn cart to the very place where we stand and worship the Living God even to this day, a full century later.

They surely spared no expense to erect this magnificent edifice. There are few churches in our diocese, let alone in Ohio, to compete with this gem of a church crafted by our ancestors, here in Woodsfield. In the middle of plain and simple Monroe County, where there are few things that glitter, we nonetheless have plenty of gold.

I don't just speak of the "gold" present in this lovely church building whose birthday we celebrate with such joy. I speak of that unsurpassable treasure which is even more precious: the treasure of our Catholic faith. Saint Peter says in the beginning of his first epistle: "In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:7)."

In a hundred years, we have had much to celebrate from so many weddings, baptisms, confirmations, first communions, graduations, holidays and homecomings celebrated here in this church. At the same time, we have had our fair share of difficulties and trials as well. We have suffered through hard times, endured great and difficult changes, and watched many of our friends and loved ones come and go.

All the while, we have had our faith in Jesus Christ to sustain us, nourish us, and guide us throughout the various joys and trials of this life. In this sacred temple, whose storied walls contain the memories and histories of our people, I hope that we can always remember that the stories of our lives begin and end with Jesus Christ, holding onto our faith as something that is of inestimable value, much like our cherished Saint Sylvester church.

On this most auspicious day, I pray that Almighty God imparts every grace and blessing upon this parish, that it may continue to enjoy the blessings of His divine providence, and I pray that our faith, more precious than gold, may guide us from these stone walls to the halls of heaven.

God bless you all!

Affectionately yours in Christ,



Fr. Nicholas Ward
Parochial Administrator

TUESDAY BINGO**September 2nd**

Courtney Collmar
Robert/Steph Hartwell
Jake/Kristen Schuerman

September 9th

Missy Knowlton
Mary Atkinson
Mike Russell
Beth Black

September 16th

Donna Robinson
Brenda Fisher
Chrissy Ferguson

SUNDAY BINGO**September 7th**

Robyn Guiler
Brooke Yontz

September 14th

Missy Knowlton
Terry Schumacher
Jess McKelvey

September 21st

Missy Knowlton
Robyn Guiler
Aaron/Brandy Lucas
Missy Dean

TUESDAY KITCHEN**September 2nd**

Julie Selmon

September 9th

St. John CWC

September 16th

Marcia Shipp
Julie Selmon

SUNDAY KITCHEN**September 7th**

Louise Kress
Helen Strahl

September 14th

Louise Kress
Mary Bolon

September 21st

Louise Kress
Jill Schumacher

Scripture Reading of the Week**Sunday**

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Monday**SEPTEMBER 1ST**

1THES 4:13-18
LK 4:16-30

Tuesday**SEPTEMBER 2ND**

1THES 5:1-6, 9-11
LK 4:31-37

Wednesday**SEPTEMBER 3RD**

COL 1:1-8
LK 4:38-44

Thursday**SEPTEMBER 4TH**

COL 1:9-14
LK 5:1-11

Friday**SEPTEMBER 5TH**

COL 1:15-20
LK 5:33-39

Saturday**SEPTEMBER 6TH**

COL 1:21-23
LK 6:1-5

Sunday**SEPTEMBER 7TH**

TWENTY-THIRD
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME

WIS 9:13-18b
PHLM 9:10, 12-17
LK 14:25-33

**2025 Cemetery Lawn Care**

St. Sylvester Cost\$ 12,800.00
Lawn Care Donations\$ 5,104.00

St. John The Baptist Cost.....\$ 8,400.00
Donations\$ 3,808.00

Imm Conception Cemetery Cost.....\$ 4,200.00
Donations\$ 2,600.00

St. Joseph/Chapel Hill Cost.....\$ 9,750.00
Donations\$ 570.00

St. Patrick Cemetery Cost.....\$ 2,800.00
Donations\$ 500.00

LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE

- Aug 30.....Tammy Jones
- Aug 31.....Jill Schumacher
- Sept 6.....Steve Burkhart
- Sept 7.....Tom Dick

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

All school children 1st—8th grade
St. Sylvester and Public schools interested in
religion classes

Sign up begins now. Classes begin in
September
Contact Jill Schumacher 740-213-4665

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.

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

DO YOU KNOW YOUR BIBLE?

Who, following God's instructions, built an altar and
laid his son on it as a burnt sacrifice ?

ANSWER: Abraham

**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, September 3rd @ Lafollette Cabin.
Mass at 6:00 p.m. Meeting to follow Mass.

*Catholic Women's Club Meeting is Wednesday, September 10th - 7:00p.m. @ Generations

