



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 8, 2020

Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 12:1–4a 2 Tm 1:8b–10 Mt 17:1–9

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 7th

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00pm
+Danny Betts (Anniversary of Death) by Mom,
Dad & Family

Sunday March 8th

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30am
+Robert Wallace by Dan & Barb Schumacher

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

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

Monday March 9th

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:30 pm
+Deb Schumacher by Catherine Paulus

Tuesday March 10th

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

Wednesday March 11th

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 6:30pm
+Billie Elliott by Lawrence & Rita Griffith

Thursday March 12th

St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg
Holy Hour 8:00am Mass at 9:00 am
+Cinderella Butler by Clarence & Eileen
Ackerman

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

Friday March 13th

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30am
Delmas Betts by Keith & Cindy Coss
Stations of the Cross to follow
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 7:00pm
Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 14th

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield (Latin) 8:30am
Father Davison & Intentions

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

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

What a Blessing!

Today's readings don't seem Lenten. They are uplifting, not penitential. God makes promises to Abram of extraordinary good fortune, political protection, and international status. The man must have been thrilled. Paul reminds Timothy that the life of holiness and blessing to which we have been called is a gift from God; always available to us, and not a reward for any good works we might have performed. And then we hear of Jesus' transfiguration in the sight of a few disciples. They were so overwhelmed by that spectacular experience they wanted to pitch tents so they wouldn't have to leave the place. How are such wondrous ideas penitential? While God's marvelous blessings are free gifts, we are expected to respond to them appropriately, to accept them and use them for the common good. Abram's blessings were not simply for him and his family. "All the families of the earth will find blessing in you" (Genesis 12:3). His blessings would open a door to others—other nations, other ethnic groups, other religious communities. Abram was not simply chosen by God. He was chosen so that others might be blessed through him. Timothy was instructed to "bear your share of hardship for the gospel" (2 Timothy 1:8). The blessing might be a gift, but it carried the responsibilities of discipleship. The voice from heaven told the disciples: "Listen to him" (Matthew 17:5). Being chosen by God or having seen the glory of Jesus calls for a change of mind and heart. This change isn't easy to accomplish. It is the reason for penance. — Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The event of the Lord's transfiguration offers us a message of hope—thus shall we be, with him. It invites us to encounter Jesus, to be at the service of our brothers and sisters. —ANGELUS, AUGUST 6, 2017

Our Sunday Offering

for
February 29/March 1

St. John Bosco Mission (Feb. 23rd)

Adult collection	\$ 121.00
Loose	\$ 48.00
Interest Income	\$ 44.06
Eastern Europe	\$ 2.00

(March 1st)

Adult collection	\$ 131.75
Loose	\$ 60.00
Propagation	\$ 5.00
Eastern Europe	\$ 102.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 26.00
Capital Improv.	\$ 25.00

St. John the Baptist

Adult Collection	\$ 1961.00
Loose	\$ 48.00
School Collection	\$ 136.00
Capital Improv.	\$ 125.00
First Offering	\$ 10.00
St. Vincent DePaul	\$ 20.00
Eastern Europe	\$ 125.00

St. Sylvester

Adult Collection	\$ 1974.00
Loose Collection	\$ 148.00
School Collection	\$ 367.55
Catholic Relief	\$ 150.00
Propagation	\$ 10.00
Cemetery	\$ 25.00
Eastern Europe	\$ 325.00

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

This Week

Sunday

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

Tuesday

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Doors open at 5:00pm
Bingo begins at 6:30pm

Wednesday

Adoration Noon-6:00pm
Benediction at 6:00pm; Rosary
at 6:15; Mass at 6:30

Thursday

Adult Education at 7:00pm
St. Sylvester Basement

Sunday

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

**In Loving Memory
of:**

David Baker
Lowell Baker
Danny Betts
William H. Bolon
Cyril Burkhardt
Herman & Hilda Burkhardt
Michael & Bertha Burkhardt
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,

I hope everyone remembers to change their clocks this weekend as daylight savings time begins. After Mass in Sardis this weekend, I'll travel to Gallipolis to visit my family and return on Monday afternoon in time for a Mass at St. Sylvester at 5:30 p.m. There will not be an 8:30 a.m. Mass this coming Monday, March 9th.

As we enter this second full week of the Lenten period, I would just like to encourage everyone to make the most of this season of grace. Confessions are heard 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. at St. Sylvester's. Also, confessions are heard at St. John the Baptist Church on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:15 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. before the morning Mass. I can also hear confessions after the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings. Stations are at 7:00 p.m. at St. Sylvester. And if none of these times works for you please call me on my cell phone: 918-637-1774 or text me at that number. Also, our parish Penance Service will be on Monday evening, March 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at St. Sylvester. At St. John Bosco Mission on Sundays after the 12:30 p.m. Mass, I can also stay and hear confessions.

On an entirely different topic, I would like to announce that on June 4th there will be a pilgrimage trip up to Canton, Ohio to the house of the servant of God, Rhoda Wise. We'll be leaving by bus from St. Sylvester parking lot at 8:00 a.m. and when we arrive at our destination, we'll be having Mass, a tour, and talk and we'll have lunch probably at John's Bar Restaurant before returning by 4:00 p.m. to St. Sylvester. All are welcome. The cost is \$10.00 a person for the ride and whatever each person spends for lunch and souvenirs. Kathy Paulus is helping to keep track of those who are interested in going. She can be reached at her home at 740-472-9887 or at the office at 740-472-0463. I have never been there before and so I look forward to visiting the home of a person who will probably one day be raised to the honor of a canonized saint of the Catholic Church. Father Joseph Tuscan who gave our parish mission a few weeks ago will meet us up there at her house and since he is one of the promoters of her cause he will be a very helpful guide for the day.

Next Sunday is the Pledge Drive for the DPSC annual campaign. Most of you should have already received a letter from the Bishop asking for your assistance. We have also published the goals set by the Diocese for each of our Catholic communities in Monroe County. The money that comes back to us can be put to good use as we have many needs in the maintenance of our buildings and properties. God bless each of you for your past generosity and for helping us reach our goals this past year.

Have a good week.

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus,

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.

Dear Padre, Is the new life that Jesus promises available now for the taking, or is he talking about life in heaven? The transfiguration seems to give Jesus new life and spirit immediately.

I remember preparing an ecumenical prayer service to commemorate the life and work of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. I came across a statement he made on April 3, 1968, the night before he was assassinated. Utilizing the Gospel of Jesus' transfiguration, Dr. King said, "I just want to do God's will. He's allowed me to go up to the mountain....I'm happy tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord."

Indeed, Jesus went to the mountaintop centuries ago and was transfigured. In the glory of God's voice and vision, Jesus came back down, fearing no one as he faithfully preached God's word, even as he went to another mountaintop, that of Calvary. Only then, in his moment of obedient death, was God's earthly glory fulfilled in him. "It is finished," he proclaimed (John 19:30). Yet even here, there is still more: the wait in hope and expectation of God's ultimate vindication three days later in the resurrection.

So my hope for you, for me, for everyone, is that we also have mountaintop experiences of God's grace and blessing. Such moments of prayer, obedience, and service are there for the taking whenever we receive God's courage to act with integrity, justice, or forgiveness. Still, the culmination of our own bearings of the cross always awaits its ultimate completion beyond the grave in the kingdom of heaven. —Fr. James A. Krings Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Tuesday Bingo

March 10th

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

March 17th

Monica Habig
Lance LaFollette
Brooke Yontz
Kathleen Thomas
Greg/Leanne Harper
Jon/Pam Knowlton

March 24th

Monica Habig
Schumacher
Sara Yonak
Kenneth/Shelley Young
Joe/Connie Kress

Sunday Bingo

March 8th

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

March 15th

Amanda Schumacher
Missy Knowlton
Steven Bright/Landri
Miller
Adam Chambers
Tom/Lydia Brodegard
Chad/Marissa Cole

March 22nd

Amanda Schumacher
Jill Schumacher
Jeff Dean
Dugan/Cassie Demchak
2 Church Volunteers

Bingo Kitchen

March 8th

Michelle Speelman
Laraine Sloan (2pies)

March 10th

Alice Piatt
Judy Blackstone

March 15th

Rosemary Dick
Louise Kress

March 17th

St. John the Baptist

March 22nd

Jill Schumacher
Barb Burkhart

March 24th

Alisha "Ace" Guiler
Diane Burkhart

March 29th

No Bingo

Scripture Reading of the Week

Saturday

MARCH 7

Lenten Weekday
Dt 26:16-19 Mt 5:43-48

Sunday

MARCH 8

Second Sunday of Lent
Gn 12:1-4a 2 Tm 1:8b-10
Mt 17:1-9

Monday

MARCH 9

Lenten Weekday
Dn 9:4b-10 Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday

MARCH 10

Lenten Weekday
Is 1:10, 16-20 Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday

MARCH 11

Lenten Weekday
Jer 18:18-20 Mt 20:17-28

Thursday

MARCH 12

Lenten Weekday
Jer 17:5-10 Lk 16:19-31

Friday

MARCH 13

Lenten Weekday
Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Mt
21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday

MARCH 14

Lenten Weekday
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

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.

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

Open House--St. Sylvester Central school will hold an open house on March 19th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Spring Fling Report--Thank you to all who sold or purchased Spring Fling Tickets. Total sales were \$10,050 which gives the school a profit of \$7,400!



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 dates are March 13th, and 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 13th.

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