



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 23, 2020

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lv 19:1–2, 17–18 1 Cor 3:16–23 Mt 5:38–48

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.

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Feb. 22nd

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00pm
George Demchak by Denise, Steve, Anne

Sunday Feb. 23rd

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30am
+Billie Elliott by Kiven & Melissa Smithberger

St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30 am
+Otto Burkhardt Jr. by Joe & Debbie Block

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

Monday Feb. 24th

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30am
+Kenny Robison by Don & Rita Biedenbach

Tuesday Feb. 25th

St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg
Holy Hour 8:00am Mass at 9:00 am
Glen Mayberry by Otto Burkhardt Family

Wednesday (Ash Wednesday) Feb. 26th

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30am
St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30 am
St. John Bosco Mission, Sardis 12:30 pm
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 7:00 pm

Thursday Feb. 27th

St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg
Holy Hour 8:00am Mass at 9:00 am +
Wilma Burkhardt by Joe & Debbie Block

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

Friday Feb. 28th

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30am
+Austin Vensil by Mary Scott
Stations of the Cross to follow
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 7:00pm
Stations of the Cross

Saturday Feb. 29th

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield (Latin) 8:30am
Fr. Ty Tompson & intentions

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00pm
Louis & Stella Schumacher Family by Francis & Edie Schumacher

Sunday March 1st

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

St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30 am
Living & Deceased of Lawrence & Clara
Miller Family

St. John Bosco Mission, Sardis 12:30 pm
Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Stapleton

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.

The Noble County Catholic Mission will take place on the First Sunday of Lent, March 1st until Wednesday, March 4th. Fr Timothy Shannon will direct this mission with the overall theme of "I AM" statements of Jesus. The mission starts off with a Pot Luck dinner at 5:30 at St. Michael Church in Carlisle and the service at 7 pm. The following nights, starting at 7 pm, will feature a different church: Monday evening at Immaculate Conception; Tuesday evening at Corpus Christi, Belle Valley; and Wednesday evening at St Stephen, Caldwell. This is an open invitation to strengthen your faith, be it one night or more.

Men's Day of Renewal-World renown speaker and Catholic theologian, Dr. Scott Hahn, will be offering a men's conference on March 7, 2020, at the Basilica of St Mary of the Assumption in Marietta, OH. The conference theme will be "The Challenge of Being Catholic" and it will address how to live and share our Catholic faith in today's society. The day will include prayer, Reconciliation, several talks, and Mass. For registration and more information, visit: <https://stpaulcenter.com/steubenville-conference/>

Unbound Ministry Training to Begin for the Diocese of Steubenville

Unbound Ministry Training will begin this year to develop teams who will provide this ministry of healing in the Diocese of Steubenville.

Unbound Ministry is an approach to healing prayer and spiritual freedom developed by Neal Lozano and has an excellent reputation and support within the Catholic Church. Unbound is the most widely endorsed healing approach by Dioceses throughout the world. Father Boniface Hicks, OSB, a Benedictine monk of Saint Vincent Archabbey near Pittsburgh, gave presentations on the benefits of the Unbound Ministry to the priests of the Steubenville Diocese at a recent Clergy Convocation.

Description

-In the Unbound model an individual shares his or her story and the leader assists the person in coming to an understanding of the issues of the heart that are in need of freedom.
- Unbound is a safe, loving, effective prayer model that helps people to respond to the good news of the gospel.
-Unbound applies the truth of the Gospel to our lives by using the five basic responses called the Five Keys which are listed below:

(1) Repentance and Faith

-Freedom is found by embracing the grace of baptism, by turning from sin and turning to the Lord.

(2) Forgiveness

-An understanding is given how to access the power of forgiveness that Jesus has given. As forgiveness is pronounced by faith and the power behind unforgiveness is renounced, it is defeated.

(3) Renunciation

-Renunciation is a declaration that "I no longer make a home for sin, deception and the power behind it." This is not unlike how Catholics renew their baptismal vows at Easter.

(4) Authority

-The one seeking prayer utilizes the authority that is in Christ over any darkness.

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Our Sunday Offering

for
February 15/16

St. John Bosco Mission

Adult collection	\$ 135.00
Loose	\$ 7.00
Propagation	\$ 125.00
Candles	\$ 10.00
Europe	\$ 5.00

St. John the Baptist

Adult Collection	\$ 846.00
Loose	\$ 16.00
School Collection	\$ 136.00
Propagation	\$ 161.00

St. Sylvester

Adult Collection	\$ 2091.00
Loose Collection	\$ 177.00
School Collection	\$ 319.00
Capital Improv.	\$ 25.00
Propagation	\$ 247.00
First Offering	\$ 5.00

Thank you for your continued support of our parishes and school.

**In Loving Memory
of:**

David Baker
Lowell Baker
Danny Betts
William H. Bolon
Cyril Burkhart
Herman & Hilda Burkhart
Michael & Bertha Burkhart
John & Cuppy Chaplin
Johnny Chaplin
Darrell Cline
Paul & Barbara Conner
Joe & Eunice Gallagher
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
Freedra Paulus
Hilda Paulus
Mary Paulus
Ella Richter
Ralph Richter
Clara Rush
Imelda D. Scott
Jim Scott
Clarence Smith
Meri C. Welsh

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are now on the threshold of the Lenten season. Lent is truly a season of grace and conversion. I hope and pray that everyone will have a very good and profitable Lenten season. It begins this Wednesday, February 26th. Our Mass schedule for the distribution of the ashes is as follows:

8:30 a.m. School Mass at St. Sylvester's.

10:30 a.m. Mass at St. John the Baptist in Miltonsburg

12:30 p.m. Mass at St. John Bosco in Sardis

7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Sylvester's

On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, we are required to fast if we are between the ages of 18 and 59. The fast consists in eating no more than one meal with two small snacks, if necessary, as long as they don't equal another meal.

All those who are now 14 years of age and older are required to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and on all of the Fridays of the Lenten season.

Lent is made even richer when we attend daily Mass, if at all possible. It is also enriched by attending Stations of the Cross on Fridays. The Stations will be prayed on Friday mornings after the 8:30 a.m. Mass with the children of the school and again in the evenings at 7:00 p.m. Both of these stations will be at St. Sylvester's. At St. John the Baptist, we will suspend doing the Stations and Divine Mercy Hour until after Lent. The Knights of Columbus will also be having their Fish Fry on Feb. 28th, March 13th, and 27th, at 4:00 p.m.

On Ash Wednesday there will be no adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Sylvester's.

During Lent I will offer an adult education course on the Catholic Catechism on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the basement of the Church. Everyone is invited.

Lent is a time to turn back to God and repent of the sins we have committed. Confessions are offered on Saturdays from 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. and again on Sundays from 7:45 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. There will be a communal Penance Service offered at St. Sylvester's on Monday, March 23rd at 7:00 p.m. Father Tim Kozak and Father Bob Kawa will be here to assist in hearing confessions that day.

Let us keep each other in our prayers that the Lord will renew our hearts during this holy season of Lent.

Yours Truly,

Father Timothy Davison

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(5) The Father's Blessing

-As we learn to receive the Father's blessing, we are healed.



Training in the Unbound method, which will begin in March, will be a collaborative effort of the Pittsburgh, Greensburg, and Steubenville Dioceses. The goal in the Steubenville Diocese is to develop ministry teams that will serve in the Sacred Heart Center of Hope and throughout the Diocese. The Sacred Heart Center of Hope is a faith-based counseling and prayer ministry center under the auspices of Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Steubenville.

Those wishing to participate in this training will submit an application form with a letter of recommendation from their pastors. For more information, contact Deacon Richard Adams (740-283-4564 or radams@diosteub.org).

**Diocese of Steubenville
presents
Journeys of Faith**

Celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Diocese of Steubenville by participating on an inspiring pilgrimage. Three spiritual journeys will be offered throughout the upcoming year – Philadelphia & Emmitsburg April 27-30, Historic Marietta June 24 and Washington DC & Baltimore October 21-23. All trips include transportation, lodging, selected meals, sightseeing, entrance fees, shrine donations and are fully escorted. An informative travel presentation is scheduled on Thursday, March 19 at 3:00PM in Marian Hall at St. Mary Church in St. Clairsville and 6:30PM at St. Stephen Church in Caldwell. All are welcome! For more information please call Wendt Touring at 740-282-5790 or toll-free 1-877-565-8687.

Tuesday Bingo

February 25th

Monica Habig
Schumacher
Anna Lang
Catlin Kinney
2 Church Volunteers

March 3rd

Monica Habig
Schumacher
Tyler/Beth Knowlton
Aaron/Brandy Lucas
Lucas/Crystal Cunningham
Chuck Dye

March 10th

Monica Habig
Sam Schumacher
John/Melissa Miller
Kiven/Melissa Smithberger
Zach/Nicole Eastham
Christopher/Andrea Hall

Sunday Bingo

February 23rd

Amanda Schumacher
Jill Schumacher
Tyler/Tiffany Schumacher
Randall/Kim Sefert
2 Church Volunteers

March 1st

Amanda Schumacher
Sam Schumacher
Michael/Adrienne Shelton
Tiffany/Sean Zeakes
Jonathan/Nicole Wilson
Gary/Keisha West

March 8th

Monica Habig
Schumacher
Ted Babcock
Rachel/Nathan Arden
John/Shelly Blackstone
Bill/Becky Bolon

Bingo Kitchen

February 23rd

Kathi Blatt
Tammy Jones
February 25th
Barb Schumacher (Dan)
Barb Schumacher (Roger)

March 1st

Jayne Vinskovich
Rebecca Baldwin

March 3rd

Joan Kirkland
Diane Burkhardt

March 8th

Michelle Speelman
Laraine Sloan (2pies)

March 10th

Alice Piatt
Judy Blackstone

March 15th

Rosemary Dick
Louise Kress

Scripture Reading of the Week

Saturday

FEBRUARY 22

Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
1 Pt 5:1-4 Mt 16:13-19

Sunday

FEBRUARY 23

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary
Time Lv 19:1-2, 17-18 1 Cor
3:16-23 Mt 5:38-48

Monday

FEBRUARY 24

Weekday
Jas 3:13-18 Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday

FEBRUARY 25

Weekday
Jas 4:1-10 Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday

FEBRUARY 26

Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18 2 Cor 5:20-6:2

Thursday

FEBRUARY 27

Thursday after Ash Wednesday
Dt 30:15-20 Lk 9:22-25

Friday

FEBRUARY 28

Friday after Ash Wednesday
Is 58:1-9a Mt 9:14-15

Saturday

FEBRUARY 29

Saturday after Ash Wednesday
Is 58:9b-14 Lk 5:27-32

Sunday

MARCH 1

First Sunday of Lent

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Rom 5:12-19 or
5:12, 17-19 Mt 4:1-11

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.

Spring Fling- The school will be having it's annual Spring Fling Fundraiser in March. Tickets are available now from any student or staff member. Tickets are \$5 each for 31 chances to win \$100.

Night at the Races- Will be March 14th. Contact the school office to get your horse forms.



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!

Next Meeting-The next Knight's of Columbus Meeting will be on March 4th. Adoration at 6:00 pm, Rosary at 6:15 pm Mass at 6:30 pm; meeting to follow.

Fish Fry— The Knights of Columbus will again be having fish fries during Lent. The dates are February 28th, March 13th, and March 27th.

Double Chance Tickets for 2020-are available. Tickets are \$50 each which gives you two chances a month to win \$100. See a Knight to get your ticket.

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. — Fr. Tim Davison

[Jesus said,] "Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you....Be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."
MATTHEW 5:44, 48