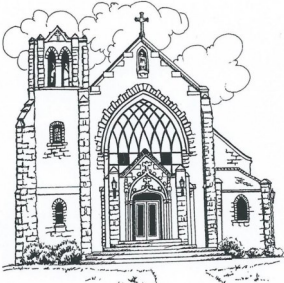


**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield**  
founded 1866

**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

**DECEMBER 24, 2023**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**2SM 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 ROM 16:25-27 LK 1:26-38**

***Fr. Timothy Davison ~ Pastor***



# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**SUNDAY** DEC 24<sup>TH</sup>

**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** 8:30 a.m.  
+Walter Knox by Regina Knox

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

**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** 5:00 p.m.  
+Francis Schumacher by Jennifer Winkler

**MONDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY** DEC 25<sup>TH</sup>

**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** 8:30 a.m.  
+Joe Gallagher by Ron & Cathy Gallagher

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

**TUESDAY** DEC 26<sup>TH</sup>

**St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg** 9:00 a.m.  
8:00 a.m. Holy Hour  
+Deb Block by Clarence & Eileen Ackerman

**WEDNESDAY** DEC 27<sup>TH</sup>

**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** 6:30 p.m.  
+Bill Calvert by Mary Wallace

**THURSDAY** DEC 28<sup>TH</sup>

**St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg** 9:00 a.m.  
Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.  
+Doug Chappel by George Chappel

**FRIDAY** DEC 29<sup>TH</sup>

**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** 8:30 a.m.  
+Terri Gordon by Sam & Jill Schumacher

**SATURDAY** DEC 30<sup>TH</sup>

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

**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** 5:00 p.m.  
+Fred Ulrich by Bernice & Linda Dick

**SUNDAY** DEC 31<sup>ST</sup>

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

**St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg** 10:30 a.m.  
+Kim Sefert by Tony & Cindy Schumacher



## Our Sunday Offering

DEC 16 - DEC 17

### St. John The Baptist

Adult Collection	\$ 785.00
Loose Collection	\$ 98.00
School Fund	\$ 65.00
In Memory Of:	\$ 75.00
Imm Conception	\$ 10.00
Religious Retire	\$ 60.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 90.00

### St. Sylvester

Adult Collection	\$ 1,483.00
Loose Collection	\$ 71.00
School Fund	\$ 110.00
Human Develop	\$ 20.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 60.00
Mass Request	\$ 50.00
Imm Conception	\$ 2.00
Building Fund	\$ 876.00
In Memory 2024	\$ 30.00
Religious Retire	\$ 102.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 45.00

## ~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"


*Thank you for  
your continued  
support of our  
parishes and  
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.

### In Loving Memory of 2024:

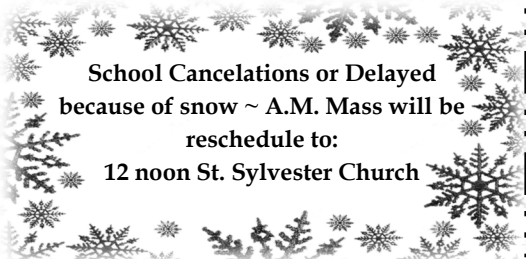
For the Bulletin....   
Anyone that wants to insert a deceased  
family or friend on the memory list for the  
entire year of 2024 beginning in January.  
\$15 each - donation  
Mark memo as: "In memory of 2024"

## 2023 DPSC Share Campaign

Thanks again for your participation. If you have not pledged, please do so. You can place a pledge in the collection basket or mail it directly to DPSC envelope or go online at [www.Give.DioSteub.org](http://www.Give.DioSteub.org). 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.

**St. Sylvester Goal: \$ 26,030.00      Goal Received \$ 19,405.00**

**St. John The Baptist Goal: \$ 13,711.00      Goal Received \$ 7,975.00**





***In Loving Memory of:***

Emma Schumacher  
Paul Ditto  
Deb Schumacher  
Francis (Fritz) Schumacher  
Katy Madison  
Paul Madison  
Paul Madison Jr.  
Francis & Freeda Paulus  
Mary Paulus  
Hilda Paulus  
Herman Burkhart  
Hilda Burkhart  
Madeline Mellinger  
Raymond Baldwin  
Alice & Ralph Buckalew  
Grace Joyce  
Joe Fillippi  
Wes & Clara Hossman  
Cindy Miller Stevens  
Donald Miller  
Larry Krone  
Joy Taylor  
David Baker  
Lowell Baker  
William Bolon  
Danny Betts  
Billie Jean Elliott  
Meri C. Welsh  
Norbert Burkhart  
Agnes Burkhart  
Francis Reishman  
Hazel Reishman  
Robert M. Miller Sr.  
Walter Knox  
Josephine Jack  
Terri Gordon  
Joe & Eunice Gallagher  
Cyril Burkhart  
Harry & Lucille Elliott  
Monica Long  
Francis & Edith Block  
Virgil Block  
Joe & Debbie Block  
Gladys (babe) Burkhart  
William B. Schumacher  
Michael, Bertha &  
Rebeca Burkhart  
Paul & Barbara Conner  
Jim Scott  
Thelma Scott  
Harmon Scott  
Darrell Cline  
Clara Rush  
Virgil Rush  
Francis Stephen  
Carol Moore  
Roman & Clara Schumacher  
Susan Thomas Schumacher  
Rick Schumacher  
Deloris Knowlton  
Cinderella Butler  
Vernon Butler  
Wayne Forshey

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

Dear Friends in Christ,

Merry Christmas to one and all!! I hope and pray that your Christmas will be filled with joy and hope!! Our Christmas Eve Mass will take place at 5:00 p.m. this Sunday at St. Sylvester's Church. And then on Christmas Day our Masses will be at 8:30 a.m. at St. Sylvester's and at 10:30 a.m. at St. John's. And of course the Octave of Christmas will continue until January 1<sup>st</sup>. There are some beautiful feasts during the Octave such as the Feast of St. Stephen, the proto-martyr on December 26<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of St. John the Apostle on December 27<sup>th</sup> and the Feast of the Holy Innocents on December 28<sup>th</sup>. Then, of course on January 1<sup>st</sup> the Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord we will celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. And to top it all off the Feast of St. Sylvester falls on December 31<sup>st</sup> which this year is next Sunday. To celebrate it the Knights of Columbus wish to hosts a little breakfast of coffee and donuts right after the 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Sylvester's down in the basement. They will take donations only. For the Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God we will have two morning Masses: 8:30 a.m. at St. Sylvester's and 10:30 a.m. at St. John's. The obligation to assist at Mass on this Holy Day has been lifted this year because the Feast falls on a Monday. But, please come and bring in the New Year with the most powerful prayer of the Church, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. January 1<sup>st</sup> is also the World Day of Prayer for Peace and that is an additional reason to come together and pray as a community for peace. Look at the terrible wars going on in the world and as Christians we are distressed and saddened when we see so much death and destruction. It is only right and just that we should gather to pray for peace.

May the Lord grant to everyone the true peace that only God can bestow.

Sincerely yours,

Father Timothy Davison

**TUESDAY BINGO**

**Jan 2nd**

Monica Habig  
Robyn Guiler  
Sam Schumacher  
Andy Schumacher  
Angie LaFollette  
Stacey Sharp  
Missy Dean

**Jan 9th**

Monica Habig  
Terry  
Dustin Wheeler  
Tom Stephen  
Steve Burkhart  
Gene Hupp

**SUNDAY BINGO**

**Jan 7th**

Monica Habig  
Robyn Guiler  
Sam Schumacher  
Dustin Wheeler  
Marissa Cole  
Adam Chambers  
Carey Bott

**Jan 14th**

Monica Habig  
Terry  
Dustin Wheeler  
Gina Ball  
Adam Chambers  
Missy Dean

**TUESDAY KITCHEN**

**Jan 2nd**

Missy Knowlton  
Diane Burkhart

**Jan 9th**

Carol Kuhn  
Diane Burkhart

**SUNDAY KITCHEN**

**Jan 7th**

Becky Bott  
Louise Kress

**Jan 14th**

Kathy Singleton  
Louise Kress

**Scripture Reading of the Week**

**Sunday  
DEC 24<sup>TH</sup>  
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2SM 7:1-5, 8b-12,  
14a, 16  
ROM 16:25-27  
LK 1:26-38

**Monday  
DEC 25<sup>TH</sup>**  
IS 62:1-5  
ACTS 13:16-17, 22-25  
MT 1:1-25

**Tuesday  
DEC 26<sup>TH</sup>**  
ACTS 6:8-10; 7:54-59  
MT 10:17-22

**Wednesday  
DEC 27<sup>TH</sup>**  
1JN 1:1-4  
JN 20:1a, 2-8

**Thursday  
DEC 28<sup>TH</sup>**  
1JN 1:5-2:2  
MT 2:13-18

**Friday  
DEC 29<sup>TH</sup>**  
1JN 2:3-11  
LK 2:22-35

**Saturday  
DEC 30<sup>TH</sup>**  
1JN 2:12-17  
LK 2:36-40

**Sunday  
DEC 31<sup>ST</sup>**

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF  
JESUS, MARY AND  
JOSEPH**  
SIR 3:2-6, 12-14  
COL 3:12-21  
LK 2:22-40

**LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE**

- Dec 23.....Catherine Paulus
- Dec 24.....Becky Baldwin
- Dec 25.....Jill Schumacher
- Dec 30.....Catherine Paulus
- Dec 31.....Becky Baldwin

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS IN MEMORY:**

Winfield & Mary McFarland	Wes Hossman
Don & Bessie Ann Freeman	Clara Hossman
Jerry & Goldie Weiss	Marin Hossman
Leander & Genevieve Kuhn	Theresa Garfold
Elbert & Zelda Betts	Donald Miller
Kennedy, Joe, Paul & Jimmy Kuhn	
Dennis Biedenbach	Ruthann Knox
Martha & Shirley Kuhn	Robert Miller Sr.
Clara & Albert Garfold	Kenneth Knox
Herb Acord	Joy Taylor
Delmas & Irene Finnicum	Lawrence Miller
Clara Miller	Josephina Jack
Arlo & Mary Lucas	Ray & Thyez Kemp
Mary Rosmon	

Larry Okey	Myrna Minder	Mary Malanowski
Albert Riggs	Enola Riggs	Arthur L Miller
Ruth A Miller	David Miller	Quinn Kahrig
Elmer Tamasovich		Elsie Tamachovich
Hank Schwartz		Eleanor Schwartz
Robert Miller Sr.	Michael Gerten	Judy Gerten
Walter Knox	Meri C Welsh	Michaela Neuhart
Bob Wallace	Ella Brubach	Lil Calvert
Louise O'Connell	Clara Hall	Jim Partridge
Jimmy Partridge	Ruth Hall	Dean Hall
Deb Schumacher	George Kress	Martha Kress
Clarence Hoff	Helen Hoff	Fred Kress
Clem Kress	George Kress	Floyd Griffin
Richard Radon	Jane Radon	David Rodgers
Frances Paulus	Freeda Paulus	Hilda Paulus
Mary Paulus	Archibald Griffith	Learrena Griffith
Joseph Paulus	Margaret Paulus	Rich Schumacher
Roman Schumacher		Clara Schumacher
Susan Schumacher Thomas		Deloris Knowlton
Rosemary Schumacher		Vernon Butler
Cinderella Butler		Ulrich & Dick Family
Victor & Dorothy Davison		Tom Dierkes
Marion & Gertrude Stephen		Walter Knox



**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, January 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 Wednesday, January 10th 7:00 p.m. @ Generations

