

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield
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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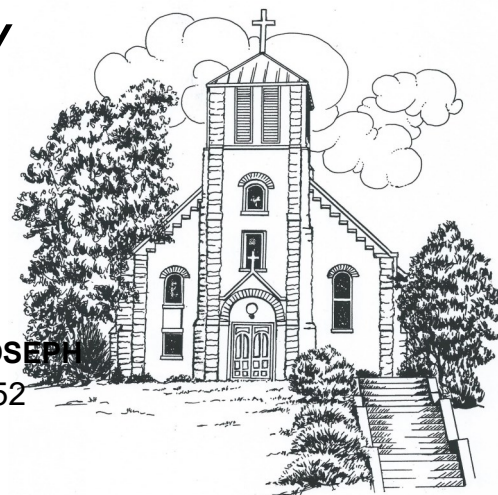
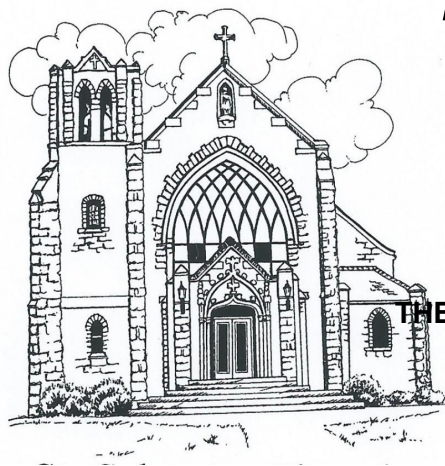
334 South Main Street
Woodsfield, Ohio 43793-1027

DECEMBER 29, 2024

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
SIR 3:2-6, 12-14 COL 3:12-21 LK 2:41-52

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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

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, Woodsfield, Ohio.

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

Catholic Cemeteries

St. Sylvester Woodsfield: 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

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

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,
MARY AND JOSEPH**

SUNDAY Page 489 **DEC 29TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
 Living & Deceased of our Parishes

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30 a.m.
 Stephanie Highman "Health"

MONDAY **DEC 30TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:30 p.m.
 Williams Family by *Sandra Barnes*

TUESDAY **DEC 31ST**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 9:00 a.m.
 8:00 a.m. Holy Hour
 +Connie Kavaleios by *Terry & John Long*

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 6:30 p.m.
 +Elizabeth Schumacher
 by *Tom & Cindy Schumacher*

WEDNESDAY **JAN 1ST**
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 12 Noon
 Irene Okel "health" by *Carol Miller*

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 6:30 p.m.
 +Lewis Rutherford

THURSDAY **JAN 2ND**
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.
 8:00 a.m. Holy Hour
 +Fred Ulrich by *Judy Yertz*

FRIDAY **JAN 3RD**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
 +Don Biedenbach
 by *David & Phyllis Reischmann*

SATURDAY **JAN 4TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 6:30 a.m.
 Gary & Theresa Beam by *Japhet Salgado*

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00 p.m.
 +Dar Zwick by *Donnie & Janet Zwick Family*

SUNDAY **JAN 5TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
 Living & Deceased of our Parishes

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30 a.m.
 +Carol Kuhn by *Don & Marlene Burkhart*

**School Cancellations
or Delayed because of
Snow ~ A.M. Mass
will be reschedule
to 12 noon
St. Sylvester Church**



SCHOOL NEWS...

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year!

See you all on
January 6, 2025



Our Sunday Offering
DEC 21 - DEC 22

St. John The Baptist

Adult Collection	\$ 1,475.00
Loose Collection	\$ 132.00
Education Fund	\$ 80.00
Candle Fund	\$ 84.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 20.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 140.00
In Memory 2025	\$ 30.00
Imm Conception	\$ 20.00
Religious Retire	\$ 20.00
DPSC	\$ 500.00
Building Fund	\$ 40.00
Ozark Cemetery	\$ 50.00

St. Sylvester

Adult Collection	\$ 2,496.00
Loose Collection	\$ 110.00
School Fund	\$ 200.00
Candle Fund	\$ 128.00
Religious Retire	\$ 50.00
In Memory 2025	\$ 15.00

CATHOLIC WOMEN CLUB

Meetings canceled until March 2025
 Winter break. Any other questions
 please call Diane Burkhart
 740-391-0391

New Year's Prayer

Surely your goodness and love will
 follow me all the days of my life,
 and I will dwell in the house
 of the LORD forever.

Psalm 23:6

*Thank You for your
continued support to
our Parishes and
School!*

***This Week
Wednesday***

NO Adoration
 St. Sylvester Church

2025 CALENDARS

Donated by:
Watters Funeral Home

Available for everyone,
 grab one today in the church main
 entrance

In Loving Memory of 2025

For the Bulletin...
 Anyone that wants to
 insert a deceased family or friend on the
 memory list for the entire year of 2025
 beginning in January. \$15 each donation
 Mark memo as: "In memory 2025"

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. 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 \$ 13,895
Goal Received \$ 8,325

In Loving Memory Of:

Emma Schumacher
Paul Ditto
Deb Schumacher
Francis (Fritz) Schumacher
Katy Madison
Paul Madison
Paul Madison Jr.
Charles & Mary Hunkler
Donald & Lois Stephen
Michael E. Koval
Norma H. Koval
Herman Burkhart
Hilda Burkhart
Madeline Mellinger
Billie Jean Elliott
Harry & Lucille Elliott
David Baker
Lowell Baker
William Bolon
Meri C Welsh
Raymond Baldwin
Alice & Ralph Buckalew
Grace Ann Joyce
Joe Fillippi
Ty A. Burkhart
Darrell & Charlotte Cline
Clara Rush
Virgil Rush
Francis & Edith Block
Virgil Block
Joe & Debbie Block
Gladys (babe) Burkhart
Jimmy Norris
Mary Ellen Barber Norris
Quinn Kahrig
Danny Betts
Edward Rensi
Vernon Butler
Cinderella Butler

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

Dear Parishioners,

It was such a blessing for me to celebrate the Christmas Masses with you and your families in our beautifully decorated churches this year. I hope your holiday celebrations are going off without a hitch.

We have to keep the party going. Christmas is an octave: an eight-day celebration. Traditionally, we also speak of the "Twelve days of Christmas" from Christmas day until the traditional date of the Feast of the Epiphany, January 6th. In the New Calendar, the Christmas season lasts until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. So, whichever way you count, there's still more celebrating to do.

This weekend's celebration, the Feast of the Holy Family, calls us to look upon Jesus, Mary, and Joseph with love and admiration. God has purposefully designed, in his plan of history, to begin all things with the family. Before there was the Church, before there were the twelve disciples, there was the Holy Family. This is true in the New Testament as it was in the Old: The story of mankind on this earth also began with a family, Adam and Eve, though their story ran a bit sadder: Eve betrayed Adam's trust by allowing herself to be seduced by Satan's lies. Adam failed to protect Eve from the serpent, and told God that Eve tricked him. One of their children ended up murdering the other. How could things have gone so wrong, so soon?

The same things which corrupted the first family, jealousy, hatred, dishonesty, disloyalty, and disobedience, are things which continue to hurt and divide our families today as well. Thankfully we have the model of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph to show us the way to holiness in our households, through mutual love, obedience to God, patience, and kindness.

In his letter to the Ephesians (5:21-6:4), Saint Paul gives us some good advice for health, happiness, and holiness in the family. I hope you will find it good reading, and that the life of each of your families will increasingly mirror the love and joy of the Holy Family.

God bless you all,

In Christ,

Fr. Nick

TUESDAY BINGO

January 7th

Missy Knowlton
Randall Sefert
Jessica McKelvey

January 14th

Missy Knowlton
Mary Atkinson
Jessica McKelvey

SUNDAY BINGO

January 5th

Robyn Guiler
Sam Schumacher
Gina Ball
Shannon Pirl
Lori Pirl

January 12th

Missy Knowlton
Terry Schumacher
Brooke Yontz

TUESDAY KITCHEN

January 7th

Julie Selmon
Diane Burkhart

January 14th

St. John Baptist
CWC

SUNDAY KITCHEN

January 5th

Robyn Guiler
Louise Kress

January 12th

Louise Kress
Jess Knowlton

**Scripture Reading
of the Week**

Sunday

DEC 29TH

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF
JESUS, MARY &
JOSEPH**

SIR 3:2-6, 12-14

COL 3:12-21

LK 2:41-52

Monday

DEC 30TH

1JN 2:12-17

LK 2:36-40

Tuesday

DEC 31ST

1JN 2:18-21

JN 1:1-18

Wednesday

JAN 1ST

NM 6:22-27

GAL 4:4-7

LK 2:16-21

Thursday

JAN 2ND

1JN 2:22-28

JN 1:19-28

Friday

JAN 3RD

1JN 2:29-3:6

JN 1:29-34

Saturday

JAN 4TH

1JN 3:7-10

JN 1:35-42

Sunday

JAN 5TH

**EPIPHANY OF THE
LORD**

IS 60:1-6

EPH 3:2-3a, 5-6

MT 2:1-12

LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE

- Dec 28.....Bill Frank
- Dec 29.....Tom Dick
- Dec 31 a.m.....Becky Baldwin
- Dec 31 p.m.....Catherine Paulus
- Jan 1..... Steve Burkhart
- Jan 4.....Catherine Paulus
- Jan 5.....Bill Long

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS IN MEMORY

Don & Bessie Ann Freeman
 Deb Schumacher
 Deloris Knowlton
 Rosemary Schumacher
 Brian Ellis
 Vernon Butler
 Kenneth & Ruthann Knox
 Luzelda Stephen
 Francis & Helen Burkhart
 Betty Doty
 Leander & Genevieve Kuhn
 Kenny Kuhn
 Chauncey & Ida Coss
 Judy Garteu
 George Demchak
 Mary & Hilda Paulus
 Joseph & Margaret Paulus
 Billie Jean Elliott
 Leander & Genevieve Kuhn
 Tom Dierkes
 Delmas & Irene Kemp
 Joe & Eunice Gallagher

Helen & Clarence Hoff
 George & Martha Kress
 Roman & Clara Schumacher
 Jim Partridge
 John Guiler
 Earl & Dessie Okey
 Clara & Albert Garfold
 Cinderella Butler
 Hazel May
 Bob Crock
 Elbert & Zelda Betts
 Shirley Kuhn
 Jimmy Kuhn
 Elsie Wood
 Bob Wallace
 Dave Rodgers
 Mary Malanowski
 Harry & Lucille Elliott
 Elbert & Zelda Betts
 Danny Betts
 Ray & Inez Kemp

Gerald & Goldie Weiss
 Fred, Clem & George Jr Kress
 Floyd Griffin
 Janet Richard Radon
 Susan Schumacher Thomas
 Rick Schumacher
 Walter J. Knox
 Era (Ellis) Rigenbach
 Teresa (Guiler) Morrison
 Jason Vannoy
 Alden & Betty Husk
 Robert M Miller Sr.
 Theresa & Frank Zwolinski
 Clarence Stephen
 Mary Louise Wells
 Eugene Wells
 Lawrence Crock
 Wilma Burkhart
 Delmas & Lucy Betts
 Gary Betts
 Carol C Kuhn
 Paul Kuhn
 Danny Betts
 Tom Dierkes
 Joe & Martha Kuhn
 Michael Garteu
 Park Wood
 Robert Miller Sr.
 Michael Demchak
 Francis & Freeda Paulus
 Archibald Griffith
 Learrena Griffith
 Enola & Buzz Riggs
 Kathy Hannahs
 Francis J Schumacher
 Katy Madison
 Kenny, Joe, Paul, Jimmy & Coral Keebert
 Robert M Miller Sr
 Clara & Lawrence Miller
 Adra & Mary Lusas
 Norma Koval



**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, January 1st. 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 Meetings begin in March 2025 @ Generations