



St. Sylvester, Woodsfield  
founded 1866



St. John Bosco, Sardis  
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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**May 14, 2017**

*Fifth Sunday of Easter (A)*

*MOTHER'S DAY*

Acts 6:1–7

1 Pt 2:4–9

Jn 14:1–12

**“Come to him, a living stone...and, like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house” (1 Peter 2:4–5).**

One of the greatest accomplishments of Roman construction was the arch. It enabled them to span larger distances and make bigger buildings without sacrificing strength. Just think of the Roman aqueducts, basilicas, and coliseums standing today. The key to the Roman arch is that each stone is well cut. A stone needs to be connected to the stones alongside it.

Additionally, the cornerstone takes all the stress and stabilizes the whole. Saint Peter uses these construction images as a metaphor for the Church. We are all living stones, built into a spiritual house founded on the cornerstone, Jesus Christ. Like the deacons in the early Church, we each have a role to play. What is asked of a stone in a building structure? Every stone needs to be strong. It needs to be formed and shaped. Accepting and seeking formation in faith is key to finding our place in life and in God's house.

Finally, the stone needs to accept where the master builder places it. If a stone could move itself from one place to another, there would be chaos. Our active participation in God's plan and the Church is important. We must build on the one sure foundation and follow the plan of the master builder and those who represent him. Jesus has prepared a place for each of us in the Church and in heaven. Jesus is the way. Follow him and he will lead you to your place.

**Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Mother's Day**

<b>Saturday</b>	May 13 <sup>th</sup>
<b>St. Sylvester</b> , Woodsfield + Freda Paulus by family	5:00pm
<b>Sunday</b>	May 14 <sup>th</sup>
<b>St. Sylvester</b> , Woodsfield + Imelda D Scott by Eugene & Christine	8:30 am
<b>St. John the Baptist</b> , Miltonsburg Living & Deceased Mothers of our Parishes	10:30am
<b>St. John Bosco</b> , Sardis + Mary "Cuppy" Chaplin	12:30pm
<b>Monday</b>	May 15 <sup>th</sup>
<i>St. Isadore</i>	
<b>St. Sylvester</b> , Woodsfield + Amy Biedenbach by Catherine Paulus + Ron Watters by Catherine Paulus	8:30am
<b>Tuesday</b>	May 16 <sup>th</sup>
<b>St. John the Baptist</b> , Miltonsburg + Roman Schumacher by Mike & Missy Knowlton	9:00am
<b>Wednesday</b>	May 17 <sup>th</sup>
<b>St. Sylvester</b> , Woodsfield + Richard Shade Sr., Richard Shade Jr., and Richard Phillips by Joanne Dixon	8:30am
<b>St. John the Baptist</b> , Miltonsburg Religious Vocations by St. Joseph Council, K of C 5009	6:30pm
<b>Thursday</b>	May 18 <sup>th</sup>
<i>No Mass Today</i>	
<b>Friday</b>	May 19 <sup>th</sup>
<b>St. Sylvester</b> , Woodsfield + Ester Vensal by Mary Scott	8:30pm
<b>Saturday</b>	May 20 <sup>th</sup>
<i>St. Bernardine of Siena</i>	
<b>St. Sylvester</b> , Woodsfield Living & Deceased of Monroe County Catholic	8:30am

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

<b>Saturday</b>	May 20 <sup>th</sup>
<b>St. Sylvester</b> , Woodsfield +Marie & James Kirkland by their daughters	5:00 pm
<b>Sunday</b>	May 21 <sup>th</sup>
<b>St. Sylvester</b> , Woodsfield + William C Handleson by Louis & Gail	8:30 am
<b>St. John the Baptist</b> , Miltonsburg +Edith Block & Mildred Ackerman by Clarence & Eileen Ackerman	10:30 am
<b>St. John Bosco Mission</b> , Sardis +Paul Gailliot	12:30 pm

**JUST IN:** The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at St. Sylvester Church on **Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 6:30pm. Sorry about any confusion or problems this change might cause.

**We are in need of Volunteers** to serve, lector, and be Eucharistic Ministers at Confirmation on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May at 6:30pm at St. Sylvester. Please contact Fr, David.

**The 2017 Diocesan/Parish Share Campaign.** In the past our parishioners have responded with generosity and for this I am extremely grateful and thankful. I hope that each family in our parish will consider making and fulfilling a pledge or donation to the 2017 DPSC.

**St. John Bosco Mission 2017** DPSC goal is \$ 2,010.00  
**St. John the Baptist** 2017DPSC goal is \$ 5,628.00  
**St. Sylvester** 2017 DPSC goal is \$ 20,100.00  
 There is still time to make a pledge or donation.

**Mother's Day Dinner**, Sunday, May 14, 2017 11am to 2pm  
 St. Henry's Catholic Church, SR 145 (Harriettville) Lower Salem, Ohio. Adults \$9.00 and Children \$5.00. Menu: Chicken and Ham, mashed potatoes—gravy, Green Beans, Homemade Noodles, Cole Slaw, Rolls, Dessert, and drink or coffee.

**Needed** an Individual to mow the banks and trim around tombstones at St. John the Baptist. If interested contact Clarence Ackerman.

**St. John the Baptist Parish** is seeking donation of Prizes for the Parish Raffle at our annual festival. Contact Eileen Ackerman.

**Seeking individuals** who are willing to serve on parish council for each of our parishes.

Recently the **MAP Surveys** were returned to the parishes. In the coming months they will be reviewed and plans will be implemented to incorporate (results and comments) into the future of our parish operations.



**Congratulations to those joining us at the Lord's Table for the First Time:** Corbin Farnsworth, Wesley Cole, Bryant Zwick, Garrett Knowlton and Kolton Merckle.

**NFP class** will be offered on Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup> at St. Peter's Church in Steubenville.

72<sup>nd</sup> CWC Convention Wednesday, June 7th at Holy Family Church in Steubenville. To register contact your CWC presidents.

**Did you know** that there are currently and 41 active priests (with one retiring this summer). That means that 40 priests are to cover the 58 parishes of our diocese and of the 40 priests there are only 11 are under the age of 50. Pray for Vocations to Priesthood for our Diocese.

St. Michael's Carlisle, **Chicken Barbecue**, Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> with dinner from 11am to 1:30pm. Bingo in the afternoon, and a dance from 8-11pm Meals: Adult \$9.00, Children \$4.50 and whole chickens \$9.00.



**Condolences and prayers** are extended to:  
 Fr. Heinz on he death of his cousin, *Paul Gailliot*.  
 Carolyn Watters on the death of her husband, *Ron "Rod" Watters*.  
 The family of Joseph "*Joey*" *Erchak*  
 May their souls rest in peace.

**This Week**

**Sunday**

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

**Monday**

Cub Scouts

**Tuesday**

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

**Wednesday**

8:30am School Mass  
 7:00pm K of C Meeting at  
 Miltonsburg

**Sunday**

3:00pm Confirmation Practice

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

**Your Sacrificial  
Offering  
May 7, 2017**

<b>St. John Bosco Mission</b>	
Adult Collection	\$ 102.00
Loose Collection	\$ 93.00
<b>St. John the Baptist</b>	
Adult Collection	\$ 952.00
Loose	\$ 44.00
School Collection	\$ 194.00
Cemetery	\$ 25.00

<b>St. Sylvester</b>	
Adult Collection	\$ 2,738.00
Loose Collection	\$ 78.50
School Collection	\$ 226.90
Capital Fund	\$ 170.00
A/C fund	\$ 100.00
Rice Bowl	\$ 20.00
Cath Home Missions	\$ 29.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 20.00

*Thank you  
for your generosity.*

**Purgatorial Society:**

An organization founded in the 1890's, to pray for each other and the repose of the souls in Purgatory. Contact Fr. David 740-472-0187

St. Sylvester's **Cub Scout Pack 17**, Woodsfield, meet Monday at 6:00pm September through May. Pack Leader is Melissa Smithberger

**Catholic Woman's Club:** CWC is an organization of all the Catholic women in a parish and is devoted to fostering spiritual, social and moral values within its members and their parish. St. Sylvester: Mrs. Diane Burkhardt St. John the Baptist: Mrs. Eileen Ackerman and or Mrs. Eileen Miller.

**Mother's Day Spiritual Remembrance**

*With a deep sense of gratitude for her loving care & sacrifices, the following mothers will be remembered in a Mass celebrated in our parishes in the weeks ahead.*

Alma Heinz, Mildred & Louise Schumacher, Mary & Marie Dimmerling, Agnes & Patricia Gaydosik, Rose Hill, & Edna Haren by Fr. David  
Helen Burkhardt requested by Linda Swallie  
Mary "Cuppie" Chaplin by Roby Cecil  
Freeda Paulus by John Paulus family  
Dorothy Mehler by Kathleen Hannahs  
Rose Smith & Gladys Kochis by George & Phyllis Demchak  
Shirley Kuhn by Kristine Lafferre  
Rosie Figel by Diane & Steve Burkhardt  
Cindrella Butler and Mary Louise Wells by Deloris & Mark Wells  
Ella Smithberger & Shirley Perkins by Kiven & Melissa Smithberger  
Neta Dierkes & Dorothy Dierkes by Glenn & Dorothy Dierkes  
Lorena Mayberry & Murl Burkhardt by Mr. & Mrs. Otto Burkhardt Jr.  
Clara Hossman & Cibdy Stevens by Don & Eileen Miller  
Lucy Betts by Cindy & Keith Coss  
Edith Block & Mildred Ackerman by Clarence & Eileen Ackerman  
Ruth Miller by Linda & Meredith Kahrig  
Freeda Paulus by Catherine Paulus  
Mary Hunkler by Lois Stephens  
Luzelda Stephen by Connie Stephen  
Ester Vensil by Mary Scott

**Catholic Cemetery Contacts:**

**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield: Donald & Rita Biedenbach 740-472-1849  
**St. John the Baptist**, Miltonsburg & **Immaculate Conception**, Ozark: Tony Schumacher 740-827-3626  
**St. Joseph**, & **Chapel Hill**, Burkhardt Station: Russell Betts 740-567-3286  
**St. Patrick's**, New Matamoras: St. Sylvester Parish office: 740-472-0187

**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.**

**Parish Membership:** *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.

**Weddings:** No date may be reserved for a wedding until the couple meet with the priest to fill out proper paperwork. A **pre-Cana program is required** as mandated by Diocesan Policy.

**Confessions:** at St. Sylvester's: Saturday 4:15pm to 4:45pm & Sunday 7:45am to 8:15am or upon request.



**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, (RCIA):** RCIA is an adult preparation for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Contact the parish office at 740-472-0187.

**Pastoral Care of the Sick and Infirm:** If you or someone you love wishes to receive the Eucharist or have a priest visit, call 740-472-0187. Hospitals and Care facilities **regularly do not notify** the parish unless specific request is made.

**Parish Prayer Chain:** to add or remove a name from the prayer network please call: Jackie Kirkland 740-472-0338

**Praying the Rosary: Witness to Faith.** At St. Sylvester and St. John the Baptist Parishes, we recite the rosary before each of the weekend Masses praying together through the intercession of the Blessed Mother for our church, our county, and the world.

**St. Joseph of Monroe County, Council 5009** meets the first and third Wednesdays at 7:00pm in the basement of St. Sylvester Church.

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

**Diocesan Vocation Director** Fr. Michael Gossett mgossett@diosteub.org

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



**Knights of Columbus Council 5009**

Meets the First Wednesday of each month after Mass in the basement of St. Sylvester Church.

**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 Guernsey Street, Bellaire, Ohio. 740-676-4932

Mrs. Kim Leonard, principal [www.stjohncentralhs.org](http://www.stjohncentralhs.org)

**Monroe County Suicide prevention hotline** 1-800-354-4357

**Scripture Reading of the Week**

**Sunday**  
May 14  
*Fifth Sunday of Easter*  
Acts 6:1-7  
1 Pt 2:4-9  
Jn 14:1-12

**Monday**  
May 15  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 14:5-18  
Jn 14:21-26

**Tuesday**  
May 16  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 14:19-28  
Jn 14:27-31a

**Wednesday**  
May 17  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 15:1-6  
Jn 15:1-8

**Thursday**  
May 18  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 15:7-21  
Jn 15:9-11

**Friday**  
May 19  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 15:22-31  
Jn 15:12-17

**Saturday**  
May 20  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 16:1-10  
Jn 15:18-21

**Sunday**  
May 21  
*Sixth Sunday of Easter*  
Acts 8:5-8, 14-17  
1 Pt 3:15-18  
Jn 14:15-21

**In Loving  
Memory of:**

Emma Schumacher  
Sr. Joanna Burkhart  
Sr. Evelyn Ann  
Schumacher  
Msgr. Joseph G Mehler  
Fr. Joseph Finan  
Imelda D Scott  
Walter & Alma Heinz  
Vernon Butler  
Brandon Butler  
Francis & Freda Paulus  
Mary Paulus  
Hilda Paulus  
Hilda & Herman  
Burkhart  
Michael & Bertha  
Burkhart  
Paul & Barbara Conner  
James Scott  
Paul & Katy Madison  
The Ulrich Family  
David Baker  
Lowell Baker  
William H. Bolon  
Meri Welsh  
Joseph Fetty  
Robert M. Miller Sr.  
Cyril T. Burkhart  
Joe & Eunice Gallagher  
Monica Long

## Are we required to disobey or break an evil law?

According to St. Thomas Aquinas, a just law has four characteristics. It must be (1) an ordinance of reason, (2) for the common good, (3) properly promulgated, (4) by a legitimate authority. If one of these elements is lacking, then the law is an unjust law and need not be followed. According to St. Augustine, evil is a lack of something that should be there. When applied to law, if one of the four characteristics is missing, the law lacks something that should be there and is evil. An unjust law, in other words, is an evil law. As Christians, we are generally encouraged to obey the laws of the state. As the Apostle Paul states, “Let every person be subordinate to the higher authorities, for there is no authority except from God” (Romans 13:1). At the same time, we also have the responsibility of forming our consciences according to God’s revelation in Scripture and Tradition as interpreted by the divinely ordained teaching authority of the Church. Although we are not bound to follow an unjust law, the degree to which we should actively disobey it depends on the level of evil the law promotes. Because of its serious nature, a law promoting abortion, for example, should be actively resisted through peaceful protests and appropriate legal and civil activism. Laws that promote lesser evils need to be carefully evaluated by Church authorities and our own well-informed consciences.

Fr. Dennis J. Billy, CSsR

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**For Reflection:** *Have I sought out a place to serve and build up the Church in my local area? What spiritual means do I use to discern Jesus’ plan for me?*

**A Word From Pope Francis:** *“[When] the Apostle Peter speaks of the Church, he speaks of a temple made of living stones, which are us...the opposite of the other temple of arrogance, which is the Tower of Babel. This temple leads to unity.... Building the unity of the Church, constructing the Church, this temple, this unity of the Church, is the task of every Christian, of each one of us.”* —Morning meditation, October 24, 2014

### St. Sylvester Central School News

**Home and School** is hosting a t-shirt fundraiser with proceeds going to the air-conditioning project at the school.

**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.

**Students of the Month** are: Kindergarten—Paxton Hall; First Grade—Ava Wilson; Second Grade—Max Demchak; Third/Fourth Grade—Leah Hutchison; Fifth Grade—Lane Demchak; Sixth Grade—Emma McLaughlin; and Seventh/Eight Grade—Caden McLaughlin.

**Penny Wars** results: Collected was \$ 1150.00. Mrs. Burkhart’s thitrd/fourth grade class earned a pizza party. The money collected was divided between Monroe County Cancer Gas Cards and SSC air-condition project.

**Box Tops & Best Choice Labels** — all labels need to be turned in the school by May 24<sup>th</sup> for this year.

**The Spring Carnival** was a huge success! Thank you to all who worked and donated. Your hard work helped us to have a wonderful day for the kids of our school,

**Trojan Alumni**—SSC Home & School Subcommittee is collecting names, year of graduation & current contact information of former students. We are also looking for class representative for the various years to help with this project. You are invited to join the St. Sylvester Central School Alumni Facebook page and submit information. It is our hope to host a gathering during the Woodfield/Monroe Central alumni weekend in June.

#### Tuesday Bingo

May 16  
Monica Habig  
Lance LaFollette  
Anna Long  
Misty or Jeff Yontz  
Vaughn or Pam Christy  
Kiven or Melissa  
Smithberger  
Joshua or Tasha Beckett

May 23  
Monica Habig  
Dara Butler  
Deborah Blackstone  
Kathleen Thomas  
Jeff Dean  
Tiffany Zeakes

June 6  
Monica Habig  
Richard Schenk  
Brooke Yontz  
Justin or Abby Friday  
Chad or Dawn Kuhn  
Tom or Lydia Brodegard  
Andrea Hall

#### Sunday Bingo

May 14  
Monica Habig  
Adan Dick  
Jonathan or Nicole  
Wilson  
Tim or Staci Isaly  
Ted Babcock  
Chad or Marissa Cole

May 21  
Missy Knowlton  
Tony Schumacher  
Joe Block  
Angie Hooper  
Katherine Paulus  
Cathy Cline

June 4  
Amanda Schumacher  
Sam Schumacher  
Adam Chambers  
Ashley Armann  
Jessica Amos  
Dustin or April Parden

#### **BINGO KITCHEN**

May 14  
Rose Mary Dick  
Diane Burkhart

May 16  
St. John CWC

May 21  
Rose Mary Dick  
Linda Dick

May 23  
Barb Schumacher  
Barbara Schumacher

June 4  
Rose Mary Dick  
Diane Burkhart

June 6  
Joan Kirkland  
Carol Kuhn

June 11  
Catherine Paulus  
Mary Rose Robison

