

Liturgy Schedule

8:30 Morning Prayer, Rosary, Monday through Friday

Monday, April 17 Monday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 John and Ruth Legan and Baby Anthony

Tuesday April 18 Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 Kevin Rowinski & Family

Wednesday, April 19 Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 Living & Deceased Members of Bob Sabatka Family

Thursday, April 20 Thursday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 Corporal Brad Davis

Friday, April 21 Friday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 Mary Ann Hejl

Saturday, April 22 Saturday within the Octave of Easter

3:15 Confessions

4:00 Isabelle Pack

Sunday, April 23 Divine Mercy Sunday

8:00 George Stepanik

10:00 Joseph & Margaret Dubas

12:00 People of the Parish

1:00 Divine Mercy

2:00 Baptism



the following members of our Parish community: **Marie, Mary Ann Doravewski, Frank Zorc, 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 **Michael Kosarko and Lea Colagiavanni** who were buried this past week. May they and all our dearly departed, rest in peace.

Wedding Banns

I John Ricci and Marlene Pharis



Our Last Coffee & Donuts Social will be held April 30th. Hosting will be the Ushers / Tri-M

Religion Question of the Week

Where were the Apostles on Easter Sunday evening when they saw Jesus?

Did You Know?

Did you know that the first building used for St. Monica Church services in 1952 was Maple Leaf School on Turney Rd.?

One Liner

"There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends". (Jesus at the Last Supper)

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

Are You Registered At St. Monica's?

Our Church is open to any person who wants to worship God. **All are welcome.** There is another aspect of attending a Church that is also important. We need to "belong to a Church". St. Monica's is not just a building, it is a community of persons. We come from many walks of life; but we share one common interest - we want to worship Jesus Christ and live by His teachings. So it is vital that we make a commitment to do this together as a family. We do this when we register in the parish. **If you are not registered, please contact the parish office any day, Monday - Friday @ 216.662.8685,** and our secretaries will make this possible.

As parish Priests we make a commitment to serve the needs of our parishioners, but we need to know who they are. If you are attending Mass here on a regular basis, and have not registered, please know that you are welcome to become a parishioner of St. Monica Church. You will be a wonderful addition to our parish family.

Fr. Thomas Haren

Communion Weekends Are coming!



First Holy Communion weekends will be celebrated at the 4:00 PM Saturday and 12:00 PM Sunday Masses on April 22nd and 23rd, April 29th and 30th and May 6th and 7th.

Pews upfront in the main nave will be reserved for communicants and their families. I just wanted you to be aware that you may not be able to worship in the same pew you usually prefer. However, be assured that the second graders who are receiving Jesus for the first time will be praying for all of you!! If you have any questions, please contact Sister Helene. Thank you!

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Parish Office will be **CLOSED** on Easter Sunday and Easter Monday. The office will reopen on Tuesday, April 18th at 8:00am. Have a Blessed Easter!!

Pastoral Scene

All of us here at St. Monica, the pastor, associate, deacon, staff and parishioners want to extend to you our wish for a happy and holy season of Easter!

If you are new or are visiting our parish, please accept our warmest of welcomes. We are blessed by your presence and enjoy sharing our beautiful church and ministries with you.

If you are not a Roman Catholic, but would like to know more about our faith or how it is the same or different from your own, we would love to share our story with you. If you have never been baptized, it might be a good time for you to come to know Jesus as we know him so that you might understand the reason we celebrate this glorious mystery of his life, death and resurrection.

If you have been away from Church for a while, we are so glad that you have decided to come today. Please know that if there is anything that we can do for you, anything that we can help you with, we have missed you and would love to do what we are able. Sometimes the things that keep us away are not that hard to overcome when we help each other. Please think about letting this feast of the Lord's resurrection help you to make a new start at being a regular member of our community. We all will be better for you being with us.

If you have been hurt in anyway, please know that it would never be our intent and that we are sure there can always be a way of reconciling us to each other and God. That is the ministry Jesus himself gave us as his children and we take it very seriously, especially in the season that gave birth to the Church.

We are a family of believers that come as sons and daughters of God to be fed and nourished at his table. As a family we are only whole when we are together. It is our prayer that God will continue to bless our presence in this community with vibrancy and faithfulness to his Gospel. It is our hope that our prayers will always blend with yours.

Fr. Haren, Fr. Marszal, Fr. Lukachinsky, Fr. Ewulu

Planned Parenthood is the largest performer of abortions in the U.S. Everyone is invited to witness to the Sanctity of Human Life and to call for the defunding of Planned Parenthood on Saturday April 29th from 9-11:00am. We as Christians are not to participate (even through funding) in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but to expose them. (Eph. 5:11). **Planned Parenthood is at 25350 Rockside Road, Bedford Hts. To car-pool or for any further information, phone Regina 216-581-4122.**

MONKS BREAD TO BE AT ST. MONICA'S ON APRIL 23

We will be going to the Abbey of the Genesee to pick up some of the Maple Cinnamon Bread which will be used to make the French toast for our Community Breakfast on April 23. **The menu will include Maple Cinnamon French Toast, sausage, scrambled eggs, juice and coffee for \$6.00. Dine in or carry out available.** We are



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handicapped accessible and accept credit cards. **Breakfast will be served from 8:30 to 1:30 in the school cafeteria. We will also have Cinnamon Raisin Bread along with the Maple Cinnamon for sale by the loaf. If you plan on purchasing more than 5 loaves, please call Chris at 216-581-4149 (leave a message) before Tuesday, April 18 to reserve larger amounts.**

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 began 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 22nd 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.**



Good Samaritan Fund

The Good Samaritan Fund was established for St. Monica Parish with the approval of Bishop Lennon. The purpose of this fund is to enable our parish to provide *registered active parishioners* with financial support for various needs *including (but not limited to) tuition assistance for Catholic Education.* This support comes in the form of a one-time grant, with funds only payable directly to the institution.

Applications are available for pick up in the Parish Office. The deadline for completing and returning applications will be Friday May 12th. Those requesting assistance will need to demonstrate financial need, as well as verifiable proof of being a registered active parishioner of St. Monica Church.

Please join us for the ... 33rd St. Monica Ladies Guild

Spring Luncheon Fashion Show
Sunday April 30, 2017 @ 1:00pm

Mediterranean Party Center
25021 Rockside Road, Bedford Hts.

Tickets: \$25.00

Luncheon choices are:
Chicken Breast w/Orange Honey Glaze, St. Louis Ribs
or Baked White Fish with Lemon Butter Sauce.
Chinese Raffle ~ Cash Raffle & Lucky "33"



For more information and ticket sales



Stewardship

OFFERTORY COLLECTION March 25 / March 26

Regular Sunday Envelopes	\$ 9,423.00
St. Monica Fund	\$ 787.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 20.50
Collection for Eastern Europe	\$ 328.00

Next week, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the US are considered home missions because they are unable to find essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support of this appeal helps ease the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Answer to This Week's Question

Where were the Apostles when they met Jesus on Easter Sunday evening?

Answer: In the Upper Room where they ate the Last Supper.

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



**St. Benedict
Catholic School**

THOREAU BICENTENNIAL

During the month of April, classes at St. Benedict Catholic School continued preparing lessons on Henry David Thoreau. Some classes are writing poems about nature or Henry David Thoreau. Others are creating posters that explain and illustrate major events in Thoreau's life. Students are creating wonderful posters of Flat Henry and have taken him to many interesting places. The most exotic place Henry has visited was Japan. Since Henry loved Oriental philosophy, he enjoyed that trip. In Art, students are also creating drawings of their favorite thing in nature, modeling Henry's doodles in his journals. It is hard to believe that we are already near the conclusion of the school year and our study of Henry David Thoreau. Thank you to Mrs. Przybojewski as well as all the teachers for leading the way in our Henry David Thoreau lessons.

Parish Activities

MONDAY, April 17

All Buildings Closed

TUESDAY, April 18

4:00 Athletic Practice (g)
6:00 Bible Group (F)
6:45 SVDP (p.o. kitchen)
6:45 Troop 389 Mtg (c)
7:00 MH K of C (AR)

WEDNESDAY, April 19

12:00 Tai Chi (J)
4:00 Athletic Practice (g)

THURSDAY, April 20

4:00 Athletic Practice (g)
7:00 Guild Mtg (c)
7:00 Athletic Mtg (F)

Friday, April 21

4:00 Athletic Practice (g)

SATURDAY, April 22

7:30 Men of the Vine (ocu 1&2)
9:00 Breakfast Prep (c)
10:00 Bereavement Mtg. (AR)

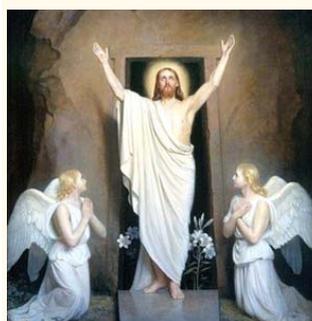
SUNDAY, April 23

8:30 Community Breakfast (c)

YOUTH MINISTRY



Alleluia! Today we celebrate the center and focus of our youth group - *JE-SUS!* How wonderful it is that so many young people in our cluster have felt the nudge and answered the call



to *Walk With Jesus* through our cluster youth group program **YOUTH412**. This year, our Young Church has explored what it means to be in this world, but not of it. Together we have explored, discussed, prayed and often laughed, and we welcome new teens to join us at any time - it's never too late! Each meeting is fresh and new. Our Adult Leadership Team provides loving guidance with servant hearts. With out the adult team, we would not be able to serve both middle school *and* high school students. *A Blessed Easter to you all!*

Next Youth Group Meeting is Wed April 26, 6:30-8:30pm in the youth room located in Saints Peter and Paul's school building. The group welcomes ALL teens in grades 6-12. Groups are separated during the meeting by middle/high school grades. Doors open at 6:15pm and a light snack will be served.

Readings for the Week of April 16, 2017

Sunday	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Lk 24:13-35
Monday	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday	Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22; Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday	Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday	Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:35-48
Friday	Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a; Jn 21:1-14
Saturday	Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Mk 16:9-15
Sunday	Second Sunday of Easter or Sunday of Divine Mercy Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

St. Mary Church Bedford is offering a trip to Washington DC on June 16, 17, 18, 2017. Trip includes: Transportation, 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, admissions and guide service. Departure from St. Mary **Friday, June 16 at 8:00am** Activities include but are not limited to: **Fri:** 2 hour visit to Smithsonian Museum of your choice, Tour Washington with step on guide, Dinner on own at Union Station. **Sat.:** Tour Washington with step on guide. Tour of the city from the comfort of our coach, 3 hour visit to one of the Smithsonian Museum of your choice, White House Visitor Center, Archives and Arlington Cemetery. Dinner on your own at Pentagon City, Lighted driving tour of memorials & monuments with guide. **Sun.:** Mass at The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and tour. **return at midnight on Sunday, June 18.**

Cost: Single \$568; \$398.00 pp double, Triple \$370; Quad \$318 (\$150.00 pp deposit due by April 30, 2017) For more information on registration please call Cindy Jeric @ 330.963.0808