



St. Sylvester, Woodsfield
founded 1866



St. John Bosco, Sardis
(founded 1863) dedicated 1976



St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg
founded 1841

Parishes of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Steubenville

The Monroe County Catholic Churches

www.monroecountycatholic.org

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Retired

January 19, 2020

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 49:3, 5-6 1 Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34

Bulletin information must be in to the office by Thursday at 8:00am.

Parish Registration: *New Parishioners* are always welcome! Please contact the parish office (740-472-0187) to register.

Infant Baptism: contact the parish office (740-472-0187) to schedule.

Confessions: at Woodsfield: Sat. 4:00pm to 4:45pm.;
Sun 7:45am to 8:15am. and by appointment.

Weddings: No date may be reserved for a wedding until the couple meet with the priest.

Pastoral Care of the Sick and Infirm: call 740-472-0187. Hospitals and Care facilities **regularly do not notify** the parish unless specific request is made.

Catholic Woman's Club: will meet on the first Wednesday of each month at the Brown Center at 7:00pm.

St. Sylvester: Diane Burkhart 740-391-0391;

St. John the Baptist: Eileen Ackerman 740-757-2481 and/or Eileen Miller 740-472-0279

St. Joseph of Monroe County Council 5009 of the Knights of Columbus will meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month at St. Sylvester Church, following 6:30pm Mass. Grand Knight Mr. Sam Schumacher.

Parish Prayer Chain: please call: Jackie Kirkland 740-472-0338.

Purgatorial Society founded in the 1780's to pray for those holy souls in Purgatory. To join or for more information contact the Jackie Kirkland at 740-472-0338.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, (RCIA): RCIA is an adult preparation for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Mr. Joseph Long, coordinator.

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.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

St. Sylvester Central Elementary: (PK-8) 119 Wayne Street, Woodsfield, Ohio. Mrs. Robyn Guiler, principal. 740-472-0321

Diocesan Vocation Director Fr. Michael Gossett:
mgossett@diosteub.org

Cub Scout Pack 17, Pack Leader is Missy Dean (740) 934-9382
Mkd_1972@yahoo.com

Boy Scout Troop 17 Scout Master: Mr. Tim Dolan (740)-213-7365

Catholic Cemetery Contacts:

St. Sylvester Woodsfield: Donald & Rita Biedenbach 740-472-1849

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

Ozark; Jason Weiss or St. Sylvester Parish Office 740-472-0187

St. Joseph & Chapel Hill, Burkhart Station: Russell Betts 740-567-3286

St. Patrick's, New Matamoras: Parish office: 740-472-0187

Diocese of Steubenville Office of Family and Social Concerns & Referral (i.e. Catholic Charities), 1-800-339-7890.

Diocesan Child Protection and reporting of abuse

Father James M. Dunfee, Vicar General of the Diocese of Steubenville, 1-740-282-3631 or e-mail jdunfee@diosteub.org.

The Baptism of the Lord

Saturday Jan. 18th

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00pm
+Clem Kress by Mike & Missy Knowlton

Sunday Jan. 19th

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30am
Living & Deceased of our Parishes

St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30 am
+Madeline Mellinger by Don & Marlene Burkhardt

St. John Bosco Mission, Sardis 12:30 pm
+Vince Dalessio by Larry & Connie Richter Family

Monday Jan. 20th

NO MASS

Tuesday Jan. 21st

NO MASS

Wednesday Jan. 22nd

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30am
Mike Knowlton by Tyler Beth & Girls

Thursday Jan. 23rd

St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg
Holy Hour 8:00am Mass at 9:00 am
+Edith Block & Eileen Finnicum by Clarence & Eileen Ackerman

St. John Bosco Mission, Sardis
Holy Hour of Reparation 7pm-8pm

Friday Jan. 24th

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30am

Kathleen Hannahs by Sharon Kilburn

St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg
Stations of the Cross 2:30pm, Holy Hour 3pm-4pm

Saturday Jan. 25th

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield (Latin) 8:30am
Greg Schadd Family & Intentions

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00pm
+Lola Geldmacher by The Gaydosik Family

Sunday Jan. 26th

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30am
+Ray Yontz by John & Mary Ann Yontz

St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30 am
Living & Deceased of our Parishes

St. John Bosco Mission, Sardis 12:30 pm
+John & Mary (Cuppy) Chaplin by Larry & Connie Richter Family

Winter weather is here!-When there is a two hour delay at St. Sylvester Central (due to weather) or cancelled that weekday Mass will be at noon. If there is a major winter event on the weekend, I will try to maintain the regular Mass schedule.

Catholic Schools Week- Catholic Schools week will be held January 27th– January 31st.

- **Walk-a-thon Fundraiser-**The students will be participating in a walkathon during their gym class periods on January 30th to raise money for Alumna Megan Schumacher who has been diagnosed with Stage 2 Hodgkins Lymphoma. Please sponsor a student or contact the school to donate.
- **School Mass/St. Sylvester School 150th Anniversary.** –We will celebrate school Mass at 8:30 am with a reception to follow in the Church Basement. All alumni are invited to attend.
- **Talent Show–** Students will hold a Talent Show on Friday, January 31st.

Mowing in 2020-We are still looking for someone to take over the mowing next year at the church and the rectory. It will probably take one person two or three days to complete this. Contact Fr. Tim if interested.

VISIT of the PILGRIM IMAGE of our LADY OF GUADALUPE

From May 9th to May 31st, the Pilgrim Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be visiting our churches in Monroe County. The details of her visit will be forthcoming. If anyone is interested in serving on the planning committee that will be helping to organize the visit; please contact me.

The first meeting will be on Tuesday, February 4th at 7:00 pm in the basement of St. Sylvester.— Fr. Tim Davison

Schedule for the Parish Mission with Father Joseph Tuscan OFM from February 8th-12th 2020

- February 8th-9th– Father Tuscan will preach at all the weekend Masses, as well as, hear confessions before the Masses. After the 12:30 pm Mass in Sardis, he will give a talk for an hour to help renew the faith of those who attend there.
- Monday, February 10th– 8:00 am Morning Prayer, 8:30 am Holy Mass, 6:00 pm confessions, 7:00 pm Mission talk at St. Sylvester's
- Tuesday, February 11th– 8:00 am Holy Hour at St. John the Baptist with Mass at 9:00 am. Visits to the sick and shut-ins afterwards. 6:00pm confessions, 7:00 om Mission Talk at St. Sylvester's
- Wednesday, February 12th-8:30 am Talk to school kids (5th-8th), 9:30 am talk to school kids (2nd-4th) 6:30 pm Mass with a talk afterwards for half an hour.

Our Sunday Offering for January 11/12

St. John Bosco Mission

Adult collection	\$ 124.55
Loose	\$ 26.00
Initial Offering	\$ 10.00
DPSC Rebate	\$170.83

St. John the Baptist (will list next week)

Adult Collection	\$
Loose	\$
School Collection	\$

St. Sylvester

Adult Collection	\$1808.20
Loose Collection	\$ 105.00
School Collection	\$ 327.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 80.00
Initial Offering	\$ 71.00
Candles	\$125.31
Special Intention	\$123.40

*Thank you
for your generous financial
support of our parishes and
Catholic Elementary School.*



**In Loving Memory
of:**

David Baker
Lowell Baker
Danny Betts
William H. Bolon
Herman & Hilda Burkhardt
Michael & Bertha Burkhardt
John & Cuppy Chaplin
Johnny Chaplin
Darrell Cline
Paul & Barbara Conner
Lawrence Gallagher
Lucy Gallagher
Andrew Howell
Clarence Howell
Dorothy Howell
Ova Howell
Ruth Ellen Howell
Walter Knox
Monica Long
Katy Madison
Paul Madison
Paul Madison, Jr.
Mary C. McLaughlin
Madeline Mellinger
Robert M. Miller, Sr.
Francis Paulus
Freeda Paulus
Hilda Paulus
Mary Paulus
Ella Richter
Ralph Richter
Clara Rush
Imelda D. Scott
Jim Scott
Clarence Smith
Meri C. Welsh

*Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord.*

A Word from Pope Francis

“What about you?” It is significant that these words of the elderly Pope [Leo XIII] were also addressed to a laywoman [Katharine Drexel]. We know that the future of the Church in a rapidly changing society will call, and even now calls, for a much more active engagement on the part of the laity. —MASS WITH BISHOPS, CLERGY, AND RELIGIOUS OF PENNSYLVANIA, SEPTEMBER 26, 2015

THE DIOCESE OF STEUBENVILLE PRESENTS “JOURNEYS OF FAITH 2020”

Celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Diocese of Steubenville by participating in an inspiring journey of faith:

- * Holy Pittsburgh— March 6
- * Philadelphia & Emmitsburg—April 27-30
- * Historic Marietta— June 24
- * Washington D.C. & Baltimore—October 21-23

For additional information, telephone Wendt Touring at (740) 282-5790 or toll-free at (877)565-8687

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.” JOHN 1:29

Dear Padre,

What do we know about the Three Kings?

Your question reminds us how much human tradition has embellished some of the events described in sacred Scripture. Historically, the name Magi designates members of an ancient Near Eastern priestly caste. In Matthew’s Gospel, they are presented as noble wise men and astrologers.

The number three has long been associated with the Magi. However, the Gospel narratives never mention their number (though they did offer three gifts—gold, frankincense, and myrrh). Saint Matthew is also silent about their names. However, in the eighth century, Western traditions began calling them Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. Other Christian traditions use different names.

Though their gifts indicate they were from South Arabia, it’s doubtful that they represented particular nations or the major racial families. At the very least, the Magi represent the Gentile peoples coming from afar to find the true God in Jesus Christ. This contrasts with King Herod and Israel. Both neglected this manifestation of God’s presence in their midst.

Astrology permeated ancient cultures, so it isn’t strange that astrologers appear in the Bible. The Church responded by “Christianizing” aspects of astrology. For example, the Church deliberately called Christ the “Sun of Justice,” thus replacing the pagan god Sol with one true God. In the fourth century, the Church placed the celebration of Christ’s Nativity on December 25, the birthday of the sun. We emphasize Jesus as the Light of the World and celebrate his feast every week on Sunday.

Proud Servants of God

“My servant” is an identification a lot of people will shy away from. A servant seeks to accomplish someone else’s goals, and the adjective “my” suggests belonging to another. Yet all of today’s readings describe individuals who are proud to be servants—servants of God. What makes this kind of servant something to which all of us can aspire?

As a servant of God, Isaiah became “a light to the nations that [God’s] salvation may reach to the ends of the earth” (Isaiah 49:6). As a servant of God, Paul became “an apostle of Christ Jesus,” proclaiming the good news of God’s love “to the church of God that is in Corinth.” As a servant of God, John the Baptist prepared the way so that Jesus “might be made known to Israel” (John 1:31). These servants sought to accomplish God’s goals for the fulfillment of others. It is in such commitment to others that we ourselves are fulfilled. Ask any parent, lover, or good friend if this is not the case.

We might not want to be the servant of another, but what a privilege it is to be called to be a servant of God, a light to others, to proclaim God’s love and make Jesus known. By our baptism, we have all been so called. We enlighten others by the way we live with integrity. The unselfishness of our lives proclaims the good news of Christ Jesus. Authentic Christian living makes him known to the world. That’s what it means to be a servant of God.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Tuesday Bingo

January 21st

Monica Habig
Lance LaFollette
Brooke Yontz
Joshua/Heather Taylor
James/Desiree Peters
Anna Lang

January 28th

Monica Habig
Schumacher
Morgan Ramage
Terry/Ruthie Valkovic
2 Church Volunteers

February 4th

Monica Habig
Schumacher
Lindee/Joshua Wilson
Sara Yonak
Kiven/Melissa Smithberger
Kathleen Thomas

Sunday Bingo

January 19th

Amanda Schumacher
Missy Knowlton
Bill/Becky Bolon
Tom/Lydia Brodegard
Steven Bright/Landri Miller
Chad/Marissa Cole

January 26th

Amanda Schumacher
Jill Schumacher
Adam Chambers
Jeff Dean

2 Church Volunteers

February 2nd

Amanda Schumacher
Sam Schumacher
Dugan/Cassie Demchak
Aaron/Tasha Headley
Ryan/Chrissy Ferguson
Denny/Jessica Knowlton

Bingo Kitchen

January 19th

Kathi Blatt
Diane Burkhardt

January 21st

St. John's

January 26th

Becky Bolon
Brandi Schnegg

January 28th

Barb Burkhardt
Jill Schumacher



Scripture Reading of the Week

Saturday

JANUARY 18

Weekday

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1
Mk 2:13-17

Sunday

JANUARY 19

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 49:3, 5-6 1 Cor 1:1-3
Jn 1:29-34

Monday

JANUARY 20

Weekday

1 Sm 15:16-23 Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday

JANUARY 21

St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

1 Sm 16:1-13 Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday

JANUARY 22 Day of Prayer for

the Legal Protection of Unborn
Children

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51,
Mk 3:1-6

Thursday

JANUARY 23

Weekday

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7 Mk 3:7-12

Friday

JANUARY 24

St. Francis de Sales, Bishop
and Doctor of the Church

1 Sm 24:3-21 Mk 3:13-19

Saturday

JANUARY 25

Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle
Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22 Mk

16:15-18

Sunday

JANUARY 26

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 8:23-9:3 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17
Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

St. Sylvester Central School News

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. The predetermined percentage we receive can be directed to be applied to a student's tuition or just given to the school.

No School— There will be no school on Monday, January 20th in Observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.



St. Joseph of Monroe County, Council 5009 of the Knights of Columbus Samuel 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!

Double Chance Winners for December : Mike Schumacher and Joe Lang

Next Meeting—The next Knight's of Columbus Meeting will be on February 5th (not January 22nd.) Adoration at 6:00pm; Rosary at 6:15 pm; Mass at 6:30pm; meeting to follow.

9 Days for Life—The Knights of Columbus invite you to join us in 9 Days for Life; January 21st–29th, 2020. A multi-faceted Novena offered each year by the Bishops of the United States for the respect and protection of every human life. Each day, a different intention is accompanied by a short reflection, suggested actions, and related information.

A special web-page has been created for individuals to participate in this year's Novena found at www.9daysforlife.com. You do not need to be a knight to participate.

Prayer cards are also available at all three churches.