



St. Sylvester, Woodsfield  
founded 1866



St. John Bosco, Sardis  
dedicated 1976



St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg  
founded 1841

*Parishes of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Steubenville*

## The Monroe County Catholic Churches

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**Pastoral Mission Statement for the  
Catholic Parishes serving greater  
Monroe County, Ohio**

*They remained faithful to the  
teaching of the apostles,  
to the community, to the breaking of bread  
and to prayer. (Acts. 2;42ff)*

In the sacred tradition, as parishes of the Roman Catholic Church and the Diocese of Steubenville, we the Catholic Communities of Monroe County remain dedicated to our patron saints, united under our diocesan bishop and committed to:

**Worship**— Celebrating the Eucharist, the other sacraments and sacred rites with noble simplicity, as the summit and source of our faith, always keeping with the norms of the Church, and promoting appropriate prayer and Catholic devotions, retreats and times of recollection and spiritual growth.

**Christian Formation**—Fully supporting St. Sylvester Central Elementary and all parish religious education programs for youth and adults, we are on the journey of discovery, deepening and living our faith.

**Pastoral Care**—Ministering to the sick, the home-bound, the bereaved, those who feel alienated, excluded, wounded or unworthy of the active practice of their religion, the poor and all who have special need of the Church's care and attention.

**Outreach / Evangelization**—inviting those who have no other church home to join our church communities; cooperating with other churches in community endeavors, such as the SOMA thrift store and the SOMA food pantry, and joining with them for times of community prayer and service.

### January 15, 2017

### *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)*

Is 49:3, 5–6

1 Cor 1:1–3

Jn 1:29–34

This fresco by Perugino, Michelangelo's art teacher, is found on the wall of the Sistine Chapel. Like the other frescoes in this sacred space, this panel contains multiple scenes. The central scene is the baptism of Jesus. The viewer clearly sees Jesus standing in the water, with John the Baptist next to him, pouring water over his head.

God the Father is above, ready to declare that this is his beloved Son. The Holy Spirit comes down upon Jesus in the form of a dove. It was the Spirit who helped John know that this was the Messiah, the one sent by God to baptize with the Holy Spirit. After his baptism, Jesus is sent out to preach and teach. The fresco reveals that Perugino has read his Bible: the scene to the right Jesus is shown preaching to the multitudes. John the Baptist's mission changes, too. He goes from preparing for the coming of the Messiah to following and testifying about him. This is what the baptized do: the new life we are given calls and strengthens us to offer that new life to others.

At our baptism, we were sanctified, forgiven our sins, incorporated into the body of Christ, and given Piece: a mission to share this baptism with others. In fact, the last words of Jesus before his ascension were, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19–20).

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

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"I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from the sky and remain upon him.... Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God" (John 1:32, 34).

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday** January 14<sup>th</sup>  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 5:00 pm  
 + Victor & Dorothy Davidson by John Paulus Family

**Sunday** January 15<sup>th</sup>  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 8:30 am  
 + Roman Schumacher by Mike Schumacher

**St. John the Baptist**, Miltonsburg 10:30 am  
 + Raphael Yontz by Tom & Becky Stephen

**St. John Bosco Mission**, Sardis 12:30 pm  
 The Ruth Kehl family by Ada Morris Family

**Monday** January 16<sup>th</sup>  
**St. Sylvester** Woodsfield 8:30am  
 + Rita Yontz by Vernon & Shirley Guerst

**Tuesday** January 17<sup>th</sup>  
*Saint Anthony*

**St. John the Baptist**, Miltonsburg 9:00pm  
 +Walter & Nell Van Skiver by Joe & Debbie

**Wednesday** January 18<sup>th</sup>  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 8:00am  
 +Michael Demchak by George & Phyllis

**Thursday** January 19<sup>th</sup>  
**St. John the Baptist** , Miltonsburg 9:00am  
 + Hilda Burkhart by Sandra Bovenzi

**Friday** January 20<sup>th</sup>  
*Saint Fabian & Saint Sabastian*  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 8:30am  
 +Katy Madison by Paul, Austin, & Grace

**Saturday** January 21<sup>st</sup>  
*Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr*  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 8:30am  
 Living & Deceased of Monroe Catholic Parishes

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday** January 21<sup>st</sup>  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 5:00 pm  
 + Marie & Jim Kirkland by their daughters

**Sunday** January 22<sup>nd</sup>  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 8:30 am  
 + William Bolon by Mary Bolon

**St. John the Baptist**, Miltonsburg 10:30am  
 + Cyril T. Burkhart by Rosemary

**St. John Bosco**, Sardis 12:30pm  
 +Denny Biedenbach by Fritz & Nancy Burkhart

The Sacrament of **CONFIRMATION** will be celebrated for the Catholic Parishes of Monroe County on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm at St. Sylvester's in Woodsfield. Candidate classes will begin at the end of January for those wishing to be confirmed from the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up.. Information meeting will be held **Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00pm in the basement of St. Sylvester Church.**

*Winter Weather Rule for Monroe County Catholic: Weekdays* - when school is in session: if St. Sylvester Central is a **two hour delay** that daily Mass moves to NOON (12:00) at St. Sylvester. If school is **cancelled** due to weather issues: that day's Mass is also cancelled. **On the weekends or when school** is not in session; Please use caution in adverse weather...the Published Mass schedule will be observed (if at all possible).

**Pilgrimage/Historical Trip to Philadelphia, Pa.**  
 September 19-22, 2017; .

**Pro-Life March** January 27<sup>th</sup> Consider helping to make the pro-life message heard throughout the world. You can make a difference.

**Recently** we have been notified that some addresses we have for parishioners (and have used for years) are now no longer usable for the postal service to deliver We will work to correct this problem....

**For Reflection:** *How willing am I to share about Jesus and what he means to me? Do I have family or friends in doubt about baptizing their child? How can I kindly encourage them?*

**A Word From Pope Francis:** *"The lay faithful, in virtue of their Baptism, are protagonists in the work of evangelization and human advancement. Incorporated into the Church, every member of the People of God is an inseparable disciple and missionary."* —Message, March 7, 2014

**Your Sacrificial Offering**

January 1,2017

January 8, 2017

**St. John Bosco**  
 Adult Collection \$ 70.00  
 Loose Collection \$ 45.00  
 Solemn of Mary \$ 75.00

**St John the Baptist**  
 Adult Collection \$1,556.00  
 Loose \$ 29.00  
 School \$ 590.00  
 Solemn of Mary \$ 31.00  
 First offerings \$ 60.00

**St. Sylvester**  
 Adult Collection \$ 1,977.00  
 Loose collection \$ 216.00  
 School Collection \$ 146.00  
 Votive Candles \$ 32.00  
 First Offering \$ 150.00

**St. John Bosco Mission**  
 Adult Collection \$ 122.00  
 Loose Collection \$ 78.00  
 First offering \$ 15.00

**St. John the Baptist**  
 Adult Collection \$ 691.00  
 Loose \$ 31.00  
 School Collection \$ 86.00  
 First Offering \$ 10.00

**St. Sylvester**  
 Adult Collection \$ 1,517.00  
 Loose Collection \$ 232.00  
 Votive Candles \$ 14.00  
 School Collection \$ 285.00  
 First Offering \$ 65.00  
 Solemn of Mary \$ 130.00  
 Christmas \$ 20.00

**This Week**

**Sunday**  
 St. Sylvester Central  
 Bingo at Brown  
 Community Center  
 Doors open at 5:00pm  
 Bingo begins at 6:30pm

**Monday**  
 No School

**Tuesday**  
 St. Sylvester Central  
 Bingo at Brown  
 Community Center  
 Doors open at 5:00pm  
 Bingo begins at 6:30pm

**Sunday**  
 St. Sylvester Central  
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**Attention Men**, are you interested in a life of service and self giving? Have you ever wished you could offer gifts and talents to do more in the Church?

If you have, then maybe you should consider a Vocation to the Diaconate. A permanent deacon is either a single or married Man ordained for service (if married must be 35 years old at the time of ordination with permission of his wife). Deacon in Greek, *diakonia*, refers to one who is called to service and comes to us from the sixth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, where seven men are called to serve. The Diocese of Steubenville is beginning a new class to form men as deacons. Application packets are available and are due by October 1, 2017. To help all interested, The Office of Diaconal Ministries will offer regional informational sessions. If you or someone you know would be a good candidate encourage them to attend:

Monday, Feb. 6 at 7pm in Caldwell  
 Sunday Feb 12 at 4pm in St. Clairsville.

**Purgatorial Society:**

An organization founded in the 1890's, to pray for each other and the repose of the souls in Purgatory. Contact Fr. David 740-472-0187

St. Sylvester's **Cub Scout Pack 17**, Woodsfield, meet Monday at 6:00pm September through May. Pack Leader is Melissa Smithberger

**Catholic Woman's Club:** CWC is an organization of all the Catholic women in a parish and is devoted to fostering spiritual, social and moral values within its members and their parish.

St. Sylvester: Mrs. Diane Burkhart

St. John the Baptist: Mrs. Eileen Ackerman and Mrs. Eileen Miller.

**Catholic Cemetery Contacts:**

**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield:

Donald & Rita Biedenbach 740-472-1849

**St. John the Baptist**, Miltonsburg &

**Immaculate Conception**, Ozark:

Tony Schumacher 740-827-3626

**St. Joseph**, & **Chapel Hill**, Burkhart Station:

Russell Betts 740-567-3286

**St. Patrick's**, New Matamoras:

St. Sylvester Parish office: 740-472-0187

**St. Sylvester Central**

**Elementary:** (PK-8)

119 Wayne Street, Woodsfield, Ohio.

Mrs. Robyn Guiler, principal.

740-472-0321

**St. John Central High School.**

3625 Guernsey Street, Bellaire, Ohio.

740-676-4932

Mrs. Kim Leonard, principal

[www.stjohncentralhs.org](http://www.stjohncentralhs.org)

**Scripture Reading of the Week**

**Sunday**

January 15

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 49:5-6

1Cor 1:1-3

Jn 1:29-34

**Monday**

January 16

*Weekday*

Heb 5:1-10

Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday**

January 17

*St. Anthony, Abbot*

Heb 6:10-20

Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday**

January 18

*Weekday*

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17

Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday**

January 19

*Weekday*

Heb 7:25-8:6

Mk 3:7-12

**Friday**

January 20

*Weekday*

Heb 8:6-13

Mk 3:13-19

**Saturday**

January 21

*St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr*

Heb 9:2-3, 11-14

Mk 3:20-21

**Sunday**

January 22

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Is 8:23-9:3

1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

**Prayer Chain**

Jackie Kirkland: 740-472-0338

**Parish School of Religion (PSR):** [aka. CCD] The Parish Religion Classes for children (not enrolled in a Catholic School) in grades 1 through 8.

**St. Sylvester:** Jill Schumacher 740-472-5483

**St. John the Baptist** Eileen Ackerman 740-757-2481

**Call to register your children.**

**Parish**

**Membership:**

*New Parishioners* are always welcome. Please contact the parish office to register



**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, (RCIA):** RCIA is an adult preparation for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Contact the parish office.



**St. Joseph of Monroe County, Council 5009**

meets the first and third Wednesdays at 7:00pm in the basement of St. Sylvester Church.

**Infant Baptism:**

contact the parish office

**Retrouvaille** (help for troubled marriages), 740-749-3335

**Diocese of Steubenville Office of Family and Social Concerns & Referral**

(i.e. Catholic Charities), 1-800-339-7890.

**Diocesan Child Protection and Reporting:** Msgr. Kurt Kemo V.G., 1-740-282-3631

**Diocesan Vocation Director:** Fr. Michael Gossett e-mail: [mgossett@diosteub.org](mailto:mgossett@diosteub.org)

**Mass Intentions.** To remember a loved one (Catholic or not) or a special occasion with a Mass intention. Suggested donation is \$10.00 per Mass. Dates are scheduled on a first come basis.

**Pastoral Care of the Sick and Infirm:** If you or someone you love wishes to receive the Eucharist or have a priest visit, call 740-472-0187. Hospitals and Care facilities **regularly do not notify** the parish, so you have to if you want us to know.

**Monroe County Suicide prevention hotline** 1-800-354-4357

**Praying the Rosary: Witness to Faith.** At St. Sylvester and St. John the Baptist Parishes, we recite the rosary before each of the weekend Masses praying together through the intercession of the Blessed Mother for our church, our county, and the world.

**Weddings:**

No date may be reserved for a wedding until the couple meet with the priest at least six (6) month advance and **pre-Cana is required** as mandated by Diocesan Policy.

**Confessions:** at

St. Sylvester's

Saturday

4:15pm to 4:45pm

Sunday

7:45am to 8:15am

or upon request.

**Looking for the Perfect Gift for Valentines Day?** Give the gift of the perfect weekend to bring a husband and wife closer together! A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is exactly what you are looking for! At a Worldwide marriage Encounter, the original and continually updated marriage enrichment program, you get away from the distractions of everyday life and focus on each other. Celebrate the gift of love God has given you in one another and learn more communication techniques of a CHRIST-centered marriage filled with romance and intimacy. The next weekend is February 17 to 19, 2017 at the Clarion Inn in Hudson, Ohio Applications for a Marriage Encounter Weekend and further information are online: [GreatMarriagesOhio.org](http://GreatMarriagesOhio.org) or call 330-305-9963.

**In Loving  
Memory of:**

Emma Schumacher  
Sr. Joanna Burkhart  
Sr. Evelyn Ann  
Schumacher  
Msgr. Joseph G Mehler  
Fr. Joseph Finan  
Imelda D Scott  
Walter & Alma Heinz  
Vernon Butler  
Brandon Butler  
Francis & Freda Paulus  
Mary Paulus  
Hilda Paulus  
Hilda & Herman  
Burkhart  
Michael & Berta  
Burkhart  
Paul & Barbara Conner  
James Scott  
Paul & Katy Madison  
The Ulrich Family  
David Baker  
Lowell Baker  
William H. Bolon

**This semester, my class adopted “the fruit(s) of the Spirit” as its theme. I have read Galatians 5:16–26 but am not sure what St. Paul means. How does the theme relate to daily life?**

In that passage, notice how Paul distinguishes between the “flesh” and the “Spirit” and says they are opposed to each other. Here, “flesh” does not refer merely to the human body nor to impure desires but rather to the state of unredeemed human nature in its earthly or secular condition. The term “spirit” refers to the “new self” brought about by Christ’s redemption and governed by the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 4:24; Colossians 3:10). You can tell the difference between these two by looking at their results—their “fruits.” The flesh gives rise to immorality, impurity, rivalry, selfishness, and so on (Galatians 5:19–21). The Spirit gives rise to love, peace, kindness, self-control, and the like (Galatians 5:22–23). These fruits emerge from good works, manifest God’s presence in the person doing them, and edify those who observe them. In other words, they are the visible ways in which the Holy Spirit guides and directs us and through which the Spirit touches others. The *Catechism* defines the fruits of the Spirit as “perfections,” “the first fruits of eternal glory” (CCC 1832). The more we renounce ourselves, our “flesh,” in imitation of Christ, the more we can bear good fruit (CCC 736; see also John 15).

Fr. Daniel L. Lowery, CSSR

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**St. Sylvester Central School News**

School Website is up and running: [www.monroecountycatholic.org](http://www.monroecountycatholic.org) then click on the school tab.

St. Sylvester Central Script Program is an excellent way to support Catholic Education and St. Sylvester Central without costing you money out of your pocket.

Trojan Alumni—SSC Home & School Subcommittee is collecting names, year of graduation & current contact information of former students. We are also looking for class representative for the various years to help with this project. You are invited to join the St. Sylvester Central School Alumni Facebook page and submit information. It is our hope to host a gathering during the Woodfield/Monroe Central alumni weekend in June.

**Boys Basketball schedule for St. Sylvester :**

Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at Skyvue at 5:55pm;  
Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at Powhatan at 5:55pm;  
Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at St. Mary’s, Marietta at 6:00pm;  
Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at Beallsville at 7:15pm

**Tuesday Bingo**

January 17  
Monica Habig  
Lance LaFollette  
Anna Lang  
Terry or Ruthie Valkovic  
Deborah Blacstone  
Tom or Lydia Brodegard  
Randall or Michelle  
Christman

January 24  
Monica Habig  
Dara Butler  
David Schnegg  
Tiffany Zeakes  
Vaughn or Pam Christy  
Chuck Dye or Heather  
Smith

January 31  
Monica Habig  
Richard Schenk  
Kay Brooks  
Tammy Ewers  
Amy Lewis  
Laura Winland

February 7  
Monica Habig  
Richard Schenk  
Brooke Yontz  
Amanda Blaney  
Alicia McSwords  
Jenny Thornton  
Nicolas or Michaela  
Murdy

**Sunday Bingo**

January 15  
Monica Habig  
Adam Dick  
Adam Chambers  
Jr. or Barb Burkhart  
Ted Babcock  
Dustin or April Parden

January 22  
Missy Knowlton  
Tony Schumacher  
Stacey Schumacher  
Chrissy Ferguson  
Andrew Harper  
Juli Harper

January 29  
No Bingo

February 5  
Amanda Schumacher  
Sam Schumacher  
Matt or Nicole McGuire  
Nicole Eastham  
Heather Robbins  
Kim Palmer

February 22  
Monica Habig  
Adam Dick  
Ryan or Jenna Rosnick  
Matt Vinskovich  
Ted Babcock  
Nathan or Rachel Arden

**BINGO KITCHEN**

Jan 15  
Becky Baldwin  
Louise Kress

Jan 17  
St. John CWC

Jan 22  
Linda Dick  
Mary Bolon

Jan 24  
Sandy Barnes  
Alice Piatt

January 29  
No Bingo

