

**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](http://www.monroecountycatholic.org)

334 South Main Street  
Woodsfield, Ohio 43793-1027

**DECEMBER 7, 2025**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**IS 11:1-10 ROM 15:4-9 MT 3:1-12**

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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### SUNDAY

DEC 7<sup>TH</sup>

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

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30 a.m.  
+Ruthann & Kenneth Knox *by Regina Knox*

### MONDAY

(School Mass)

DEC 8<sup>TH</sup>

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.  
+Katy Madison *by Don & Janet Zwick*

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 6:30 p.m.  
+Carol Schumacher *by Catherine Paulus*

### TUESDAY

DEC 9<sup>TH</sup>

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.  
Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.  
+Mon. George Adams

### WEDNESDAY

DEC 10<sup>TH</sup>

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

### THURSDAY

DEC 11<sup>TH</sup>

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.  
Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.  
+Albert & Clara Garfold *by Regina Garfold*

### FRIDAY

DEC 12<sup>TH</sup>

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.  
PENANCE SERVICE—SCHOOL CHILDREN

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 7:00 p.m.  
PENANCE SERVICE

### SATURDAY

DEC 13<sup>TH</sup>

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.  
Ruth Dunfee *by Joanne Raha*

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00 p.m.  
+Jim Partridge *by Margie Partridge*

### SUNDAY

DEC 14<sup>TH</sup>

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.  
+Paul Madison *by Don & Janet Zwick*

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

## OCIA

Every Thursday at 7:00p.m.

**Adult Catechesis Class,  
Documents of Vatican II**  
Every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Both locations at St. Sylvester Church Basement

## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHRISTMAS DINNER

Sunday, December 7th  
following the 10:30 Mass at the Hall

Meat & Table services provided, Bring your favorite  
covered dish and a Bingo prize.  
Everyone Welcome!

## CWC CHRISTMAS PARTY

Wednesday, December 10th

St. Sylvester & St. John The Baptist  
Catholic Women Club Parishioners

\$25 Gift Exchange - Generations Building  
Appetizers at 5:30 p.m.—Dinner to follow

RSVP before November 30th Contact  
Diane Burkhart 740-391-0391 or  
Louise Kress 757-474-5922

## RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

For decades, women and men religious  
have cared for others, teaching, praying,  
and serving those in need.

Many now face retirement without suffi-  
cient savings. Your support ensures they  
receive the care they deserve. Let us now  
offer them the dignity they have so self-  
lessly granted to others. Your generosity  
today is not just a donation— it's a way of  
thanking them for their lifelong service.

*retiredreligious.org*

## Our Sunday Offering

November 29 - November 30

### St. John The Baptist

Adult Collection	\$ 915.00
Loose Collection	\$ 99.00
Education Fund	\$ 65.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 35.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 20.00
Starter Set	\$ 60.00
Hall Fund	\$ 400.00
Mass Request	\$ 20.00

### St. Sylvester

Adult Collection	\$ 2,666.00
Loose Collection	\$ 162.00
Education Fund	\$ 170.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 176.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 2.00
Human Develop	\$ 11.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 50.00
Building Fund	\$ 50.00

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

## St. Sylvester CWC PURSE RAFFLE

Michael Kors Purse-Ruthie  
Large Satchel-  
Smokey Rose

**Drawing December  
16th**

\$1.00 per ticket or 6 for \$5.00

Contact any CWC Member  
to purchase  
your ticket today!

### ***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.

## 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 \$20,759**

**Goal Received \$10,663**

**School Cancellation or  
Delayed for Snow Days  
Morning Mass**

**to be rescheduled  
12 noon @ St. Sylvester Church**



***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  
Freedra 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.***

Dear Parishioners,

A few announcements:

First of all, this Monday (December 8<sup>th</sup>) is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

**It is a Holy Day of Obligation for us**, as it is the patronal feast of the United States. Mass times on Monday are listed in the calendar sections of the bulletin.

Secondly, we will have school penance service Friday December 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM. Fr. Tom Nau will assist.

We will also have a penance service in the evening for both parishes at St. Sylvester at 7:00 PM the same evening. Frs. Gaydosik, Nelson, and Pabin will assist. If you have not been to confession in a while, please see this as an opportunity to do so.

Thirdly, things will be a bit chilly in St. Sylvester until we replace a drainage pipe in the basement that leads water away from the boiler. The boiler will still run, but at reduced capacity. In the meanwhile, we will run heat through the electric wall units.

I hope your Christmas preparations are going well, and that you are taking advantage of all that this season of Advent has to offer spiritually. I'm not just talking about reconciliation: this Advent season invites us to long for Christ's coming to us, and to reflect on the love which brought our Lord to us down from heaven.

This upcoming Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, far from arbitrary, demonstrates God's love in a profound way in the life of Mary. She who was so willing to cooperate with God's plan of redemption received this great prevenient grace, to be born free from original sin.

The gift of Mary's great grace, given to her so that she may be for us the Mother of God (and our mother as well), demonstrates the power of God's love and his grace which is greater than any stain of sin.

As Mary rejoiced to receive such a grace, may we rejoice also to be partakers in what Mary received: a pledge of hope for the human race, that although we began our existence in sin and disobedience, we may yet achieve the salvation that Mary's Son won for us.

God bless you all,

In Christ,

Fr. Nick

**TUESDAY BINGO****December 9th**

Missy Knowlton  
Mary Atkinson  
Mike Russell  
Beth Black

**December 16th**

Donna Robinson  
Brenda Fisher  
Phillip/Chelsea Masters  
Missy Dean  
Carey Bott  
Holly Merideth  
Jake/Krysten Schuerman

**SUNDAY BINGO****December 7th**

Robyn Guiler  
Daniel/Carrie Dick

**December 14th**

Missy Knowlton  
Terry Schumacher  
Marissa Cole  
Nathan/Rachel Arden

**TUESDAY KITCHEN****December 9th**

St. John CWC

**December 16th**

Marcia Shipp  
Julie Selmon

**SUNDAY KITCHEN****December 7th**

Louise Kress  
Helen Strahl

**December 14th**

Louise Kress  
Becky Bott

December 6.....Tammy Jones  
December 7.....Becky Baldwin  
December 8.....School Children  
December 8.....Steve Burkhardt  
December 13.....Catherine Paulus  
December 14.....Bill Long

**Scripture Reading  
of the Week****Sunday****DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>  
SECOND SUNDAY****OF ADVENT**

IS 11:1-10

ROM 15:4-9

MT 3:1-12

**Monday****DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>**

GN 3:9-15, 20

EPH 1:3-6, 11-12

LK 1:26-38

**Tuesday****DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>**

IS 40:1-11

MT 18:12-14

**Wednesday****DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>**

IS 40:25-31

MT 11:28-30

**Thursday****DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>**

IS 41:13-20

MT 11:11-15

**Friday****DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>**

ZEC 2:14-17

LK 1:26-38

**Saturday****DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>**

SIR 48:1-4, 9-11

MT 17:9a, 10-13

**Sunday****DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>****THIRD SUNDAY****OF ADVENT**

IS 35:1-6a, 10

JAS 5:7-10

MT 11:2-11

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS  
IN MEMORY**

Arthur Miller  
Ruth Miller  
David Miller  
Susan Thomas  
Richard Schumacher  
Teresa Lucas  
Pandora Neuhart

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS  
IN HONOR**

**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, December 3rd. 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, December 10th - 5:30p.m. @ Generations

