

**St. Sylvester, Woodfield**  
founded 1866

**St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg**  
founded 1841

Parishes of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Steubenville

# The Monroe County Catholic Churches

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Woodfield, Ohio 43793-1027

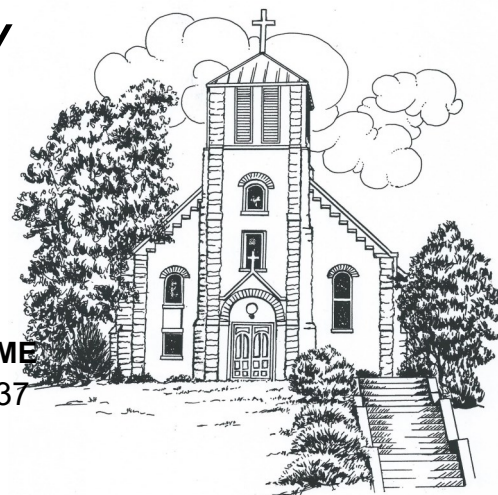
**SEPTEMBER 22, 2024**

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**WIS 2:12, 17-20 JAS 3:16-4:3 MK 9:30-37**

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**Fr. Nicholas Ward**  
**Administrator**



## Parish Contacts

New Parishioners are always welcome! Please contact the office.

**Fr. Nicholas Ward** (740) 457-7098

nward@diosteub.org

Jennifer Winkler (740) 472-0187

Office Hours Mon-Thurs. 9-2

## Holy Matrimony, Baptism & Funeral

Contact the parish office (740) 472-0187

## Confessions

St. Sylvester: Saturday 4:00pm to 4:45pm.

Sunday 7:45am to 8:15am.

St. John The Baptist: Sunday 9:45am to 10:15am

## Pastoral Care of the Sick and Infirm

Call Fr. Ward 1(740) 457-7098 Hospitals and Care facilities

**regularly do not notify** the parish unless specific request is made.

## Catholic Woman's Club

Meet on Second Wednesday of each month at Generation's

Building @ 7:00 p.m. **St. Sylvester:** Diane Burkhart (740) 391-0391

**St. John the Baptist:** Eileen Ackerman (740) 757-2481 or

Eileen Miller (740) 472-0279

## Knights of Columbus St. Joseph of Monroe County Council 5009

Meet on First Wednesday of each month at St. Sylvester Church,  
following the 6:30 p.m. Mass

Grand Knight: Anthony Schumacher (740) 827-3626

## Purgatorial Society & Prayer Chain

To join & information contact: Jackie Kirkland at (740) 472-0338.

## Catholic Youth Group

Leader: Regina Knox

## Diocesan Vocation Director

Fr. Nicholas Ginnetti

740-432-7609

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):

RCIA is an adult preparation for Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist.

Contact Church Office 740-472-0187

## Parish School of Religion (PSR aka. CCD)

The Parish Religion Classes children 1st – 8th grade

St. Sylvester School & Public Schools

**St. Sylvester:** Jill Schumacher (740) 213-4665

**St. John the Baptist:** Eileen Ackerman (740) 757-2481 **Call to Register**

## St. John The Baptist Hall

Schedule to Rent Hall for Any Occasion

Contact Jennifer Winkler 740-472-0187 or 740-213-2430

## St. Sylvester Central Elementary

(PreK-8) 119 Wayne Street, Woodfield, Ohio.

Mrs. Robyn Guiler: Principal (740) 472-0321 ~ Preschool (740) 472-0420

## Catholic Cemeteries

**St. Sylvester** Woodfield: Tony Schumacher (740) 827-3626

**St. John the Baptist, & Immaculate Conception Ozark;**

Tony Schumacher (740) 827-3626

**St. Joseph & Chapel Hill,** Burkhart Station: Russell Betts (740) 567-3286

**St. Patrick's,** New Matamoras: Parish office: (740) 472-0187

## DOS Office of Family & Social Concerns & Referral

(i.e. Catholic Charities), 1-800-339-7890.

## Diocesan Child Protection and Reporting of Abuse

Victim Assistance Team: email: [victimassistance43952@gmail.com](mailto:victimassistance43952@gmail.com)

Phone: 740-278-3455

## Emergency Contact "When Fr. Ward is out of town"

Assumption Church, Barnesville, Ohio, Fr. David Cornett

Rectory Office:(740) 425-2181 Cell: (740) 381-4415 or St. Stephen Church,

Caldwell, Ohio, Fr. Tom Nelson ~ Rectory Office: (740) 732-4129

**TWENTY-FIFTH  
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SUNDAY** Page 440 SEPT 22<sup>ND</sup>  
**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** 8:30 a.m.  
 +Hilda & Mary by *Paulus & Rodgers Family*

**St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg** 10:30 a.m.  
 Living & Deceased of our Parishes

**MONDAY** SEPT 23<sup>RD</sup>  
**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** NO MASS

**TUESDAY** SEPT 24<sup>TH</sup>  
**St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg** 9:00 a.m.  
 8:00 a.m. Holy Hour  
 +George Demchak by *Tom & Becky Stephen*

**WEDNESDAY** SEPT 25<sup>TH</sup>  
**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** 6:30 p.m.  
 +Donald Biedenbach by *Tom & Kelly Dick*

**THURSDAY** SEPT 26<sup>TH</sup>  
**St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg** 9:00 a.m.  
 8:00 a.m. Holy Hour  
 +Hilda Paulus by *Paulus & Rodgers Family*

**FRIDAY** (School Mass) SEPT 27<sup>TH</sup>  
**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** 8:30 a.m.  
 +Connie Kavaleios by *Mike & Missy Knowlton*

**SATURDAY** SEPT 28<sup>TH</sup>  
**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** 8:30 a.m.  
 Fr Ty Thomson

**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** 5:00 p.m.  
 +Ty Burkhart by *Ron & Cathy Gallagher*

**SUNDAY** SEPT 29<sup>TH</sup>  
**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** 8:30 a.m.  
 Living & Deceased of our Parishes

**St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg** 10:30 a.m.  
 +Tina Burkhart Muffet  
 by *Cathy & Shelby Cline*

**Our Sunday Offering**

SEPT 14 - SEPT 15

**St. John The Baptist**

Adult Collection \$ 425.00  
 Loose Collection \$ 117.00  
 School Fund \$ 25.00  
 Assumption \$ 10.00  
 Building Fund \$ 50.00

**St. Sylvester**

Adult Collection \$ 1,802.00  
 Loose Collection \$ 155.00  
 School Fund \$ 85.00  
 Candle Fund \$ 40.00  
 World Mission \$ 20.00

**PARISH COUNCIL  
MEETING**

Anyone interested in joining our church council?  
 Schedule for first meeting...

**St. Sylvester Church**

**Saturday, October 5th @ 6:30 p.m.  
Church Basement**

**St. John The Baptist**

**Sunday, October 6th @ 12:00 noon  
St. John's Church**

*Thank you for  
your continued  
support of our  
parishes and  
school !!*

**St. Sylvester Central School - Volunteers Needed**

School has two vacant positions on the school advisory board. Board meets 4 times a year. They assist with policy & procedure decisions regarding the school. Interested please call the school 740-472-0321

Previously, The school advisory board offered opinions regarding policy, procedure, and finance. Per the diocese, we need to establish a separate finance committee for the school. Anyone willing to volunteer for this committee should also call 740-472-0321

**~SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE~**

Former St. Sylvester Graduates, applying to Ohio University Eastern:  
 The CRUM FAMILY Appreciation Scholarship.

1. Attended St. Sylvester Central
2. Request consideration from CRUM Family Scholarship  
 On application, provide this "other information"

**This Week  
Wednesday**

St. Sylvester Church  
**Adoration**  
 8:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.  
 Rosary 6:00 p.m.  
 Mass 6:30 p.m.

**2024 DPSC Share Campaign**

Thanks again for your participation. If you have not pledged, please do so. You can place a pledge in the collection basket or mail it directly to DPSC envelope or go online at [www.give.diosteub.org](http://www.give.diosteub.org). Your sacrificial gifts enable the dioceses to educate our seminarians, future priests, care for retired priests, oversee education of our youth through Catholic Schools, religious programs and youth ministry, assist poor and other local efforts, Please keep this in mind as you graciously consider your contribution.

**St. Sylvester Goal: \$ 28,308**  
**St. John The Baptist Goal: \$ 15,799**

**Goal Received \$ 11,215**  
**Goal Received \$ 6,775**

**THANK YOU !!**

For the donations toward the  
 Care of our Cemeteries

**KEEP IT GROWING!**



***In Loving Memory of:***

Emma Schumacher  
Paul Ditto  
Deb Schumacher  
Francis (Fritz) Schumacher  
Katy Madison  
Paul Madison  
Paul Madison Jr.  
Edward Rensi  
Herman Burkhart  
Hilda Burkhart  
Madeline Mellinger  
Billie Jean Elliott  
Harry & Lucille Elliott  
David Baker  
Lowell Baker  
William Bolon  
Cinderella Butler  
Vernon Butler  
Meri C Welsh  
Michael Burkhart  
Bertha Burkhart  
Rebecca Burkhart  
Raymond Baldwin  
Alice & Ralph Buckalew  
Grace Ann Joyce  
Joe Fillippi  
Darrell Cline  
Clara Rush  
Virgil Rush  
Wes & Clara Hossman  
Cindy Miller Stevens  
Donald Miller  
Joy Taylor  
Larry Krone  
Carol Moore  
Francis Stephen  
Walter & Alberta Ackerman  
Wayne Forshey  
Cyril Burkhart  
Eunice Gallagher  
Joe Gallagher  
Hugh & Marie Bott  
Norbert Burkhart  
Agnes Burkhart  
Francis Reischman  
Hazel Reischman  
Robert M Miller Sr.  
Walter Knox  
Josephine Jack  
Ty A. Burkhart  
Francis & Freeda Paulus  
Mary Paulus  
Hilda Paulus  
Francis & Edith Block  
Virgil Block  
Joe & Debbie Block  
Gladys (babe) Burkhart  
Jimmy Norris  
Mary Ellen Barber Norris  
Leander & Genevieve Kuhn  
Kenny & Shirley Kuhn  
Joe & Martha Kuhn  
Mark Kuhn  
Jimmy Kuhn  
Paul Kuhn  
Danny Betts  
Joe Kuhn  
Kenneth Kuhn  
Deloris Knowlton  
Roman Schumacher  
Clara Schumacher  
Rick Schumacher  
Susan Schumacher Thomas  
Donald Biedenbach  
Thelma Scott  
Harmon Scott  
Jim Scott  
Richard Scott  
Imelda Scott  
William B. Schumacher  
Clara Hossman

***Eternal rest grant unto  
them, O Lord.***

Dear Parishioners,

Fr. Tim assured me that you all behaved yourselves while I was away. I did enjoy my "time off" – weddings are beautiful events, especially those weddings graced by the bond of the sacrament of a Christian marriage.

As I was making my rounds Wednesday, one of our shut-ins who I was visiting with told me that President Carter was going to turn 100 years old on October 1st, which would make him the oldest person who had ever been President of the United States.

Of course, our country has changed so much since Carter was President, let alone since Carter was born back in 1924. Our world is truly a different place than it was twenty, fifty, or even ten years ago. Change is inevitable. Sadly, some changes are for the worse; our society as it has gradually shifted from traditional Christian values has seemed to become increasingly more irreverent, hedonistic, selfish and violent. The concept of marriage, human sexuality, things so basic and fundamental to human society have completely eroded. Human life, so precious, is constantly devalued by those who commit atrocities in the name of free choice. Rights are demanded by all, but duties are disregarded universally.

In this sad state of our Republic, we are faced yet again with a polarizing election. While neither candidate perfectly conforms their platforms to the tradition and teaching of the Church, we are nonetheless invited to vote for the sake of the common good and according to our Catholic conscience. I invite you to vote as Mother Angelica constantly encouraged her viewers on EWTN, keeping first and foremost in mind the sanctity of human life and the atrocity of abortion. As long as the unborn child is seen as an inconvenience rather than a blessing, as long as the vulnerable are seen as less than human, as long as murder in the womb is tolerated, we will be a society of death rather than a culture of life.

However we vote, we must keep our discourse civil. We are all familiar with the two attempts on former President Trump's life. Whatever your opinion of the man, we are called to be people of peace, and called to promote the ideals of Christ's Kingdom before all others. Hatred inevitably leads to violence. This is why Our Lord calls us to love, even our enemies. Hopefully each of us, in our words and actions, can do our part in bringing Christ's peace to our world and country, trusting in the words of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, over the philosophies of the princes of this world.

From Pope Francis: "Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarreling into forgiveness."

God bless you all,

In Christ, Fr. Nick

**TUESDAY BINGO**

**Sept 24th**

Bev Dick  
Brenda Fisher  
Justin/Abby Friday  
Jenna Rosnick

**October 1st**

Missy Knowlton  
Randall Sefert  
Anna Lang  
Alisha Ludwig

**October 8th**

Missy Knowlton  
Randall Sefert  
Justin/Abby Friday  
Phillip Masters

**SUNDAY BINGO**

**Sept 22nd**

Ace Guiler  
Sean Edgel  
Olivia Fisher  
Marissa Cole  
Adam Chambers

**October 6th**

Robyn Guiler  
Sam Schumacher  
Gina Ball  
Shannon/Lori Pirl  
Stacey Sharp

**October 13th**

Missy Knowlton  
Terry Schumacher  
Nathan/Rachel Arden

**TUESDAY KITCHEN**

**September 24th**

Diane Burkhart  
Angie LaFollette

**October 1st**

Diane Burkhart  
Julie Selmon

**October 8th**

St. John CWC

**SUNDAY KITCHEN**

**September 22nd**

Jill Schumacher  
Louise Kress

**October 6th**

Louise Kress  
Sandy Barnes

**October 13th**

Helen Strahl  
Louise Kress

**Scripture Reading  
of the Week**

**Sunday  
SEPT 22<sup>ND</sup>  
TWENTY-FIFTH  
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY  
TIME**

WIS 2:12, 17-20  
JAS 3:16-4:3  
MK 9:30-37

**Monday  
SEPT 23<sup>RD</sup>**

PRV 3:27-34  
LK 8:16-18

**Tuesday  
SEPT 24<sup>TH</sup>**

PRV 21:1-6, 10-13  
LK 8:19-21

**Wednesday  
SEPT 25<sup>TH</sup>**

PRV 30:5-9  
LK 9:1-6

**Thursday  
SEPT 26<sup>TH</sup>**

ECCI 1:2-11  
LK 9:7-9

**Friday  
SEPT 27<sup>TH</sup>**

ECCI 3:1-11  
LK 9:18-22

**Saturday  
SEPT 28<sup>TH</sup>**

ECCI 11:9-12:8  
LK 9:43b-45

**Sunday  
SEPT 29<sup>TH</sup>**

**TWENTY-SIXTH  
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY  
TIME**

NM 11:25-29  
JAS 5:1-6  
MK 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

**LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE**

- Sept 21.....Steve Burkhart
- Sept 22.....Bill Long
- Sept 28.....Bill Frank
- Sept 29.....Becky Baldwin

**PURGATORY SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP**

Registered to be a member of our Purgatory Society. Just send in \$30 with your name and memo "Purgatory Society List" and you will be added to our membership of 3 masses in your name after you have passed.

**SPECIAL INTENTIONS MASS REQUEST...**

If interested in requesting mass for a loved one send in \$10 each with name of deceased and name of person requesting the mass. On envelope write "Mass Request". If wanting a specific date, write the date on request and I will schedule it unless someone else requested the same date first. Thanks

**DO YOU KNOW YOUR BIBLE?**

After this seven-year-old boy was anointed king,  
a wicked queen was killed ?

ANSWER:Joash



**St. Joseph of Monroe County,  
Council 5009 of the Knights of Columbus  
Anthony Schumacher, Grand Knight**

**Leading by Example**—Our council seeks to develop a culture of charity, unity, and fraternity in faithful service to the Church and community. New members are welcome to join us!

**Next Meetings**- \*Knight's of Columbus Meeting will be on Wednesday, October 2nd. Adoration at 6:00 p.m. Rosary at 6:15 p.m. Mass at 6:30 p.m. Meeting to follow in the Church Basement.

\*Catholic Women's Club Meeting Wednesday, October 9th @ 7:00 p.m. @ Generations

