



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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August 6, 2017

Transfiguration of the Lord (A)

Dn 7:9–10, 13–14

2 Pt 1:16–19

Mt 17:1–9

“‘This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain” (2 Peter 1:17–18).

Our walk with Jesus is full of contrasts: human and divine, grace and nature, sin and mercy. *The Transfiguration* by Raphael Sanzio, like the Scripture that inspires it, is also full of contrasts. The composition is in two registers. Up above we have the heavenly glory of Christ enveloped in a fantastic aura of divine light symbolizing his divine Son ship. The power of the experience leaves the disciples prostrate while the two Old Testament figures of Moses and Elijah float in suspended adoration. Down below, we have the other apostles, dealing ineffectively with a possessed boy. There is obvious chaos, with fingers pointing everywhere and faces turning in all directions. There is the serenity of heavenly white against the diabolic and earthly darkness. This contrast is present in our own lives. We feel a call to the beauty of God’s life, we want it wholeheartedly, and we resolve to make that beauty a reality. But we also know that when we come down the mountain and into our daily lives, we struggle with confusion, temptation, and earthly concerns. It is easy in Christ’s glorious presence, but when we get into traffic, our offices, or the trials of raising toddlers or teenagers, it isn’t so simple. Here is where we need the power of God’s mercy and love. Peter wanted to stay in Christ’s presence and enjoy it, soak it up, remain, and never go down the mountain again. He heard the Father’s voice, knew he should listen to the Son, and was resolved to do so! Although he wants to stay, listen, and learn, Christ touches him and tells him to not fear, get up, and get going. We need to go down the mountain and into our lives. That is where the faith and love we learn from Jesus in prayer is needed. He lets us see his glory so we can go down and bring that glory into a needy world.

The Transfiguration of the Lord

Saturday August 5th
St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg **4:00pm**
+ Meri Welsh by Bob Welsch

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00pm
+ Alice Buckalew by Rebecca

Sunday August 6th
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 am
+ Monica long by Bill & Family

St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30am
+ Michael & Bertha Burkhardt by Chiquita Seesan

St. John Bosco, Sardis 12:30pm
+ Maurice "Moe" Mattone by Paul & Sara Craft

Monday August 7th
Saint Pope Sixtus II & Companions, Martyrs
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30am
+ Rita Yontz by Al & Jan Hunt
+ Francis "Hank" Zwick by Clare & Janet Schockling

Tuesday August 8th
Saint Dominic, Priest
+ Hank Zwick by Rita Fulton
+ Matt Singleton by Kenny & Kris

Wednesday August 9th
Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
+ Jerry Huffman by Keith & Cindy
Special Intention by M/M Victor Ogas

Thursday August 10th
Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
+ Roman Schumacher by John Paulus Family
+ Jerry Huffman by Dennis & Terry Huffman

Friday August 11th
Saint Clare, Virgin
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30am
+ Katy Madison (Birthday) by Paul, Austin, & Grace
+ Mildred Schumacher

Saturday August 12th
Saint Jan Frances de Chantal
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30am
Living & Deceased of Monroe County Catholic Parishes

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday August 12th
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00 pm
+ Bob Schumacher (Birthday) by Thelma Schumacher

Sunday August 13th
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 am
Lawrence & Rita Griffith *50th Wedding Anniversary*

St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30 am
+ Cyril T Burkhardt by Ron & Cathy Gallagher

St. John Bosco Mission, Sardis 12:30 pm
+ Francis Batton & Tim Shannon by Bill & Bobbi Dent

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

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 in helping contact Lance Lafollette.

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

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

FYI: *On Monday following Mass in Woodsfield, Fr. Heinz and Fr. David will be going on our required yearly spiritual retreat. The Mass intentions scheduled Tuesday to Thursday will be offered while on retreat.*

Remember August 15th is a Holy Day of Obligation
Our Mass Schedule
Monday, August 14th
6:30pm St. John Bosco, Sardis
6:30pm St. Sylvester, Woodsfield
6:30pm St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg
Tuesday, August 15th
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield at 8:30am
St. John the Baptist at 9:00am

It's time! To enroll students in our Parish Religious Education Program. Students **not** enrolled in a Catholic School are invited to participate.

St. Sylvester: Jill Schumacher 740-472-5483

St. John the Baptist: Eileen Ackerman 740-757-2481

Fr. Francis Tretiel Assembly 1736 will meet at 7:00pm in Woodsfield. All Fourth Degree Knights are invited to attend.

October 7-13, 2017 Diocesan Rosary Congress at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption in Marietta. Seven Days and nights of Perpetual Adoration, hourly rosaries and Divine Mercy Chaplets, Special Masses, confessions, conferences and processions. Offered in a spirit of reparation, for life and for peace, for our families, and our nation.

Pilgrimage to Germany. St. Mary Basilica in Marietta is sponsoring a pilgrimage to Germany, April 2-13, 2018 with Fr. Thomas Nelson. Sites include Cologne, Bonn, Fulda, Wurzburg, Numburg, Neuschwanstein Castle, Oberammergau, Munich, Dachau Concentration Camp, Alotting, Markt and Freising. Cost \$4,169 for double occupancy. For full itinerary visit: catholicfaithjourneys.com. Or contact Maggie McDaniel at 419-290-8782.

This Week

Sunday

St. John the Baptist festival

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

Thursday

7:00pm 4th Degree Assembly
Mtg at Woodsfield

Sunday

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

2017 Fall & Winter Adult Faith Formation

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

For Reflection:

Do you spend enough time in prayer to face your daily activities with serenity? Are there days when you would rather stay in prayer than face your earthly commitments?

Your Sacrificial Offering July 30, 2017

St. John Bosco Mission
Adult Collection \$ 112.00
Loose Collection \$ 63.00
DPSC rebate \$ 486.00

St. John the Baptist
Adult Collection \$ 1,251.00
Loose \$ 20.00
School Collection \$ 69.00
Votive Candles \$ 79.00
Cemetery care \$ 20.00
Bequest \$ 843.18
DPSC rebate \$ 465.00

St. Sylvester
Adult Collection \$ 2,267.00
Loose Collection \$ 141.00
School Collection \$ 288.00
Bequest \$ 843.16

*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

Congratulations to K of C Council 5009 on being awarded the 2016-17 Star Council by the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus. We are only one of 2,071 councils across the world to receive the star council award. This is the second years for this honor.

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 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,** Burkhardt 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 at 8:00pm (during Sumer months) at Sylvester Church, Woodsfield.



Scripture Reading of the Week

Sunday

August 6

Transfiguration of the Lord

Dn 7:9–10, 13–14

2 Pt 1:16–19

Mt 17:1–9

Monday

August 7

St. Sixtus II, Pope &

St. Cajetan, Priest

Nm 11:4b–15

Mt 14:13–21

Tuesday

August 8

St. Dominic, Priest

Nm 12:1–13

Mt 14:22–36

Wednesday

August 9

St. Teresa Benedicta of

the Cross, Martyr &

Virgin

Nm 13:1–2, 25–14:1,

26–29a, 34–35

Mt 15:21–28

Thursday

August 10

St. Lawrence, Deacon

and Martyr

2 Cor 9:6–10

Jn 12:24–26

Friday

August 11

St. Clare, Virgin

Dt 4:32–40

Mt 16:24–28

Saturday

August 12

Weekday

Dt 6:4–13

Mt 17:14–20

Sunday

August 13

Nineteenth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11–13a

Rom 9:1–5

Mt 14:22–33

**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

Bingo Kitchen

August 6
Penny Elliott
Mary Rose Robison

August 8
Valarie Paulus
Diane Burkhart

August 13
Jill Schumacher
Mary Logston

August 15
St. John CWC

August 20
Jayne Vinskovich
Julie Selmon

August 22
Barb Schumacher
Barb Schumacher

August 27
Rita Griffith
Mary Bolon

August 29
Phyllis Demchak
Denise Kachel

**Now that I'm retired and my kids are grown I'm feeling directionless.
Even my faith life doesn't feel like it used to. How can I recapture a feeling
of purposefulness in my faith?**

People may long for liberation from their job and for an “empty nest” at home; yet, when some find it, they lose a clear sense of identity, purpose, or fulfillment. This loss can lead to depression, but many people are unable to name it or cope with these life-changing realities.

Is getting through the day more exhausting than a full day's work before your retirement? Do you prefer to live in the past? Are you burdened with lingering feelings of guilt or regret that need healing? Do you feel like a burden? What are your reasons for living?

Faith and spirituality are connected to the physical, mental, and emotional dimensions of our life. It is often easier to recapture vitality in faith when we recapture a purpose in other dimensions of life. Volunteer for a worthy cause. Balance your active outreach with introspection. Go on a retreat and reflect on what you're grateful for. Your relationship with the Lord in prayer may be affected by your lack of direction and purpose, but even a persistent emptiness in prayer can be an opportunity to have God fill the void—by focusing more on God than on what's presently lacking in your life.

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

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A Word From Pope Francis: *“By [Jesus'] Transfiguration he invites us to gaze at him. And looking at Jesus purifies our eyes and prepares them for eternal life, for the vision of heaven. Perhaps our eyes are a little sick because we see so many things that are not of Jesus, things that are even against Jesus: worldly things, things that do not benefit the light of the soul. And in this way, this light is slowly extinguished, and without knowing it, we end up in interior darkness, in spiritual darkness, in a darkened faith: darkness, because we are unaccustomed to looking and imagining the things of Jesus.”* —Homily, second Sunday of Lent, March 16, 2014

Sunday Bingo

August 6
Amanda Schumacher
Sam Schumacher
Jessica Knowlton
Ashley Armann
Dugan/Cassie Demchak
Kim Palmer

August 13
Monica Habig
Richard Schenk
ted Babcock
Audrey Lydick
Justin/Abby Friday
Matt/Nicole McGuire

August 20
Missy Knowlton
Tony Schumacher
Church volunteers

August 27
Amanda Schumacher
Jeff Dean
Tom/Lydia Brodegard
Michaela/Nick Murdy
Adam Chambers

Tuesday Bingo

August 8
Monica Habig
Brook Yontz
Melissa Miller
David/Teresa McMillan
Misty/Jeff Yontz
Ken Stewart

August 15
Monica Habig
James/Desiree Peters
John/Shelly Blackstone
Terry/Ruthie Valkovic
Chad/Dawn Kuhn

August 22
Monica Habig
Keisha West
Linda Piatt
Howard/Kathleen Thomas
Tiffany/Sean Zeakes

August 29
Monica Habig
Pam Christy
Morgen Ramage/
Aaron Brown
Sara Yonak
Crystal Cunningham

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!

Monday, August 28th 6:30pm to 7:30pm Open House at St. Sylvester Central. An opportunity to tour the school, see the classrooms and meet the teachers and staff.

Students in grades K through 8 will report for learning on Tuesday, August 29th.

For Your Marriage: Perhaps the greatest battleground for spiritual warfare is the home, even more so than convents and monasteries. The family is the building block of society. When the family is in crisis, society is in crisis. Besides the normal conflicts of community living, the evil one is constantly looking for the weaknesses in you defenses, particularly in your personal weaknesses and sources of conflict, irritation and friction. So pray and take advantage of the sacraments and devotions to fortify your defenses. Your home may sometimes be a sitcom and sometimes a soap opera, but keep fighting to make it a true domestic church. If the domestic church is weak, so is the universal church. Be the spiritual Leader of your family. If you really love your children, love your wife first after God and everything will fall into place.