

Liturgy Schedule

8:30 Morning Prayer, Rosary, Monday through Friday

Monday, April 3 Lenten Weekday

8:00 Family of Robert Zelesnik
6:30 Eucharistic Exposition

Tuesday April 4 Lenten Weekday

8:00 Anna Decker

Wednesday, April 5 Lenten Weekday

8:00 Margaret A. Rapsik

Thursday, April 6 Lenten Weekday

8:00 Donald Vyhnal

First Friday, April 7 Lenten Weekday

8:00 Don McMillan
3:30 Living Stations
7:00 Stations

First Saturday, April 8 Lenten Weekday

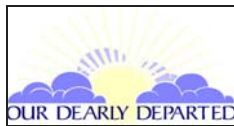
3:00 Confessions
4:00 Isabelle Pack

Sunday, April 9 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00 People of the Parish
10:00 Vincent DeFini
12:00 Roger Augustine



the following members of our Parish community: **Robin Pretzlaff, Carl Panko, Mary Romanchok, Michelle Mirande, Matthew Looby, Baby Ryan Martin, Chris Backo, John Hvisvos, Genevieve Jankowski, Frank Gigliotti, Edward Brady, Sheila Sillasen, David Bender, Andrew Burdette, Roger Zalewski, Richard Rosberil, Theresa Grimshaw, Joann Reddinger, Karen Styler, Stephen Rapsik, Sarah Burket and Mark Pennington.** The names will remain in the bulletin for two weeks. Please call the Parish office for more information. If you have a special intention you would like remembered in **prayer**, please call Lillian Neptune @ 216.662.5464.



Our sincere sympathy and prayers are extended to the family and friends of **Rev. Albert Kunkel** who was buried this past week. May he and all our dearly departed, rest in peace.



Holy Baptism

Congratulations to our newly baptized Christians: **Helena Dorothy Frantzis** and their families.



Please join us for Coffee & Donuts this weekend after the 8:00 & 10:00 am masses, **hosting will be members of Men of the Vine.** There will be NO Social next weekend.

Religion Question of the Week

How many Apostles witnessed the Death of Jesus?

Did You Know?

Did you know that the windows in the central nave of St. Monica Church depict the Ten Commandments?

One Liner

“Catholic Women have a strong support in the Church; it needs their strength”. (St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross – Edith Stein)

Answer to the Religion question of the week located on page 4 of this bulletin, under the collections.



The following people have been memorialized through donations to our Liturgical Memorial Fund over the past months:

JoAnn Morley Christine Morley Russell Morley

Mary Cole Jennie Zajko

Harry Badersted Florence Badersted

Margaret Badersted

With these funds we support the worship of our Church. If you would like to remember someone in this beautiful way, please call the Parish Office.

Are you a Catholic business owner? Become a business member of **AM 1260 The Rock**, WCCR, Cleveland's 24/7 Catholic radio station, and reach 2,000,000 souls in the Greater Cleveland area. Show your support for Catholic radio **and** get valuable exposure for your business. Business members also are listed on the **AM 1260 The Rock** website with a link to your business website. Contact **AM 1260 The Rock today at 216-227-1260!**

Faith Shots Continues!

The Resurrection of the Body is a truth we proclaim every weekend. Yet, there are divergent opinions about what the resurrected body will look like. Will we recognize family, friends, and others when we meet in heaven? And, what about those who will not go to heaven – will they have resurrected bodies too?



If any of these questions have ever crossed your mind, join us for the next installment of Faith Shots scheduled for April 1st and 2nd. Spend 15 minutes to learn more about your Catholic Faith as we explore the topic: **What will my resurrected body look like and can I negotiate for a better version?**

Faith Shots will take place immediately after all Weekend Masses in the West Nave of the Church.

Pastoral Scene

70 x 7 is not just a math problem

The Gospels often focus on the forgiveness of others. In the Gospel of Matthew that was read last Tuesday, Peter asked Jesus how often we were to forgive our neighbor, and was seven times a sufficient measure. Jesus answered Peter by saying that our standard for offering forgiveness was 'seventy times seven', or pretty much endless. I have a great love for this gospel, not because I can forgive well, but for what I learned from it over the years.

Some time ago an individual, with whom I had a wonderfully warm relationship, suddenly turned into Frosty the Snowperson. Since I had no idea why the coldness, I waited a couple of weeks before I tried to rekindle the relationship. Try as I might, no action on my part was successful. As I have often been told, I am not the brightest bulb in the marquee, so I did some prayerful soul-searching, tried a few more strategies, prayed about it, and finally took this problem to a good friend who was also my confessor. Somehow I hoped he could shed some light on this challenging problem when I made my confession. He did, but not in the way I expected.

When it came time for receiving my penance, the confessor said, "I want you to try one more time to heal this friendship even if you do not know what you did." Not noted for tact, I blurted out, "Oh, come on! Can't you just give me a rosary?" There was that priestly pause and then he stated, "Well, it all depends if you want absolution . . ." For a nano-second I thought about the alternative, but knew when the priest takes the place of Jesus, one certainly must obey!

About a week later, my former friend and I attended a sparsely populated early morning Mass, and I heard the Lord's voice saying, "if your brother has anything against you, go and be reconciled with your brother before you bring your gift to the altar." At the sign of peace, I walked over, extended my hand hoping this would be the magic moment, but was rebuffed. Not a happy ending to be sure, but for the first time I truly felt at peace. Now you may wonder why I would want to share this story?

The Gospels always make the link between God's forgiveness of us and our forgiveness of one another. This situation – and my unexpected penance – have helped me to develop a strategy to become a better forgiver and have made me much more aware of what I say, think, and do.

As an imperfect human being, I try to keep my sins and imperfections before my mind's eye, especially when I pray the Our Father and the penitential rite at the beginning of Mass.

As our priests here at the parish advise, I try to get to confession more often. I find that when my sins have to be verbally spoken, I can be a lot more realistic about what I experience and far more careful of what I do.

I try to forgive quickly and remain tolerant of those who are carrying much heavier crosses than I must shoulder.

I have also found that forgiveness needs to be concrete. The, 'he or she will understand' does not do it. Writing a note, making a call, speaking to one personally is very much what Jesus would do if He were in our place.

Seventy times seven is not just a math problem! It is also a wonderful reminder of the infinite forgiveness of a merciful and loving God who hopes that we will reflect that tender mercy to those around us.

Sister Helene

Please Join Us

Cemetery/funeral pre-planning seminar and workshop. Special Pricing for all in attendance.

Date: Sat. April 22nd. 1-2P.M.

Location: CALVARY CEMETERY office. 10000 Miles Ave. This workshop is free (registration is appreciated). Light snacks and refreshments will be provided. Please visit our website at www.clecem.org for all dates and locations. **Please call the Cemetery office to register at 440-286-7151 Ext. # 4.**

Divine Mercy Sunday

As a sign of Jesus' forgiving love and mercy, the Church celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday. Jesus told Saint Faustina: "I want this image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter: that Sunday is to be the Feast of Mercy. Whoever will go to confession and receive the Holy Eucharist will receive complete forgiveness of sin and punishment." A deed of mercy was also asked by Jesus. Giving food to the St. Vincent de Paul pantry, providing a ride to a neighbor to Mass, or donating to Operation Rice Bowl are just a few ways we can show Jesus' love and mercy to our neighbor during Lent. **Divine Mercy Sunday is April 23rd. The Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet begin on Good Friday, and ends with 12:00 noon Mass, followed by the Divine Mercy Holy Hour at 1:00pm the Sunday after Easter. Pamphlets are available at the doors of the Church.** As we prepare for Divine Mercy Sunday, may we say from our hearts often, "Jesus I trust in You!"



Bereavement Ministry Support Session



Our next session will take place on **Saturday, April 8th at 10:00am in the St. Augustine Room, located in the School Building.** Family members, friends, parishioners and non-parishioners are all welcome to take advantage of these sessions. **To register, please call the Parish Office at (216) 662-8695.**

ST. MONICA SENIOR GROUP

Join the Senior's in the Augustine Room of the School on **APRIL 11TH beginning at 2PM.** Join your friends for a FUN-filled afternoon with refreshments and FUN & Games! *New members are ALWAYS welcome* so bring a friend! Hope to see you.

Offered by Jesuit Retreat House in Parma

Life After the Resurrection the Changes Everything for Jesus, for Us. April 25. 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. A day retreat presented by Fr. Matt Roche, SJ. **Coffee and tea provided at 8:30 am. Also includes lunch. Cost: \$40. To register contact [440-884-9300](tel:440-884-9300) or visit www.jrh-cleveland.org**

Congratulations St. Monica \$1000 Raffle Winners:

Patrick Lovick, Ticket # 1467 Seller & Captain Bill Simon

Brandon Urasek, Ticket #1050 Seller & Capt. Bill Skladany



Stewardship

OFFERTORY COLLECTION March 25 / March 26

Regular Sunday Envelopes	\$ 7,836.00
St. Monica Fund	\$ 441.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 12.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 159.00



Answer to This Week's Question

How many Apostles witnessed the Death of Jesus?

Answer: Only one – John.

To help build an endowment fund, please consider remembering St. Monica Church in your Will.



Congratulations to **seventh grader Kenyon Marshall** and **eighth grader Yasmin Fields** who were announced as winners of the LifeWorks Ohio Respect Life Art, Essay, and Poetry contest. Kenyon won Honorable Mention in the Grade 7 Essay Division and Yasmin won First Place in the Grade 8 Essay Division. The awards ceremony will take place on Sunday, April 2nd. Congratulations Kenyon and Yasmin, the staff at St. Benedict Catholic School are so proud of you!



On Sunday, April 2nd from 12:00-2:00 p.m. the St. Benedict Early Learning Center will be hosting their Open House for interested preschool families. Please contact the school office at **216-662-9380** with any questions.

Parish Activities

MONDAY, April 3

- 4:00 Athletic Practice (g)
- 6:30 Eucharistic Exposition (+)
- 8:00 Holy Name Mtg (c)

TUESDAY, April 4

- 2:00 Senior Board Mtg (F)
- 4:00 Athletic Practice (g)
- 6:00 Bible Group (p.o. kitchen)
- 6:30 PTU Mtg (c)
- 6:45 Troop 389 Mtg (F)
- 7:00 Guild Board Mtg. (J)
- 7:00 MH K of C Mtg. (AR)

WEDNESDAY, April 5

- 12:00 Scripture Study (+)
- 12:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (+)
- 3:00 Fish Fry Prep (k & c)
- 4:00 Athletic Practice (g)
- 6:30 Growing Our Faith (SLL)

THURSDAY, April 6

- 11:00 Diocese Mtg. (AR)
- 3:00 Fish Fry Prep (k & c)
- 4:00 Athletic Practice (g)
- 7:00 Pastoral Council Mtg. (CC)

Friday, April 7

- 3:30 Stations (+)
- 4:00 Athletic Practice (g)
- 4:00 Fish Fry (c)
- 7:00 Living Stations (+)
- 8:00 MHCC Mtg (AR)

SATURDAY, April 8

- 7:30 Men of the Vine (ocu 1&2)
- 9:00 Sandwich Saturday (J)
- 10:00 Bereavement Mtg (AR)
- 6:00 250 Dinner (c)

SUNDAY, April 9

Palm Sunday

YOUTH GROUP APRIL 2017

All students grades 6-12 are invited to join us for TWO meetings in the month of April!



Wed April 5 is Movie Night for BOTH

groups! Arrive to the youth room by 6:15. Movie begins promptly at 6:30pm. High school will watch Risen (PG-13), middle school will watch Evan Almighty (PG). Pizza & popcorn will be served.



Wed April 26 is a Special Activity Night for BOTH

Groups! Doors open at 6:15pm. Activity will run 6:30-8:15 for both groups. High school will meet in the Youth Room, middle school will meet in the Social Room. A light snack will be served.

Nancy Heineke, Youth Minister YOUTH412 is a cluster program of St Martin of Tours, St Monica, Saints Peter and Paul and St Therese 13623 Rockside Road, Garfield Hts OH 44125 (216) 662-8685 ext 123

Readings for the Week of April 2, 2017

Sunday	Fifth Sunday of Lent Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
Monday	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday	Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday	Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday	Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday	Saint John Baptist de la Salle, Priest Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday	Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56

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Sunday	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54
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“There’s Magic in the Air”



The St. Therese Social Concerns Commission presents its **Eighth Annual Tea on Saturday, April 22, from 12:30-3:00 p.m.** at the Knights of Columbus 4130 Hall, 10806 Granger Road. **Tickets are \$20 in advance. Please call Cindy at 216-587-3309 or Kathy at 216-663-1427. There will be magical entertainment by David Anthony!**