



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 30, 2017

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

1 Kgs 3:5, 7–12

Rom 8:28–30

Mt 13:44–52 or 13:44–46

“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field” (Matthew 13:44).

The richly decorated portrait *The Vision of Saint Helena* by Paolo Veronese is immediately impressive. Helena, a woman of humble origins, became the wife of Constantius Chlorus (Rome’s emperor from 93–306). An innkeeper’s daughter in an outback town, her beauty caught the eye of the most powerful man on earth. She went from rags to riches. Here she wears lush, Eastern fabrics with woven prints and royal colors. The gold and blue details of her dress and the valour of her crimson cape broached under her chin denote the wealth her position afforded. She rests on a high-back leather throne; an elegant textile wall covering provides a background from floor to ceiling.

The softly flowing fabrics and her serene posture exude calm and focus our attention on her tranquil face and spirit of contemplation. No matter the power, wealth, and beauty of the world surrounding her, Helena has forsaken all to pursue the true treasure she possesses as a Christian and values more than the rest. Helena traveled from Rome to Jerusalem to bring back the relics of Christ’s passion. These reminders of Jesus’ love for sinners became the most important treasures of Christendom.

Veronese wants to convince us that through prayer we come to understand our treasure is not found in wealth but in the glorious vestment of baptismal faith. As adopted sons and daughters of the king, we become like St. Helena: poor commoners raised to royalty! Thank God for his gift of life in Christ and allow your heart to follow the inspirations he shares with you.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

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	
Monday	July 31 st
<i>Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest</i>	
St. Sylvester , Woodsfield	8:30am
+ Francis "Hank" Zwick by Tom & Amber Ramage	
Tuesday	August 1 st
<i>Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop</i>	
St. John the Baptist , Miltonsburg	9:00am
Living & Deceased of Lawrence & Clara Miller family by Carolyn Miller	
Wednesday	August 2 nd
St. Sylvester , Woodsfield	8:30am
+ Bob & Leona Weisend by Kevin & Kris Lafferre	
St. Sylvester , Woodsfield	8:00pm
Living & Deceased of K of C Council 5009	
Thursday	August 3 rd
St. John the Baptist , Miltonsburg	9:00am
+ Roman Schumacher by Francis & Edie Schumacher	
Friday	August 4 th
<i>St. John Vianney, Priest</i>	
St. Sylvester , Woodsfield	8:30am
+ Mark Kuhn by Kenny, Kris & Brian	
Saturday	August 5 th
St. Sylvester , Woodsfield	8:30am
Living & Deceased of Monroe County Catholic Parishes	
The Transfiguration of the Lord	
Saturday	August 5 th
St. John the Baptist , Miltonsburg	4:00pm
+ Meri Welsh by Bob Welsh	
St. Sylvester , Woodsfield	5:00pm
+ Alice Buckalew by Rebecca	
Sunday	August 6 th
St. Sylvester , Woodsfield	8:30 am
+ Monica long by Bill & Family	
St. John the Baptist , Miltonsburg	10:30am
+ Michael & Bertha Burkhart by Chiquita Seesan	
St. John Bosco , Sardis	12:30pm
+ Maurice "Moe" Mattone by Paul & Sara Craft	

St. Mary Church, Temperanceville, Annual Festival, Sunday, July 30th. Dinners served from 11am to 2pm.

St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg Annual Festival with a Chicken & Beef Dinner, Sunday August 6th from 11am to 2:30pm. **Chicken & Beef Dinner** served with mashed potatoes and gravy, homemade noodles, cole slaw, green beans, rolls and homemade desserts with drink. Dinners to go will be available. Raffles, games, bingo, and Instant Bingo available. Round & Square Dance from 8p to 11p with Music by Deep Down Country. "Everyone Welcome"

St. John's Combination Raffle tickets are being sold, \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Get your chance to win, in a raffle with prizes value totaling in excess of \$1700.00.

 **RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** is a process by which adults enter and/or learn 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.

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.

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

Parish Festivals

July 30th St. Mary's in Temperanceville Annual Festival.
August 6th St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg Festival.
August 13th St. Michael's in Carlisle Annual Festival.

St. Michael's (Carlisle) Annual Dinner Sunday August 13th. Chicken & Ham Dinner served from 10:30am to 1:30pm. Everyone is invited.



Condolences and Prayers to Evelyn Cook, Rita (Lawrence) Griffith and Mary Ann Bolon on the death of their brother, *Frederick Miller* of Barnesville.

This past Friday, the body of *Myra L. McGuire* (former parishioner of St. Sylvester Parish) was returned to St. Sylvester Cemetery. May their Souls and the souls of all of our beloved departed rest in peace.

REJOICE! Rejoice! The Diocese of Steubenville has given the green light to the A/C projects for the school and St. Sylvester Church. We now await the contractors.

This Week

Sunday
No Bingo

St. Mary's Temperanceville Annual Festival

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

7:00pm SS -CWC Meeting at Brown Community Center
8:30pm K of C Meeting

Sunday

St. John the Baptist festival

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

For Reflection: *Saint Helena left the comfort of her home to search for the cross of Christ. What are you searching for? What are you willing to give up for it? Are there riches or treasures that have a stronger hold on your heart than the kingdom of God?*

Your Sacrificial Offering
July 23, 2017

St. John Bosco Mission
Adult Collection \$ 87.00
Loose Collection \$ 46.00

St. John the Baptist
Adult Collection \$ 915.00
Loose \$ 14.00
School Collection \$ 133.10

St. Sylvester
Adult Collection \$ 1,192.00
Loose Collection \$ 73.00
Votive Candles \$ 107.35
School Collection \$ 300.00
Stock income \$ 273.75

Thank you for your generosity.

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 basics.

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 (during Sumer months) at Sylvester Church, Woodsfield.

Scripture Reading of the Week

Sunday

July 30

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12

Rom 8:28-30

Mt 13:44-52

Monday

July 31

St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34

Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday

August 1

St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop

Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28

Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday

August 2

Weekday

Ex 34:29-35

Mt 13:44-46

Thursday

August 3

Weekday

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38

Mt 13:47-53

Friday

August 4

St. John Vianney, Priest

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37

Mt 13:54-58

Saturday

August 5

Weekday

Lv 25:1, 8-17

Mt 14:1-12

Sunday

August 6

Transfiguration of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14

2 Pt 1:16-19

Mt 17:1-9

**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

**Is it a sin to purchase goods and services from a business that financially supports
morally objectionable behavior?**

This question requires us to back up a bit and ask two more fundamental questions: “What is sin?” and “To what degree am I allowed to participate in an objective evil?” A moral action has three necessary components: the object, the intention, and the circumstances. These are the what, the why, and the context. For something to be sinful, all three of these components must be taken into account. I must know what I am doing is sinful, I must fully intend it, and there must not be any mitigating circumstances that lessen my degree of culpability. Sin, in other words, requires knowledge that the action is sinful, the will to perform it, and circumstances that do not unduly inhibit my knowledge and freedom to act. To purchase goods and services from a business that supports morally objectionable behavior is sinful if we are conscious that the business supports such behavior, if we intend to purchase the product as a way of showing our support of this morally objectionable behavior, and if there are no mitigating circumstances inhibiting our knowledge and freedom of action.

As a general rule, we should avoid purchasing goods and services from such businesses. We should not, for example, buy products from companies that fund grave objective moral evils such as embryonic stem research, contraception, abortion, assisted suicide, capital punishment, or euthanasia. Specific cases must also take into account the distinction between grave and less serious matters.

Fr. Dennis J. Billy, CSsR

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St. Sylvester Central 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.

Remember SSC Pizza Stand at the Fair!

A Word From Pope Francis: *“The Apostle Thomas, at the conclusion of his impassioned quest, not only came to believe in the resurrection, but found in Jesus his life’s greatest treasure, his Lord. He says to Jesus: ‘My Lord and my God!’ [John 20:28]. We would do well, today, and every day, to pray these magnificent words, and to say to the Lord: You are my one treasure, the path I must follow, the core of my life, my all.”*—Mass with priests, men and women religious, consecrated people and Polish seminarians at St. John Paul II Shrine, Kraków, July 30, 2016

The Joy of Vocation. Shortly after I got married, a good priest gave me some sage advice: Look at all your daily frustrations as a source of holiness. Later that day, my husband did something that irritated me, so I said to him through clenched teeth: “you are making me so holy right now.” Of course, this made us both laugh. When my husband and I married, there was the excitement of new love, and the joy of finally fulfilling our vocation. We had been warned, however, that this bloom on the rose couldn’t last and things would get tough. But what we didn’t hear was that there was a secret gem buried in the difficulties, if only we could find it.

Our first child arrived two weeks before our first anniversary. Three more followed, one every other year. Somewhere in the course of having four children, spending an entire year unemployed, moving six times and the completing a doctoral degree, we discovered great joy. Yes, we were tired. Yes, our not-so-young bodies ached from rocking children to sleep in awkward positions or schlepping them from place to place. Yes, the travel, great food and fun adventure that had enriched our single lives came to a screeching halt. And yet, what we found in the midst of all of this sacrifice was joy. In fact, we became aware that the joy we were experiencing was the result of our sacrifices. Giving fully of ourselves was the source of this joyfulness.

I’ll never forget when I was first experienced the depth of this joy. Shortly after our third baby was born, when I was still beyond exhausted, there was a stirring in my soul that couldn’t put my finger on—something bubbling up that seemed wildly out of place given the daily struggles I was going through. It took me a while to make the connection between the joy and the struggles, but then I kept noticing it particularly as I got in the habit of offering up those challenges to the Lord. The joy was Christ’s gentle way of saying, “You got it; you are doing it right. Keep giving.” Our culture would have us believe that a vocation, marriage in particular, ties us down and limits our options. But rather than confining us or keeping us from the pursuits of happiness, our vocation leads us in the way of God’s love. Following our vocation enables us to come to know how God loves us, in joyful sacrifice. This is not to say that every moment is overflowing with joy, but the glimpses of it gives meaning and consolation to the daily struggle.

The roadmap of love in the First Letter to the Corinthians is a familiar reading at weddings. “Love is patient, love is kind...” (1Cor 13:4-8) What follows this passage, however, is a glimpse at what maturing looks like. “When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, reason as a child; but I became a man, I put aside childish things” (1Cor 13:11). Love and the gift of self, not simply biological age, brings us to full maturity. In fact, we sadly have abundant evidence that many people who have aged have not matured spiritually. The sacrifices required in any God given vocation will naturally correct this, which is why marriage vows and the final vows made by religious are so essential—when we honor them, we are transformed for the good. Of course, the opposite is also true.

The old rite of Christian marriage included these poignant lines: “Sacrifice is usually difficult and irksome. Only love can make it easy, and perfect love can make it a joy. We are willing to give in proportion as we love. And when love is perfect, the sacrifice is complete.” The connections are clear: the deeper the sacrifice, the greater the love, the stronger the joy.

Joy is what the spiritually mature soul seeks. Entertainment, pleasure and passivity are the hallmarks of childishness. Maturity brings with it the awareness that there is something deeper, more beautiful, and peace-giving, the fruit of which is joy. And that joy is to adulthood what fun was to childhood. Joy is the grown-up version of fun. — Carrie Gress (Professor of philosophy at Pontifex University)