



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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July 23, 2017

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 12:13, 16–19

Rom 8:26–27

Mt 13:24–43

“The Spirit...comes to the aid of our weakness;
for we do not know how to pray as we ought...” (Romans 8:26).

One of the most important signs of true strength is the ability to show mercy. The Roman emperors understood this and were praised when they showed clemency toward a criminal. The one who has the power to condemn also has power to forgive. The artist Ippolito Scarsella—in his painting *Virgin and Angels Imploring Christ Not to Punish Lust, Avarice and Pride*—depicts this mercy, as it applies to Jesus, in classic allegorical fashion. Mary and the angels are shown pleading with Jesus to hold back his wrath against lust, avarice, and pride. Jesus is rearing back to launch arrows upon them, yet Mary begs him to withhold his judgment. The Book of Wisdom praises God, for “he is master of might, but governs with lenience.”

The fact is, he would be fully justified to reprimand every vice of his creatures, yet he chooses mercy. What a wonderful lesson for all persons in authority! It’s enough to just look at the Gospel. The weeds are not immediately torn out or burned out of consideration of the wheat. Both are allowed to grow and develop to maturity to insure the harvest. Permitting the good to struggle with evil allows the good to grow in perfection. It also gives the bad a chance to convert. God gives every grace to those who love him so that we may not succumb to the challenges around us. His mercy gives the sinner every possible chance to repent and be saved. This is the heart we must have for one another and why we should never gloat about our goodness or despair of our weaknesses. While there is life, there is hope.

**Sixteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Saturday	July 22 nd
St. Sylvester , Woodsfield	5:00pm
+ Bob Schumacher by Thelma Schumacher	
Sunday	July 23 th
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	
Monday	July 24 th
<i>Saint Sharbel Makhluf, Priest</i>	
St. Sylvester , Woodsfield	8:30am
+ William C Heddleson by Louis & Gail	
Tuesday	July 25 th
<i>Saint James, Apostle</i>	
St. John the Baptist , Miltonsburg	9:00am
+ Matt Singleton by Lawrence & Rita Griffith	
Wednesday	July 26 th
<i>Saint Joachim and Ann. Parents BVM</i>	
St. Sylvester , Woodsfield	8:30am
+ Roman Schumacher by Dan & Barb Schumacher	
Thursday	July 27 th
St. John the Baptist , Miltonsburg	9:00am
+ Carl Delbrugge by Kris Lafferre & family	
Friday	July 28 th
St. Sylvester , Woodsfield	8:30am
+ Alice Buckalew by Rebecca Baldwin	
Saturday	July 29 th
<i>Saint Martha</i>	
St. Sylvester , Woodsfield	8:30am
Living & Deceased of Monroe County Catholic Parishes	

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	July 29 th
St. Sylvester , Woodsfield	5:00 pm
+ Marie & James Kirkland by their daughters	
Sunday	July 30 th
St. Sylvester , Woodsfield	8:30 am
+ Rod Watters by Dan & Barb Schumacher	
St. John the Baptist , Miltonsburg	10:30 am
+ Roman Schumacher by Clarence & Eileen Ackerman	
St. John Bosco Mission , Sardis	12:30 pm
+ Dorothy Howell by John, Mary Ann, & Mandy Yontz	

Mark you calendars for good food and more:
 July 30th St. Mary's in Temperanceville Annual Festival.
 August 6th St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg Annual
 Festival.
 August 13th St. Michael's in Carlisle Annual Festival.

St. John the Baptist, **festival cleaning and set-up** day will be Saturday, July 29th 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 6th 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.

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.



K of C Council 5009 will again staff the entrances at the Monroe County Fair. We are asking for volunteers to assist with this project. If interested contact Lance Lafollette.

2017 Fall & Winter Adult Faith Formation

Seminars: August 16th -17th St. John, Bellaire;
 November 11th Basilica of the Assumption, Marietta;
 December 9th Blessed Sacrament, Steubenville.

St. Mary Church, Temperanceville, Annual Festival, Sunday, July 30th. Barbeque chicken and roast beef dinner will be served with homemade mashed potatoes and gravy, homemade noodles, homemade cole slaw, green beans, rolls and homemade desserts with drink. Dinners will be served from 11am to 2pm. Chicken and dinners to go will be available. Raffles, games, bingo, and Instant Bingo available. There will be a dance in the evening from 7-10pm with music by Little Creek Band. On Saturday, July 29th there will be a dance from 8pm to 11pm with music by deep Down Country. There will be Mass on Saturday at 7pm and Sunday Morning at 9:30am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

FYI: If you have not been receiving Church Contribution envelopes it might be that the Postal Service has decided that your address is not a correct address (or you moved and didn't tell us), and has decided to refuse delivery.

Please Remember... If you have a family member who is hospitalized or homebound and wish to receive the Holy Eucharist, please notify the parish office. This is the only way we have of knowing your needs.

This Week

Sunday

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

Tuesday

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

Sunday

No Bingo

St. Mary's Temperanceville
 Annual Festival

For Reflection: *Do I more readily imitate God's judgment, justice, or mercy? How can I practice all three?*

Your Sacrificial
 Offering
July 16, 2017

St. John Bosco Mission

Adult Collection \$ 72.00
 Loose Collection \$ 70.30

St. John the Baptist

Adult Collection \$ 1,021.00
 Loose \$ 55.00
 School Collection \$ 76.00
 Bequest (special) \$ 875.02
 Oblinger Bequest \$ 260.02

St. Sylvester

Adult Collection \$ 2,259.00
 Loose Collection \$ 123.00
 School Collection \$ 419.35
 Capital Fund \$ 40.00
 A/C Fund \$ 100.00
 Bequest (Special) \$ 875.00

*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 10:25am
St. John Bosco
 Sunday 12:10pm to 12:25pm

Pilgrimage/Historical Trip to Philadelphia, Pa. September 19-22, 2017. There are only a few open seats. If interested, contact Fr. Heinz.

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

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 10:25am
St. John Bosco: Sunday 12:10pm to 12:25pm 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 8:30pm at Sylvester Church, Woodsfield.

Scripture Reading of the Week

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

Monday
July 24

Weekday
Ex 14:5–18
Mt 12:38–42

Tuesday
July 25

St. James, Apostle
2 Cor 4:7–15
Mt 20:20–28

Wednesday
July 26

Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Ex 16:1–5, 9–15
Mt 13:1–9

Thursday
July 27

Weekday
Ex 19:1–2, 9–11, 16–20b
Mt 13:10–17

Friday
July 28

Weekday
Ex 20:1–17
Mt 13:18–23

Saturday
July 29

St. Martha
Ex 24:3–8
Mt 13:24–30

Sunday
July 30

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 3:5, 7–12
Rom 8:28–30
Mt 13:44–52

**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

If I'm late for Mass, can I receive the Eucharist?

There is no hard-and-fast rule on how "late" one can be for Mass and still receive Communion. Holy Communion is offered outside of Mass at times, so theoretically you could come during the Communion rite and still receive Communion. But there is more to be considered with this question. If you are going to go Mass, you should be there from the beginning to the end. You should be there before the entrance procession begins and you should stay until the last verse of the final song is sung. Things happen, like an unexpected train on the way to Mass or a sick child who needs attention and care. However, if you find yourself always coming late to Mass, you may need to make a change in your routine. I remember cleaning out a closet of a church I was stationed at, and I found a sign with ropes attached to it. It stated, "Mass has begun, the next Mass begins at..." and there was a place where you could list the time of the next Mass. I was told the ropes were tied across the entrance so you couldn't come into Mass late. Those days are gone, though. It's up to you to follow your conscience. It is important to participate in the entire celebration, but if on the rare occasion you come late to Mass, ask yourself, "*Can I prepare myself to worthily receive Communion at this moment?*" If you can answer "yes" to that question, then I would say it would be OK to receive Communion.

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR

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A Word From Pope Francis: *"With our eyes fixed on Jesus and his merciful gaze, we experience the love of the Most Holy Trinity. The mission Jesus received from the Father was that of revealing the mystery of divine love in its fullness. 'God is love' (1 John 4:8, 16), John affirms for the first and only time in all of Holy Scripture. This love has now been made visible and tangible in Jesus' entire life. His person is nothing but love, a love given gratuitously. The relationships he forms with the people who approach him manifest something entirely unique and unrepeatable. The signs he works, especially in favor of sinners, the poor, the marginalized, the sick, and the suffering, are all meant to teach mercy. Everything in him speaks of mercy. Nothing in him is devoid of compassion."* —*Misericordiae Vultus*, April 11, 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. Applications close October 2, 2017.

What are you doing for your marriage today? Suppose you would ask God in Eternity: "If I did not marry my wife, would I have been better off?" In many, if not all cases, the Lord would say that you would have been worst off, perhaps beyond your imagination. So count your blessings; thank God for your wife; and consider her as a gift to you. Things will be more clear after you die. Over the course of your courtship and marriage, she has been your greatest joy and sometimes your greatest cross. So she's often difficult, eccentric, stubborn, argumentative, sarcastic, impatient (she might even tax the patience of the Pope), hard to get along with (as though you're easy to put up with), wants her way, bossy, naggy, etc. and you wonder how you married this woman. She could correctly say as much the same and more about you. So be understanding and offer up a little or big irritation for the conversion of sinners as Mary asked us to do 100 years ago at Fatima. In this way your dear wife will make you a saint. When she makes a litany of your sins, ask for forgiveness, work on your faults, pray for her, ask her to offer you up and you'll both become saints little by little. Then you'll discover her many virtues. Marriage is all about mutual sanctification if we make the effort. She may be your vehicle to Heaven, especially through her prayers and sacrificial love. Then you will be eternally grateful to her.

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.

Remember SSC Pizza Stand at the Fair!

Tuesday Bingo

July 25
Monica Habig
Dara Butler
Gary or Keisha West
Misty or Jeff Yontz
Jill Schumacher
Kiven or Melissa
Smithberger

Sunday Bingo

July 23
Amanda Schumacher
Randy Siefert
Tom Stephen
Joe Block
Kathy Paulus
Angie Hooper

BINGO KITCHEN

July 23
Rita Biedenbach
Sally LaFollette
July 25
Becky Baldwin
Louise Kress