

**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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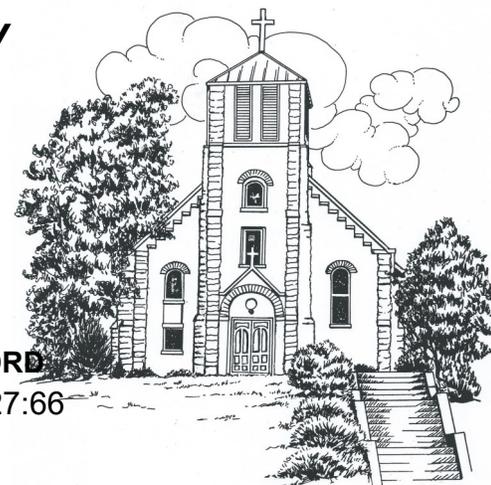
334 South Main Street  
Woodfield, Ohio 43793-1027

**MARCH 29, 2026**

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**  
**MT 21:1-11 IS 50:4-7 PHIL 2:6-11 MT 26:14-27:66**

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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](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

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

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**PALM SUNDAY MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>**

**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** 8:30 a.m.

+Francis Schumacher *by Edythe Schumacher*  
(Procession from School Gym, weather permitting)

**St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg** 10:30 a.m.

Living & Deceased of our Parishes  
(Simple Procession)

**MONDAY MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup>**

**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** NO MASS

**Basilica The Assumption, Marietta** 2:00 p.m.

Chrism Mass

**TUESDAY MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>**

**St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg** 9:00 a.m.

Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.  
+Helen Miller *by Dayle Miller*

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** 6:30 p.m.

Sick & Distressed *by Knights of Columbus*

**HOLY THURSDAY APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>**

**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** 7:00 p.m.

+Eva Rogalski *by Tom & Becky Stephen*

**GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>**

**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** 11:30 a.m.

Stations of the Cross

**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** 12:00-12:30 p.m.

Confessions

**St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg** 3:00 p.m.

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

**SATURDAY APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>**

**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** 8:30 a.m.

Morning Prayer

**EASTER VIGIL**

**St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg** 8:45 p.m.

+Phyllis Krone *by John & Teresa Paulus*

**EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>**

**Sylvester, Woodsfield** 8:30 a.m.

Living & Deceased of our Parishes

**St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg** 10:30 a.m.

+Eunice Gallagher *by Ron & Cathy Gallagher*

**O CIA**  
Every Thursday at 7:00p.m.  
location at St. Sylvester Church  
Basement



**Our Sunday Offering**  
March 21 - March 22

**St. John The Baptist**

Adult Collection	\$ 865.00
Loose Collection	\$ 40.00
Education Fund	\$ 65.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 20.00
Rice Bowl	\$ 20.00
CWC Dues	\$ 10.00
Starter Set	\$ 200.00
Brothers & Sisters	\$ 26.00
Hall Rental	\$ 75.00
Mass Request	\$ 10.00
ICC Cemetery	\$3,000.00

**St. Sylvester**

Adult Collection	\$ 2,131.00
Loose Collection	\$ 208.00
Candle Fund	\$ 73.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 50.00
Education Fund	\$ 135.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 200.00
Building Fund	\$ 50.00
Rice Bowl	\$ 20.00
St. Patrick Cemetery	\$ 300.00

**CEMETERY SPRING CLEAN UP**

It is that time of year again! Please remove any grave blankets from the graves. Any flowers or decorations in the cemetery, should be attached to the tombstones and off the ground, **no later than April 5th.** Thank You!

*THANK YOU!!  
for your continued  
support of our  
Parishes & School*

**2026 Cemetery Lawn Care**

St. Sylvester Cost .....	\$ 21,000.00
Lawn Care Donations .....	\$ 630.00
St. John The Baptist Cost.....	\$ 8,400.00
Donations .....	\$ 759.00
Imm Conception Cemetery Cost....	\$ 4,200.00
Donations .....	\$ 3,000.00
St. Joseph/Chapel Hill Cost.....	\$ 9,000.00
Donations .....	\$ 1,800.00
St. Patrick Cemetery Cost.....	\$ 2,800.00
Donations .....	\$ 300.00

*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.

**In Loving Memory of:**  
For the Bulletin...   
Anyone that wants to insert a deceased family or friend on the memory list for the entire year of 2026 beginning in January. \$15 each - donation— Mark memo as: "In memory of 2026"

**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

<b>St. Sylvester Goal:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>Goal Received \$</b>
<b>St. John The Baptist Goal:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>Goal Received \$</b>

***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

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

Dear Parishioners,

As you should know by now, begging for money has become one of my favorite hobbies (joking).

Having been here for almost two years, I have become aware of multiple infrastructure issues with our properties. Some of these issues we were able to take care of last year. But there are definitely issues which remain. Our churches are beautiful, but they are aging. All churches require maintenance, and our churches are certainly no different.

These are some of the projects I would like to tackle this summer, or at least get started:

**ST. SYLVESTER**

- ◆ Re-pour the concrete steps leading to the basement
- ◆ Clear drains around the church
- ◆ Replace old gutters so that run-off is directed away from the church roof and walls
- ◆ Seal or partially seal the sandstone where serious erosion has occurred
- ◆ Start re-wiring the church to remove fire hazard, prevent bulbs from blowing prematurely, and fix lights in the upper church which have not been lit in some time.
- ◆ Finish repairs on the rectory where pests (mice, snakes, wasps) are entering the house

} Issues contributing to water damage in the upper church and basement

**ST. JOHN *the* BAPTIST**

- ◆ Finish electrical work in the hall
- ◆ Partially seal the outside of the church where serious erosion has occurred in the stone
- ◆ Level and seal the front steps of the Church where the sandstone stoop has worn away
- ◆ Prepare the Miltonsburg rectory for the new tenants arriving this summer

Due to the generosity of a handful of parishioners at St. Sylvester, the parking lot project is mostly funded. But as you can see, we do need money so that we can get to work of these items. All of these are serious issues which need attention. They can not be put off much longer.

These are things we can work on for now so that we can take care of future issues in a timely fashion (both churches will need new roofs in the next five years or so).

If anyone needs a tax deduction for 2026 now would be the time!

Like you, I love our stunningly beautiful churches in Monroe County. Let's keep them standing tall and proud, so that they may continue to be places where God is worshipped and glorified in the Holy Mass and Sacraments, and where our families gather and celebrate the wonders of His Providence.

God bless you all,

In Christ,

Fr. Nick

**TUESDAY BINGO**

**April 7th**

Missy Knowlton  
Randall Sefert  
Justin/Abby Friday  
John Kemp

**April 14th**

Missy Knowlton  
Mary Atkinson  
Phillip/Chelsea Masters  
Missy Dean  
Courtney Collmar  
Carey Bott  
Holly Merideth

**SUNDAY BINGO**

**April 12**

Missy Knowlton  
Terry Schumacher  
David/Kasey Block  
Cody/Sam Miller  
Justin Hogue  
Missy Dean

**April 19th**

Missy Knowlton  
Robyn Guiler  
Dugan/Cassie  
Demchak

**TUESDAY KITCHEN**

**April 7th**

Julie Selmon  
Marcia Shipp  
Chris Hoff

**April 14th**

St. John CWC

**SUNDAY KITCHEN**

**April 12th**

Louise Kress  
Jill Schumacher

**April 19th**

Louise Kress  
Kathy Singleton

**LECTOR READERS**

March 28....Bill Long & Steve Burkhart

March 29....Jill Schumacher & Becky Baldwin

April 11....Tammy Jones

April 12....Jill Schumacher

**Scripture Reading  
of the Week**

**Sunday**

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PASSION OF THE LORD**

MT 21:1-11

IS 50:4-7

PHIL 2:6-11

MT 26:14-27:66

**Monday**

**MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup>**

IS 42:1-7

JN 12:1-11

**Tuesday**

**MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>**

IS 49:1-6

JN 13:21-33, 36-38

**Wednesday**

**APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>**

IS 50:4-9a

MT 26:14-25

**Thursday**

**APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>**

EX 12:1-8, 11-14

1COR 11:23-26

JN 13:1-15

**Friday**

**APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>**

IS 52:13-53:12

HEB 4:14-16; 5:7-9

JN 18:1-19:42

**Saturday**

**APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>**

GN 1:1-2:2

GN 22:1-18

EX 14:15-15:1

**Sunday**

**APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>**

**EASTER SUNDAY OF  
THE RESURRECTION  
OF THE LORD**

ACTS 10:34a, 37-43

COL 3:1-4

JN 20:1-9



**EASTER FLOWERS...**

**IN MEMORY OF:**

CLARENCE E. STEPHEN  
LUZELDA E. STEPHEN  
LONNIE T. STEPHEN  
FRANCIS (FRITZ) SCHUMACHER  
DEB SCHUMACHER  
ALDEN & BETTY HUSK  
EARL & DESSIE OKEY  
BROTHERS & SISTERS OF CAROL KUHN  
BILLY JEAN ELLIOTT  
MARY MALANOWSKI  
BUZZ & ENOLA RIGGS  
HELEN CROCK BURKHART  
LAWRENCE CROCK  
FRANCIS BURKHART  
WILMA BURKHART  
JUDY CARPENTIER  
HILDA BURKHART  
TY BURKHART  
MADELINE MELLINGER  
DELORES KNOWLTON  
ROMAN SCHUMACHER  
CLARA SCHUMACHER  
SUSAN SCHUMACHER THOMAS  
FLOYD GRIFFIN  
RICHARD & JANE RADON  
JOSEPH & MARGARET PAULUS  
RUTH MILLER  
DAVID MILLER  
VERNON & CINDERELLA BUTLER  
MIKE GARTEN  
RICHARD GARTEN  
DON HANNING  
RAPLH & MATINE KEEVERT  
EMMA SCHUMACHER  
PANDORA NEUHART  
ROSEMARY SCHUMACHER  
SUSAN THOMAS  
LUCY & SARAH DICK  
MICHAEL & BERTHA BURKHART  
PLATT FAMILY  
JOSEPHINA JACK  
MARY ROSMON  
FATHER SAPRANO  
ROBERT MILLER  
RAY & INEZ KEMP  
LAWRENCE & CLARA MILLER  
JAMES & MARIE KIRKLAND  
KIRKLAND & MEHLER FAMILY

ROSEMARY SCHUMACHER  
WALTER KNOX  
THERESA GARFOLD  
CAROL GARFOLD  
ROBERT MILLER SR  
KENNETH & RUTHANN KNOX  
ALBERT & CLARA GARFOLD  
DON & BESSIE ANN FREEMAN  
JERRY & GOLDIE WEISS  
NELSON SMITHBERGER  
ELLA SMITHBERGER  
SHIRLEY PERKINS  
FRANICS & FREEDA PAULUS  
HILDA & MARY PAULUS  
VICTOR & DOROTHY DAVIDSON  
KENNY, SHIRLEY & MARK KUHN  
JOE, MARTHA & DAVID KUHN  
LEANDER & GENNY KUHN  
CAROL, PAUL & JIMMY KUHN  
KATHY HANNAHS  
GEORGE & MARTHA KRESS  
CLARENCE & HELEN HOFF  
FRED, CLEM, & GEORGE JR. KRESS  
DAVE RODGERS  
ARCHIBALD & LEARRENA GRIFFITH  
PAUL & LEOBA ARCHER  
ARTHUR MILLER  
QUINN KAHRIG  
GENE & MARY LOUISE WELLS  
JUDY GARTEN  
JOANN GARTEN  
DONALD & LOIS STEPHEN  
CHARLES & MARY HUNKLER  
KATY MADISON  
CAROLYN LOWERY  
RICK SCHUMACHER  
HENRY & IDA MILLER  
MERI C. WELSH  
PAUL & BARBARA CONNER  
DIMMERLING DECEASED FAMILY  
IRENE OKEL  
TODD GRINELL  
WALTER KNOX  
ARBA & MARY LUCAS  
DELMAS & IRENE FINNICUM  
GEORGE & PHYLLIS DEMCHAK  
GEORGE MEHLER

**IN HONOR OF:**

BARBARA STEPHEN  
EMMA CARPENTIER  
SHIRLEY CLOUSE  
DELMA GARRETT



**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, April 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, April 8th - 7:00 p.m. @ Generations