

**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

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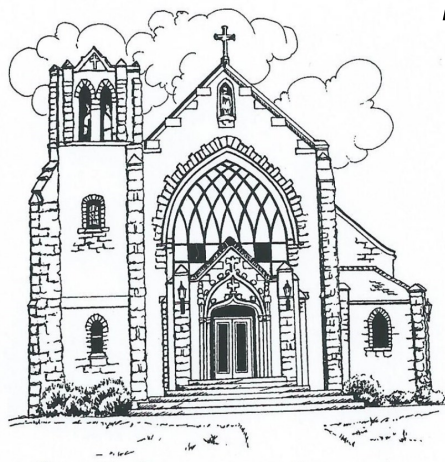
**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**IS 60:1-6 EPH 3:2-3a 5-6 MT 2:1-12**

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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](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

## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

**SUNDAY** Page 497 **JAN 5<sup>TH</sup>**  
**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*

**MONDAY** **JAN 6<sup>TH</sup>**  
**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** NO MASS

**TUESDAY** **JAN 7<sup>TH</sup>**  
**St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg** NO MASS

**WEDNESDAY** **JAN 8<sup>TH</sup>**  
**St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg** 6:30 p.m.  
 +Francis "Fritz" Schumacher by *Jennifer*

**THURSDAY** **JAN 9<sup>TH</sup>**  
**St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg** 9:00 a.m.  
 8:00 a.m. Holy Hour  
 +Ty Burkhart by *Don & Marlene Burkhart*

**FRIDAY** (School Mass) **JAN 10<sup>TH</sup>**  
**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** 8:30 a.m.  
 Godie Long by *Knight of Columbus 5009*

**SATURDAY** **JAN 11<sup>TH</sup>**  
**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** 8:30 a.m.  
 Greg Schaad Family

**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** 5:00 p.m.  
 Nicki Blackstone by *John & Teresa Paulus*

**SUNDAY** **JAN 12<sup>TH</sup>**  
**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** 8:30 a.m.  
 Jackie Brown by *John & Teresa Paulus*

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

## SCHOOL NEWS...

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Meet Wednesday, January 8, 2025  
 Mass 6:30 p.m. meeting to follow

### CATHOLIC WOMEN CLUB

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

### 2024 Family Tax Contribution

If you have not received your  
 Tax Contribution list by the  
 End of January please contact  
 Jennifer 740-472-0187

### 2025 CALENDARS

Donated by:  
*Watters Funeral Home*

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

### Our Sunday Offering DEC 28 - DEC 29

#### St. John The Baptist

Adult Collection	\$ 1,100.00
Loose Collection	\$ 88.00
Education Fund	\$ 45.00
Human Deve	\$ 10.00
Sol of Mary	\$ 55.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 10.00
Retire Religious	\$ 20.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 15.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 285.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 70.00

#### St. Sylvester


Adult Collection	\$ 1,878.00
Loose Collection	\$ 600.00
School Fund	\$ 195.00
Christmas Offer	\$ 3,760.00
CWC Dues	\$ 20.00
DPSC	\$ 50.00
1st Offering	\$ 5.00
Purgatory Society	\$ 30.00
Mass Request	\$ 200.00
In Memory 2025	\$ 60.00
Sol of Mary	\$ 8.00

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

### This Week Wednesday Adoration

St. Sylvester Church  
 8:00 a.m. -- 6:00 p.m.  
 Rosary 6:00 p.m.  
 Mass 6:30 p.m.

### 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](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 \$ 13,895**  
**Goal Received \$ 8,325**

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



***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  
Francis Stephen  
Carol Moore  
Imelda D. Scott  
Francis Paulus  
Freeda Paulus  
Mary Paulus  
Hilda Paulus

Dear Parishioners,

Jesus has come to us: we must welcome Him. How could we refuse such a gracious guest? Jesus has come to our earth, our home, to live with us. He has blessed our earthly dwelling by his very presence. Our Christian identity demands that we “roll out the red carpet” for Christ and show him all due hospitality, as did the Magi (as well as the shepherds, in their own way).

Because Epiphany celebrates in a special way our welcoming of the Christ child into our lives, this is traditionally a time of year for the blessing of homes. Having our homes blessed gives us the opportunity to welcome Christ into our homes and hearts, just as the Magi welcomed Christ into the world. Epiphany (and the weeks following) specifically provides, especially if you have never had your home blessed before, an excellent opportunity to have your home *blessed by a priest*. When was the last time you had a priest come to your home? This is one of the best ways to get to know your pastor: to share a meal and conversation with him in the context of your home, to allow the priest who acts in the person of Christ to bring Christ’s blessing to you.

Provided here is a copy of an Epiphany blessing you can do in your home in the absence of a priest, but of course I’d be absolutely willing to come bless your home myself if you so desire.

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

**TUESDAY BINGO**

**January 7th**

Missy Knowlton  
Randall Sefert  
Jessica McKelvey

**January 14th**

Missy Knowlton  
Mary Atkinson  
Jessica McKelvey

**January 21st**

Donna Robinson  
Brenda Fisher  
Des/James Peters

**SUNDAY BINGO**

**January 5th**

Robyn Guiler  
Sam Schumacher  
Gina Ball  
Shannon Pirl  
Lori Pirl

**January 12th**

Missy Knowlton  
Terry Schumacher  
Brooke Yontz

**January 19th**

Missy Knowlton  
Robyn Guiler  
Olivia Fisher  
Tyler Knowlton  
Adam Chambers

**TUESDAY KITCHEN**

**January 7th**

Julie Selmon  
Diane Burkhart

**January 14th**

St. John Baptist  
CWC

**January 21st**

Marcia Shipp  
Julie Selmon

**January 28th**

Dawn Kuhn  
Diane Burkhart

**SUNDAY KITCHEN**

**January 5th**

Robyn Guiler  
Louise Kress

**January 12th**

Louise Kress  
Jess Knowlton

**January 19th**

Louise Kress  
Jill Schumacher

**January 26th**

Louise Kress  
Helen Strahl

**Scripture Reading  
of the Week**

**Sunday**

**JAN 5<sup>TH</sup>  
EPIPHANY OF  
THE LORD**

IS 60:1-6  
EPH 3:2-3a, 5-6  
MT 2:1-12

**Monday**

**JAN 6<sup>TH</sup>**

1JN 3:22-4:6  
MT 4:12-17, 23-25

**Tuesday**

**JAN 7<sup>TH</sup>**

1JN 4:7-10  
MK 6:34-44

**Wednesday**

**JAN 8<sup>TH</sup>**

1JN 4:11-18  
MK 6:45-52

**Thursday**

**JAN 9<sup>TH</sup>**

1JN 4:19-5:4  
LK 4:14-22

**Friday**

**JAN 10<sup>TH</sup>**

1JN 5:5-13  
LK 5:12-16

**Saturday**

**JAN 11<sup>TH</sup>**

1JN 5:14-21  
JN 3:22-30

**Sunday**

**JAN 12<sup>TH</sup>**

**BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

IS 42:1-4, 6-7  
ACTS 10:34-38  
LK 3:15-16, 21-22

**LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE**

- Jan 4.....Catherine Paulus
- Jan 5.....Bill Long
- Jan 11.....Tammy Jones
- Jan 12.....Jill Schumacher

**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



**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 8th. 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

