



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

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Fr. Virgil Reischman
Retired

January 26, 2020

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Is 8:23—9:3 1 Cor 1:10–13 Mt 4:12–23 or 4:12–1

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, Miltonnsburg & **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.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Jan. 25th

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

Monday Jan. 27th

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30am
Kenny Kuhn by Kris Lafferree & Brian Kuhn

Tuesday Jan. 28th

St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg
Holy Hour 8:00am Mass at 9:00 am
+Meri Welsh by Robert Welsh

Wednesday Jan. 29th

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 6:30pm
+Bob Wise by Anna & Boys

Thursday Jan. 30th

St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg
Holy Hour 8:00am Mass at 9:00 am
+Charleen Lesner by Mike & Sue Stimpert

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

Friday Jan. 31st

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30am
Megan Schumacher for health by Students, faculty, staff and alumni
Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Monforton

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

Saturday Feb. 1st

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield (Latin) 8:30am
Fr. Timothy Davison & Intentions

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00pm
+William Frank, Sr. by William Frank, Jr.

Sunday Feb. 2nd

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30am
+Walter Schumacher by Sam & Jill Schumacher

St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30 am
+Doug F Chappell by Roger & Pat Reischman

St. John Bosco Mission, Sardis 12:30 pm
Living & Deceased of our Parishes

Condolences-To the family of Otto Burkhardt, Jr. on his passing. May his soul find eternal rest.

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 Hodgkin's 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.

St. Sylvester Central Purse Bingo-February 8, 2020 at the Brown Community Center. Doors open at 1:00 pm, Bingo starts at 3:00 pm.

Presale tickets \$20 (until 1/31/2020); \$25 at the door. \$10 extra packets will be available at the door.

Instant Tickets— Country Store—Concession Stand

Must be 18 or older to attend.

Tax statements have been mailed- If you have any questions, please let Tammy know.

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. At 6:00pm at St. Sylvester, Father Tuscan will hear confessions. At 7:00pm, he will give the first Mission talk.
- 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 18/19

St. John Bosco Mission

Adult collection	\$ 112.60
Loose	\$ 111.00
Interest	\$ 130.83

St. John the Baptist 1/11-12

Adult Collection	\$ 551.00
Loose	\$ 21.00
School Collection	\$ 148.00
First Offering	\$ 15.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 10.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 5.00
Special Bequest	\$ 123.40
	1/18-1/19
Adult Collection	\$ 670.00
Loose	\$ 19.00
School Collection	\$ 40.00
First Offering	\$ 5.00

St. Sylvester

Adult Collection	\$1772.00
Loose Collection	\$ 72.80
School Collection	\$ 290.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 10.00
Initial Offering	\$ 10.00

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

From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."
MATTHEW 4:17

**Reminder!!!-
Confirmation meeting-** for all intending to be Confirmed in April.

Will be held January 30th at 7:00 pm in the Church office.

**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
Mike Koval
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

It deeply troubles me when I see a timetable in a parish: "From such a time to such a time." ... Don't worry about the timetable: have the courage to look past the timetable. In this way, dear deacons, if you show that you are available to others, your ministry will not be self-serving, but evangelically fruitful. —
JUBILEE OF DEACONS,
MAY 29, 2016

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

During this week, we observe "National Catholic Schools Week." Our Catholic School will celebrate the week with various activities to mark the occasion, including a visit from Bishop Monforton on Friday, January 31st. He will offer the 8:30 am Mass and then visit the classrooms. Many of you have made great sacrifices to keep our little school of St. Sylvester open. Many thanks for your generosity. We continue to operate even after 150 years. The first school building was constructed in 1870. Perhaps this week, would be a good week to give our students an historical perspective concerning our school and emphasize the importance of a good Catholic education. Let us all thank the Lord for His constant assistance with our Catholic School apostolate.

We have been trying to observe the various Feast Days of our Patron saints of St. Sylvester, St. John the Baptist and St. John Bosco. We also observe the days that our various parish churches were dedicated. On August 30th, we celebrated the dedication of the Church of St. Sylvester and on December 31st, his Feast Day. St. John Bosco's Mission Church was established in 1976 and dedicated on June 6th and his Feast Day is this coming Friday, January 31st. We hope to mark the day with some kind of celebration. St. John the Baptist Church was dedicated on June 8th, 1902 and his Feast Day is June 24th. Having three separate churches and three separate Patron saints keeps us busy celebrating!! Patron saints are those who from heaven intercede for us here below. I believe that our Patron saints should be venerated in a special way by the community that is put under their heavenly assistance. The Church also encourages us to remember with a solemn Mass the day of the dedication of our church buildings.

I am working on getting a beautiful statue of St. Sylvester to put in the back of our Church with a candle stand if anyone is interested in helping me. So far we have received \$675. The total cost of the statue will be \$7200. We have a statue of St. Sylvester at the very top of our church building in the niche above the doors, but it's hard to see it. We also have a beautiful statue in the Principal's office in the school, but there is none inside the Church itself. Please let me know if you would like to help.

This coming Saturday, February 1st, is the first Saturday of the month and so, as usual, we will have the traditional Latin Mass at 8:30 am followed by a Pot Luck breakfast in the basement of the Church. I will give a short presentation on my recent pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Everyone is invited. Next Sunday, February 2nd, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, there will be an additional Mass at 4:00pm. The 4:00 pm will be celebrated as a Latin High Mass and will be offered at St. Sylvester's Church. At this writing, Deacon Nick Ward is going to cantor for the Mass and in the event that he is not able to do so, Mary Thomas will do so. There will be an outdoor procession with candles, if weather permits. If not, the procession will take place inside of the church. We have a truly rich and ancient Tradition of liturgical worship and there are more and more of us who are trying to restore the grandeur and beauty of our Catholic worship. Please join us if your schedule permits.

I would like to give you a "heads up" concerning the Parish Mission which will take place from February 8th through February 12th. Father Joseph Tuscan OFM from Pittsburgh will be here to give us Mission Talks. It is recommended that each parish community experience a mission annually to renew the faith and practice of the Catholics. The talks are meant to inspire renewed practice of the reception of the Holy Sacraments and other Catholic duties to God. I hope that everyone in our three communities will try to make time in their schedules to participate. Father Tuscan will be preaching at each of the weekend Masses on Feb. 8th and 9th and then will be giving talks every evening starting Feb. 9th at 7:00 pm with confessions an hour before hand. The mission talks will continue on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday; February 10th, 11th, and 12th. Please mark your calendars now for this important event in the life of our parish communities. I'll give more details next week in the bulletin.

God's peace we with each of you.

Sincerely yours,

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

Tuesday Bingo

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

February 11th

Monica Habig
Sam Schumacher
Arika/David Barnhardt
Dawn/Ron French
Joella Urbanek
Jason/Brandi Weiss

Sunday Bingo

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

February 9th

Monica Habig
Schumacher
Ted Babcock
Audrey/Craig Lydick
Alisha/Brad Ludwig
Matthew/Nicole McGuire

Bingo Kitchen

January 26th

Becky Bolon
Brandi Schnegg
January 28th
Barb Burkhardt
Jill Schumacher

February 2nd

Sandy Barnes
Mary Rose Robison
February 4th
Rosemary Dick
Kathy Singleton (2 pies)

February 9th

Catherine Paulus
Nancy Schenk
February 11th
Carol Kuhn
Lisa Chambers

Scripture Reading of the Week

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

Monday

JANUARY 27

2 Sm 5:1–7, 10 Mk 3:22–30

Tuesday

JANUARY 28

St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and
Doctor of the Church
2 Sm 6:12b–15, 17–19
Mk 3:31–35

Wednesday

JANUARY 29

2 Sm 7:4–17 Mk 4:1–20

Thursday

JANUARY 30

2 Sm 7:18–19, 24–29
Mk 4:21–25

Friday

JANUARY 31

St. John Bosco, Priest
2 Sm 11:1–4a, 5–10a, 13–17
Mk 4:26–34

Saturday

FEBRUARY 1

2 Sm 12:1–7a, 10–17
Mk 4:35–41

Sunday

FEBRUARY 2

Presentation of the Lord
Mal 3:1–4 Heb 2:14–18
Lk 2:22–40 or 2:22–32

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.

Catholic Schools Week– January 27th—January 31st.

Purse Bingo– February 8th– Doors open at 1:00pm; BINGO begins at 3:00pm.



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. 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.