



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

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June 4, 2017

Pentecost

Acts 2:1–11 1 Cor 12:3b–7, 12–13 Jn 20:19–23

“As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ” (1 Corinthians 12:12).

The whole group of believers were gathered with Mary, Jesus’ mother, in the upper room. They were waiting for power to be given to them from on high, as Jesus had promised. They were like children with their mother, keeping the family together. Being the one on earth closest to Jesus, Mary was the disciples’ physical and spiritual connection to him, and they listened to her. *The Descent of the Holy Spirit* by Muziano shows us this scene and highlights how colorful a group the first Christians were. Each one is different, each unique, each has his or her own background. Yet when the Spirit calls them together with Mary, there is a beautiful harmony and complementarity. Opposite of the spirit of the evil one, which causes division and exaggerates individuality, the Spirit of God celebrates legitimate diversity while creating from these different parts one body and one spirit in Christ. If you have ever been in Rome for an audience with the pope on Wednesday morning or at a large Papal Mass like World Youth Day, you have experienced how the Spirit brings unity amid diversity. These gatherings comprise thousands of people of many different nationalities and languages, but all are united in prayer and a common spirit. This is the miracle brought about by the Spirit. It’s not easy to maintain this unity. It requires we each listen to and strive for the unity Jesus asks of us. Selfish individualism is a constant tendency, but it’s much easier to resist it when we are united by Mary and the Church to Christ’s Spirit.

Pentecost

Saturday	June 3 rd
St. Sylvester , Woodsfield	5:00 pm
+ Raymond & Loretta Haffner by Carolyn Watters	
Sunday	June 4 th
St. Sylvester , Woodsfield	8:30 am
+ Joseph Brooks by Joe Brooks	
St. John the Baptist , Miltonsburg	10:30 am
+ Rosie Figel by Diane Burkhart	
St. John Bosco Mission , Sardis	12:30 pm
+ Ralph & Ella Richter by Connie & Larry Richter	

Monday	June 5 th
<i>Saint Barniface, Bishop & Martyr</i>	
St. Sylvester , Woodsfield	8:30am
+Richard Shade & Michael Shade by Mom	
Tuesday	June 6 th
<i>St. Norbert, Bishop</i>	
St. John the Baptist , Miltonsburg	9:00am
+ Mary Louise Wells by Mark & Deloris Wells	
Wednesday	June 7 th
St. Sylvester , Woodsfield	6:30pm
Living & Deceased of K of C Council 5009	
Thursday	June 8 th
St. John the Baptist , Miltonsburg	9:00am
+Ruth Miller by Linda Kahrig	
Friday	June 9 th
<i>Saint Ephrem, Deacon & Doctor of the Church</i>	
St. Sylvester , Woodsfield	8:30am
+ Deloris Jean Kaiser (Memorial Mass)	
Saturday	June 10 th
St. Sylvester , Woodsfield	8:30am
Living & Deceased of Monroe County Catholic	

The Most Holy Trinity

Saturday	May 27 th
St. Sylvester , Woodsfield	5:00pm
+ Gladys Kockis by George & Phyllis Demchak	
Sunday	May 28 th
St. Sylvester , Woodsfield	8:30 am
+ Deloris Knowlton by Mike & Missy Knowlton	
St. John the Baptist , Miltonsburg	10:30am
Helen Burkhart by Linda Swallie	
St. John Bosco , Sardis	12:30pm
+ Mary "Cuppie" Chaplin by Robyn Cecil	

We are in need of Acolytes (servers at Mass), lector, Eucharistic Ministers in Church and to our sick & shut-ins and musicians in all of our parishes. If you are interested in giving of your time or talents, please contact Fr. David.

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

DPSC 2017 Update as of May 17th.

St. Sylvester goal \$20,100.00 pledged to date \$16,765.00
St. John the Baptist goal \$ 5,628.00; pledged to date \$ 5,805.00

St. John Bosco goal \$ 2,010.00; pledged \$ 3,225.00
Thank you for your faithful support of your parishes. If you have not as of yet pledged or contributed, you may still do so.

Pilgrimage/Historical Trip to Philadelphia, Pa. September 19-22, 2017; September 19th Malvern Retreat Center in Malvern, Pa. Sept. 20th visit the shrine of St. John Neumann and St. Katherine Drexel with a tour of Independence Hall with a view of the Liberty Bell and other historical sites. Sept. 21, the Shrine of our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, Pa. and travel to Lancaster, Pa. to experience JONAH at the Sights and Sound Theatre. And Sept. 22 a visit to the National Clock Museum, Wilbur's Chocolate Co. & other unique shops before heading home. There are only a few open seats available.

On Friday, June 9th at 8:30am the remains of *Deloris Jean Kaiser* will returned a Memorial Mass followed by Christian Burial in Neuhart Cemetery. Deloris was the daughter of Charles & Ines Kaiser and a graduate of St. Sylvester School. May her soul rest in peace.

Historical Event! The Re-consecration of the Diocese of Steubenville to *the Immaculate Heart of Mary*: June 24th in Marietta. Grand Marian Procession and consecration Mass at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption. The Grand procession will leave St. Mary's School (320 Marion Street in Marietta) at 10:30am and process down 4th Street to the Basilica, followed by Mass at 12:00pm (Noon).

The entire Diocese is invited!

FYI Diocesan Rosary Congress Oct 7-13 in Marietta. This Congress will be held in honor of the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima. More information will be forth coming.

For Reflection: *How can I encourage greater unity within my family and parish? Is there a way I can be more of a team player?*

Thank you to all who expressed thoughts and prayers over the death of my aunt, Leanna Dimmerling. — Fr. David

Congratulations to Mr. Jarett T. Kuhns who was selected as the new principal at John Central Elementary and High School in Bellaire.

The Annual CWC Convention for the Diocese of Steubenville will be June 7th.

This Week

Sunday

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

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Wednesday

CWC CONVENTION
in Steubenville

7:00pm K of C Meeting at SS

Friday

8:30am Memorial Mass for
Deloris Jean Kaiser
followed by burial

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Your Sacrificial Offering May 28, 2017

St. John Bosco Mission

Adult Collection	\$ 67.00
Loose Collection	\$ 48.00
Ascension	\$ 25.00

St. John the Baptist

Adult Collection	\$ 651.00
Loose	\$ 68.00
Votive Candles	\$ 174.00
School Collection	\$ 64.00
C Communication	\$ 5.00
Capital Improve	\$ 45.00
Ascension	\$ 82.00
Cemetery care	\$ 220.00

St. Sylvester

Adult Collection	\$ 1,680.00
Loose Collection	\$ 186.00
School Collection	\$ 333.50
Ascension	\$ 156.00
Cemetery Care	\$ 118.00
C Communication	\$ 50.00

*Thank you
for your generosity.*

To All the 2017 Graduates of the parishes of Monroe County, Congratulations!

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.

Pastoral Mission Statement for the Catholic Parishes serving greater Monroe County, Ohio

They remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the community, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. (Acts. 2;42ff)

In the sacred tradition, as parishes of the Roman Catholic Church and the Diocese of Steubenville, we the Catholic Communities of Monroe County remain dedicated to our patron saints, united under our diocesan bishop and committed to:

Worship— Celebrating the Eucharist, the other sacraments and sacred rites with noble simplicity, as the summit and source of our faith, always keeping with the norms of the Church, and promoting appropriate prayer and Catholic devotions, retreats and times of recollection and spiritual growth.

Christian Formation—Fully supporting St. Sylvester Central Elementary and all parish religious education programs for youth and adults, we are on the journey of discovery, deepening and living our faith.

Pastoral Care—Ministering to the sick, the home-bound, the bereaved, those who feel alienated, excluded, wounded or unworthy of the active practice of their religion, the poor and all who have special need of the Church's care and attention.

Outreach / Evangelization—inviting those who have no other church home to join our church communities; cooperating with other churches in community endeavors, such as the SOMA thrift store and the SOMA food pantry, and joining with them for times of community prayer and service.

Mass Intentions. To remember a loved one (Catholic or not) or a special occasion with a Mass intention. Suggested donation is \$10.00 per Mass. Dates are scheduled on a first come basis.

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

Traditionally celebrated as the "birthday of the church", Pentecost focuses our faith on the Church's spiritual motherhood — birth, not death; the womb (ancient image of the baptismal font), not the tomb. In this year's Easter Vigil Gospel, Jesus' greeting to the woman who found the tomb empty should hearten us: "Do not be afraid. Go tell". Today, "On the last and greatest day of the feast" of Easter's fifty days, Jesus reassures us: He will satisfy our thirst, lead us beyond our fear, and strengthen us to live our baptismal mission of evangelization.

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
Mr. Jarrett T. Kuhns
www.stjohncentralhs.org

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

Scripture Reading of the Week

Sunday
June 4

Pentecost
Acts 2:1-11
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13
Jn 20:19-23

Monday
June 5

St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
Tb 1:3; 2:1b-8
Mk 12:1-12

Tuesday
June 6

Weekday
Tb 2:9-14
Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday
June 7
Weekday

Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a
Mk 12:18-27

Thursday
June 8

Weekday
Tb 6:10-11;
7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a
Mk 12:28-34

Friday
June 9

Weekday
Tb 11:5-17
Mk 12:35-37

Saturday
June 10

Weekday
Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20
Mk 12:38-44

Sunday
June 11

The Most Holy Trinity
Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9
2Cor 13:11-13
Jn 3:16-18

**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

What is “secularism,” and is it possible for a Christian to also be a secularist?

Secularism is a philosophical movement that has its roots in England in the 1850s. The movement began because some felt religion and the Bible were inadequate sources for explaining many aspects of modern life. Secularists believe you can find all motivation for living a moral life in what is readily observable. Thus, secularism sees the Christian religion, and in fact all religions, as worthless. Some might argue that secularism is the same as the separation of Church and state, that public schools should give a secular education, that they shouldn't be teaching the Christian, or any, religion. At first glance, that may sound right, but it isn't. A Catholic second-grade public school teacher should not teach Catholic doctrine to her class in the same way that a Baptist second-grade public school teacher should not teach Baptist doctrine to his class, but the faith of the Catholic or the Baptist should influence the way they teach their class. They might not teach specific doctrine, but the way each approaches the class should be done as one who has faith in Jesus Christ. The same is true of a politician or someone who works at a fast-food restaurant. In implicit ways, our faith in Jesus should always influence what we say and do.

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR

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Knights of Columbus Council 5009

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

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.

Home & School Purse Bingo Sunday June 25th to raise money for air conditioning in the school. The designer purses are authentic. If you are interested in a pre-sale ticket contact 740-213-0775 or 740-953-0781.

The A/C Project for the School has been approved by the Diocese and once the pledges have been collected (and money is on hand) the project can move forward.

The 2016-17 Graduates of St. Sylvester Central are:

Brandon Patrick Baldwin, Luke Anthony Burkhart, Isaac Michael Knowlton, Carlie Marie Lee, Owen James McSword, Harley Jay Perkins, Elizabeth Grace Schnegg, and Delaney Ann Weisend. Congratulations!

School is out! As I walked the silent hall of our school building I couldn't help but think of all who walked this hall over the years. I wish you thank Mrs. Guiler and her faculty and staff. You all are truly worth the pastor's weight (and that's a lot) in Gold. Thank you to our parishes, the CWC's and Knights of Columbus and all who so faithfully support our school and Catholic Education in Monroe County.

Tuesday Bingo

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

6/13
Monica Habig
Adam Dick
Melissa Miller
Desiree Peters
Jon or Pam Knowlton
Denny or Jessica Knowlton

6/20
Monica Habig
Lance LaFollette
Anna Lang
Ed or Mary McLaughlin
David or Brandee Schnegg
Amy Lewis
Sara Yonak

Sunday Bingo

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

6/11
Monica Habig
Adam Dick
Tom Stephen
Bill or Becky Bolon
Ted Babcock
Audrey Lydick

6/18
Missy Knowlton
Tony Schumacher
Stacey Schumacher
Chrissy Ferguson
Andrew Harper
Juli Harper

6/25
Amanda Schumacher
Dave McMillan
Melanie Kemp
Matt or Nicole McGuire
Sandy Barnes
Kim Palmer

**BINGO
KITCHEN**

June 4
Rose Mary Dick
Diane Burkhart

June 6
Joan Kirkland
Carol Kuhn

June 11
Catherine Paulus
Mary Rose Robison

June 13
Lucy Betts
Beth Betts

June 18
Valerie Paulus
Diane Burkhart

June 20
St. John CWC

June 25
Mary Ann Yontz
Mandy Yontz

June 27
Sussie Yonak
Kay Brooks

