



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 9, 2020

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Is 58:7–10 1 Cor 2:1–5 Mt 5:13–16

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.

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Feb. 8th

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

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00pm
+Kenny Burkhart 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

Monday Feb. 10th

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30am
+Martha Kress by Joe & Chris Hoff

Tuesday Feb. 11th

St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg
Holy Hour 8:00am Mass at 9:00 am
+Wilma Burkhart by Charles & Gloria Edwards

Wednesday Feb. 12th

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 6:30pm
+Mary Paulus (Anniversary of Death)
by The Paulus Family

Thursday Feb. 13th

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

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

Friday Feb. 14th

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30am
+Paul Gordon, Sr. by Terri Gordon

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

Saturday Feb. 15th

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield (Latin) 8:30am
Fr. Jonas Shell & Intentions

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00pm
+Polly Griffith by Catherine Paulus

Sunday Feb. 16th

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30am
+Edward & Delores Smith by Joanne Dixon

St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30 am
+Living & Deceased of Our Parishes

St. John Bosco Mission, Sardis 12:30 pm
+Vince Dalessio by Larry & Connie Richter Family

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.

Dear Padre,

My church spends too much on flower arrangements. Are they really needed?

Flowers and plants in homes and other buildings create a sense of beauty and welcome. They also help lift the spirits of the infirm in hospitals and the pall of sadness from those who mourn a loved one. Similarly, flowers in churches awaken our senses, embody hospitality, and enliven our spirits. Moreover, living flowers and plants serve "as a reminder of the gift of life God has given to the human community" ("Built of Living Stones," 129, USCCB, 2000). Along with other church adornments—both fixed and movable—flowers enkindle in the worshiper a feeling of what St. Peter said at the transfiguration, "Lord, it is good that we are here" (Matthew 17:4, Luke 9:33). They add dignity to the sacred space and visually express the holiness of the mysteries celebrated there. "Sacred buildings and requisites for divine worship should be truly worthy and beautiful and be signs and symbols of heavenly realities" (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 288). Nevertheless, "floral decoration should always show moderation and be arranged around the altar rather than on the altar table" (GIRM 305). Restraint in floral decoration is the norm during Advent. It's forbidden during Lent, except on Laetare Sunday and feasts, although simple compositions other than flowers are permissible. To control costs, some parishes rely on volunteers with flower-arranging skills. Arrangements left behind at funerals and funeral homes and from church weddings are also offered for the benefit of the faithful. —Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR

Spring Fling Tickets-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.

A \$100 winner will be drawn each day in March! If you win, your ticket goes back in for the next drawing!

Thank you for supporting St. Sylvester Central School.

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 February 1/2

St. John Bosco Mission

Adult collection	\$ 142.00
Loose	\$ 7.00
Initial Offering	\$ 5.00
Capital Improv.	\$ 35.00

St. John the Baptist

Adult Collection	\$ 1321.00
Loose	\$ 20.00
School Collection	\$ 95.00
First Offering	\$ 5.00
Capital Improv.	\$ 100.00
Solmenity of Mary	\$ 20.00
Christmas	\$ 20.00

St. Sylvester

Adult Collection	\$ 1772.00
Loose Collection	\$ 112.00
School Collection	\$ 308.00
Capital Improv.	\$ 50.00

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

For Reflection:
**In what ways do you
already enrich or
enlighten the lives of
others? In what ways is
this compliment a
challenge for you?**

**In Loving Memory
of:**

David Baker
Lowell Baker
Danny Betts
William H. Bolon
Herman & Hilda Burkhart
Michael & Bertha Burkhart
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.*

Bulletin Letter for February 9th, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This Sunday is the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time or in the traditional calendar it is called Septuagesima Sunday. Septuagesima means the 70th day before Easter. This pre-Lenten period was meant to alert us to the coming season of fasting and penance which will begin on the 40th day before Easter. This year Ash Wednesday is February 26th, which is the last Wednesday of this month. As you know, the date of Ash Wednesday changes year by year depending on when Easter is to be celebrated. In the Western Church, Easter is always celebrated the Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox. This pre-Lenten season invites us to pray and consider well the grace-filled period of Lent so that we might arrive renewed in mind and heart when we reach the glorious Feast of Easter. The Feast of Easter is the greatest of the Liturgical Feasts and is at the heart of our Christian hope and faith. The day Christ rose from the dead is a day that we should prepare to celebrate each year with renewed joy and even excitement. Each Sunday thereafter is another occasion to celebrate the mystery of Christ's rising from the dead of which we all hope to share in one day when our pilgrimage of life is ended.

Father Joseph Tuscan OFM is here now with us for a few days. I hope that we will all take full advantage of his presence because he has a lot he can offer to us in terms of renewing our faith and practice of Catholicism. He will be preaching at each of the weekend Masses and after the 12:30 p.m. Mass in Sardis he will stay for a while and give a talk to the community of St. John Bosco. Then in the evening he will be at St. Sylvester's at 6:00 p.m. for confessions until 7:00 p.m. His first talk will be at 7:00 p.m. this Sunday evening at St. Sylvester's. I hope everyone will be present. The rest of the week his schedule is as follows:

Monday, Feb. 10th: Morning Prayer at St. Sylvester's at 8:00 a.m. followed by Mass at 8:30 a.m.

At 6:00 p.m. there will be confessions followed by the talk at 7:00 p.m. at St. Sylvester's.

Tuesday, Feb. 11th: Morning Prayer at St. Sylvester's at 8:00 a.m. followed by Mass at 8:30 a.m.

After Mass there will be visits to our sick and shut-ins

At 6:00 p.m. there will be confessions followed by the talk at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 12th at 8:30 a.m. Father Tuscan will visit the school kids

At 6:30 p.m. there will be Mass followed by a half-hour talk at 7:00 p.m.

(Remember: Every Wednesday there is Eucharistic Adoration from noon until 6:00 p.m. At 6:00 p.m. there is Benediction followed by recitation of the rosary and then Mass at 6:30 p.m.)

I hope and pray that everyone will attend the Parish Mission as much as possible and my hope is that we will each be renewed and re-energized in the practice of the faith.

God's blessings and peace with you always.

Sincerely yours,

Father Timothy Davison

A Word from Pope Francis

Christian life has to be a life that must blossom in works of charity, in doing what is good. But if you have no roots, you cannot blossom, and who is the root? Jesus! ... "What blossoms a tree bears come from what lies underneath it." Never cut off Jesus' roots. —

GENERAL AUDIENCE,
MARCH 21, 2018

THE DIOCESE OF STEUBENVILLE PRESENTS "JOURNEYS OF FAITH 2020"

Celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Diocese of Steubenville by participating in an inspiring journey of faith:

* Holy Pittsburgh— March 6

* Philadelphia & Emmitsburg—April 27-30

* Historic Marietta— June 24

* Washington D.C. & Baltimore—October 21-23

For additional information, telephone Wendt Touring at (740) 282-5790 or toll-free at (877)565-8687

Tuesday Bingo

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

February 25th
Monica Habig
Schumacher
Anna Lang
Catlin Kinney
2 Church Volunteers

Sunday Bingo

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

February 23rd
Amanda Schumacher
Jill Schumacher
Tyler/Tiffany Schumacher
Randall/Kim Sefert
2 Church Volunteers

Bingo Kitchen

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

February 23rd
Kathi Blatt
Tammy Jones

February 25th
Barb Schumacher (Dan)
Barb Schumacher (Roger)

Scripture Reading of the Week

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

Monday

FEBRUARY 10
Saint Scholastica, Virgin
1 Kgs 8:1–7, 9–13 Mk 6:53–56

Tuesday

FEBRUARY 11
1 Kgs 8:22–23, 27–30
Mk 7:1–13

Wednesday

FEBRUARY 12
1 Kgs 10:1–10 Mk 7:14–23

Thursday

FEBRUARY 13
1 Kgs 11:4–13 Mk 7:24–30

Friday

FEBRUARY 14
Sts. Cyril, Monk, and
Methodius, Bishop
1 Kgs 11:29–32; 12:19
Mk 7:31–37

Saturday

FEBRUARY 15
Mk 8:1–10

Sunday

FEBRUARY 16
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir 15:15–20 1 Cor 2:6–10 Mt
5:17–37 or Mt 5:20–22a, 27–28,
33–34a, 37

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.

No School-There will be no school on February 17th in Observance of President's Day.

Spring Fling-Tickets are available from any student or staff member.

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

Home & School Meeting- February 11th at 6:30 pm in the school GYM.

Parent Teacher Conferences-February 13th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.



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 February 19th. There will be no Mass. Rosary at 6:45 pm; meeting at 7:00pm.

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.