



St. Sylvester, Woodsfield
founded 1866



St. John Bosco, Sardis
(founded 1863) dedicated 1976



St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg
founded 1841

Parishes of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Steubenville

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March 14, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

2 CHR 36:14-16, 19-23 EPH 2:4-10 JN 3:14-21

Bulletin information

Must be in to the office by Thursday at 10:00am.

Parish Registration: New Parishioners are always welcome!
Please contact the parish office (740) 472-0187 to register.

Infant Baptism:

Contact the parish office (740) 472-0187 to schedule.

Confessions: Woodsfield: Sat. 4:00pm to 4:45pm.; Sun 7:45am to 8:15am. and by appointment.

Weddings:

No date may be reserved for a wedding until the couple meet with the priest.

Pastoral Care of the Sick and Infirm:

Call 1 (918) 637-1774 Hospitals and Care facilities **regularly do not notify** the parish unless specific request is made.

Catholic Woman's Club:

Meet First Wednesday of each month at the Brown Center at 7:00p.m.

St. Sylvester: Diane Burkhart (740) 391-0391

St. John the Baptist: Eileen Ackerman (740) 757-2481 or Eileen Miller (740) 472-0279

St. Joseph of Monroe County Council 5009 Knights of Columbus

Meet on the first Wednesday of each month at St. Sylvester Church, following 6:30pm Mass. Grand Knight: Sam Schumacher.

Parish Prayer Chain:

Call: Jackie Kirkland (740) 472-0338

Purgatorial Society Founded in the 1780's to pray for those holy souls in Purgatory. To join or more information contact: Jackie Kirkland at (740) 472-0338.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, (RCIA): RCIA is an adult preparation for Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist. Mr. Joseph Long, coordinator.

Parish School of Religion (PSR aka. CCD)

The Parish Religion Classes for children (not enrolled in a Catholic School) in grades 1-8.

St. Sylvester: Jill Schumacher (740) 472-5483

St. John the Baptist: Eileen Ackerman (740) 757-2481

Call to register your children.

Catholic Education

St. Sylvester Central Elementary: (Pre-K-8) 119 Wayne Street, Woodsfield, Ohio. Mrs. Robyn Guiler, principal. (740) 472-0321

Diocesan Vocation Director Fr. Michael Gossett: mgossett@diosteub.org

Cub Scout Pack 17, Pack Leader is Missy Dean (740) 934-9382

Mkd_1972@yahoo.com

Boy Scout Troop 17 Scout Master: Mr. Tim Dolan (740) 213-7365

Catholic Cemetery Contacts:

St. Sylvester Woodsfield: Donald & Rita Biedenbach (740) 472-1849

St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg & Immaculate Conception, Ozark; Jason Weiss or St. Sylvester Parish Office (740) 472-0187

St. Joseph & Chapel Hill, Burkhart Station: Russell Betts (740) 567-3286

St. Patrick's, New Matamoras: Parish office: (740) 472-0187

Diocese of Steubenville Office of Family and Social Concerns & Referral (i.e. Catholic Charities), 1-800-339-7890.

Diocesan Child Protection and reporting of abuse

Father James M. Dunfee, Vicar General of the Diocese of Steubenville, (740) 282-3631 or e-mail jdunfee@diosteub.org.

*Monday & Friday School Masses
When School is Canceled or Delayed
Mass will be moved to 12:00p.m.*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

SUNDAY MAR 14TH

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

St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30a.m.
+Martha Kress by Mike & Missy Knowlton

St. John Bosco Mission, Sardis 12:30p.m.
+Debra Block by Bernard Dick

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00p.m.
Vespers of Lent Prayer

MONDAY MAR 15TH

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield (School Mass) 8:30a.m.
+Souls in Purgatory by Bruce Dougherty

TUESDAY MAR 16TH

St. John Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00a.m.
Holy Hour 8:00a.m.
Adrianne Hughes

WEDNESDAY MAR 17TH

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 6:30p.m.
Knights of Columbus

THURSDAY MAR 18TH

St. John Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00a.m.
Holy Hour 8:00a.m.
+Francis Schumacher by Bob Welsh

FRIDAY MAR 19TH

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield (School Mass) 8:30a.m.
Souls in Purgatory by Bruce Dougherty

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 7:00p.m.
Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY MAR 20TH

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield (Latin Mass) 8:30a.m.
Davison Brothers & Sisters by Fr. Davison

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00p.m.
+Roman Schumacher by Tony & Cindy Schumacher

SUNDAY MAR 21ST

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30a.m.
+Francis Schumacher by John Paulus Family

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

St. John Bosco Mission, Sardis 12:30p.m.
+Debra Block by Shelly Carpenter

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00p.m.
Vespers of Lent Prayer



February 19, March 5,
and March 19

4-6 p.m.

Coleman's Fish Dinner
fried fish sandwich, baked potato,
green beans, coleslaw & dessert.

St Sylvester School Cafeteria
DRIVE THRU ONLY

Spring is around the Corner!

**We would appreciate if everyone
would help in sending donations to-
ward our Lawn Company this year.**

"April thru September"

**Any amount would help to have our
properties look fabulous!**



The Verdin Sonata Carillons:

The Verdin Sonata Carillons are the beautiful sounds of cast bronze bells. The Carillon System will be installed in our St. Sylvester Church bell tower. It will go off at certain times of the day.

The total cost of this project would be \$10,000.00. We have had a great donation of \$5,000.00 to start the bell project so we are asking our parishioner's to help fund the rest of the cost. If you are willing to donate any amount this would be wonderful!

*"For Bells are the voice
of the Church, They
have tones that touch
and search the hearts
of young & old."*

Everyone welcome



Tuesday, March 16th @
9:00a.m.

Our Sunday Offering
for
March 6-7

St. John Bosco Mission

Adult Collection	\$ 242.00
Loose	\$ 66.00
Building Fund	\$ 45.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 100.00

St. John the Baptist

Adult Collection	\$ 687.00
Loose	\$ 0.00
School Fund	\$ 180.00
DOS Restore Church	\$ 50.00
Propagation of Faith	\$ 5.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 25.00
Lawn Donation	\$ 20.00

St. Sylvester

Adult Collection	\$ 2,383.00
Loose Collection	\$ 0.00
Education Collection	\$ 255.00
DOS Brothers & Sisters	\$ 40.00
First Offering	\$ 10.00
Propagation of Faith	\$ 25.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 25.00
CWC Dues	\$ 10.00
Prayer Request	\$ 20.00
Rice Bowl	\$ 10.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 15.00

*Thank you for your
continued support*

This Week

Wednesday

Adoration
8:00a.m.-6:00p.m.
Benediction 6:00p.m.
Rosary 6:15p.m.
Mass 6:30p.m.

2021 Dioceses/Parish Share Campaign

Despite the current pandemic slowing many things down, the DPSC is well underway.

The following is the current status for each of the three parishes. If have not yet contributed, please consider doing so. Amounts raised over the goal is returned back to the parishes. If you have already donated or pledged, thank you for your support.

Goal for 2021

St. John Bosco	\$ 1,941.99
St. John the Baptist	\$ 8,954.46
St. Sylvester	\$ 17,653.35

In Loving Memory of:

Emma Schumacher
Paul Ditto
Debra Schumacher
Francis (Fritz) Schumacher
Katy Madison
Paul Madison
Paul Madison Jr.
Danny Betts
Billie Jean Elliott
David Baker
Lowell Baker
William H. Bolon
Robert M. Miller Sr.
Walter Knox
Clarence & Dorothy Howell
Ralph & Ella Richter
Ruth Ellen Howell
Lawrence & Lucy Gallaher
James Gallaher
Andrew & Ova Howell
Clarence Smith
Thurman & Martha Smith
Charles & Susannah Richter
Lawrence M. Gallaher
Lawrence C. Gallaher
Francis Paulus
Freeda Paulus
Hilda Paulus
Mary Paulus
Darrell Cline
Clara Rush
Raymond Baldwin
Grace Ann Joyce
Ralph & Alice Buckalew
Imelda Scott
Herman & Hilda Burkhart
Monica Long
Roman & Clara Schumacher
Susan Schumacher Thomas
Deloris Knowlton
Cyril Burkhart
Joe Gallagher
Eunice Gallagher
William B. Schumacher
Meri C. Welsh
Ray & Rita Yontz
Vernon & Cinderella Butler
Eugene & Mary Louise Wells
Meri C Welsh
Ches & Freda Schafer
Betty Smith
Andrew & Ova Howell Family
Thurman & Martha Smith Family
Lawrenc & Lucy Gallaher Family
Charles & Suzann Richter Family

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Dear Beloved of our God,

We are now at Laetare Sunday, the Sunday in which the Church rejoices that soon we'll be celebrating the great high Feast of Easter. The priest wears rose vestments today to signify the joy we are feeling at the approach of such an important Feast. It is, of course a muted joy however, knowing that soon we will be entering Passiontide and the commemoration of the horrific sufferings Jesus endured for our salvation. Next Sunday you'll see the statues all draped in violet.

Feast of St. Joseph this Friday

On Friday, March 19th the Church will celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Virgin Mary. Pope Francis declared on December 8th of last year that this year will be a year to honor St. Joseph in a special way. Many of us have decided to consecrate ourselves to him during this year and have chosen this Friday's Feast as the day to do so. The thirty three day preparation period has been great and I highly recommend it to anyone wanting to deepen their love and devotion to the greatest saint after the Virgin Mary. The next very appropriate day to do so could be May 1st, the Feast of St. Joseph, the Worker. If so the preparation period would begin 33 days prior to that day. At any rate, please come to Mass at 8:30 a.m. this Friday to honor St. Joseph.

Carillon System at St. Sylvester's

We are in the process of acquiring a carillon system for St. Sylvester's church so that we can play the bells for the Angelus three times a day and also at the 3:00 p.m. hour of Divine Mercy. We will also program the recorded bells (the carillon system) to announce the Masses 15 minutes beforehand. We will also play music for the big Feast such as Christmas and Easter. We'll be experimenting with various options. I spoke to the Finance Committee and they seemed to approve of the purchase so I went ahead and paid the first half of the cost. We are still left with a little over \$5,000.00 that still needs to be raised. If you are able to assist us I would sure appreciate it. Just make your check out to St. Sylvester's Church and put "bells" on the memo. While we are at it I had the bell at St. Sylvester's examined by the representative of Verdin Bell Co. from Cincinnati and there is some work that needs to be done on it. There is also work that needs to be done on the bell in St. John the Baptist Church but I am not sure what the cost will be yet. Both of these bells require periodic maintenance which has not been done for a long time.

Lawn Service at St. Sylvester's

Because no one came forward who was interested in mowing the lawn at St. Sylvester's Church and the rectory and school I decided we needed to get a Lawn Care Company instead. The advantage, of course is that they have their own equipment and pay for the gas and repairs on their mowers. Their contract also obliges them to a weekly care of the lawns. It is more expensive to go this direction but because no one else came forward I decided we didn't have much choice. Because of the monthly cost of having a lawn care company take care of the lawn I am asking that we each try to give something each month or a one -time gift to help meet the expense of taking care of the lawns this year. Please be generous. The checks should be written out to St. Sylvester's Church and the memo should indicate "lawn care".

Holy Week

This year our Holy Week Services for the Monroe County Churches will be held at St. Sylvester's Church starting with Palm Sunday. The time of the Palm Sunday Liturgy will be 9:00 a.m. Holy Thursday will be at 7:00 p.m. and Good Friday will be at 7:00 p.m. The Easter Vigil will start at 8:00 p.m. There will be more information coming in the next bulletin.

God bless each and every one of you and know of God's love for you and mine as well.

Yours Sincerely,

Father Timothy Davison

See SHRINES... <https://www.facebook.com/stambrosewcw/>

<u>TUESDAY BINGO</u> <u>March 16th</u> Monica Habig Lance LaFollette Brooke Yontz Tyler/Tiffany Schumacher Terry/Ruth Volkovic Mikey/Sam Habig <u>March 23rd</u> Monica Habig Amanda Schumacher Anna Lang Aaron Brown Joella Urbanek	<u>SUNDAY BINGO</u> <u>March 14th</u> Sam Schumacher Monica Habig Michael/Charity Jorris Ted Babcock Brad/Alisha Ludwig Carey/Becky Bott <u>March 21st</u> Sam Schumacher Missy Knowlton Aaron/Tasha Headley Beth/Tyler Knowlton Matthew/Nicole McGuire Randall/Kim Sefert	<u>TUESDAY KITCHEN</u> <u>March 16th</u> St. John Baptist <u>March 23rd</u> Diane Burkhardt Jennifer Winkler	<u>SUNDAY KITCHEN</u> <u>March 14th</u> Louise Kress Robyn Guiler <u>March 21st</u> Louise Kress Kathy Singleton
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St. Joseph, the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

and the foster-father of Jesus, was probably born in Bethlehem and probably died in Nazareth. His important mission in God's plan of salvation was "to legally insert Jesus Christ into the line of David from whom, according to the prophets, the Messiah would be born, and to act as his father and guardian" (*Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy*). Most of our information about St. Joseph comes from the opening two chapters of St. Matthew's Gospel. No words of his are recorded in the Gospels; he was the "silent" man. We find no devotion to St. Joseph in the early Church. It was the will of God that the Virgin Birth of Our Lord be first firmly impressed upon the minds of the faithful. He was later venerated by the great saints of the Middle Ages. Pius IX (1870) declared him patron and protector of the universal family of the Church.



Easter Flowers In Memory Of:

Clarence Stephen
Luzelda Stephen
Lonnie T. Stephen
Gertrude Bosnick
Andy & Edith Rensi
Bernice Gilmore
Janet Dunaway
Brothers & Sisters
Francis "Fritz" Schumacher
Debra Schumacher
Margaret Bride
Paul & Katy Madison
Francis & Freeda Paulus
Archibald & Learrena Griffith
Joseph & Margaret Paulus
Mary Paulus
Hilda Paulus
David Rodgers
Clarence & Dorothy Howell
Ruth Ellen Howell
Ray & Rita Yontz
Billie Elliott
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Scripture Reading of the Week

Sunday
MARCH 14TH
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2 CHR 36:14-16, 19-23

EPH 2:4-10
JN 3:14-21

Monday
MARCH 15TH
IS 65:17-21
JN 4:43-54

Tuesday
MARCH 16TH
EZ 47:1-9, 12
JN 5:1-16

Wednesday
MARCH 17TH
IS 49:8-15
JN 5:17-30

Thursday
MARCH 18TH
EX 32:7-14
JN 5:31-47

Friday
MARCH 19TH

Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
2 SM 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16
ROM 4:13, 16-18, 22
MT 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Saturday
MARCH 20TH
JER 11:18-20
JN 7:40-53

Sunday
MARCH 21ST
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
JER 31:31-34
HEB 5:7-9
JN 12:20-33



**St. Joseph of Monroe County,
Council 5009 of the Knights of Columbus
Samuel 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 APRIL 7th. Adoration at 6:00 p.m.
Rosary at 6:15 p.m. Mass at 6:30 p.m. meeting to follow.

*Catholic Women's Club Meeting, APRIL 7th, 7:00 p.m. Brown Community Center

