

The Monroe County Catholic Churches

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY Page 474 DEC 22ND
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
 Living & Deceased of our Parishes

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

MONDAY DEC 23RD
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:30 p.m.
 +Mary Paulus by *Paulus & Rodgers Family*

TUESDAY Christmas Eve DEC 24TH
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00 p.m.
 +Francis (Fritz) Schumacher by *Jennifer*

WEDNESDAY DEC 25TH
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 12Midnight
 +Walter Knox by *John & Regina Garfold*

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
 +Fred Ulrich by *Alexa Marley*

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30 a.m.
 +Carol C. Kuhn by *Keith & Cindy Coss*

THURSDAY DEC 26TH
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg NO MASS

FRIDAY DEC 27TH
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield NO MASS

SATURDAY DEC 28TH
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
 Stapleton Family by *Jay Stapleton*

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00 p.m.
 +Don Biedenbach by *Dale & Luann Nau*

SUNDAY 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*)
 by *Keith & Cindy Coss*

SCHOOL NEWS...

Merry Christmas &
 Happy New
 Year!

See you all
 on
 January 6,
 2025



Our Sunday Offering
 DEC 14 - DEC 15

St. John The Baptist

Adult Collection	
Loose Collection	\$ 630.00
Education Fund	\$ 2.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 45.00
In Memory 2025	\$ 20.00
Purgatory Society	\$ 30.00
Religious Retire	\$ 30.00
Mass Request	\$ 20.00
Building Fund	\$ 50.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 150.00

St. Sylvester

Adult Collection	\$ 1,692.00
Loose Collection	\$ 47.00
School Fund	\$ 150.00
Imm Conception	\$ 140.00
Religious Retire	\$ 55.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 75.00
Christmas Offer	\$ 20.00
In Memory 2025	\$ 45.00

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

*A 12-Day Traditional
 Catholic Pilgrimage to*

FRANCE

*with Fr. Michael Fulton
 & Fr. Nicholas Ward*

October 13-24, 2025



Register Today

www.stcharlespilgrimages.com/fulton-ward

This Week
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"

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



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.
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
Rebeca 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,

“For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:5).”

With these words the Prophet Isaiah heralded the coming of the Messiah who we recognize as Jesus Christ, the Second person of the Most Holy Trinity, God become man. A great mystery indeed! Or, as the old Medieval chant had it put: *O Magnum Mysterium et admirabile sacramentum! ut animalia viderent Dominum natum, iacentem in praeseptio!* “O what great mystery and sacrament! That farm animals should see their Lord and creator born, and lying in a manger!”

The humility of Jesus should humble us. Our God did not have to come to us at all, in human form or otherwise. That he would humble himself to become like us, to be born a little child, mighty God yet fragile and vulnerable, should strike us profoundly. What God would go through such lengths to prove His love? A God who wants to be more than just our Lord, but also our brother.

How could we refuse such tender humility? Such radiant kindness? The God humanity has sought for centuries has come to us as a baby boy.

The Christ child still brings hope and joy to this sad world of ours. All who seek him sincerely and follow Him find peace and rest for their souls.

As this upcoming Christmas season continues into the next few weeks, I urge you to take some time to ponder this mystery of God’s love. Don’t take down your tree and decorations; leave them up a few weeks! The Christmas season begins on the 25th, it doesn’t end. The presents may have been unwrapped, but what remains, and what will always remain to be unpacked for us is the great mystery of God’s love, the profundity of what it all means for us to have a savior born for us.

Let’s stay awhile in the stable with Mary and Joseph and the angels and shepherds. Allow their love for the infant King inspire us to meditate on all that God has done for us and all that we have yet to do for love of Him. May our hearts enlarge to allow this great mystery to form us and transform us. As God became man for love of us, may we strive to ever become more like God for love of Him.

Wishing you and all your loved ones a blessed, safe, and happy Christmas,

I am prayerfully yours in Christ,

Fr. Nick

TUESDAY BINGO

January 7th

Missy Knowlton
Randall Sefert
Jessica McKelvey

SUNDAY BINGO

January 5th

Robyn Guiler
Sam Schumacher
Gina Ball
Shannon Pirl
Lori Pirl

TUESDAY KITCHEN

January 7th

Julie Selmon
Diane Burkhart

SUNDAY KITCHEN

January 5th

Louise Kress
Robyn Guilder

LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE

- Dec 21.....Catherine Paulus
- Dec 22.....Jill Schumacher
- Dec 24.....Steve Burkhart
- Dec 25.....Becky Baldwin

Scripture Reading of the Week

**Sunday
DEC 22ND
FOURTH SUNDAY
OF ADVENT**
MI 5:1-4a
HEB 10:5-10
LK 1:39-45

**Monday
DEC 23RD**
MAL 3:1-4, 23-24
LK 1:57-66

**Tuesday
DEC 24TH**
2SM 7:1-5,
8b-12, 14a, 16
LK 1:67-79

**Wednesday
DEC 25TH**
IS 62:1-5
ACTS 13:16-17, 22-25
MT 1:1-25

**Thursday
DEC 26TH**
ACTS 6:8-10, 7-54-59
MT 10:17-22

**Friday
DEC 27TH**
1JN 1:1-4
JN 20:1a, 2-8

**Saturday
DEC 28TH**
1JN 1:5-2:2
MT 2:13-18

**Sunday
DEC 29TH
THE HOLY FAMILY OF
JESUS, MARY
AND JOSEPH**
SIR 3:2-6, 12-14
COL 3:12-21
LK 2:41-52

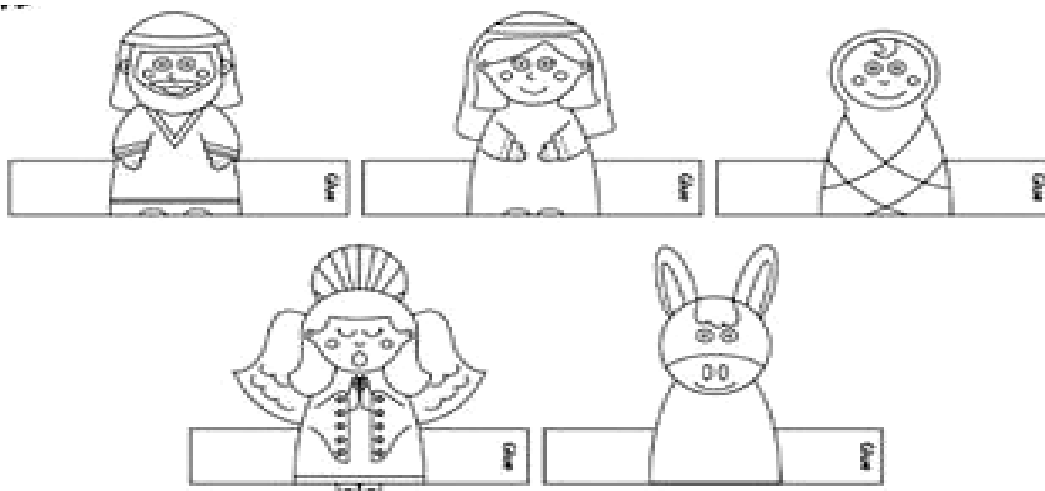
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS IN MEMORY

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 Gallgher

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
Cyril Burkhart

Gerald & Goldie Weiss
Floyd Griffin
Susan Schumacher Thomas
Walter J. Knox
Teresa (Guiler) Morrison
Alden & Betty Husk
Theresa & Frank Zwolinski
Mary Louise Wells
Lawrence Crock
Delmas & Lucy Betts
Carol C Kuhn
Danny Betts
Joe & Martha Kuhn
Park Wood
Michael Demchak
Archibald Griffith
Enola & Buzz Riggs
Francis J Schumacher
Kenny, Joe, Paul, Jimmy & Coral Keebert
Robert M Miller Sr
Andra & Mary Lusas

Fred, Clem & George Jr Kress
Janet Richard Radon
Rick Schumacher
Era (Ellis) Riggenbach
Jason Vannoy
Robert M Miller Sr.
Clarence Stephen
Eugene Wells
Wilma Burkhart
Gary Betts
Paul Kuhn
Tom Dierkes
Michael Garteu
Robert Miller Sr.
Francis & Freeda Paulus
Learrena Griffith
Kathy Hannahs
Katy Madison
Clara & Lawrence Miller
Norma Koval



Mary, Joseph & Baby Jesus bringing peace and love to the world



**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 Meeting Wednesday, January 8th @ 7:00 p.m. @ Generations

