



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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March 15, 2020

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 17:3–7 Rom 5:1–2, 5–8 Jn 4:5–42 or 4:5–15, 19b–26, 39a, 40–42

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.

3rd Sunday of Lent

Saturday March 14th

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00pm
+Lola Geldmacher by Joe & Marilyn Shockling

Sunday March 15th

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30am
+Polly Griffith by Mary Bolon

St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30 am
+Peter Nguyen by Juliane & Wati Chainakul

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

Monday March 16th

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:30 pm
+Clem Kress by Catherine Paulus

Tuesday March 17th

St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg
Holy Hour 8:00am Mass at 9:00 am
+Wilma Burkhart by Chris & Regina Crock

Wednesday March 18^h

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 6:30pm
Living and Deceased Members of the Knights
of Columbus

Thursday March 19th

St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg
Holy Hour 8:00am Mass at 9:00 am
+Glenn Dierkes by John Paulus Family

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

Friday March 20th

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30am
Marjorie Schumacher by Tom & Cindy
Schumacher

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 7:00pm
Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 21st

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

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00pm
+Roger Schumacher by Barbara Schumacher

Sunday March 22nd

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

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

St. John Bosco Mission, Sardis 12:30 pm
Michele Ebert-Health by Larry & Connie Richter

Father Tim's cell phone number is now listed on the front of the bulletin. It is 1-918-637-1774.

Visitation Deanery CCW will meet Sunday, **March 15th** at 2:00 pm at St. Mary's Basilica in Marietta, OH. All CWC unit officers and other members are encouraged to attend.

"Standing Strong As A Parent And Grandparent"

A Lenten Day Of Spirituality For Women Of The Diocese Of Steubenville-Saturday, March 28, 2020 at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption. Cost is \$25 per person. Make reservations through DeDe Kidder, DCCW Treasurer, PO Box 31, Toronto, OH 43964. Make checks payable to Steubenville DCCW.

Registration begins at 8:30 am, with the morning program beginning at 10:00 am. Presented by Ray Guarendi.

Contact the following with questions:
DeDe Kidder (740-632-3018) dede.kidder@gmail.com
Joanne Kolanski (740-695-1617)
jkolanski51@comcast.net
Angela Cross (740-594-7511) angelamcross@gmail.com

Dear Padre,

For many of us older Catholics, our children have either left the faith or they don't belong to any church. Consequently, their children aren't baptized. We were taught that anyone may baptize in an emergency. Can we baptize our grandchildren? If so, how?

When necessary, "any person," even one who is not baptized, "can baptize provided that he has the intention of doing that which the Church does and provided that he pours water on the candidate's head while saying: 'I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit'" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1284). Church law permits baptism when at least one consenting Catholic parent or guardian plans to nurture the child in the faith and in the faith community. Some people—with the best intentions—may disregard these legal conditions and resort to baptizing a child in secret or against the parents' will. However, while the Trinitarian formula used while pouring water over a child qualifies as the sacrament even under non-lifethreatening circumstances, it's also contrary to Church law. This has negative consequences both for the child being baptized and the grandparents doing the baptizing! May you find consolation in these words: "Baptism is necessary for salvation for those to whom the Gospel has been proclaimed and who have had the possibility of asking for this sacrament" (CCC 1257). Should a child die without baptism, we can trust in God's mercy, since the full proclamation of the gospel and request for the sacrament was not possible for the child. Moreover, Jesus' tenderness toward children allows us "to hope that there is a way of salvation for children who have died without baptism" (CCC 1261). —Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Our Sunday Offering for March 7/8

St. John Bosco Mission

Adult collection	\$ 137.00
Loose	\$ 50.00
Rice Bowl	\$ 90.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 150.00
Catholic Relief	\$ 95.00

St. John the Baptist

Adult Collection	\$ 906.00
Loose	\$ 137.00
School Collection	\$ 77.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 110.00
Capital Improv.	\$ 400.00
Catholic Relief	\$ 115.00
Rice Bowl	\$ 60.00
Cemetery	\$ 115.00

St. Sylvester

Adult Collection	\$ 1964.00
Loose Collection	\$ 54.00
School Collection	\$ 329.00
Catholic Relief	\$ 145.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 235.00
Capital Improv.	\$ 20.00
Rice Bowl	\$ 210.00

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

This Week

Wednesday

Adoration Noon-6:00pm
Benediction at 6:00pm; Rosary at 6:15; Mass at 6:30
Knights of Columbus Meeting to Follow

Thursday

Adult Education at 7:00pm
St. Sylvester Basement

Friday

Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm
St. Sylvester



**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,

On this Sunday, the Diocese of Steubenville is conducting what is called "Pledge Sunday". I am sure that most of you are very familiar with this annual event. Pledge Sunday is an attempt to include everyone in the fund raising campaign and most especially those who did not receive a letter from the Bishop in their mail. In the pews, you will find the necessary materials to make your pledge if you have not already done so. Thank you in advance for your participation. The money that we receive when we have reached the goal set by the Diocese will be put to good use in our parishes.

On Monday, March 16th there will be no 8:30 a.m. Mass as I will be in Carrolton, Ohio at the Monastery of the Canons of the Holy Cross. That is where I made my priest retreat last year and so I am spending the night there and making my consecration to my guardian angel. I have been preparing for this consecration for a whole year through the program provided by the Canons. Our Mass, on March 16th, will be celebrated at St. Sylvester's at 6:30 p.m. After the Mass, the Finance Committee will meet in the parish offices building.

On Tuesday evening, March 17th we will have another meeting of the team that will be helping with the visit of the pilgrim image of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. in the basement of the Church. Please attend if you are a member of the team and if you are not a member but have a desire to assist in this effort please feel welcome to attend as well.

On Thursday, March 19th we will be celebrating the Feast of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Mother. Our Mass will be at 8:30 a.m. at St. Sylvester's and attended by the children of the school and parishioners. Please come and honor this great saint. There will not be a Mass at St. John the Baptist Church that day.

On Friday, March 20th some of the children of the school will be going to take part in the Tournament of Truth and so we will not have Stations of the Cross following the 8:30 a.m. Mass that day and the Mass will not be a school Mass. However, Stations will be offered that evening at 7:00 p.m. at St. Sylvester's.

God bless and keep you all in His love as we continue with our Lenten practices.

Sincerely yours,

Father Timothy Davison

FREE-2 PVC Chairs (valued at \$280) have been donated to the church. These may be used like a wheelchair, walker, or in the shower. They are available for viewing in the church basement. If anyone is in need of such a chair, contact Tammy or Father Tim.

Water for Living, or Living Water?

Water flows through this Sunday's readings. In the passage from Exodus, the Hebrews cry out for the water so necessary for life. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks of living water that provides eternal life.

The exchange between the Hebrews and Moses is straightforward and startling. Physical thirst led them to question the divine care that miraculously delivered them from the hands of Egyptian oppressors. We shouldn't be too quick to shake our fingers at them. How many times have we looked past blessings we take for granted, only to focus on lesser immediate needs? These desert people are our ancestors in more ways than one.

The Gospel of John is most interesting. Jesus is in Samaria, a land hated by the Jews. There he initiates a conversation with an inhabitant of the town of Sychar, someone who is an outcast in three major ways. She is a woman—no self-respecting man would be alone with a woman he didn't know. She is a Samaritan—Jews considered Samaritans unclean. And she is promiscuous—his own honor might be at risk. The woman's questionable social status does not prevent Jesus from engaging her, first in social etiquette ("Give me a drink" [4:7]), then in a theological exchange ("Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst" [4:14]).

The Hebrews experienced God's saving action in their exodus, but they lacked trust. The woman, hated by the Jews, was an outcast of her own people, yet she believed. How do we respond to the water? —Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

[Jesus said,] "The water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." JOHN 4:14

A WORD FROM Pope Francis

This season of Lent is a good occasion to draw near to [Jesus], to encounter him in prayer in a heart-to-heart dialogue; to speak with him, to listen to him....In this way we can renew in ourselves the grace of baptism, quench our thirst at the wellspring of the Word of God. —
ANGELUS, MARCH 19,
2017

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.

Due to direction from the Governor-St. Sylvester Central School will be closed from March 13th through April 3rd. Stay tuned for more updates.

Open House- St. Sylvester Central school will hold an open house on March 19th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Due to the current public gathering guidelines, we will have visitors with last names beginning A-L from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm and M-Z from 6:00 pm to

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.



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!

State of Ohio Cash Bonanza tickets are now on sale. Top prize of \$49,680. See any knight for a ticket or two! \$5.00 each.

March is membership drive month-If you would like to join a crazy group of men who like to have a good time while serving God and his people, talk to any member for an application.

Next Meeting-The next Knight's of Columbus Meeting will be on March 18th. 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 final date is March 27th.

The first fish fry went very well, thanks to all who worked, donated and/or supported the event. Hope to see you all at the same time on March 27h.

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. January winners— Adam Dick & Jill Schumacher; February winners-Leah LaFollette & Deseree Peters; March winners— Joe Long & Krista Lane

St. Sylvester Spring Fling Winners

1st-Tammy Ewers sold by Tammy Ewers
2nd-Jason Headley sold by Parker Seifert
3rd-Jeff Covert sold by Aston Gallagher
4th-Tru Jorris sold by Keegan Jorris
5th—Mary Scott sold by Evan Knowlton
6th-Jeffrey Stephens sold by Emma Amos
7th-Earlene Owns sold by Xavier Thomas
8th-John Baker sold by Nancy Hamilton
9th-Terri Gordon sold by Xavier Thomas
10th-Lucy Betts sold by Carson Valkovic
11th-JD Duncan sold by Bentley Blackstone
12th- Debbie Fankhauser by Emma Taylor
13th-Brandi Weiss sold by Austin Weiss
14th-Larry Palmer sold by Phoenix Palmer
15th-Donald Biedenbach sold by School



**Bingo is Cancelled until
further notice per direction that
we have received from the
Health Department!**

Scripture Reading of the Week

**Saturday
MARCH 14**
Mi 7:14–15, 18–20
Lk 15:1–3, 11–32

**Sunday
MARCH 15**
Third Sunday of Lent
Ex 17:3–7 Rom 5:1–2, 5–8
Jn 4:5–42 or 4:5–15, 19b–26, 39a,
40–42

**Monday
MARCH 16**
2 Kgs 5:1–15b Lk 4:24–30

**Tuesday
MARCH 17**
Dn 3:25, 34–43 Mt 18:21–35

**Wednesday
MARCH 18**
Dt 4:1, 5–9 Mt 5:17–19

**Thursday
MARCH 19**
St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed
Virgin Mary
2 Sm 7:4–5a, 12–14a, 16 Rom 4:13,
16–18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18–21, 24a or Lk
2:41–51a

**Friday
MARCH 20**
Hos 14:2–10 Mk 12:28–34

**Saturday
MARCH 21**
Hos 6:1–6 Lk 18:9–14

**Sunday
MARCH 22**
Fourth Sunday of Lent
1 Sm 16:1b, 6–7, 10–13a Eph 5:8–
14 Jn 9:1–41 or Jn 9:1, 6–9, 13–17,
34–38 Ex 17:3–7 Rom 5:1–2, 5–8
Jn 4:5–42 or 4:5–15, 19b–26, 39a,
40–42