

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 15, 2026

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SIR 15:15-20 1COR 2:6-10 MT 5:17-37

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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

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield
+Joseph A. Dick *by Tom & Kelly Dick*

FEB 15TH

8:30 a.m.

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg
Living & Deceased of our Parishes

10:30 a.m.

MONDAY

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield

FEB 16TH

NO MASS

TUESDAY

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg
Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.
+Kay Flowers *by Surviving Spouse*

FEB 17TH

9:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY (Ash Wednesday)

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield (School Mass)
+Judy Carpenter *by Evelyn Griffin*

FEB 18TH

8:30 a.m.

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg
+Gladys (babe) Burkhart *by Sony Block*

12:15 p.m.

Benediction of Blessed Sacrament

6:00 p.m.

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield
+Deb Schumacher *by Jennifer Winkler*

6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg
Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.
+Judith Weisend *by Clarence & Eileen Ackerman*

FEB 19TH

9:00 a.m.

FRIDAY

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield
School— Stations of the Cross

FEB 20TH

8:30 a.m.

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg
+Elizabeth Schumacher *by John & Patricia Schumacher*

12:15 p.m.

West Wood Place, Woodsfield
+Jack Brown

10:00 a.m.

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield
Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield
Ed Grantonic

FEB 21ST

8:30 a.m.

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield
+Carol Schumacher *by Susan Yonak*

5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY

Sylvester, Woodsfield
Living & Deceased of our Parishes

FEB 22ND

8:30 a.m.

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg
+Phillis Krone *by Tom & Becky Stephen*

10:30 a.m.

St. Stephen's, Caldwell
Shroud of Turin Encounter

7:00p.m.

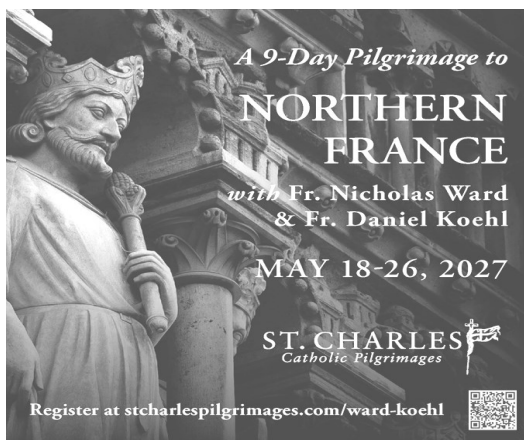
OCIA

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

ST. PAUL CHURCH

PRODUCE TRUCK ARRIVING
TUESDAY AT 9:00 A.M.

All are welcome to utilize
pantry if needed



FISH FRY

St. Joseph of Monroe County Council 5009

February 20
March 6
March 20

4:00—6:00p.m. or until sold out

Serving a Coleman's Fish Dinner:
Fried fish sandwich, baked potato,
green beans, coleslaw & dessert

St Sylvester School Cafeteria
Eat in or Carry out

Proceeds benefit Knights of Columbus charities &
St. Sylvester Central School

Our Sunday Offering
February 7 - February 8

St. John The Baptist

Adult Collection	\$ 1,040.00
Loose Collection	\$ 254.00
Education Fund	\$ 45.00
Priest Retirement	\$ 450.00
In Memory 2026	\$ 15.00
Starter Set	\$ 50.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 369.00
Building Fund	\$ 25.00
Oil & Gas Royalties	\$ 323.58
DPSC Rebate	\$ 1,861.74

St. Sylvester

Adult Collection	\$ 2,296.00
Loose Collection	\$ 264.00
Candle Fund	\$ 32.00
Education Fund	\$ 120.00
In Memory 2026	\$ 60.00
DOS Oil Royalties	\$ 1,118.82
Priest Retirement	\$ 600.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 50.00
Building Fund	\$ 150.00
Mass Request	\$ 30.00

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

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

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
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

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

Dear Parishioners,

We have arrived at Quinquagesima, the last Sunday before the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday. This week we say *adieu* to the "Alleluia," a word which we will not use until the celebration of our Lord's Resurrection at Easter Time.

Lent is a beautiful time of year. It is a time when we realize in a special way the goodness for those Lenten pillars which strengthen us against worldly desires and sinful inclinations: I speak particularly of fasting, abstinence, and almsgiving. More on each of these three later. These fall broadly under the category of penance.

Penance is a punishment or act of reparation that we do for the forgiveness of sins. It gives the opportunity to humble ourselves before God and receive His mercy, not just in intention, but in deeds. We see the power of repentance throughout scripture: in the book of the prophet Jonah, we see how the Ninevites humbled themselves before God with fasting and acts of mortification (self-denial and self-inflicted discomfort). The king of Ninevah, who dressed in sack-cloth and wallowed in ashes humbled himself, who was once a proud sinner. He acknowledged that he sinned, and that God was greater and more just than he.

Admitting we have a problem is always the first step, whether we're talking about the addict who needs to quit, or the sick person who needs to go to the doctor, nothing will get fixed until we admit the fundamental truth that we're broken and need help.

Similarly, the sinner cannot begin to accomplish the remedy for sin (penance) without admitting their illness (sin) to God. This fundamental admission is truly the first step towards holiness. Who can become holy unless he admits he is a sinner, and needs help from God? The purest prayer in the bible is that of the blind man who meets Jesus on the way to Jerusalem: "Jesus, son of David, have mercy on me!" the blind man sees more clearly than many because he understands his need for God.

Many people today do not see themselves as sinners who need God's mercy, and so do not do deeds of repentance. We must know better than that!

God wants to make us whole, but our pride stands in the way. Acts of penance, done in a spirit of true humility, remove that obstacle.

Let us reflect on the words of the prophet Joel who speaks to us in the first reading of Ash Wednesday. God wants us to come to him, but we cannot come to him if the obstacle of sin and pride stand before us. Humility and penance remove them. Remove these things from us Lord, so that we may see more clearly your justice and love for us.

"Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping, and mourning; Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the LORD, your God. For gracious and merciful is he, slow to anger, rich in kindness, and relenting in punishment."

I wish you all the spiritual rewards and benefits this holy season promises to those who engage it wholeheartedly. May God bless you all,

In Christ,

Fr. Nick

TUESDAY BINGO**February 17th**

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

February 24th

Susie Cunion
Brenda Fisher
Phillip/Chelsea Masters
Missy Dean
Carey Bott
Ashley Murphy

SUNDAY BINGO**February 15th**

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

February 22nd

Justin Hogue
Missy Dean
Tyler/Tiff Schumacher

TUESDAY KITCHEN**February 17th**

Julie Selmon
Marcia Shipp

February 24th

Diane Burkhart
Angie LaFollette

SUNDAY KITCHEN**February 15th**

Louise Kress

February 22nd

Louise Kress
Jill Schumacher

LECTOR READERS

February 14....Catherine Paulus

February 15...Becky Baldwin

February 18....School Children

February 18....Steve Burkhart

**Scripture Reading
of the Week****Sunday****FEBRUARY 15TH
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SIR 15:15-20

1COR 2:6-10

MT 5:17-37

Monday**FEBRUARY 16TH**

JAS 1:1-11

MK 8:11-13

Tuesday**FEBRUARY 17TH**

JAS 1:12-18

MK 8:14-21

Wednesday**FEBRUARY 18TH**

JI 2:12-18

2COR 5:20-6:2

MT 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday**FEBRUARY 19TH**

DT 30:15-20

LK 9:22-25

Friday**FEBRUARY 20TH**

IS 58:1-9a

MT 9:14-15

Saturday**FEBRUARY 21ST**

IS 58:9b-14

LK 5:27-32

Sunday**FEBRUARY 22ND
FIRST SUNDAY OF
LENT**

GN 2:7-9; 3:1-7

ROM 5:12-19

MT 4:1-11

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

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