

St. Sylvester, Woodfield
founded 1866

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg
founded 1841

Parishes of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Steubenville

The Monroe County Catholic Churches

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Woodfield, Ohio 43793-1027

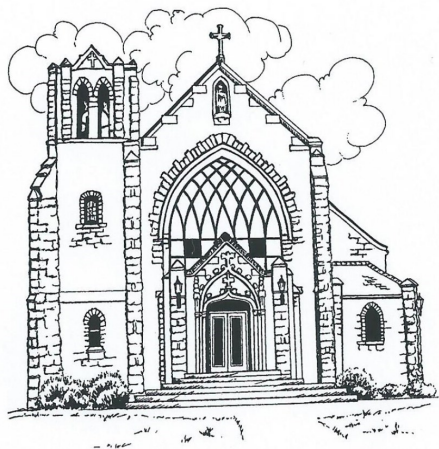
MAY 3, 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ACTS 6:1-7 1PT 2:4-9 JN 14:1-12

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Fr. Nicholas Ward
Administrator



Parish Contacts

New Parishioners are always welcome! Please contact the office.

Fr. Nicholas Ward (740) 457-7701

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, Woodfield, Ohio.

Mrs. Robyn Guiler: Principal (740) 472-0321 ~ Preschool (740) 472-0420

Catholic Cemeteries

St. Sylvester Woodfield: 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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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SUNDAY **MAY 3RD**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
 +Hilda Paulus *by Paulus & Rodgers*

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

MONDAY **MAY 4TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:30 p.m.
 +Francis & Freeda Paulus *by Paulus & Rodgers*

TUESDAY **MAY 5TH**
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.
 Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.
 +Phyllis Krone *by Clarence & Eileen Ackerman*

WEDNESDAY **MAY 6TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 6:30 p.m.
 Knights of Columbus Members 5009

THURSDAY **MAY 7TH**
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.
 Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.
 +Lois Stephen *by Pat & Roger Reischman*

FRIDAY **MAY 8TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield (School Mass) 8:30 a.m.
 +Bill Calvert *by Sharon Boleer*

SATURDAY **MAY 9TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
 Richard Sobocinski *by Hartwell Family*

1ST Communion Practice 9:30 a.m.
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00 p.m.
 +Donald Biedenbach *by Larry & Cindy Stephen*

SUNDAY MOTHER'S DAY **MAY 10TH**
Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
 +Deb Schumacher *by Perry Schumacher*

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

SCHOOL NEWS...

**School Secretary Position
 2026-2027 School Year**

St. Sylvester Central School is seeking a friendly and efficient secretary to join our school family. Duties include managing daily administrative tasks with strong organizational skills, greeting and assisting visitors, student, staff and parents with a positive attitude, maintaining student files, attendance, tuition, and lunch records. If interested or would like more details, please call the school office 740-472-0321

CWC CONVENTION

Holy Family Church
 2608 Alexander Ave, Steubenville, Ohio
 Wednesday, June 3rd
 Registration 8:15 a.m. Holy Family Church Social Hall
 -Register by May 18th-

Pilgrimage Info Meeting
 August 13th 7:00 p.m.
 St. Sylvester Rectory

2026 Cemetery Lawn Care

St. Sylvester Cost	\$ 21,000.00
Lawn Care Donations	\$ 2,492.00
St. John The Baptist Cost.....	\$ 8,400.00
Donations	\$ 1,474.00
Imm Conception Cemetery Cost....	\$ 4,200.00
Donations	\$ 3,500.00
St. Joseph/Chapel Hill Cost.....	\$ 9,000.00
Donations	\$ 2,000.00
St. Patrick Cemetery Cost.....	\$ 2,800.00
Donations	\$ 850.00

Our Sunday Offering
 April 25 - April 26

St. John The Baptist

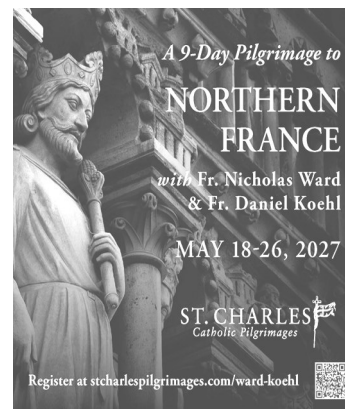
Adult Collection	\$ 1,915.00
Loose Collection	\$ 103.00
Education Fund	\$ 85.00
Home Mission	\$ 563.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 150.00
St. Joseph Cemetery	\$ 100.00

St. Sylvester

Adult Collection	\$ 2,668.00
Loose Collection	\$ 244.00
Starter Set	\$ 2.00
Education Fund	\$ 200.00
Building Fund	\$ 370.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 110.00
Home Mission	\$ 314.00
Mass Request	\$ 30.00
Mother's Day	\$ 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.



THANK YOU !!
 For all the donations toward the Care of our Cemeteries
KEEP IT GROWING!

2026 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: \$ 26,883.00 **Goal Received \$ 10,140.00**
St. John The Baptist Goal: \$ 17,726.00 **Goal Received \$ 3,185.00**

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 Burkhart
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 Burkhart
Hilda Burkhart
Ty A Burkhart
Madeline Mellinger
Francis & Freeda Paulus
Mary Paulus
Hilda Paulus
Robert M Miller Sr.
Walter Knox
Josephina Jack
Paul Connor
Barbara Connor
Michael Burkhart
Bertha Burkhart
Rebecca Burkhart
Francis & Edith Block
Virgil Block
Joe & Deb Block
Mary Ellen Barber
Gladys (Babe) Burkhart
James Norris
Judith Marie Weisend
Donny Weisend
Richard Weisend
Vernon & Cinderella Butler
Raymond Baldwin
Jenny Crum
Ralph & Alice Buckalew
Grace Ann Joyce
Joseph Fillippi
Norbert Burkhart
Agnes Burkhart
Tina Burkhart Muffet
Harold Robinson
Ellen Robinson
Francis Reischman
Hazel Reischman
Carlos & Doris Headley
Walter & Alberta Ackerman
Francis Stephen
Carol Moore
Meri C. Welsh
Jimmy Scott
Thelma Scott
Harmon Scott
Richard Scott
Phyllis Krone
Wes & Clara Hossman
Donald Miller
Joy Taylor
Cindy Miller Stevens
Jim & Jimmy Partridge

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

Dear Parishioners,

Today in our second reading we have for our contemplation one of my favorite scriptural themes: The members of the Church as “Living stones.”

Christ Himself is the cornerstone, as St. Peter reminds us, quoting Psalm 118: “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.” The spiritual building of the Church

In the words of Pope Benedict XVI: “The foundation stone of a church is a symbol of Christ. The Church rests on Christ, is sustained by him and cannot be separated from him. He is the one foundation of every Christian community, the living stone, rejected by the builders but chosen and precious in God’s sight as the cornerstone (cf. 1 Pet 2:4-5, 7). With him, we too are living stones built into a spiritual house, a dwelling place for God (cf. Eph 2:20-22; 1 Pet 2:5). Saint Augustine loved to refer to the mystery of the Church as the *Christus totus*, the whole Christ, the full or complete Body of Christ, Head and members. This is the reality of the Church; it is Christ and us, Christ with us.”

What does it mean for us to be a “living stone?” Or I suppose the questions could just as easily be asked: what makes a dead stone?

I will explore this question more in my homily, but I suppose that a “living stone” is a stone which is connected to the rest of the building; in this sense, the Church.

A living stone contributes to the whole: it helps to hold up the structure and give it a form. A stone which is part of a magnificent gothic cathedral, for example, is greater than it would otherwise be on itself, because it has a purpose, a destiny, an identity. It does not lose its identity as an individual, but being a part of the collective, it becomes greater than it would be on its own. Such a stone utilizes its inherent goodness, its strength and aesthetic qualities, to contribute to something it could not achieve on its own.

And then there is us. Each person in the Church has something to give, something to add to the magnificent structure of the Church. The thousands of myriads of canonized saints, for example, make up a mosaic of “living stones” in the Church’s colorful past, create a beautiful masterpiece, beautiful Church elect fit for the worship and service of God.

Do we want to be part of this Holy Temple of God, the Church? Then we must make ourselves structurally sound and aesthetically pleasing by a worthy way of life. Does Jesus love us on our own? Absolutely. But his plan for us is more glorious than anything we could achieve on our own. Our “builder” (cf. Isaiah 62:5) wants us to be structurally sound so we can be part of his Church and Heavenly kingdom. Will he be able to use us?

God bless you,

In Christ

Fr. Nick

TUESDAY BINGO

May 5th

Missy Knowlton
Randall Sefert
Becky Russell
Courtney Collmar
Marcus/Allie Schumacher
Missy Dean

May 12th

Missy Knowlton
Mary Atkinson
Tim/Tiff Woodell
Jenna Rosnick
Missy Dean
Holly Merideth

SUNDAY BINGO

May 3rd

Robyn Guiler
Justin Hogue
Missy Dean
Heather Monroe
David/Kasey Block

May 10th

Missy Knowlton
Terry Schumacher
Aaron/Kendra Hines
Missy Dean
Gina Ball
Sam/Megan Ward
Cody/Sam Miller

TUESDAY KITCHEN

May 5th

Julie Selmon
Marcia Shipp

May 12th

St. John CWC

SUNDAY KITCHEN

May 3rd

Louise Kress
Robyn Guiler

May 10th

Louise Kress
Jill Schumacher

LECTOR READERS

May 2....Tammy Jones
May 3....Bill Long
May 9....Steve Burkhart
May 10....Jill Schumacher

**Scripture Reading
of the Week**

**Sunday
MAY 3RD
FIFTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

ACTS 6:1-7
1PT 2:4-9
JN 14:1-12

**Monday
MAY 4TH
ACTS 14:5-18
JN 14:21-26**

**Tuesday
MAY 5TH
ACTS 14:19-28
JN 14:27-31a**

**Wednesday
MAY 6TH
ACTS 15:1-6
JN 15:1-8**

**Thursday
MAY 7TH
ACTS 15:7-21
JN 15:9-11**

**Friday
MAY 8TH
ACTS 15:22-31
JN 15:12-17**

**Saturday
MAY 9TH
ACTS 16:1-10
JN 15:18-21**

**Sunday
MAY 10TH
SIXTH SUNDAY OF
EASTER**

ACTS 8:5-8, 14-17
1PT 3:15-18
JN 14:15-21

MOTHER'S DAY...

IN MEMORY OF:
DEB SCHUMACHER
LUZELDA STEPHEN
FREEDA PAULUS

IN HONOR OF:
EDYTHE SCHUMACHER



**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, May 6th. 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, May 13th - 7:00 p.m. @ Generations