

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

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AM 8:4-7 1TM 2:1-8 LK 16:1-13

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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 **SEPT 21ST**
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 & Niki Burkhart*

MONDAY **SEPT 22ND**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield NO MASS

TUESDAY **SEPT 23RD**
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.
 Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.
 +Ruth Dunfee *by Jenn Kovlan*

WEDNESDAY **SEPT 24TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 6:30 p.m.
 Sick & Distressed
by Knights of Columbus 5009 Members

THURSDAY **SEPT 25TH**
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.
 Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.
 +Robert Miller Sr. *by Regina Garfold*

FRIDAY (School Mass) **SEPT 26TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
 +Hilda Paulus *by Paulus & Rodgers Family*

SATURDAY **SEPT 27TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
 Souls of Stapleton Family

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00 p.m.
 +James & Marie Kirkland *by Daughters*

SUNDAY **SEPT 28TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
 Living & Deceased of our Parishes

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30 a.m.
 Members of Robert Miller Family
by Carol Miller

~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"

Our Sunday Offering
 September 13 - September 14

St. John The Baptist

Adult Collection	\$ 985.00
Loose Collection	\$ 276.00
Education Fund	\$ 30.00
Candle Fund	\$ 37.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 50.00
Mass Request	\$ 90.00

St. Sylvester

Adult Collection	\$ 2,200.00
Loose Collection	\$ 353.00
School Fund	\$ 151.00
Candle Fund	\$ 82.00
Building Fund	\$ 67.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 50.00

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

OCIA

Every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

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

Both locations at St. Sylvester's
 Church Basement

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 — 9:30 a.m.

Contact Eileen Ackerman

740-757-2481

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.

PARISHIONERS...

Anyone needing
*"The Steubenville
 Register"*
 mailed to your home,
 contact Jennifer
 740-472-0187

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 \$13,529
Goal Received \$5,705

THANK YOU !!

For all the donations toward the
 Care of our Cemeteries

KEEP IT GROWING!



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
Freeda 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,

At the end of our Gospel passage for this Sunday we have a challenging statement from Jesus, who tells us "You cannot serve both God and Mammon."

What is this word, "Mammon?" It is not an English word. This is one of the *ipsissima verba*, the "precise words" to use the Latin expression, which have been preserved from the ancient Aramaic in the Gospels even in subsequent vernacular translations: these words include "Abba," "Amen," and "Ephetha." Mammon is money, or material wealth and possessions.

Mammon is sometimes used to personify money or to describe the personation of wealth. Early Christians, such as St. Gregory of Nyssa, taught that Mammon was another name for Satan. Jesus himself seems to personify money and draw a dichotomy between God and Money as one might separate God from Satan when he says "You cannot serve both God and Mammon (Luke 16:13)."

St. Paul also suggests that love of money can become a form of idolatry, a form of false worship when we value wealth and possessions above God and spiritual goods: "Put to death, then, the parts of you that are earthly: immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and the greed that is idolatry." If we serve money and wealth before God, then we cease to worship God and begin to worship material things.

There is another word for the excessive love of money, and that is called greed. The inordinate desire for another's wealth is called covetousness. Covetousness is something which is forbidden in the ninth commandment: "You shall not covet your neighbor's goods (Exodus 20:17)." So we see that excessive desire for money and wealth is a dangerous thing, especially if it prevents us from becoming selfless, generous, and self-giving. It is far more proper to the Christian spirit to be generous than to be miserly, detached rather than materialistic.

Pope Benedict XVI in a 2007 homily points out the struggle that we experience, living in the world and being attracted to its goods and comforts, yet ultimately having to sacrifice these things for higher goods and spiritual rewards: "life is always a choice: between faithfulness and unfaithfulness, between selfishness and altruism, between good and evil. The end of this particular Gospel passage is incisive and authoritative: "no servant can serve two masters," which in the final analysis means "you cannot serve God and wealth."

Our struggle in this material world and materialistic culture will be ongoing. We can appreciate the things we have and the blessings we have inherited, but we must see them as God sees them: His gifts to us, meant not just for our use but so that we can use them to help others. Help us O Lord, to remain detached from world things so that we may cling with greater longing for the things of Heaven!

God bless you all,

In Christ,

Fr. Nick

TUESDAY BINGO**September 23rd**

Susie Cunion
Brenda Fisher
Uriah/Lindee Wilson

October 7th

Missy Knowlton
Randall Sefert
Chrissy Ferguson

SUNDAY BINGO**September 21st**

Missy Knowlton
Robyn Guiler
Aaron/Brandy Lucas
Missy Dean

September 28th

Ace Guiler
Sean Edgell
Nathen/Rachel Arden

TUESDAY KITCHEN**September 23rd**

Missy Knowlton
Louise Kress

October 7th

Julie Selmon
Dawn Kuhn

SUNDAY KITCHEN**September 21st**

Louise Kress
Jill Schumacher

September 28th

Louise Kress
Becky Bott

**Scripture Reading
of the Week****Sunday**

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TIME**

AM 8:4-7
1TM 2:1-8
LK 16:1-13

Monday

**SEPTEMBER 22ND
EZR 1:1-6
LK 8:16-18**

Tuesday

**SEPTEMBER 23RD
EZR 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20
LK 8:19-21**

Wednesday

**SEPTEMBER 24TH
EZR 9:5-9
LK 9:1-6**

Thursday

**SEPTEMBER 25TH
HG 1:1-8
LK 9:7-9**

Friday

**SEPTEMBER 26ST
HG 2:1-9
LK 9:18-22**

Saturday

**SEPTEMBER 27TH
ZEC 2:5-9, 14-15a
LK 9:43b-45**

Sunday

**SEPTEMBER 28TH
TWENTY-SIXTH
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME**

AM 6:1a, 4-7
1TM 6:11-16
LK 16:19-31



**\$5 Raffle Ticket for the victims of
the Orphan Well Disaster
Remington Weckbacher, Chazz
Bates & Christopher Pinkerton**

Prizes:

1st: Gift Card Tree

2nd: Tailgater's Cooler (Cooler filled w/Football
themed gifts)

3rd: 19.5" Stainless Steel Smokeless Wood
Burning Fire Pit

4th: Coffee Lover's Basket

Drawing On October 11th

Contact: Madison Morisco 740-213-8296
Kaitlin Kinney 740-213-3045

2025 Cemetery Lawn Care

St. Sylvester Cost\$ 12,750.00
Lawn Care Donations\$ 7,262.70

St. John The Baptist Cost.....\$ 8,400.00
Donations\$ 3,858.00

Imm Conception Cemetery Cost.....\$ 4,200.00
Donations\$ 2,600.00

St. Joseph/Chapel Hill Cost.....\$ 10,050.00
Donations\$ 720.00

St. Patrick Cemetery Cost.....\$ 2,800.00
Donations\$ 500.00

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

DO YOU KNOW YOUR BIBLE?

Which angry king's arm became paralyzed after he threatened a prophet who said an
alter would split apart with its ashes spilled to the ground ?

ANSWER: Jeroboam

**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, October 1st. 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, October 8th - 7:00p.m. @ Generations

