



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 7, 2018**

### *The Epiphany of the Lord (B)*

Is 60:1–6

Eph 3:2–3a, 5–6

Mt 2:1–12



*The Kings are brought to the stable*

Arise! Shine, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you. (Isaiah 60:1)

A mysterious scene barely comes to light before us. Are we inside or outside of a Roman portico? What is going on in the background? The central scene clearly shows the Child Jesus perched in the Virgin's arms and surrounded by swaddling clothes. A glow emanates from the Child that enlightens the three Wise Men processing toward Jesus. Their whole caravan chaotically crowds around and strains to see the king they have come to worship.

A dalmatian wanders behind while a camel appears in the back lighting with a knowing smirk. The Ethiopian sage sympathetically stares out from the center of the painting and seemingly asks us if we understand the significance of their travels.

The arrival of these astronomers from the East sends a very important message for all of us at Mass today. Jesus is the light of the whole world, and all peoples—no matter how far or how lost—are invited by his attractive and saving light. This light came to the Chosen People and will be fully consumed in Jerusalem as Isaiah prophesies. Yet he will proclaim that all peoples are invited to be members of the same family and coheirs to the treasures of God's love and mercy.

Faith in him and acceptance of his gospel truth is all he asks. So no matter how far you or anyone you know seems from Jesus and his truth, he loves them and wants them around his table to experience his love.

## The Epiphany of the Lord

**Saturday** January 6<sup>th</sup>  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 5:00pm  
 +Vickie Przybylowicy by H C Zima

**Sunday** January 7<sup>th</sup>  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 8:30am  
 +Imelda Scott by Eugene & Christine

**St. John the Baptist**, Miltonsburg 10:30am  
 Deceased of the Yontz & Howell families by  
 John, Mary Ann, & Mandy Yontz

**St. John Bosco**, Sardis 12:30pm  
 +Loren Romield by Larry and Connie

**Monday** January 8<sup>th</sup>  
*The Baptism of the Lord*  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 8:30am  
 + Francis "Hank" Zwick by Joan Schnieder

**Tuesday** January 9<sup>th</sup>  
**St. John the Baptist**, Miltonsburg 9:00am  
 + Jerry Huffman by Alice & Richard Piatt

**Wednesday** January 10<sup>th</sup>  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 8:30am  
 + James & Marie Kirkland by their daughters

**Thursday** January 11<sup>th</sup>  
**St. John the Baptist**, Miltonsburg 9:00am  
 +Garnett Parks by Larry & Connie Richter

**Friday** January 12<sup>th</sup>  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 8:30am  
 + Katy Madison by Paul, Austin & Grace

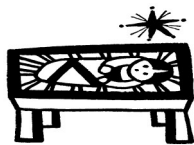
## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Saturday** January 13<sup>th</sup>  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 5:00 pm  
 +James J. Hughes by Alice & Richard Piatt

**Sunday** January 14<sup>th</sup>  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 8:30 am  
 +Wayne Forshey by Thomas & Cindy Schumacher

**St. John the Baptist**, Miltonsburg 10:30 am  
 + Robert E Krone by Dave & Mattie Krone

**St. John Bosco Mission**, Sardis 12:30 pm  
 +Virgil Blatt by Bob & Kathi Blatt



"Si hacer un aborto no esta mal, entonces nada de lo que se puede hacer, esta mal" — St. Teresa of Calcutta

"If Abortion isn't wrong, then nothing is" — St Teresa of calcutta

**Special Thanks** to all who help decorate our churches.

*Now we need your help to un-decorate our churches.*

Following the Masses on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> we need your help to remove the Christmas decorations and store them for another year. Many hands make for light and quick work. Thank you for sharing your valuable time and talents.

**Winter is upon us** and again we may face weather challenges. We will again follow our school ... **when school is cancelled, Mass that day will also be cancelled. If our school is on a two hour delay, morning Mass will be at the scheduled time.** The weekend schedules will be followed if at all possible. Please use caution!

**For Reflection:** *Do I trust that Jesus wants to and can reach any soul, no matter how far away? Will you renew your prayer and gentle testimony to invite those who are still searching?*

**At it again!** Fr. Heinz presents a *Pilgrimage to Illinois and Wisconsin*, September 17-20, 2018. Sites to be visited are Shrine of Maximilian Kolbe, Holocaust Exhibit & Shrine, Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help (the only church approved Marian Apparition Site in the United States) and St. Theresa Shrine. Cost \$520/person (double room) or \$610/ person (single room). To register send \$200.00 with registration form as soon as possible. For registration forms contact parish office.

**Join Bishop Monforton & the TOR Sisters in Washington, D.C.** October 24-26, 2018. Visit the Shrine of St. John Paul II, the National Basilica of the Immaculate Conception and much more! Includes Roundtrip motor coach, all tours, 2 nights hotel, daily Mass, several meals and more! Starting cost \$525. Book by February 1<sup>st</sup>. Call Sandy 313-565-8888x122

**A Word From Pope Francis:** *Continue to overcome apathy, offering a Christian response to the social and political anxieties, which are arising in various parts of the world. I ask you to be builders of the world, to work for a better world....Don't be observers, but immerse yourself in the reality of life, as Jesus did.* —Vigil, July 27, 2013

**Condolences and prayers** are extended to Angie and Jacob Hooper on the death of Stephen E. Hooper. May he rest in peace.



**NFP** — A natural family planning class will be offered by NFP International on Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at St. Peter's Church in Steubenville. For more information to register please call Steve and Ann Craig at (740) 457-9663. An online course is available at the [www.nfpandmore.org](http://www.nfpandmore.org)

## This Week

### Sunday

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

### Tuesday

6:00pm Boy Scouts  
*St. Sylvester Central Bingo*  
 at Brown Community Center  
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 Bingo begins at 6:30pm

### Sunday

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Your Sacrificial Offering for  
 December 30/31, 2017

**St. John Bosco Mission**  
 Adult Collection \$ 55.00  
 Loose Collection \$ 41.00  
 Solemnity of Mary \$ 25.00

**St. John the Baptist**  
 Adult Collection \$ 1216.00  
 Loose \$ 22.00  
 School Collection \$ 77.00  
 Votive candles \$ 94.36  
 Solemnity of Mary \$ 50.00  
 Christmas Offering \$ 10.00  
 Capital Fund \$ 100.00  
 DPSC Rebate \$ 400.00

**St. Sylvester**  
 Adult Collection \$ 1528.00  
 Loose Collection \$ 152.00  
 School Collection \$ 295.15  
 Votive Candles \$ 123.00  
 Christmas Offering \$ 250.00  
 Solemnity of Mary \$ 240.00  
 First Offering \$ 45.00

*Thank you for your generosity*

**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.

**Diocesan Vocation Director**

Fr. Michael Gossett:  
mgossett@diosteub.org

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

**Diocesan Child Protection and Reporting:**

Msgr. Kurt Kemo V.G.,  
1-740-282-3631

**Manna Food Pantry (located at St. Paul's UCC)** is seeking canned vegetables (green beans, peas or corn) or soups. Donations are always welcome. St. Sylvester Central collects can goods on Friday before the school Mass to be donated to the food pantry.

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

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

**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:** **St. Sylvester:** Saturday 4:15pm to 4:45pm & Sunday 7:45am to 8:15am

**St. John the Baptist:** Sunday 10:00am to 10:25am

**St. John Bosco:** Sunday 12:10pm to 12:25pm 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

**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 the first and third Tuesday at 5:00pm September through May. Pack Leader is Melissa Smithberger (740) 213-4037. (orvc-bsa.org)

**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 740-391-0391

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

**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

**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

**St. John Central High School,** 3625 Guernsey Street, Bellaire, Ohio. 740-676-4932 Mr. Jarrett T. Kuhns [www.stjohncentralhs.org](http://www.stjohncentralhs.org)

**St. Joseph of Monroe County Council 5009 of the Knights of Columbus** will meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm at Sylvester Church, Woodsfield.



**Scripture Reading of the Week**

**Sunday**

January 7

*Epiphany of the Lord*

Is 60:1-6

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Mt 2:1-12

**Monday**

January 8

*Baptism of the Lord*

Is 42:1-4, 6-7

Acts 10:34-38

Mk 1:7-11

**Tuesday**

January 9

*Weekday*

1 Sm 1:9-20

Mk 1:21-28

**Wednesday**

January 10

*Weekday*

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20

Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday**

January 11

*Weekday*

1 Sm 4:1-11

Mk 1:40-45

**Friday**

January 12

*Weekday*

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a

Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday**

January 13

*Weekday*

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19;

10:1

Mk 2:13-17

**Sunday**

January 14

*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19

1 Cor 6:13c-15a,

17-20

Jn 1:35-42

*True Wealth is measured not by the things you have, but by the things you have for which you would not take money.*

### In Loving Memory of:

*Emma Schumacher*  
*Sr. Joanna Burkhart*  
*Sr. Evelyn Ann Schumacher*  
*Msgr. Joseph G Mehler*  
*Fr. Joseph Finan*  
Walter & Alma Heinz  
Imelda D Scott  
Monica Long  
Danny Betts  
Vernon Butler  
Brandon Butler  
Michael & Bertha  
Burkhart  
Paul & Barbara Conner  
Katy & Paul Madison  
Francis & Freeda Paulus  
Mary & Hilda Paulus

### Tuesday Bingo

Jan 9  
Monica Habig  
Brooke Yontz  
Mary McLaughlin  
Morgan Ramage/ Aaron Brown  
Josh/ Tasha Beckett  
Jessica Amos  
Jay/Tammy Perkins  
Sam Schumacher

Jan. 16  
Monica Habig  
Anna Lang  
Greg/ Leanne Harper  
Deb Blackstone  
Joshua/Heather Taylor  
Lance Lafollette  
Josh/Tiffanee Morris

January 23  
Monica Habig  
Church Dye/Heather Smith  
Joella Urbanek  
Pam /Jon Knowlton  
Randy/ Michelle Christmas  
Richard Schenk

January 30  
Monica Habig  
Kiven/ Melissa Smithberger  
Andrea Hall  
Nicole Eastham  
Jay/Tammy Perkins  
Amanda Schumacher  
Stephen/Cyndee Habig

### Sunday Bingo

January 7  
Amanda Schumacher  
Sam Schumacher  
Heather Robbins  
Chrissy/Ryan Ferguson  
Bill/Becky Bolon  
Tom/Lydia Brodegard

January 14  
Monica Habig  
Richard Schenk  
Ted Babcock  
Ryan/Jenna Rosnick  
Nathan/Rachel Arden  
Matt/Jayne Vinskovich

January 21  
Amanda Schumacher  
Randall Sefert  
April Parden  
Dani Wheeler  
Chad/Marissa Cole  
Jonathan/Nicole Wilson

January 28  
Amanda Schumacher  
Randall Sefert  
April Parden  
Dani Wheeler  
Chad/Marissa Cole  
Jonathan/Nicole Wilson

### Bingo Kitchen

January 7  
Alice Piatt  
Judy Blackstone

January 9  
Barbara F Schumacher  
Carol Kuhn

January 14  
Cathy Paulus  
Mary Rose Robison

January 16  
St. John CWC

January 21  
Debbie Archer  
Kay Brooks

January 23  
Joan Kirkland  
Missy Knowlton

January 28  
Edie Schumacher  
Jayne Vinskovich

January 30  
Barb Burkhart  
Beth Roberts

## 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. Gift cards are available for many stores and restaurants in several dominations. Contact the school office. (Money is required at the placing of the order.)

**Upcoming Boys Basketball** games: Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at Skyvue at 5:55pm  
Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at Beallsville at 7:00pm

**Ski Trip** for 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> graders. The ski trip is Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Boy Scout Troop 17** has been started at St. Sylvester. Boys 6<sup>th</sup> grade and above are invited to join. The meetings are Tuesday 6:30pm to 7:30pm in St. Sylvester Church basement. Check out what the Boys Scouts has to offer.

**Cub Scouts Pack 17:** First Pinewood Derby car race is February 10th at New Martinsville Elementary. There will be a workshop on January 16th, for anyone who need help. Dads/grandpas are more than welcome to help.

## What is the real meaning of the visit of the three kings to Jesus, and does that visit have meaning for us today?

At the most fundamental level, the three kings represent all of the world's nations. These nations come and share their treasures with Jesus. In this context, the mission of the three kings can be seen as a challenge to all nations to recognize Jesus and share the treasures they have.

We can link the story of the three kings with another in Scripture—the multiplication of the loaves (see Matthew 14:13–21). In this story, the disciples represent the three kings. The disciples ask Jesus: “How can we possibly provide food for all these people?” But Jesus insists: “You yourselves give them food to eat.” So the disciples divide up their five loaves and two fish, and everyone has enough to eat.

The Gospel message is that when we share what we have, then we will have enough for all. We can look at it from a broader viewpoint: When one nation shares with another, there is enough for all. We all work toward this sense of sharing in our own lives by not accumulating more than we need and by trying to share with those who have less. We can contribute on another level by being heard through our political choices and through our involvement in local, national, and international issues.

We are not perfect, but the Lord does not demand perfection. The Lord asks for progress and an honest effort. May the Lord strengthen us to share more at home and internationally, so that all of us may royally sit together at our king's banquet.