

# Divine Mercy

April 19, 2020  
Sunday of  
Divine Mercy  
SUNDAY

# St. Monica Church

Catholic Church

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will remain closed at least through April 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](mailto: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,

**Retired, in Residence**

Stan Drozell, **Deacon**

## PASTORAL STAFF

Sister Helene Skrzyniarz

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Stan Jakosh, **Business Mgr**

Susan 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.

**Sunday, April 19**

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

9:00 George Stepanik  
10:45 People of the Parish

**Monday, April 20**

**Easter Weekday**

8:00 Mary Ann Hejl

**Tuesday, April 21**

**Easter Weekday**

**St. Anselm, Bishop & Doctor**

8:00 Corporal Brad A. Davis

**Wednesday, April 22**

**Easter Weekday**

8:00 Stanley Levanduski

**Thursday, April 23**

**Easter Weekday**

**St. George, Martyr; St. Adelbert, Bishop & Martyr**

8:00 Living & Deceased members of Bea Sabatka Family

**Friday, April 24**

**Easter Weekday**

**St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr**

8:00 All Souls

**Saturday, April 25**

**St. Mark, Evangelist**

4:00 People of the Parish

**Sunday, April 26**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

9:00 Fr. Lukachinsky  
10:45 Rose Musarro

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

**Divine Mercy Sunday – April 19<sup>th</sup>**



On April 11<sup>th</sup>, fifteen years ago, on the vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday, following the Church Vespers, St. John Paul II passed away. This Holy Father had done more than any other pope to promote the Devotion to Divine Mercy in our world. In the 1930's Our Lord had appeared to St. Faustina, a Polish Nun, and had asked her to tell the world that Jesus would share His Mercy on all who would ask for it. He asked us to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and confidently ask for His forgiveness. He told us that we should put our Trust in Him.

I believe that one of the reasons our twenty-first century culture seems to be heading in the wrong direction, is due to the loss of our relationship with God. I believe that we are afraid to admit our sinfulness, so we try to live as though God does not exist. Jesus wants us to know that despite our sinfulness, we are still loved by God. All we need to do is to ask for His Mercy. Please take time to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet this Sunday; or if you do not know this prayer, tell God that you love Him, and say this prayer: "Jesus I trust in You". This could make a major difference in your relationship with God. May Jesus bless you with His Mercy.

Fr. Thomas Haren

**NEW BACKGROUND FOR TABERNACLE**

**Exciting News**



There are plans underway to place a new background in the area of the Sanctuary that surrounds the Tabernacle. This background would separate the Tabernacle from the corridor behind the Tabernacle. For many years this space has been an open area. Often, when we enter or leave the main body of the Church, we have passed by the Tabernacle without any acknowledgement that this is a Sacred Space in the Church. This improvement will help us to distinguish this section of the Sanctuary from the corridor. It would help guard the reverence that should be visible when we walk through this area. Another purpose for this improvement is to make the Tabernacle more visible as a Sacred Space in the Sanctuary when a person visits our parish. The Tabernacle will be distinctly seen when one looks towards the Main Altar of the Church.

Over the past few weeks, several members of our Parish Staff, the Pastoral Council, the Finance Council, the Art and Environment Committee, and our major organizations of St. Monica Church have given their impressions on this improvement and have given their approval. We hope to have this new background in place when we are given permission to celebrate Mass again in St. Monica Church. We also hope that all of our parishioners will grow in their respect for the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist through this new Background in our Sanctuary.

May our love of Jesus Christ grow in us all,  
Fr. Thomas Haren and all of our Parish Staff

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



Bill Paluscak, Joe Leone, Louis Neptune, Veronica Reil, Sarah Burket, Stanley Faiken, Joanne Reddinger, Chris Korow, Judy Watter, Geri Gryzbowski, Thom and Chris Machar, Aaron Benjamin, Richard Dolniczek. *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**

**April 5th**

Regular Offertory.....	\$ 6,111.60
St. Monica Fund.....	\$ 965.00
Easter.....	\$ 3,025.00
Good Friday Holy Land Collection.....	\$ 250.00

Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal.

**Please continue to mail in your donations or donate online on our parish website. Thank you.**