



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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February 2, 2020

Presentation of the Lord

Mal 3:1–4 Heb 2:14–18 Lk 2:22–40 or 2:22–32

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 Burkhardt 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, Burkhardt 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 Presentation of the Lord

Saturday Feb. 1st

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

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

Monday Feb. 3rd

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30am
+Lola Geldmacher by Gaydosik Family

Tuesday Feb. 4th

St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg
Holy Hour 8:00am Mass at 9:00 am
+Cinderella Butler by The Hayes Brother

Wednesday Feb. 5th

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 6:30pm
+George Kress by Joe & Chris Holl

Thursday Feb. 6th

St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg
Holy Hour 8:00am Mass at 9:00 am
+Delmas Finnicum, Sr. by Carolyn Miller

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

Friday Feb. 7th

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30am
+Harmon Scott by Phillip Scott

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

Saturday Feb. 8th

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield (Latin) 8:30am
Gregg Schaad Family & Intentions

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00pm
+Kenny Burkhardt by Francis & Edie Schumacher

Sunday Feb. 9th

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

St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30 am
+Doug F Chappell by Tina Mellinger

St. John Bosco Mission, Sardis 12:30 pm
+Mary Ellen Barber by Steven & Lisa Pertirarini

Condolences-To the family of Billie Elliott on her recent passing. May her 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.

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.

Parish Council Meeting-There will be a combined parish council meeting on Monday, February 3rd at 7:00 pm in the parish office.

We Belong to God

Everyone wants to belong to someone or something. In fact, we do not merely want to belong; we need to belong. However, sometimes we forget to whom we really belong. This feast reminds us to whom Jesus belonged. The reading from Hebrews underscores the fact that Jesus was one of us. He also was a descendant of Abraham, thus we are his brothers and sisters. But he really belonged to God. The ritual of presentation, a ritual that was and continues to be common in religious Israel, was meant to remind everyone to whom we belong. True, only male infants were so presented. This reflects the custom of tracing lineage in the family, tribe, or clan through the male line, with women participating through the agency of men. This cultural gender bias need not prevent us from understanding the profound meaning of the presentation. Though one of us, Jesus belonged to God. The Gospel story tells of a man and a woman who recognized that this child would be the one through whom God saves all people. It describes two important religious insights: First, it acknowledges that the child we cherish as one of us really belongs to God. Second, it illustrates how each child has a mission to the world to somehow make it a better place. So even with its gender and cultural bias, this feast is about us as well as Jesus. We all belong to God; and we all have a mission to the world. —Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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 25/26

St. John Bosco Mission

Adult collection \$ 123.00
Loose \$ 59.00

St. John the Baptist

Adult Collection \$ 1331.00
Loose \$ 65.00
School Collection \$ 150.00
First Offering \$ 5.00
St. Vincent DePaul \$ 86.00
Cemetery \$ 50.00

St. Sylvester

Adult Collection \$1835.60
Loose Collection \$ 90.00
School Collection \$ 221.00
Capital Improv. \$ 130.00
Initial Offering \$ 20.00
Candles \$ 62.00

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

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

For Reflection:

Do we really cherish every child as belonging to God?
How have you made your world better?

[Simeon said,] "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation."
LUKE 2:29-30

**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 Gallaher
Lucy Gallaher
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

In the Temple... Mary and Joseph find the roots of their faith, for faith is not something learned from a book, but the art of living with God, learned from the experience of those who have gone before us. The two young people, in meeting two older people [Simeon and Anna], thus find themselves.

—FEAST OF THE
PRESENTATION OF
THE LORD,

FEBRUARY 2, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This Sunday is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. It is called the Feast of the Purification of Mary in the traditional calendar or Candlemas day. It is also the World Day for the Consecrated Life. In the afternoon at 4:00 p.m., we will have a traditional sung Mass with a candlelight procession to honor Christ the Eternal Light of the world. There will be hand-outs available in Latin and English so that the congregation can follow along with the priest as he recites the various prayers. Everyone is invited to bring candles to be blessed and taken to their homes after the Mass. Be sure to put your name on the box or container for identification. Since we don't do very many sung Masses in Latin, we are always challenged by the rubrics and the singing and it requires practice on the part of the schola and the servers. I really thank those who travel sometimes a great distance to take part in these special Masses. Pope Benedict wanted the traditional Latin Mass to be celebrated widely throughout the world, but it is not an easy thing to do.

On Monday, February 3rd, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr. The blessing of throats will occur after the Gospel is proclaimed.

On Monday evening the Pastoral Council made up of members from our three Catholic communities of Monroe county will gather at 7:00 p.m. to continue giving our insights into the 2020 planning process of Bishop Monforton so that he can formulate a Pastoral Plan for the Diocese by this summer.

On Tuesday, February 4th at 7:00 p.m., there will be a planning meeting in the basement of the Church of St. Sylvester to prepare for the visit of the pilgrim image of Our lady of Guadalupe. Her image will be coming to our three communities and to the school during the month of May. It will also visit the Catholic communities in Noble County. Individuals from our three Catholic communities in Monroe County as well as Father Morris from Caldwell will be represented but if others in these communities wish to assist, they are very welcome.

On Wednesday, February 5th from noon to 6:00 p.m. we will initiate Eucharistic Adoration at St. Sylvester's Church. There needs to be at least two people for each hour and the sign-up sheet has been available for the past month in the Church. At 6:00 p.m. there will be Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament followed by the recitation of the holy rosary and then Mass at 6:30 p.m. The teachers and the students in the school are also participating. We can pray for our Catholic communities, for the poor souls in purgatory, for our family members, for peace, for the end of abortion, in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary, for the conversion of poor sinners, etc. I really hope that those who are able, will make the time to come and be with our Divine Master for one hour each week and will seek to console His Sacred Heart. During the Holy Hour, the adorer can read the scriptures or another good devotional book, pray the rosary or the chaplet of Divine Mercy or other prayers as well as spend some time meditating on the various truths of our faith. The adoration on Wednesdays will continue every Wednesday thereafter.

Next weekend (February 7th-8th) Father Joseph Tuscan O.F.M. will be with us at St. Sylvester to offer us a parish mission. The idea of a parish mission is to renew the faith and practice of our holy religion. Father Tuscan lives in Pittsburgh and devotes most of his time to giving parish missions. We are happy that he is able to be with us and will be talking about the practice of our faith and how to deepen our walk with God. The Mission talks will take place each evening at 7:00 p.m. beginning on Sunday, Feb. 9th at St. Sylvester's Church. Confessions will be available as well from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Father Tuscan will offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on Monday at 8:30 a.m. at St. Sylvester's, at 9:00 a.m. at St. John the Baptist on Tuesday and at 6:30 p.m. at St. Sylvester's on Wednesday followed by a short Mission talk. Please attend if your schedule allows. He will also be visiting the sick and shut-ins, as well as, the school during his stay in our parish. God can do amazing things in our souls when we make the sacrifice necessary to be touched by His grace.

May the Lord bless each and every one of you with peace.

Sincerely yours,

Father Timothy Davison

Tuesday Bingo

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

February 18th

Monica Habig
Lance LaFollette
Brooke Yontz
Justin/Abby Friday
Kenneth/Shelley Young
Jessica Amos

Sunday Bingo

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

February 16th

Amanda Schumacher
Missy Knowlton
Kim Palmer
Dustin/April Parden
Linda Piatt
Ryan/Jenna Rosnick

Bingo Kitchen

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

February 16th

Alisha "Ace" Guiler
Robyn Guiler

February 18th

St. John the Baptist

Scripture Reading of the Week

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

Monday

FEBRUARY 3
2 Sm 15:13-14, 30;
16:5-13 Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday

FEBRUARY 4
2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a,
30-19:3 Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday

FEBRUARY 5
St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr 2
Sm 24:2, 9-17 Mk 6:1-6

Thursday

FEBRUARY 6
St. Paul Miki and Companions,
Martyrs
1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12 Mk 6:7-13

Friday

FEBRUARY 7
Sir 47:2-11 Mk 6:14-29

Saturday

FEBRUARY 8
1 Kgs 3:4-13 Mk 6:30-34

Sunday

FEBRUARY 9
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 58:7-10 1 Cor 2:1-5
Mt 5:13-16

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.

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.

DPSC-FINAL REPORT 2019

CHURCH	GOAL	RECEIVED	% OF GOAL
St. John Bosco	\$ 1,798.76	\$ 3,170.83	176%
St. John the Baptist	\$ 9,988.64	\$12,160.00	122%
St. Sylvester	\$18,354.34	\$22,590.00	123%