



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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Fr. Walter E. Heinz, retired

Fr. David Gaydosik, Pastor

Fr. Virgil Reischman, retired

### **July 16, 2017**

### *Fifteenth Sunday Ordinary Time (A)*

Is 55:10–11

Rom 8:18–23

Mt 13:1–23

“[Hope] that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God” (Romans 8:21).

The Book of Romans meditates on a truth we sometimes neglect, but that has inspired many artists. Creation longs to share in the freedom of God’s kingdom. Sin has affected nature, so salvation will also set it free from corruption. What would a glorified planet look like? Charles Burchfield, a nature painter, tried to imagine just that. He painted thousands of scenes from his bedroom in Salem, Ohio. He became obsessed with dramatizing landscapes and was known to sketch as he walked to and from school. His love and meditations didn’t keep him from entering the army, but given his gifts, he was assigned to the camouflage unit, using his skills to paint tanks and drapery. Some of his designs are still used today. What Burchfield discovered was that a pristine nature scene was a divine image. The forms, the colors, the patterns were all created by God and guided by his providence. By painting these scenes, one was truly touching the hand of God and entering into his mind. His painting *Eye of God in the Woods* illustrates the eye of God in a sun that pierces through the trees of a snowy forest with a rolling brook. God speaks in nature motifs. Scripture is full of them. Jesus also used nature as a model for his teachings: seeds sown in different soils, clouds predicting rain, a sparrow, a catch of fish. Nature is a glorious soil from which inspiration can sprout. This week, meditate and marvel at the beauty of creation and, like Jesus, take lessons from it for your spiritual life.

### Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Saturday** July 15<sup>th</sup>  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 5:00 pm  
+ Arlene Chambers by Mike & Lisa Chambers

**Sunday** July 16<sup>th</sup>  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 8:30 am  
Daniel Schumacher (Birthday) by Thelma Schumacher

**St. John the Baptist**, Miltonsburg 10:30 am  
+ Eunice Gallagher by Ron & Cathy Gallagher

**St. John Bosco Mission**, Sardis 12:30 pm  
Deceased of the Thurman Smith family  
by Connie & Larry Richter

**Monday** July 17<sup>th</sup>  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 8:30am  
+ Jerry Huffman by Mr. & Mrs. Clayton Farnsworth

**Tuesday** July 18<sup>th</sup>  
Saint Camilius de Lelis  
**St. John the Baptist**, Miltonsburg 9:00am  
Living & Deceased of Purgatorial Society

**Wednesday** July 19<sup>th</sup>  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 8:30am  
+ Gladys Pfeffer by Carla

**Thursday** July 20<sup>th</sup>  
Saint Apolinaris, Bishop & Martyr  
**St. John the Baptist**, Miltonsburg 9:00am  
Living & Deceased of Irene & Delmas Finnicim  
Family by Carolyn Miller & Family

**Friday** July 21<sup>st</sup>  
Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 8:30am  
+ Louis & Estela Schumacher by Francis & Edie Schumacher

**Saturday** July 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Saint Mary Magdalane  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 8:30am  
Living & Deceased of Monroe County Catholic  
Parishes

### Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Saturday** July 22<sup>nd</sup>  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 5:00pm  
+ Bob Schumacher by Thelma Schumacher

**Sunday** July 23<sup>th</sup>  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 8:30 am  
+ Monica Long by Joseph Long

**St. John the Baptist**, Miltonsburg 10:30am  
+ Joe & Eunice Gallagher by Ron & Cathy

**St. John Bosco**, Sardis 12:30pm  
Deceased of Charles Richter Family  
Larry & Connie Richter

### St. John the Baptist Catholic Community of Miltonsburg

St. John the Baptist, **festival cleaning and set-up** day will be Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:00am. We will clean the hall and set-up stands around the hall for our festival. If that day and time are not good for your participation, please help when you can, by contacting Eileen Ackerman or Eileen Miller.

*St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg Annual Festival with a Chicken & Beef Dinner, Sunday August 6<sup>th</sup>* from 11am to 2:30pm. Games & Food all Day with a Round & Square Dance from 8p to 11p with Music by Deep Down Country. "Everyone Welcome"

Combination Raffle tickets are being sold, \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

**CONFESSIONS**—Confessions will be heard 1/2 hour (10:00am to 10:30am) before Mass on Sunday morning at St, John the Baptist.

### The Catholic Parishes of Greater Monroe County

**RCIA:** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process by which adults enter and/or lean more about the Catholic Church. Sessions begin in September. If Interested contact Fr. David 740-472-0187.



**Welcome home!** Fr. Virgil Reischman (his phone number is 740-472-5627) has returned to live in his (renovated) trailer in Miltonsburg in his retirement after many years of faithful service to the people of the Diocese of Steubenville. He has agreed to help in Monroe County when he is available and as he can be of assistance to us. Please welcome him, if you see him out and about or helping at one of our parishes.

**2017 Fall & Winter Adult Faith Formation Seminars:** August 16<sup>th</sup> –17<sup>th</sup> St. John, Bellaire; November 11<sup>th</sup> Basilica of the Assumption, Marietta; December 9<sup>th</sup> Blessed Sacrament, Steubenville.

### Mark you calendars for good food and more:

July 30<sup>th</sup> St. Mary's in Temperanceville Annual Festival.

August 6<sup>th</sup> St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg Annual Festival.

August 13<sup>th</sup> St. Michael's in Carlisle Annual Festival.

**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

### Monroe County Suicide prevention hotline

1-800-354-4357

### Pilgrimage/Historical Trip to Philadelphia, Pa.

September 19-22, 2017; September 19<sup>th</sup> Malvern Retreat Center in Malvern, Pa. Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> visit the shrine of St. John Neumann and St. Katherine Drexel with a tour of Independence Hall with a vie 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.

### 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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**For Reflection:** *How often do I spend time outdoors enjoying nature? What messages from God can I find in the natural world today?*



**We welcome**  
through the  
Waters of  
Baptism

Danie Rae Lynn Woodell  
the daughter of Timothy  
and Jessica Crum  
Woodell.

Your Sacrificial  
Offering  
**July 9, 2017**

#### St. John Bosco Mission

Adult Collection \$ 179.00  
Loose Collection \$ 64.00

#### St. John the Baptist

Adult Collection \$ 1,041.00  
Loose \$ 40.00  
School Collection \$ 155.00

#### St. Sylvester

Adult Collection \$ 1,471.00  
Loose Collection \$ 127.00  
School Collection \$ 278.00  
Capital Fund \$ 29.00  
Peter Pence \$ 29.00

*Thank you  
for your generosity.*

**Confessions** St. Sylvester:  
Saturday 4:15pm to 4:45pm  
Sunday 7:45am to 8:15am  
St. John the Baptist:  
Sunday 10:00am to 10:30am  
St. John Bosco  
Sunday 12:10pm to 12:30pm

**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.

**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

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

**Diocesan Child Protection and Reporting:** Msgr. Kurt Kemo V.G., 1-740-282-3631

**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](http://www.stjohncentralhs.org)

**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: St. Sylvester:** Saturday 4:15pm to 4:45pm & Sunday 7:45am to 8:15am

**St. John the Baptist:** Sunday 10:00am to 10:30am

**St. John Bosco:** Sunday 12:10pm to 12:30pm

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

**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 Burkhart 740-391-0391

*St. Sylvester Club of Catholic Women meet on the first Wednesday of the month following Mass at St. Sylvester Church in the Brown Community Center. All Catholic ladies are invited to attend.*

**St. John the Baptist:** Mrs. Eileen Ackerman and or Mrs. Eileen Miller.

**Catholic Cemetery Contacts:**

**St. Sylvester,** Woodsfield: Donald & Rita Biedenbach 740-472-1849

**St. John the Baptist,** Miltonsburg & **Immaculate Conception,** Ozark: 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

**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.**

**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* of the Knights of Columbus will meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 8:00pm at Sylvester Church, Woodsfield.

**Scripture Reading of the Week**

**Sunday**  
July 16

*Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Is 55:10-11  
Rom 8:18-23  
Mt 13:1-23

**Monday**  
July 17

*Weekday*  
Ex 1:8-14, 22  
Mt 10:34-11:1

**Tuesday**  
July 18

*Weekday*  
Ex 2:1-15a  
Mt 11:20-24

**Wednesday**  
July 19

*Weekday*  
Ex 3:1-6, 9-12  
Mt 11:25-27

**Thursday**  
July 20

*Weekday*  
Ex 3:13-20  
Mt 11:28-30

**Friday**  
July 21

*Weekday*  
Ex 11:10-12:14  
Mt 12:1-8

**Saturday**  
July 22

*St. Mary Magdalene*  
2 Cor 5:14-17  
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

**Sunday**  
July 23

*Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Wis 12:13, 16-19  
Rom 8:26-27  
Mt 13:24-43  
or 13:24-30

**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  
Danny Betts

# Why does the Bible have two creation stories?

Scholars believe these stories (Genesis 1—3) were written by two authors during different times and situations in Jewish history. The first story focuses on the creation of the universe; the second emphasizes the creation of man and woman. The creation account that appears first in the Bible (Genesis 1:1—2:4a) was written six centuries before the birth of Christ by a priest wanting to reaffirm for the Jews that only one God is the all-powerful creator of all that exists.

At that time, a belief in several powerful, warring gods was common in the cultures surrounding Judaism. The story that appears later in the Bible (Genesis 2:4b—3:24) was actually written earlier—four centuries earlier—by a sage in the court of King David. It affirmed that human beings have an inherent dignity and a responsibility to live within boundaries. They must obey God, a rule that applies to kings as well. Both accounts contain the closely held beliefs regarding human dignity (made in God’s image and likeness) and responsibility (care for the earth as God would care for it) that are core to the Christian faith. At their heart they teach us through symbol and story about that God who is partially knowable, the source of life and hope amid the chaos and loss that beset every generation.

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**A Word From Pope Francis:** “*Saint Francis, faithful to Scripture, invites us to see nature as a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty and goodness. ‘Through the greatness and the beauty of creatures one comes to know by analogy their maker’ (Wisdom 13:5); indeed, ‘his eternal power and divinity have been made known through his works since the creation of the world’ (Romans 1:20). For this reason, Francis asked that part of the friary garden always be left untouched, so that wild flowers and herbs could grow there, and those who saw them could raise their minds to God, the Creator of such beauty. Rather than a problem to be solved, the world is a joyful mystery to be contemplated with gladness and praise.*” —*Laudato Si’*, May 24, 2015

**World Youth Day:** The 34th International Youth Conference will be held January 19, 2019 in Panama City, Panama. The theme is “I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word” (Lk1:38) and the pilgrimage features many dynamic speakers, including Steve Angrisano, hundred of thousands of youth and young adults (17 to 30) from across the world and Mass with Bishop Monforton and Pope Francis and more! To register, [www.diosteub.org/wyd](http://www.diosteub.org/wyd). Applications close October 2, 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.

**There are still a few opening** in certain classes.... If you would like to enroll your child or children... contact the school at 740-472-0321.

### Tuesday Bingo

July 18  
Monica Habig  
Anna Lang  
Lance LaFollette  
John or Jessice Ischy  
Nicholas or Michaela  
Murdy  
Jon or Pam Knowlton

### Sunday Bingo

July 16  
Missy Knowlton  
Angie Hooper  
Sandy Barnes  
Melanie Kemp  
Steve Burkhart  
  
July 23  
Amanda Schumacher  
Randy Sefert  
Tom Stephen  
Joe Block  
Kathy Paulus  
Angie Hooper

### **BINGO KITCHEN**

July 16  
Sandy Barnes  
Judy Blackstone  
  
July 18  
St. John the Baptist  
CWC  
  
July 23  
Rita Biedenbach  
Sally LaFollette  
  
July 25  
Becky Baldwin  
Louise Kress

