



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

[www.monroecountycatholic.org](http://www.monroecountycatholic.org)

334 South Main Street Woodsfield, Ohio 43793-1027

Phone: 740-472-0187

Fr. David Gaydosik  
Pastor

Mrs. Tammy Jones  
Pastoral Secretary

Fr. Walter Heinz  
Fr. Virgil Reischman  
Retired

### April 14, 2019

### *Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (C)*

Lk 19:28–40

Is 50:4–7,

Phil 2:6–11

Lk 22:14—23:56 or Lk 23:1–49

**Parish Registration:** *New Parishioners* are always welcome! To join our parish family 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. 4:15pm 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.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, (RCIA):** RCIA is an adult preparation for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Mr. Joseph Long, coordinator.

**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:**

*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.

Check us out on Facebook

**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.

**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

**St. John Central High School.** 3625 Guemsey Street, Bellaire, Ohio.

Mr. Jarrett T. Kuhns, principal, 740-676-4932 [www.stjohncentralhs.org](http://www.stjohncentralhs.org)

**Diocesan Vocation Director** Fr. Michael Gossett: [mgossett@diosteub.org](mailto:mgossett@diosteub.org)

**Cub Scout Pack 17,** Pack Leader is Melissa Smithberger (740) 213-4037. ([orvc-bsa.org](http://orvc-bsa.org))

**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

**SOMA: Switzerland of Ohio Ministerial Action:** Our representative is Mrs. Diane Burkhart

**Diocese of Steubenville Office of Family and Social Concerns & Referral** (i.e. Catholic Charities), 1-800-339-7890.

**Retrouvaille** (help for troubled marriages), 740-749-3335

**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](mailto:jdunfee@diosteub.org).

**St. Sylvester Choir**—practice on Thursday at 7pm at the church

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## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

**Saturday** April 13<sup>th</sup>  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 5:00pm  
 +Crystal C. Crum by Bob & Jenny Crum

**Sunday** April 14<sup>th</sup>  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 8:30am  
 +Marlene Moose by her herd

**St. John the Baptist**, Miltonsburg 10:30am  
 +Cinderella Butler by Tony & Cindy Schumacher

**St. John Bosco**, Sardis 12:30pm  
 +Andrew & Ova Howell by Connie & Larry Richter

**Monday** April 15<sup>th</sup>  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 8:30am  
 +Raymond & Loretta Heffner by Heffner & Watters family

**Tuesday** April 16<sup>th</sup>  
**St. John the Baptist**, Miltonsburg 9:00am  
 +Ken Robison by CL & Helen Stahl

**Wednesday** April 17<sup>th</sup>  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 6:30pm  
 Living & Deceased of K of C 5009

**Holy Thursday** April 18<sup>th</sup>  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 7:00pm  
*Living & Deceased of our Parishes*

Eucharistic Adoration after Mass until 10:00pm

**Good Friday** April 19<sup>th</sup>  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield  
**Noon** Community (SOMA) Passion Walk & Stations at St. Sylvester Church  
**3:00pm** Stations and Chaplet of Divine Mercy  
**7:00pm** Passion of the Lord

## EASTER

**Holy Saturday** April 20<sup>th</sup>  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 8:00 pm  
 Living & Deceased of our Parishes

**Easter Sunday** April 21<sup>th</sup>  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 8:30 am  
 Martha Kress (health) by Joe & Chris

**St. John the Baptist**, Miltonsburg 10:30 am  
 +Francis, Edith & Virgil Block by Joe & Debbie

**St. John Bosco Mission**, Sardis 12:30 pm  
 +Robert Huffman by Ida Dalessio

**Chrim Mass** (Blessing of holy oils and renewal of priestly vows), April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm St. Mary's Marietta. All are invited to attend.



**Good Friday**, April 19<sup>th</sup> The Community SOMA  
*Cross Walk* 11:00am Woodfield Christian Church  
*Stations of the Cross* 11:30am St. Sylvester Church  
 Sponsored by Switzerland Of Ministry Action

**Stations and Chaplet of Divine Mercy** at 3:00pm on Good Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at St. Sylvester Church.

**Easter Egg Hunt** April 20<sup>th</sup> at 11am at St. Sylvester Central School

**Ash Wednesday and Good Friday** are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

**The 2019 DPSC Goals** are:

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield \$18,354.00;  
 St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg \$9,989.00  
 St. John Bosco Mission \$1,799.00

Your generosity can help maintain and enhance Campus ministry, Youth Ministries, Seminarians education and formation, and support and care of our retired priests to name a few. Please be generous.

The Diocese of Steubenville is pleased to announce the ordination of Deacon Nicolas Ginnetti to the Priesthood Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption in Marietta. Please pray for him!

**First Communion** has been scheduled as follow: St. Sylvester, Woodsfield—**Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>** at the 5pm Mass. St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg—**Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>** at the 10:30am Mass.

**Mark your calendars.** On **Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>** following the 5pm Mass at St. Sylvester's there will be a Farewell Dinner for Fr. David and Fr. Heinz at the Brown Community Center. All parishioners (from all three parishes) are invited to share in this event.

**We are please to announce** that Mrs. Tammy Jones has been offered the job of Office Assistant at our parishes. Please pray for her!

**St. Sylvester CWC** is inviting all altar servers grade school & High School from St. Sylvester and St. John the Baptist to a fun day at SKY ZONE Trampoline Park in Canonsburg, Pa. on Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup>. We need to know how many are interested and that will attend (servers and chaperones) so arrangements may be made. An online liability waiver must be completed and accompany those attending.

## This Week

**Palm Sunday**  
*No St. Sylvester Central  
 Bingo*

**Tuesday**  
 7p Chrim Mass in Marietta

*No St. Sylvester Central  
 Bingo*

**Wednesday**  
 7p K of C Meeting

**Holy Thursday**  
 7:00pm Lord's Supper  
 With adoration until 10pm

**Good Friday**  
**11am** Community  
 (SOMA) Passion Walk &  
 Noon - Stations

**3:00pm** Stations with  
 Divine Mercy Chaplet  
**7pm** Passion of the Lord

**Holy Saturday**  
**11am** Easter Egg Hunt  
**8:00pm** Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday**  
**No St. Sylvester Central  
 Bingo**



**Our Sunday Offering**  
 for  
 April 6/7 2019

**St. John Bosco Mission**  
 Adult collection \$ 133.00  
 Loose \$ 106.00

**St. John the Baptist**  
 Adult Collection \$ 996.00  
 Loose \$ 35.00  
 School Collection \$ 198.00  
 Rice bowl \$ 5.00  
 Baker Bequest \$ 216.89

**St. Sylvester**  
 Adult Collection \$ 2124.00  
 Loose Collection \$ 179.00  
 Easter Flowers \$ 5.00  
 School Collection \$ 272.00  
 Baker Bequest \$ 216.89

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

**In Loving Memory  
of:**

Emma Schumacher  
Sr. Joanna Burkhart  
Sr. Evelyn Ann  
Schumacher  
Msgr. Joseph G Mehler  
Fr. Joseph Finan  
Walter & Alma Heinz  
Imelda D Scott  
David Baker  
Lowell Baker  
William H Bolon  
Michael & Bertha  
Burkhart  
Paul & Barbara Conner  
Hilda & Herman  
Burkhart  
Katy & Paul Madison  
Francis & Freeda Paulus  
Mary & Hilda Paulus  
Robert Miller, Sr.  
Walter J Knox  
Danny Betts  
Monica Long  
Meri C Welsh  
Cyril Burkhart  
Joe & Eunice Gallagher  
Michael E Koval

*Eternal rest grant unto  
them, O Lord.*

For Reflection: *What extra time will you take to be with your Lord who suffers for you? How can you show your love to him in a special way this week?*

A Word from Pope Francis: *Let us ask for the grace to follow Jesus faithfully, not in words but in deeds. Let us also ask for the patience to carry our own cross, not to refuse it or set it aside, but rather, in looking to him, to take it up and to carry it daily.*

—Palm Sunday, April 9, 2017



They crucified him and the criminals there....Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.” Luke 23:33–34

## Our Call to Face Down Evil

We come to the holiest week of the year. This week, Christians around the world dedicate their minds and hearts to meditate on the great gift of the redemption won for them by Christ. It is a cosmic event that happened 2,000 years ago but it bears fruit today in the heart of every Christian in every continent, country, city, and home.

Max Ernst shows the crucifixion in cosmic, timeless dimension by placing the crucified Christ in a dark, tumultuous, and formless setting. The sinister colors of blue, brown, yellow, and black seem to hide a face or perhaps a masked and darkened eye on the right that peers through the evil canvas.

As chaotic and nonsensical as evil appears in our world, it also seems to have a commonality that betrays a will or an intelligence hidden beneath the surface. The suffering and destruction of so many people from senseless violence, famine, and hatred seems at once both spontaneous, yet strangely orchestrated by some force. The same was true for Christ’s crucifixion. On the surface it appears the result of a feverish crowd, a confused politician, a jealous and blinded religious leadership, and an overwhelmed group of cowardly followers. Yet we perceive the return of the tempter, Lucifer, the author of the *non serviam*. The power of evil that struck the head continues to strike the body. Be aware of the call for all followers of Jesus to be ready to face the same struggle against evil that he did, and with the same measure of love.

— Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

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## **I was recently diagnosed with cancer. When I think about death now, I get scared. The crucifixion and death of Jesus, surrounded by dark skies, earthquakes, and opening tombs, adds to my fright. Any words of encouragement?**

Transitions in life are always a bit frightening, and the transition of our dying and rising can be the scariest of them all. When we were tiny infants in our mother’s womb, we transitioned into life. We were not conscious of what we were doing, and so we were not scared. We were in God’s hands. And God, who creates all life, brought us to be born and live. The same challenge faces you now as when you were in the womb. Even though you are conscious of your sickness and your possible death, you are still asked to leave it all in the hands of God. God, who brought you to life, will travel with you through your dying and into the kingdom. Jesus certainly showed us how to do this with his prayer during his crucifixion: “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit” (Luke 23:46).

People who have had near-death experiences do not talk about how scary and frightening it was. In fact, they speak about how peaceful and full of light the journey was for them. Most hated the idea of “returning” to their sick bodies. This same journey of peace and light, and the sense of God’s close presence to you, can be yours in your last moments here. Trust in God. Commend your spirit to God’s care. God loves you! God will keep you safe and lead you home!

Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSsR

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**Tuesday Bingo**

April 16  
No Bingo

April 23  
Monica Habig  
Anna Lang  
Sara Yonak  
Shelly/Kendra Young  
Tiffany/Sean Zeakes

April 30  
Monica Habig  
Jess Amos  
Deborah Blackstone  
Randy/Michelle  
Christman  
Crystal Cunningham  
Amanda Schumacher

**Sunday Bingo**

April 14  
No Bingo

April 21  
No Bingo

April 28  
Amanda Schumacher  
Randall Sefert  
Audrey Lydick  
Tyler/Tiffany  
Schumacher  
Jess Knowlton  
Matt/Nicole McGuire

**Bingo Kitchen**

April 14  
No Bingo

April 16  
No Bingo

April 21  
No Bingo

April 23  
Carol Kuhn  
Judy Blackstone

**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 pre-determined percentage we receive can be directed to be applied to a student's tuition or just given to the school

**Pre-school Registration** for the 2019-20 school year is now underway. Registration forms are available at the school office. **K-8 Registration** for 2019-2020 is underway. As we plan for next year, ordering books and supplies based on registration numbers.

**Spring Carnival Raffle Tickets** are being sold. The Spring Carnival is Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. The theme for this year's carnival is "Spring to Life with Christ" submitted by Kenley Hupp.

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am.

**Scripture Reading of the Week****Sunday**  
APRIL 14

*Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion*  
Lk 19:28-40  
Is 50:4-7  
Phil 2:6-11  
Lk 22: 14-23:56

**Monday**  
APRIL 15

*Holy Weekday*  
Is 42:1-7  
Jn 12:1-11

**Tuesday**  
APRIL 16

*Holy Weekday*  
Is 49:1-6  
Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

**Wednesday**  
APRIL 17

*Holy Weekday*  
Is 50:4-9a  
Mt 26:14-25

**Thursday**  
APRIL 18

*Holy Thursday*  
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14  
1 Cor 11:23-26  
Jn 13:1-15

**Friday**APRIL 19  
*Good Friday*

Is 52:13-53:12  
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9  
Jn 18:1-19:42

**Saturday**  
APRIL 20

*Holy Saturday*  
Gn 1:1-2:2  
Ex 14:15-15:1  
Is 54:5-1  
Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4  
Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28  
Rom 6:3-11  
Lk 24:1-12

**Sunday**  
APRIL 21

*Easter*  
Acts 10:34a, 37-43  
Col 3:1-4  
Jn 20:1-9

**Bingo Manager Needed**—Amanda Schumacher is resigning as bingo operational manager. We are looking for a (volunteer) replacement who is willing to keep bingo going. If interested contact the office.

**Applications** are available for the *John and Blanche Mussio Scholarship* for incoming freshmen at Franciscan University.



**St. Joseph of Monroe County,  
Council 5009 of the Knights of Columbus  
Sir 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** — Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Mass at 6:30pm with meeting to follow in St. Sylvester Church basement

**2019 Super Cash Bonanza Tickets** are being sold. With over \$108,000.00 in cash prizes.

**51st Annual K of C State Family Campout** July 26-28, 2019 at the Washington County Fairgrounds (922 Front Street, Marietta). Fun for all.

**K of C Council 5009 College Scholarship** (in the amount of \$250.00) applications are available to any graduating High School Senior.

**Join Fr. Thomas Chillog** on a tour of Rome and the Amalfi Coast. September 25<sup>th</sup> to October 4, 2019. Rome, Pompeii, Amalfi Coast, Vietri sul Mare, Sorrento, Capri, Rovello, Montecassino, and Ostia Antica. For information and registration contact St. Mary's Parish office, St. Clairsville or visit [www.catholicheritagetours.com/FTCIT](http://www.catholicheritagetours.com/FTCIT).

**Join Fr. James M Dunfee** (Vicar General of our Diocese, Pastor of St. Agnes Parish in Mingo Jnt. and former Pastor of Monroe County) invites you to join him on a pilgrimage to Southern Italy! The trip will run from September 23<sup>th</sup> until October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019 and will begin in Rome, then to Monte Cassino, Nettuno (home of St. Maria Goretti), Pompeii, Capri and then to Pietrelcina, (home of Padre Pio) and then to his monistary and shrine, St Giovanni Rotondo. For a free brochure with all the details as well as a registration form, please contact Fr. James Dunfee (740-535-1491) or e-mail [fjmd1984@stagnesmingo.org](mailto:fjmd1984@stagnesmingo.org)