

**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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334 South Main Street  
Woodfield, Ohio 43793-1027

**AUGUST 18, 2024**

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**PRV 9:1-6 EPH 5:15-20 JN 6:51-58**

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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

(not enrolled in a Catholic School)

**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

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**SUNDAY** Page 426 **AUG 18<sup>TH</sup>**  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.  
 Living & Deceased of our Parishes

**St. John The Baptist**, Miltonsburg 10:30 a.m.  
 +Ty Burkhardt by *David & Mattie Krone*

**MONDAY** **AUG 19<sup>TH</sup>**  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 5:30 p.m.  
 Mark Deipenhorst by *Mary Corp*

**TUESDAY** **AUG 20<sup>TH</sup>**  
**St. John The Baptist**, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.  
 8:00 a.m. Holy Hour  
 +Don Biedenbach by *Tom & Becky Stephen*

**WEDNESDAY** **AUG 21<sup>ST</sup>**  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 6:30 p.m.  
 +Roman Schumacher  
 by *Mike & Missy Knowlton*

**THURSDAY** **AUG 22<sup>ND</sup>**  
**St. John The Baptist**, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.  
 8:00 a.m. Holy Hour  
 +Mary Ellen Barber Norris  
 by *Sony Block Family*

**FRIDAY** **AUG 23<sup>RD</sup>**  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.  
 +Fred Ulrich  
 by *Bernadine & Nancy McLaughlin*

**SATURDAY** **AUG 24<sup>TH</sup>**  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.  
 Sherri Meaige by *David Stapleton*

**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 5:00 p.m.  
 +George Demchak by *Catherine Paulus*

**SUNDAY** **AUG 25<sup>TH</sup>**  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.  
 +Living & Deceased of our Parishes

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

## PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

All school children 1st - 8th grade  
**St. Sylvester and Public Schools interested**  
 in religion classes, sign up begins now.  
 Classes begin in September.  
 Contact Jill Schumacher 740-213-4665  
 Thank You.

## Our Sunday Offering

AUG 10 - AUG 11

### St. John The Baptist

Adult Collection	\$ 1,550.00
Loose Collection	\$ 50.00
School Fund	\$ 65.00
Candle Fund	\$ 5.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 610.00
Building Fund	\$ 75.00

### St. Sylvester

Adult Collection	\$ 3,425.00
Loose Collection	\$ 121.00
School Fund	\$ 105.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 300.00
Mass Request	\$ 20.00
Assumption	\$ 20.00

Be sure to visit the  
**MONROE COUNTY FAIR**  
 August 19th -24th



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

## 2024 Cemetery Lawn Care

St. Sylvester Cost .....	\$11,900.00
Lawn Care Donations .....	\$7,014.00
St. John The Baptist .....	\$12,450.00
Donations .....	\$3,582.00
Immaculate Conception Cemetery ...	\$4,200.00
Donations .....	\$1,250.00
St. Joseph/Chapel Hill Cemetery ....	\$11,900.00
Donations .....	\$700.00
St. Patrick Cemetery .....	\$2,800.00
Donations .....	\$500.00

### 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.

<b>St. Sylvester Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 28,308</b>	<b>Goal Received \$ 9,955</b>
<b>St. John The Baptist Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 15,799</b>	<b>Goal Received \$ 6,625</b>

THANK YOU !!

Everyone 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  
Rebeca Burkhart  
Raymond Baldwin  
Alice & Ralph Buckalew  
Grace Ann Joyce  
Joe Filippi  
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,

Here's an Apostolic Constitution whose name I bet you can't say five times fast: *Munificentissimus Deus* (Moo-niff-i-sen-tee-see-moose day-oos) or "the Most Bountiful God." This was the proclamation by the Venerable Pope Pius XII in 1950 that the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, body and soul into heaven, was in fact not only a tradition to be held as a pious belief of the faithful, but in fact a dogma of faith. The proclamation underscores realities that the Church had already held firmly in her belief: the Mary is the mother of God, that she was sinless, that she is the perfect symbol of the Church, and that she, with her son, precedes creation in the glory that is to follow this mortal life. This Solemnity of the Church is now celebrated every year on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

As Pope Pius pointed out, belief in the heavenly assumption of Mary into heaven, was a belief widely held in the Church since the first centuries of Christianity, and like many doctrinal statements on the Eucharist, was not dogmatically defined with an official document until much later in the Church's history. Pope Pius quotes St. John Damascene, an early church father, in his belief of Mary's bodily assumption: "It was fitting that she, who had kept her virginity intact in childbirth, should keep her own body free from all corruption even after death. It was fitting that she, who had carried the Creator as a child at her breast, should dwell in the divine tabernacles. It was fitting that the spouse, whom the Father had taken to himself, should live in the divine mansions. It was fitting that she, who had seen her Son upon the cross and who had thereby received into her heart the sword of sorrow which she had escaped in the act of giving birth to him, should look upon him as he sits with the Father. It was fitting that God's Mother should possess what belongs to her Son, and that she should be honored by every creature as the Mother and as the handmaid of God."

Mary is our Mother and God's Mother also. Everything that the Church believes about Mary is merely a reflection of a belief we already hold about her Son Jesus: We believe Mary was immaculately conceived without original sin because Jesus came to earth to establish his Church and rid the world of sin, and Mary is the perfect example of this. We call Mary the Mother of God because she is the Mother of Jesus who is God, and whose divinity cannot be separated from his humanity. We believe that Mary was a perpetual virgin because like the Church she was especially espoused to God the Holy Spirit, who overshadowed her in a way unlike any other creature (Luke 1:35).

Furthermore, we should honor Mary if for no other reason than she brings us closer to her son Jesus. In imitating Mary's faith and love for Jesus, we grow closer to God, as St. John Vianney said: "Let us live as the Blessed Virgin lived: loving God only, desiring God only, trying to please God only in all that we do."

I ask you a simple question: When was the last time you prayed the rosary? Or the Angelus prayer? Through Marian prayers, our Mother Mary helps us to reach God. If we cannot have Mary for our mother, how can we be members of the Church?

May the Immaculate Heart of Mary, patroness of the Diocese of Steubenville, continue to intercede for us, and lead us to the eternal glory where she and her divine Son have gone before.

God bless you all,  
*Per Mariam,*

-Fr. Nick

**TUESDAY BINGO**

**SUNDAY BINGO**

**TUESDAY KITCHEN**

**SUNDAY KITCHEN**

**August 13th**  
St. John CWC

**August 20th**  
Marcia Shipp  
Diane Burkhart

**August 27th**  
Diane Burkhart  
Julie Selmon

**August 11th**  
Louise Kress  
Kathy Singleton

**August 18th**  
Jill Schumacher  
Louise Kress

**August 25th**  
Louise Kress  
Catherine Paulus

**Scripture Reading  
of the Week**

**Sunday  
AUGUST 18<sup>TH</sup>  
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

PRV 9:1-6  
EPH 5:15-20  
JN 6:51-58

**Monday  
AUGUST 19<sup>TH</sup>**  
EZ 24:15-23  
MT 19:16-22

**Tuesday  
AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup>**  
EZ 28:1-10  
MT 19:23-30

**Wednesday  
AUGUST 21<sup>ST</sup>**  
EZ 34:1-11  
MT 20:1-16

**Thursday  
AUGUST 22<sup>ND</sup>**  
EZ 36:23-28  
MT 22:1-14

**Friday  
AUGUST 23<sup>RD</sup>**  
EZ 37:1-14  
MT 22:34-40

**Saturday  
AUGUST 24<sup>TH</sup>**  
RV 21:9b-14  
JN 1:45-51

**Sunday  
AUGUST 25<sup>TH</sup>  
TWENTY-FIRST  
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY  
TIME**

JOS 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b  
EPH 5:21-32  
JN 6:60-69

**LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE**

- Aug 17.....Catherine Paulus
- Aug 18.....Tom Dick
- Aug 24.....Bill Frank
- Aug 25.....Bill Long

**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?**

Who led the construction of the Lord's temple during which there was no sound of hammer or ax?

ANSWER:Solomon



**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, September 4th. 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, September 11th 7:00 p.m. @ Generations