

**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

[www.monroecountycatholic.org](http://www.monroecountycatholic.org)

334 South Main Street  
Woodsfield, Ohio 43793-1027

**OCTOBER 6, 2024**

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**GN 2:18-24 HEB 2:9-11 MK 10:2-16**

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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, 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

**TWENTY-SIXTH  
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SUNDAY** Page 445 **OCT 6<sup>TH</sup>**  
**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** 8:30 a.m.  
 +Hilda Paulus *by Paulus & Rodgers Family*

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

**MONDAY** **OCT 7<sup>TH</sup>**  
**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield (School Mass)** 8:30 a.m.  
 +Stella Crum *by Rosemary Burkhardt*

**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** 4:00 p.m.  
 Eucharistic Rosary Congress –  
 Adoration & Rosary

**St. Sylvester Mass** 5:30 p.m.  
 +Connie Kavaleios *by Steve Schumacher*

**TUESDAY** **OCT 8<sup>TH</sup>**  
**St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg** 8:00 a.m.  
 Eucharistic Rosary Congress –  
 Adoration & Rosary

**St. John The Baptist Mass** 9:00 a.m.  
 +Ty Burkhardt *by Pete & Judy Thomas*

**WEDNESDAY** **OCT 9<sup>TH</sup>**  
**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** 6:30 p.m.  
 +Sam Lewis *by Knights of Columbus 5009*

**THURSDAY** **OCT 10<sup>TH</sup>**  
**St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg** 9:00 a.m.  
 8:00 a.m. Holy Hour  
 +Deb Block *by Doris Mallett Family*

**FRIDAY** **OCT 11<sup>TH</sup>**  
**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** 8:30 a.m.  
 +Joe Kuhn *by Yontz Family*

**SATURDAY** **OCT 12<sup>TH</sup>**  
**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** 8:30 a.m.  
 Seth Roberts

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

**SUNDAY** **OCT 13<sup>TH</sup>**  
**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** 8:30 a.m.  
 Living & Deceased of our Parishes

**St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg** 10:30 a.m.  
 +Fred Ulrich *by Cherye & Girls*

**Wednesday Adoration**

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

**SCHOOL  
NEWS**

\*The bake sale last week was a huge success despite the rainy weather. We made over \$2600. Thanks to all the volunteers!

\*St Sylvester School parents are selling Sweatshirts/Polo shirts. Ask a parent before October 11th you get your order in.

**EUCHARISTIC  
ROSARY CONGRESS**

We will have Eucharistic Adoration with rosary for an hour on Monday & Tuesday of this week before mass. There is a great need to pray together, in front of Jesus in the Eucharist, With our Lady, for our families, our diocese, our country, and our world.

Please join us in prayer.

**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

**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**

**Our Sunday Offering  
SEPT 28 - SEPT 29**

**St. John The Baptist**

Adult Collection \$ 1,268.00  
 Loose Collection \$ 81.00  
 School Fund \$ 65.00  
 Building Fund \$ 70.00  
 Cemetery Fund \$ 20.00

**St. Sylvester**

Adult Collection \$ 2,399.00  
 Loose Collection \$ 114.00  
 School Fund \$ 170.00  
 Mass Request \$ 10.00  
 Building Fund \$ 10.00  
 All Soul/Saints \$ 20.00  
 World Mission \$ 10.00  
 Human Develop \$ 10.00  
 Thanksgiving \$ 20.00  
 Cemetery Fund \$ 40.00

*A 12-Day Traditional  
Catholic Pilgrimage to*

**FRANCE**

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

**October 13-24, 2025**



**Register at**  
[www.stcharlespilgrimages.com/fulton-ward](http://www.stcharlespilgrimages.com/fulton-ward)



***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,

This Monday is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, a day when honor this most beautiful devotion in the life of the Church, the rosary, which is also a great spiritual weapon against the evils of our troubled world.

The origin of the Feast is in the sixteenth century. Originally called the Feast of "Our Lady of Victory," It was instituted to commemorate the victory of the Catholic League over the Muslim Ottoman Sultan at the Battle of Lepanto on October 17<sup>th</sup> 1571. The Catholic League, comprising the Spanish Empire, the Italian City States and Papal States, as well as the Order of the Knights of St. John (today known as the Knights of Malta) was formed by Pope Saint Pius V to protect Christendom from the growing threat of the Muslim Turks who were threatening to invade Europe. This great naval victory by the Catholic League prevented the Ottoman Empire from spreading west into the Mediterranean.

Pope Saint Pius V attributed the victory of Christendom to the intercession of Our Lady, as he had urged all of Catholic Europe to pray the Rosary for the success of the Christian army. The legend of the rosary as a powerful weapon against the enemies of God grew, and devotion to our Lady's rosary continued to become more popular.

The Feast of Our Lady of Victory of the Holy Rosary is a powerful reminder to us of certain realities. The first is that Christ, His Mother, and the Church has enemies. Christ, His Mother, and the Church are hated throughout the world and in our own country, despised, ignored, and mocked. We are called to love our enemies, but we are also supposed to be defenders of the truth. With fortitude, courage, and zeal for the Lord and His Church, it is important now as ever to stand up for the truths of the faith as well as for the welfare of the Church. This battle is mainly spiritual, as Saint Paul says, "For our struggle is not with flesh and blood but with the principalities, with the powers, with the world rulers of this present darkness, with the evil spirits in (Ephesians 6:12)." So many people today are held captive by the Devil, enslaved by the vices or by ignorance of the truth. So many people today are in league with the devil in fighting the Church on marriage, abortion, and the freedom to practice and teach the faith. The Church is beset on all sides by enemies in this present world, spiritual and temporal.

We pray for our enemies, but we also must not let ourselves become overtaken by them, converted by them, or silenced by them. We have a responsibility as Christian soldiers to spread the Kingdom of Christ in this world, starting in our homes and communities. And we have an obligation to protect ourselves: Persons and families who do not pray are easy targets for the enemy! Homes where the rosary is not prayed are places where the devil can easily recruit Catholic children for his army. Don't let him win. In spiritual combat, we trust Our Lady's strength, and the power of the great spiritual weapon which is the rosary, because nothing is more terrifying to the devil and his friends than one who is totally devoted to Christ, Our Lady, and the Church. In the words of St. Padre Pio: "Love the Madonna and pray the Rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today."

Our Lady of Victory, pray for us!

God bless you all,

Fr. Nick

**TUESDAY BINGO**

**October 8th**

Missy Knowlton  
Randall Sefert  
Justin/Abby Friday  
Phillip Masters

**October 15th**

Donna Robinson  
Phillip Masters  
Brenda Fisher  
Justin/Abby Friday

**October 22nd**

Bev Dick  
Brenda Fisher  
Chrissy Ferguson

**SUNDAY BINGO**

**October 6th**

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

**October 13th**

Missy Knowlton  
Terry Schumacher  
Nathan/Rachel Arden

**October 20th**

Missy Knowlton  
Robyn Guiler  
Olivia Fisher  
Marissa Cole  
Adam Chambers

**TUESDAY KITCHEN**

**October 8th**

St. John Baptist  
CWC

**October 15th**

Marcia Shipp  
Julie Selmon

**October 22nd**

Dawn Kuhn  
Diane Burkhart

**SUNDAY KITCHEN**

**October 6th**

Louise Kress  
Sandy Barnes

**October 13th**

Helen Strahl  
Louise Kress

**October 20th**

Jill Schumacher  
Louise Kress

**October 27th**

Louise Kress  
Mary Bolon

**Scripture Reading  
of the Week**

**Sunday**

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**Monday**

**OCT 7<sup>TH</sup>**

GAL 1:6-12

LK 10:25-37

**Tuesday**

**OCT 8<sup>TH</sup>**

GAL 1:13-24

LK 10:38-42

**Wednesday**

**OCT 9<sup>TH</sup>**

GAL 2:1-2, 7-14

LK 11:1-4

**Thursday**

**OCT 10<sup>TH</sup>**

GAL 3:1-5

LK 11:5-13

**Friday**

**OCT 11<sup>TH</sup>**

GAL 3:7-14

LK 11:15-26

**Saturday**

**OCT 12<sup>TH</sup>**

GAL 3:22-29

LK 11:27-28

**Sunday**

**OCT 13<sup>TH</sup>**

**TWENTY-EIGHTH  
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY  
TIME**

WIS 7:7-11

HEB 4:12-13

MK 10:17-30

**LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE**

- Oct 5.....Catherine Paulus
- Oct 6.....Jill Schumacher
- Oct 12.....Steve Burkhart
- Oct 13.....Tom Dick

**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?**

Where was Jesus betrayed and arrested ?

ANSWER:Gethsemane



**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