



MARCH 29, 2020

St. Monica Catholic Church

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will remain closed at least until Tuesday, April 7th per Governor DeWine's Stay at Home mandate. Phone messages will be handled on a regular basis. Please be patient during this difficult time.

MASSES: 7 days a week
Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m.
and 10:45 a.m.
Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Bulletin Announcements due to smedvetz@saintmonicachurch.net by NOON on Monday

PARISH CLERGY

Rev. Thomas A. Haren, **Pastor**
Rev. Theodore Marszal,
Senior Parochial Vicar
Rev. Jerome Lukachinsky,
Retired, in Residence
Rev. Thomas G. Montavon,
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Stan Drozell, **Deacon**

PASTORAL STAFF

Sister Helene Skrzyniarz
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Bob Soeder, **Director of Liturgy and Music**
Stan Jakosh, **Business Mgr**
Mrs. Sue Shepka, **Office Mgr**
Kathy Piggford,
Pastoral Council Chairman
Kathy Wendling,
Finance Council Chairman



BAPTISM: Please make arrangements in advance. Baptisms are performed on Sundays, immediately following the 10:45 a.m. Mass. Pre-Baptismal instruction is required for parents. Please call the Parish Office for time of next scheduled class.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Adults and school-age children seeking full membership in the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist can make an appt. to continue their conversion process by calling the Parish Office.

RECONCILIATION: Opportunities to celebrate God's forgiveness in one's life are available on Saturday afternoons from 3:15-3:45 p.m. Individual appointments with a Priest can be arranged.

MATRIMONY: The Diocese of Cleveland requires a 6-month preparation period for marriage. Call the Parish Office to set your wedding date and plan your celebration.

CONFIRMATION: Any adult or high school student needing Confirmation, please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Celebrated upon request. Call the Parish Office to make arrangements with one of our Priests.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please call the Parish Office to register.

ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC SCHOOL: Provides Catholic education for students K-8. School hrs.: 8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. *Before & After Care* available. Mrs. Lisa Oriti, *School Principal*

EUCCHARIST FOR THE HOMEBOUND: Parish Team and Staff Members visit the homebound on a monthly basis. If you or someone you know is homebound and would like to receive communion, call the Parish Office.



LITURGY SCHEDULE

Monday –Friday 8:00 a.m.
Morning Prayer and Rosary following 8:00 a.m. Mass (Morning prayer and rosary are temporarily canceled)

Sunday, March 29
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
 9:00 Frank, Jenny & Venus Leone
 10:45 Richard Lenczewski

Monday, March 30
Lenten Weekday
 8:00 Lisa Eidam Licht

Tuesday, March 31
Lenten Weekday
 8:00 Ramey & Ramatowski Families

Wednesday, April 1
Lenten Weekday
 8:00 Theodore J. Marszal

Thursday, April 2
Lenten Weekday
 8:00 Bob Speno

Friday, April 3
Lenten Weekday
 8:00 Margaret Rapsik

Saturday, April 4
Lenten Weekday
 4:00 Mary Schrembeck

Sunday, April 5
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
 9:00 People of the Parish
 10:45 Vincent J. DeFini

Our Weekend Mass Schedule will be LIVEDREAMED at <https://saintmonicachurch.net> –follow the link: **Weekend Mass Live Stream**

Please be assured the Priests of St. Monica will celebrate all Masses to fulfill these spiritual obligations

NOT What I Planned

If there ever was a saint for our times who had nearly every plan, he made dismantled, it is Saint Joseph, the husband of Mary, foster father of Jesus, and the Protector of the Church. If there was any saint who demonstrates how God writes straight with crooked lines, it is the man who without warning found his whole world turned upside down numbers of times! If there was any man who modeled what it meant to be Jesus' earthly father but is never quoted in the Gospels, it is Saint Joseph. Yet, Saint Joseph is revered as the greatest saint after Our Blessed Mother.

Consider all that Saint Joseph endured:

- He must have made plans for a normal life with Mary, but then discovers she has conceived a child that is not his. An angel appears to Joseph in a dream and he "takes Mary as his wife" (Mt. 1:20).
- He sets up a home and a trade to provide for his family when he needs to travel for the census, during which time his wife gives birth to the Son of God;
- In order to save Mary and the Child, Joseph leaves in the middle of the night for Egypt;
- He spends three excruciating days searching for the twelve-year-old Jesus who has 'disappeared' on their journey home.

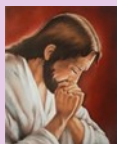
Saint Joseph received no guarantees about what the next day, month, or year held. Throughout the most unexpected circumstances in his life, Joseph was only guided by God's will presented in heavenly dreams.

When God dismantles our plans, when we live in the midst of both anxiety and uncertainty, Saint Joseph stands as our role model, inviting us to do the work we have been called to do while focusing on Jesus Christ as we wait for God to reveal the next step in our lives.

Pope Francis offers this spiritual communion prayer during coronavirus pandemic

As more Catholics around the world find themselves unable to receive the Eucharist due to the coronavirus pandemic, Pope Francis provided an example of a spiritual communion prayer that can be said from home. A spiritual communion is a uniting of oneself to the Sacrifice of the Mass through prayer:

"My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot, at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart ... I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You," Pope Francis prayed March 21 in his televised daily Mass from his residence in Vatican City. "Let us pray to the Lord, let us return to Him," the pope said in his homily.



Please keep in your prayers the following members of our Parish Community:

Bill Paluscsak, Joe Leone, Louis Neptune, Veronica Reil, Sarah Burket, Stanley Faiken, Joanne Reddinger, Chris Korow, Judy Watter, Geri Gryzbowski, Thom and Chris

Maچار, Aaron Benjamin, Richard Dolnicek. *The names will remain in the bulletin for two weeks. Please call the parish office if your name or a loved one's name needs to be added to the list. If you have a special intention you would like remembered in prayer, please call Lillian Neptune (216) 662-5464.*

Stewardship Offertory Collections

Collections will be updated as quickly as possible. Please be patient as the office is closed as mandated by the Stay at Home policy.