



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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July 2, 2017

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

2 Kgs 4:8–11, 14–16a Rom 6:3–4, 8–11 Mt 10:37–42

“...Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me” (Matthew 10:37).

A priest friend of mine visited a family with several sons thinking about the priestly vocation. During his visit he celebrated Mass for them at the local parish. The Gospel reading was the same as today: “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me....” My friend thought twice before reading it, afraid that the father who wasn’t open to his sons’ vocations would think he picked this passage on purpose. He read it anyway and, yes, got the reaction he suspected he’d get.

Most words in the Gospels are challenging. Jesus calls us to love him above all things. This means he has to come first, and sometimes other loves, as good as they are, cannot be the ultimate criteria. He tells us to “lose our life” to find it, and sometimes that loss is real and painful.

He demands this because he himself experienced its truth. In his public ministry, he put his mission and love of souls ahead of spending more time with family and friends. When religious leaders, government officials, and others criticized and persecuted him, he didn’t back down, even if it affected his loved ones. He was faithful in charity. He didn’t look for problems, but he didn’t run from them, either. He avoided unnecessary conflict when he could, but he completely obeyed God’s will and embraced the hardships of loving until the end.

This kind of sacrifice brings great joy if endured with acceptance. As Romans tells us, “If, then, we have died with Christ, ...we shall also live with him.”

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday July 1st
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00 pm
 + Marie & Jim Kirkland by their daughters

Sunday July 2nd
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 am
 + Monica long by Ann Hinderlong & family

St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30 am
 + Helen Burkhart by Linda Swallie

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

Monday July 3rd
Saint Thomas, Apostle
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30am
 Deceased of the Vogel & Gordon Families by
 Terri Gordon

Tuesday July 4th
St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00am
 Debbie Schumacher (health) by Francis & Edie
 Schumacher

Wednesday July 5th
Saint Elizabeth of Portugal
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield **7:00pm**
 Living & Deceased of St. Sylvester CWC

Thursday July 6th
Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin
St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00am
 + Ruth Miller by Linda Kahrig

Friday July 7th
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30am
 + William Heddleson by Louis & Gail

Saturday July 8th
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30am
 Living & Deceased of Monroe County Catholic
 Parishes

**Fourteenth Sunday
 in Ordinary Time**

Saturday July 8th
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00pm
 + Amy Schumacher by Mary Rieschman Scott

Sunday July 9th
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 am
 + Roman Schumacher by Mike & Missy
 Knowlton

St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30am
 + Joe Erchak by Clarence & Eileen Arkerman

St. John Bosco, Sardis 12:30pm
 + Clarence Smith by Larry & Connie Richter

St. Mary's Infant of Prague Society, Martins Ferry, will conduct its 26th Annual Novena to the Infant Jesus of Prague with Benediction beginning **July 3rd through August 28th** at 7pm (nine(9) consecutive Mondays). You are invited to join this prayerful Novena,


DPSC 2017 Update as of June 26th.

St. Sylvester Parish goal is \$20,100.00 pledged to date \$18,815.00 Total paid to date \$17,125.00 FYI: of the 203 registered families of St. Sylvester Parish only 41 have made a pledge or donation to this years DPSC. **St. John the Baptist Parish** goal is \$ 5,628.00; pledged to date \$ 11,205.00 Paid to date \$9,955.00 FYI: of the 103 registered families of St. John the Baptist Parish only 20 have pledged or donated to this years DPSC. **St. John Bosco Mission** goal is \$ 2,010.00; pledged \$ 3,225.00 Total paid to date is \$1,921.00 FYI: of the 20 registered families of St. John Bosco Mission only 9 have pledged or made a donation to the DPSC. *Thank you for your faithful support of your parishes. If you have not as of yet pledged or contributed, you may still do so.*

Msgr. Sam Saprano and the parish of St. Mary's in Shadyside, Ohio invite you to their **annual festival** Friday, July 7th there will be a fish fry from 11am to 7pm; Sunday, July 9th from 12pm to 7pm. Open pit BBQ chicken dinners and Homemade Italian Sausage Sandwiches and more. There will be games, baked goods, live music, and dancing. On Sunday there is also a Car Show from 1-4:30pm.

For Reflection: *How can I live my life as though nothing is more important than Jesus? Do I regularly witness to my love for Jesus, using words when necessary?*

With the Senior population living longer and the need for resources is growing: *Medi Home Health and Hospice* is sponsoring a "**Senior Living Resource Fair**" that will be held on July 7, 2017 from 10am to 4pm in Woodsfield in front of the Monroe County Courthouse. An excellent opportunity to avail yourself of educational materials.

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

FYI: July 3rd is the 5th Anniversary (2012) of the Appointment of Bishop Jeffrey M Monforton to the Diocese of Steubenville.

From your Pastor: I extend a heartfelt thank you to those who honored me with dinner, cards, prayers and best wishes on my 30th Anniversary of Priesthood. This week (on July 3rd) I will begin my 19th year as Pastor of Monroe County, where has the time gone? Looking back I realized how profoundly blessed I have been not only to be a priest but to have shared in so many blessed moments through the years. May God continue to bless and reward your goodness. — Fr. David

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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 at Brown Community Center
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 Bingo begins at 6:30pm

Wednesday

K of C Meeting
 SS CWC Meeting

Sunday

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

Some have asked:

Mrs. LuAnn Mattone
 284 Hwy 7N
 Powhatan Point, Ohio
 43942

Your Sacrificial
 Offering
June 25, 2017

St. John Bosco Mission
 Adult Collection \$ 92.00
 Loose Collection \$ 72.00
 Peter Pence \$ 73.00
 Ozark Cemetery \$ 50.00

St. John the Baptist
 Adult Collection \$ 611.00
 Loose \$ 165.00
 School Collection \$ 64.00
 Peter Pence \$ 91.00

St. Sylvester
 Adult Collection \$ 2,124.00
 Loose Collection \$ 143.00
 School Collection \$ 292.00
 Cemetery Care \$ 25.00
 Peter Pence \$ 244.00

*Thank you
 for your generosity.*

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!

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

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.

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

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 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.

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



St. Joseph of Monroe County Council 5009 of the Knights of Columbus will meet on the first Wednesday of each month following Mass at St. Sylvester.

Scripture Reading of the Week

Sunday

July 2

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a
Rom 6:3-4, 8-11
Mt 10:37-42

Monday

July 3

St. Thomas, Apostle
Eph 2:19-22
Jn 20:24-29

Tuesday

July 4

Weekday
Gn 19:15-29
Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday

July 5

Weekday
Gn 21:5, 8-20a
Mt 8:28-34

Thursday

July 6

Weekday
Gn 22:1b-19
Mt 9:1-8

Friday

July 7

Weekday
Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67
Mt 9:9-13

Saturday

July 8

Weekday
Gn 27:1-5, 15-29
Mt 9:14-17

Sunday

July 9

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Zec 9:9-10
Rom 8:9, 11-13
Mt 11:25-30

**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

If my fiancé and I abstain from sex, why can't we live together before we get married?

It seems to me there are two reasons living with your future spouse before marriage is not a good idea. One is that you are setting each other up for some serious temptations, or an “occasion of sin.” It would be similar to putting a bottle of gin on the desk of an alcoholic or a carton of cigarettes in front of someone who has succeeded in giving up smoking. I’m not saying you have some sort of addiction, but the natural pull of sex is going to be particularly strong, especially when you’re young, in love, and ready to commit to marriage.

You will be free and even encouraged in marriage to pursue the greatest intimacy. But for the moment, it is asking too much to put you both in the same circumstances now that you will be in after you wed. The second reason for not living together before marriage is that the living situation could give scandal to others. If you are active in your church and vocal about practicing your Catholic faith but then start living with your future spouse before marriage, it can raise questions (and eyebrows) about what you really believe and how you’re living your faith.

There may be some good-sounding reasons for living together. You can cut down on costs, get to know your future spouse better, and so on. But these reasons aren’t worth the risk. My advice is that you help each other live a virtuous life now, by sacrificing the convenience of living together outside of marriage, as the best practice for your life together in the sacrament of matrimony.

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSsR

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An estimated 24 percent of all abortions in the United States are those of Catholics women. The impact on the lives of these women and their loved ones is immeasurable. With that in mind efforts are being made to establish **Project Rachel** in the Diocese of Steubenville. Project Rachel is a healing ministry for women and men, impacted by abortion. Other services provided by Project Rachel include pastoral counseling, Spiritual direction, support groups, retreats and referrals to licensed mental health professionals. Pray that this valuable program can and will be established in our diocese.

A Word From Pope Francis: *“Commitment to mission is not something added on to the Christian life as a kind of decoration, but is instead an essential element of faith itself. A relationship with the Lord entails being sent out into the world as prophets of his word and witnesses of his love. Even if at times we are conscious of our weaknesses and tempted to discouragement, we need to turn with God with confidence. We must overcome a sense of our own inadequacy and not yield to pessimism, which merely turns us into passive spectators of a dreary and monotonous life. There is no room for fear! God himself comes to cleanse our ‘unclean lips’ and equip us for the mission.”*—Message, Fifty-fourth World Day of Prayer for Vocations, November 27, 2016

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.

Thank you to all who helped to make the Designer Purse Bingo a success!

Tuesday Bingo

July 4
Monica Habig
Brooke Yontz
Richard Schenk
Tiffany Zeakes
Lucas or Crystal
Cunningham
Randall or Michelle
Christman
Andrea Hall

July 11
Monica Habig
Adam Dick
Church Dye or Heather
Smith
Jeff or Lisa Marley
Jeff Daen
Stephen or Cyndee
Habig

Sunday Bingo

July 2
Amanda Schumacher
Sam Schumacher
Amy English
Ashley Arman
Nicole Eastham
Audrey Lydick

July 9
Monica Habig
Adam Dick
Nathan or Rachel
Arden
Matt Vinskovich
Tedd Babcock
Ryan or Jean Rosnick

BINGO KITCHEN

July 2
Michelle Spellman
Kathy Ennis

July 4
Rose Mary Dick
Diane Burkhart

July 9
Sue Moose
Kathy Singleton

July 11
Beth Roberts
Thelma Zwick

July 16
Sandy Barnes
Judy Blackstone

