

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

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**  
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| <b>SUNDAY</b>                                                                                             | FEB 15 <sup>TH</sup> |
| St. Sylvester, Woodsfield<br>+Joseph A. Dick by Tom & Kelly Dick                                          | 8:30 a.m.            |
| St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg<br>Living & Deceased of our Parishes                                    | 10:30 a.m.           |
| <b>MONDAY</b>                                                                                             | FEB 16 <sup>TH</sup> |
| St. Sylvester, Woodsfield                                                                                 | NO MASS              |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>                                                                                            | FEB 17 <sup>TH</sup> |
| St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg<br>Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.<br>+Kay Flowers by Surviving Spouse              | 9:00 a.m.            |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> (Ash Wednesday)                                                                          | FEB 18 <sup>TH</sup> |
| St. Sylvester, Woodsfield (School Mass)<br>+Judy Carpenter by Evelyn Griffin                              | 8:30 a.m.            |
| St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg<br>+Gladys (babe) Burkhardt by Sony Block                               | 12:15 p.m.           |
| Benediction of Blessed Sacrament                                                                          | 6:00 p.m.            |
| St. Sylvester, Woodsfield<br>+Deb Schumacher by Jennifer Winkler                                          | 6:30 p.m.            |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>                                                                                           | FEB 19 <sup>TH</sup> |
| St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg<br>Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.<br>+Judith Weisend by Clarence & Eileen Ackerman | 9:00 a.m.            |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>                                                                                             | FEB 20 <sup>TH</sup> |
| St. Sylvester, Woodsfield<br>School – Stations of the Cross                                               | 8:30 a.m.            |
| St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg<br>+Elizabeth Schumacher by John & Patricia Schumacher                  | 12:15 p.m.           |
| West Wood Place, Woodsfield<br>+Jack Brown                                                                | 10:00 a.m.           |
| St. Sylvester, Woodsfield<br>Stations of the Cross                                                        | 7:00 p.m.            |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>                                                                                           | FEB 21 <sup>ST</sup> |
| St. Sylvester, Woodsfield<br>Ed Grantonic                                                                 | 8:30 a.m.            |
| St. Sylvester, Woodsfield<br>+Carol Schumacher by Susan Yonak                                             | 5:00 p.m.            |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>                                                                                             | FEB 22 <sup>ND</sup> |
| Sylvester, Woodsfield<br>Living & Deceased of our Parishes                                                | 8:30 a.m.            |
| St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg<br>+Phillis Krone by Tom & Becky Stephen                                | 10:30 a.m.           |
| St. Stephen's, Caldwell<br>Shroud of Turin Encounter                                                      | 7:00 p.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 |

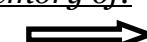
### St. Sylvester

|                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| 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 Soprano  
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 & 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

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

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.*

**TUESDAY BINGO****February 17th**

Donna Robinson  
Brenda Fisher  
Tyler Knowlton  
Tim/Tiff Woodell  
Becky 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 Burkhardt  
Angie LaFollette

**SUNDAY KITCHEN****February 15th**

Louise Kress

**February 22nd**

Louise Kress  
Jill Schumacher

**Scripture Reading of the Week****Sunday****FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>  
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1COR 2:6-10  
MT 5:17-37

**Monday****FEBRUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>**

JAS 1:1-11  
MK 8:11-13

**Tuesday****FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>**

JAS 1:12-18  
MK 8:14-21

**Wednesday****FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>**

JI 2:12-18  
2COR 5:20-6:2  
MT 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday****FEBRUARY 19<sup>TH</sup>**

DT 30:15-20  
LK 9:22-25

**Friday****FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>**

IS 58:1-9a  
MT 9:14-15

**Saturday****FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>**

IS 58:9b-14  
LK 5:27-32

**Sunday****FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>  
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](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, 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