



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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**January 22, 2017**

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)*

Is 8:23—9:3

1 Cor 1:10—13, 17

Mt 4:12—23 or 4:12—17

**“At once they left their nets and followed him”**

(Matthew 4:20)

We began the Church year with the foundations of our Christian life. We focused on our baptismal call to preach the word of God. Now we focus on the call of the first apostles. Today’s painting is again from the Sistine Chapel, where Ghirlandaio based this scene on today’s Gospel. The Sea of Galilee spreads out behind Jesus, who is once again front and center. Several towns line the shore and remind us of Capernaum, where Jesus lived and near where he called his first followers. Two apostles kneel in front of Jesus; another pair stand behind him. Their gestures and postures reveal their interior attitudes. One apostle crosses his arms in acceptance while another prayerfully looks up at Jesus. The third apostle, behind Jesus, has his hand at his chest as if to say, “Are you sure you want me?”

The fourth seems to look away. Many others surround Jesus, but not all of them are called to be apostles. The call of Jesus is real. He may not ask us to leave behind our business or family, but he does ask for the same totality of trust and following. The result of fully saying “yes” to this call is what the first reading proclaims: “You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing; They rejoice before you as people rejoice at harvest...” (Isaiah 9:2). The “joy of the gospel” that Pope Francis proclaimed in his 2013 apostolic exhortation is exactly this: that joy that comes from a sincere and generous “yes” to Jesus’ call to be a disciple.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

**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

**Monday** January 23<sup>rd</sup>  
*Legal Protection of Unborn Children*  
**St. Sylvester** Woodsfield 8:30am  
 Living & Deceased of Purgatorial Society

**Tuesday** January 24<sup>th</sup>  
*Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop*  
**St. John the Baptist**, Miltonsburg 9:00pm  
 + Robert Miller Sr. by Carolyn

**Wednesday** January 25<sup>th</sup>  
*The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle*  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 8:30am  
 Deceased of the Frank & Wilson Families  
 by William Frank

**Thursday** January 26<sup>th</sup>  
*Saint Timothy & Titus, Bishops*  
**NO MASS TODAY**

**Friday** January 27<sup>th</sup>  
*Saint Angela Merici, Virgin*  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 8:30am  
 Deceased of the Burkhart & Wahl families by  
 Rosemary

**Saturday** January 28<sup>th</sup>  
*Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest*  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 8:30am  
 Living & Deceased of Monroe Catholic Parishes

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday** January 28<sup>th</sup>  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 5:00 pm  
 + Patty Templeton

**Sunday** January 29<sup>th</sup>  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 8:30 am  
 + David Baker by Mary Baker

**St. John the Baptist**, Miltonsburg 10:30 am  
 + Roman Schumacher by Kenny Kuhn & Kris  
 Lafferre

**St. John Bosco Mission**, Sardis 12:30 pm  
 + Wilfred & Virginia Morris by Ada Morris Family

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 Woodfield. Those wishing to be confirmed from the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up and must be attending Mass regularly. Informational Meeting: Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00pm St. Sylvester Church Basement.

*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).

**For Reflection:** *Jesus asks us to leave all and put him first. How can I do that better this week?*

**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 St. Stephen Church in Caldwell Sunday, Feb 12 at 4pm St. Mary Church in St. Clairsville.

**A Word From Pope Francis:** *“To evangelize...it is necessary to open ourselves once again to the horizon of God’s Spirit, without being afraid of what he asks us or of where he leads us.”*—General audience, May 22, 2013

**The Fifth annual Night at the Races Adult fundraiser** to benefit St. Sylvester Central School will be Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. A fun time for all.

**St. John the Baptist Spring raffle and dance** will be Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. **We are in need of prizes for the raffle ticket.**

**Spaghetti Dinner & Country Store Fundraiser:** Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> 12:00 (Noon) to 3:00pm Beallsville First Christian Church Fellowship Hall. Adults \$8.00 and children 10 & under \$6.00. Corn Hole Tournament begins at 1:00pm. All Proceeds Benefit: Cancer Gas Card, Inc.

**The Summer Wonders Pilgrimage/Historical Trip to Philadelphia, Pa.** September 19-22, 2017. Limited seating. If interested contact Rita Rodgers.

**Wednesday Morning Eucharistic Adoration** at St. Sylvester Church will return beginning February 1<sup>st</sup> following the 8:30am Mass till Noon.

**The John and Blanche Mussio Scholarship** Applications may be obtained at the parish office.



**We extend our prayerful condolences and prayers** to the family of *Patricia “Patty” Templeton* who died last week.

**We extend our prayerful condolences** to Leoba (Paul) Archer on the death of Leoba’s sister *Luella Crum*.  
 May their souls rest in peace.

**This Week**

**Sunday**  
 4:00pm Confirmation Session

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  
 Bingo at Brown  
 Community Center  
 Doors open at 5:00pm  
 Bingo begins at 6:30pm

**Your Sacrificial Offering**  
 January 15, 2017

**St. John Bosco Mission**  
 Adult Collection \$ 152.00  
 Loose Collection \$ 70.00  
 First offering \$ 5.00

**St. John the Baptist**  
 Adult Collection \$ 1,015.00  
 Loose \$ 10.00  
 School Collection \$ 172.00  
 First Offering \$ 25.00  
 Bequest \$ 899.00  
 St. Vincent de Paul \$ 1,000.00

**St. Sylvester**  
 Adult Collection \$ 2,346.00  
 Loose Collection \$ 158.50  
 School Collection \$ 378.50  
 First Offering \$ 20.00  
 Solemn of Mary \$ 29.00  
 Christmas \$ 29.00  
 Bequest \$ 1,109.77

**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 Burkhardt  
St. John the Baptist: Mrs. Eileen Ackerman and/or Mrs. Eileen Miller.

**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.

**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

**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 (740-472-0187) to register.

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

**Weddings:** No date may be reserved for a wedding until the couple meet with the priest to fill out proper paperwork. A **pre-Cana program 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.



**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, (RCIA):** RCIA is an adult preparation for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Contact the parish office at 740-472-0187.

**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 unless specific request is made.

**Parish Prayer Chain:** to add or remove a name from the prayer network please call: Jackie Kirkland 740-472-0338

**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.

**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 basics.

**St. Joseph of Monroe County, Council 5009** meets the first and third Wednesdays at 7:00pm in the basement of St. Sylvester Church.

**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

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

**CATHOLIC EDUCATION**

**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 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

**Monday**  
January 23  
*Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children*  
Heb 9:15, 24—28  
Mk 3:22—30

**Tuesday**  
January 24  
*St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*  
Heb 10:1—10,  
Mk 3:31—35

**Wednesday**  
January 25  
*The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle*  
Acts 22:3—16  
or Acts 9:1—22  
Mk 16:15—18

**Thursday**  
January 26  
*Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops*  
2 Tm 1:1—8 or Ti 1:1—5  
Mk 4:21—25

**Friday**  
January 27  
*Weekday*  
Heb 10:32—39  
Mk 4:26—34

**Saturday**  
January 28  
*St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church*  
Heb 11:1—2, 8—19  
Mk 4:35—41

**Sunday**  
January 29  
*Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Zep 2:3; 3:12—13  
1 Cor 1:26—31  
Mt 5:1—12a

**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

**1 Corinthians 10:13 states, “God...will not let you be tried beyond your strength; but with the trial he will also provide a way out....” My brother committed suicide, and I wonder why he wasn’t “able to bear it.” Please help me to understand.**

The death of a family member is never easy to deal with. I pray for your peace and your brother’s eternal rest. We can’t be sure what your brother was thinking when he ended his life, but we can be certain God was with him. God remains faithful to his covenant and will never disappoint the hope and trust of his children. Does this mean your brother failed to trust in God? We don’t know that. Only God and your brother know the extent of his condition and suffering. When we recall Jesus’ lament from the cross—“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” (Matthew 27:46; Psalm 22:2)—we see that in his darkest moment, his Father was with him. In the same way, God was present in the worst of your brother’s trials. Why he was nevertheless unable to bear them is a question we may never have the answer to on this side of heaven. It’s important to remember that the Church has great compassion for those who commit suicide. To leave your brother in God’s merciful hands is to act with the conviction of our faith.

Fr. Paul Borowski, CSsR

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**Knights of Columbus Council 50009**

**Lenten Fish Fry** at St. Sylvester Central School  
Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>  
March 17<sup>th</sup> (with Special St. Patrick’s day Menu)  
Friday March 31<sup>st</sup>

Council 5009 has *purchased a Wheelchair* for the use of a Kidney dialysis patient.

**Our Annual Double Chance Tickets** are now being sold. To purchase a ticket contact a K of C member.

***St. Sylvester Central School News***

**School Website:** [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.

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

**The Fifth annual Night at the Races** Adult fundraiser to benefit St. Sylvester Central School will be Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. At 7:00pm. A fun time for all.

**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 Woodsfield/Monroe Central alumni weekend in June

Ski Trip has been rescheduled for February 10<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**Tuesday Bingo**

**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 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 22**  
Linda Dick  
Mary Bolon

**Jan 24**  
Sandy Barnes  
Alice Piatt

**January 29**  
No Bingo

## **2016 Diocesan Parish Share Campaign Update**

### **St. Sylvester Parish**

Total families: 203      Families that pledged: 47 or 23.15%      Amount pledged \$ 17,635.00      goal \$ 15,748.00

### **St. John the Baptist Parish**

Total families: 103      Families pledged: 22 or 21.35%      Amount pledged: \$ 11,210.00      goal \$ 2,728.00

### **St. John Bosco Mission**

Total Families: 20      Families pledged: 12 or 60%      Amount pledged: \$ 3,984.00      goal \$ 1,984.00

May God reward your faithful support and generosity. To continue the mission of our parishes, we need the support and cooperation of all our parishioners, not just a few.