

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

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Woodsfield, Ohio 43793-1027

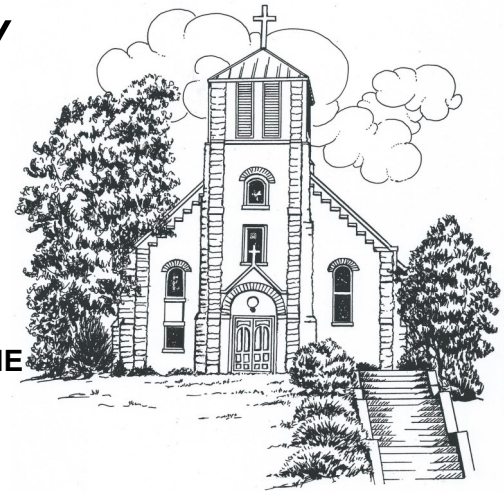
OCTOBER 19, 2025

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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 OCT 19TH
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
Living & Deceased of our Parishes

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30 a.m.
+Camilla Miller *by Tom & Becky Stephen*

MONDAY OCT 20TH
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:30 p.m.
+Monica Long *by Bill Long & Sherry Zwick*

TUESDAY OCT 21ST
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.
Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.
Dayle Miller & Family

WEDNESDAY OCT 22ND
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 6:30 p.m.
Sick & Distressed *by Knights of Columbus*

THURSDAY OCT 23RD
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.
Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.
+Annina Fox *by Robert Hartwell*

FRIDAY (School Mass) OCT 24TH
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
+Hilda & Mary Paulus *by Paulus & Rodgers*

West Wood Place, Woodsfield 10:00 a.m.
+Stella Crum

SATURDAY OCT 25TH
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
George Brooks *by Paula Diorio*

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00 p.m.
+Fred Ulrich *by Jeff, Lisa, Kaleigh & Alexa Marley*

SUNDAY OCT 26TH
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
+Helen Miller *by Catherine Paulus*

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

SCHOOL NEWS...

Luminary Orders \$5

Luminaries to Remember or Honor
Will be displayed at the church for
All Saints Day Vigil on October 31st
through November 3rd. All money and
requests are due no later than
October 24th

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

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Dioceses of Steubenville World Mission Sunday
donation funds support building churches,
healthcare and education, training future priests.

The missionary men and women serving in over
1,150 mission territories, we extend our heartfelt
gratitude for your generous support.

Thank you for being part of this vital mission and
for making a lasting impact on the global church.

St. Mary's Temperanceville

FISH FRY

Sunday, October 26th @ 5:00 p.m.
Parish Hall

Drinks & Fish provided. All attending
please bring a side dish or dessert.
Playing bingo afterwards with prizes.
We hope to "Catch" you all there!

Our Sunday Offering
October 11 - October 12

St. John The Baptist

Adult Collection	\$ 3,998.00
Loose Collection	\$ 147.00
Candle Fund	\$ 117.00
Education Fund	\$ 85.00
Priest Retirement	\$ 100.00
Starter Set	\$ 140.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 100.00
Building Fund	\$ 150.00

St. Sylvester

Adult Collection	\$ 5,040.00
Loose Collection	\$ 176.00
Candle Fund	\$ 89.00
School Fund	\$ 135.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 750.00

*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.

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 \$14,339
Goal Received \$6,214

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
Freed 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,

Happy World Mission Sunday. This weekend, the Church throughout the world is focused on aiding and assisting, especially through almsgiving, the Church's mission to those areas of the world where the Gospel needs to be preached and the Church needs to be established, especially those areas which are poorer and more remote.

I encourage you to participate in the Dioceses' annual collection to support the missions. But I want to invite you to think of our parishes as a sort of mission as well. After all, we are in "mission territory": The Diocese of Steubenville is a Mission Diocese, which means it is poorer than most US dioceses and the population is mostly non-Catholic. In fact, we Catholics make up a small percentage of the population of this county as a whole. According to the most recent census data, approximately half of the residents of our county don't consider themselves an adherent to any religion – in other words, they are practitioners of "practical atheism." This is about 15% less than the Ohio state average. Of the 6,000 residents of our County who practice or profess to practice some religion, only small percentage identify as Catholic, and of these, only about 200 make it to Mass on the weekend (that is, 200 people actualize their belief in God into worship and love of Him). This would bring our number of active Catholics to about 230, to include the sick and home-bound. That would mean that less than 2% of the county, or 1 in 50, are members of the Church, worship God, and seek to grow in a loving union with Him.

We can despair at these numbers, or we can redouble our efforts. My friends in Christ! Your opportunity to be a missionary disciple of Jesus Christ has never been higher! Unlike St. Francis Xavier, you don't need to travel to India or Japan to find unbelievers. You are surrounded by them! Like St. Francis DeSales, who left his native Savoy to become Bishop of Geneva Switzerland (which was then and is now Protestant territory), you also have an opportunity to witness to your protestant-heretic neighbors and share the true teaching of Christ's One, Holy, and Apostolic Catholic Church.

Similarly, you don't have to go to Calcutta like Mother Theresa to find the poor. Out of 88 Ohio Counties, Monroe County ranks as the 8th poorest. The poor are all around us! And, in fact, the Church in Monroe County is poor as well. Our little mission parishes have been struggling. I appreciate, deeply, those of you who have increased your offertory gifts and have participated in our drive to make our parishes more financially stable. But it remains that only 15% of our parishioners have responded. Please, 85%, join us in supporting our poor little churches!

I exhort you, my beloved 85%, in the words of Pope Leo XIV, whose first Apostolic Exhortation, "Dilexi Te," speaks of the importance of giving: "Our love and our deepest convictions need to be continually cultivated, and we do so through our concrete actions. Remaining in the realm of ideas and theories, while failing to give them expression through frequent and practical acts of charity, will eventually cause even our most cherished hopes and aspirations to weaken and fade away. For this very reason, we Christians must not abandon almsgiving. It can be done in different ways, and surely more effectively, but it must continue to be done. It is always better at least to do something rather than nothing."

Love needs to be manifested in action. If you love God, and love the Church, please allow these affections be demonstrated in your actions.

God bless you all, in Christ,

Fr. Nick

TUESDAY BINGO

October 21st

Missy Knowlton
Brenda Fisher
Uriah/Lindee Wilson

October 28th

Susie Cunion
Brenda Fisher
Mike Russell
Beth Black

SUNDAY BINGO

October 19th

Missy Knowlton
Robyn Guiler
Daniel & Carrie Dick

October 26th

Ace Guiler
Sean Edgell
Marissa Cole
Lori Pirl
Justin Hogue
Missy Dean

TUESDAY KITCHEN

October 21st

Marcia Shipp
Julie Selmon

October 28th

Diane Burkhardt

SUNDAY KITCHEN

October 19th

Louise Kress
Jill Schumacher

October 26th

Louise Kress
Michelle Speelman

Scripture Reading of the Week

Sunday

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Monday

OCTOBER 20TH

ROM 4:20-25

LK 12:13-21

Tuesday

OCTOBER 21ST

ROM 5:12, 15b, 17-19,
20b-21

LK 12:35-38

Wednesday

OCTOBER 22ND

ROM 6:12-18

LK 12:39-48

Thursday

OCTOBER 23RD

ROM 6:19-23

LK 12:49-53

Friday

OCTOBER 24TH

ROM 7:18-25a

LK 12:54-59

Saturday

OCTOBER 25TH

ROM 8:1-11

LK 13:1-9

Sunday

OCTOBER 26TH

THIRTIETH

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SIR 35:12-14, 16-18

2TM 4:6-8, 16-18

LK 18:9-14

October 18...Tammy Jones
October 19...Bill Long
October 25...Bill Frank
October 26...Jill Schumacher

2025 Cemetery Lawn Care

St. Sylvester Cost\$ 12,750.00

Lawn Care Donations\$ 8,112.70

St. John The Baptist Cost.....\$ 8,400.00

Donations\$ 3,938.00

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?

Aware that going before a king without his summons meant death, this person disobeyed the decree in an effort to save Jews ?

ANSWER: Esther

**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, November 5th. 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, November 12th - 7:00p.m. @ Generations

