

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

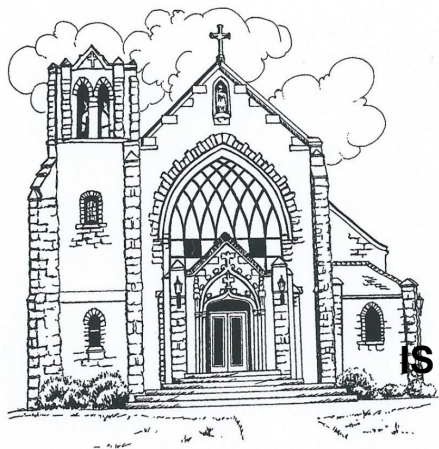
AUGUST 16, 2026

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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) 457-7701 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 16TH**
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 **AUG 17TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield NO MASS

TUESDAY **AUG 18TH**
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.
Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.
+Judy Burkhart Carpenter
by Clarence & Eileen Ackerman

WEDNESDAY **AUG 19TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 6:30 p.m.
Sick & Distressed *by Knights of Columbus*

THURSDAY **AUG 20TH**
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.
Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.
+James Norris *by Sony Block*

FRIDAY **AUG 21ST**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
+Paula Dabbs *by David Schmegg*

West Wood Place, Woodsfield 10:00 a.m.
+Stella Crum

SATURDAY **AUG 22ND**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield NO a.m. MASS

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00 p.m.
+Lisa Chambers *by Adam Chambers*

SUNDAY **AUG 23RD**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
Living & Deceased of our Parishes

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30 a.m.
+Ty Burkhart *by Todd & Nicki Burkhart*

ASSUMPTION CHURCH

Barnesville, Ohio

Annual Picnic Sunday, August 16th
Mass at 5:30pm
Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Call in your reservations. Each family is asked to bring an
appetizer or dessert to share and their own drinks.
740-425-2181

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

All school children 1st—8th grade
St. Sylvester and Public schools
Religion Classes

Sign up begins now.

St. Sylvester Church
Classes begin in September
Contact Jill Schumacher
740-213-4665

St. John The Baptist
Classes begin September 21, 2025
at the Church on Sunday's — 9:30a.m.
Contact Eileen Ackerman
740-757-2481

2026 Cemetery Lawn Care

St. Sylvester Cost\$ 21,000.00
Lawn Care Donations\$ 5,914.00

St. John The Baptist Cost.....\$ 8,400.00
Donations\$ 4,877.00

Imm Conception Cemetery Cost.....\$ 4,200.00
Donations\$ 3,500.00

St. Joseph/Chapel Hill Cost.....\$ 9,000.00
Donations\$ 2,300.00

St. Patrick Cemetery Cost.....\$ 2,800.00
Donations\$ 850.00

Our Sunday Offering
August 8 - August 9

St. John The Baptist

Adult Collection	\$ 1,153.00
Loose Collection	\$ 120.00
Assumption	\$ 3.00
Education Fund	\$ 50.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 460.00
Building Fund	\$ 23.00
Oil Royalties	\$ 474.18
Mass Request	\$ 20.00

St. Sylvester

Adult Collection	\$ 2,150.00
Loose Collection	\$ 323.00
Candle Fund	\$ 44.00
Education Fund	\$ 140.00
Oil Royalties	\$ 1,654.46
Assumption	\$ 60.00
Building Fund	\$ 150.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 462.00

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

**~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"

**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.

THANK YOU !!

For all the donations toward the
Care of our Cemeteries

KEEP IT GROWING!

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: \$ 26,883.00
St. John The Baptist Goal: \$ 17,726.00

Goal Received \$ 16,980.00
Goal Received \$ 7,845.00

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
Barb Sobocinski

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

Dear parishioners,

Though not a Holy Day of Obligation this year, this Saturday August 15th is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The most recently declared of the Marian Dogmas, Pope Pius XII put an end to the debate as to whether the long-held belief should be codified into doctrine in 1950 with the Apostolic Constitution *Munificentissimus Deus*, citing Patristic (early Church) and Scriptural sources for making the proclamation.

The choosing of the date coincided with the anniversary of the dedication of an ancient Marian Basilica in Jerusalem. But there are other reasons for why we should celebrate Mary on this day. August was historically an important month in the ancient world, marking the beginning of the harvest. The month was originally the sixth in the Roman Calendar (the Roman year beginning in March), and so was called *Sextilis* until the reign of the Emperor Caesar Augustus, when the month was then named after him (though he really has two months named after him, since “July” is named after his family, the *Julii*, also in honor of his famous uncle, Gaius Julius Caesar). The day (15th) is significant too: in Ancient Rome, the first day of the month was called the *calends* (which is where we get the word “Calendar”); the middle of the month was called the *ides*, usually occurring on the 15th. The *ides* were special days of religious observance in ancient Rome, often coinciding with the full moon (since the Julian calendar was also a lunar one), and also the time for the collecting of debts.

So why am I going on a semantic tangent this weekend? Well, I think it’s pretty cool that Mary’s Assumption into Heaven, her “rise to power,” occurs on the highpoint of the Imperial month. She is truly the “*Augusta*” the “venerable one” in Latin, far above all earthly rulers past or present, over Kings, Queens, and Emperors. The Caesars ruled a portion of the world for a time, but Mary is queen of all heaven and earth and for all time.

The month of August is now dedicated to Mary’s Immaculate Heart: which, coincidentally, is the patroness of our Diocese of Steubenville. I want to encourage you all to pray through the intercession of Mary’s Immaculate heart, particularly for the future of our Diocese.

Recently, bishop Lohse indicated to the priests gathered at the annual priests’ jubilee in St. Clairsville that new news with regard to the diocese may be forthcoming. “The wheels are now turning again” he said. This makes sense: The new pope is now well settled into his office. The new Apostolic Nuncio has met with bishop Lohse, who has just now been given an additional duty on the Vatican’s highest court, the Apostolic Signatura. Hopefully we get some information, and a final solution to this dilemma, very soon.

May Mary’s Immaculate Heart triumph!

God bless you all,

In Christ, Fr. Nick.

TUESDAY BINGO**August 18th****SUNDAY BINGO****August 16th****TUESDAY KITCHEN****August 18th**Julie Selmon
Marcia Shipp**August 25th**Diane Burkhardt
Ace Guiler**SUNDAY KITCHEN****August 16th**Jill Schumacher
Barb Burkhardt**August 23rd**Louise Kress
Helen Strahl**Scripture
Reading
of the Week****Sunday
AUGUST 16TH
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ROM 11:13-15,
29-32

MT 15:21-28

Monday**AUGUST 17TH**EZ 24:15-23
MT 19:16-22**Tuesday****AUGUST 18TH**EZ 28:1-10
MT 19:23-30**Wednesday****AUGUST 19TH**EZ 34:1-11
MT 20:1-16**Thursday****AUGUST 20TH**EZ 36:23-28
MT 22:1-14**Friday****AUGUST 21ST**EZ 37:1-14
MT 22:34-40**Saturday****AUGUST 22ND**EZ 43:1-7ab
MT 23:1-12**Sunday****AUGUST 23RD****TWENTY-FIRST
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**IS 22:19-23
ROM 11:33-36
MT 16:13-20**LECTOR READERS**

August 15....Steve Burkhardt

August 16....Becky Baldwin

August 22....Catherine Paulus

August 23....Bill Frank

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**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

**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, Sept 2nd. 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, Sept 9th - 7:00 p.m. @ Generations