NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER May 4th

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office is open 8:00 am—5:00 pm. Monday - Thursday and 8:00 am— Noon on Friday

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

Bulletin Announcements due to srjoyce@saintmonicachurch.net by NOON on Friday

PARISH CLERGY

Rev. John J. <u>Mullee</u>, **Pastor** Rev. Theodore <u>Marszal</u>, **Senior Parochial Vicar** Stan <u>Drozell</u>, **Deacon**

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NATIONAL St. Monica April 30, 2023

Catholic Church



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: We, the parish of St. Monica, work to create a Christlike family, welcoming all people where one encounters a loving God, by serving the spiritual, educational and social needs of the community.

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*

EUCHARIST 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.

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

<u>Sunday, April 30</u> Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:00 People of the Parish10:45 Allen Yakich

<u>Monday, May 1</u> Easter Weekday

8:00 David Grzybowski

<u>Tuesday, May 2</u> Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 Living & deceased of Judy Rose Family

<u>Wednesday, May 3</u> Sts. Philip and James, Apostles

8:00 David & Lillian Mosinski

<u>Thursday, May 4</u> Easter Weekday

8:00 All Souls

<u>Friday, May 5</u> Easter Weekday

8:00 James Murowsky

<u>Saturday, May 6</u> Easter Weekday

4:00 Frank Hrovat

Sunday, May 7 Fifth Sunday of Easter 9:00 People of the Parish 10:45 Dorothy Gadomski



III Marissa Filakosky and Tommy Bumbarger

St. Vincent DePaul

At this time the SVDP Pantry at St. Monica's is in need of the following:

Paper Towels Toilet Paper Tooth Paste Deodorant Shampoo Tooth Brushes And other hygiene products Items can be left in church or dropped off at the parish office.

Pastoral Scene

YOU Feed Them

The "Feeding of the Five Thousand" is the only miracle that appears in each of the four Gospels in the New Testament and must have been a very important story in the early Church. Despite four tellings, the facts of the miracle remain intact.

The setting of the miracle was the sloping grassy hill that overlooked The Bay of Parables, and its rocky, multi-soil cover that stretched into the shore. It was no wonder that the Apostles asked Jesus to send people to near-by villages for food, since this desolate place had nothing resembling edible food.

Then Jesus placed the problem directly in the Apostles' hands saying, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." Five loaves and two fish were all that could be found, but to feed five thousand men besides women and children seemed an impossible task. Why, then, would Jesus ask for the help of the Apostles for in doing what seemed impossible when He could have performed a miracle on His own?

As this story reminds us, Jesus did not act alone! Jesus did not gather the loaves and fishes, multiply the loaves and fishes, and distribute all that food to the people on His own, Jesus took what the Apostles could find and bring to Him, which He then blessed, broke, and gave back to them to distribute to the crowd. Why?

Perhaps rather than seeing the miracle, they needed to begin to participate in a miracle!

Did you ever wonder if the Apostles were just sitting in the crowd, waiting for God to act, and hanging on to their own lunches, before Jesus said, "Bring what you have to me." Whatever they had, or like Andrew (who probably did not pack a lunch) found a little boy who had five barley loaves and two dried fish, Jesus received. What they presented to Jesus was the 'seed' for the start of a miracle so important that all four Gospel writers had to share it!

This miracle is really a story about discipleship.

Jesus did not act alone – he asked his disciples to bring them what they could find. After their offerings were blessed and broken, Jesus

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Activities CALENDAR

Monday, May 1

4:00 p.m. Athletic Practice (g)4:15 p.m. Walking Class (J)7:00 p.m. Coin Club Meeting (AR)7:00 p.m. Holy Name Board Meeting (F)

Tuesday, May 2

4:00 p.m. Athletic Practice (g) 6:00 p.m. PTU Monthly Meeting (c 1&2) 6:30 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting (F)

Wednesday, May 3

3:00 p.m. St. Benedict Spring Musical (g) 6:30 p.m. Ladies Guild Board Meeting (F) 6:30 p.m. G.A. Meeting (+)

Thursday, May 4

3:00 p.m. St. Benedict Spring Musical (g) 4:15 p.m. Walking Class (J)

Friday, May 5

4:00 p.m. Athletic Practice (g) 5:00 p.m. Set Up Sandwich Saturday (J)

Saturday, May 6

9:00 a.m. Sandwich Saturday (J)

Sunday, May 7

7:30 p.m. A.A. (c)



Our sincere sympathy and prayers are extended to the families and friends of all who have recently died. May they and all of the dearly departed, rest in peace.

STEWARDSHIP

April 23, 2023

 Sunday Offering......\$ 4,771.00

 St. Monica Fund......\$ 210.00

 Misc. Special Envelopes.....\$ 254.00

Please note our average weekly expenses are \$13,546.00

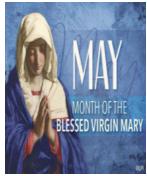
Please continue to mail in your donations, donate online or drop off at the office. You can also drop your donation in the baskets in church. Thank you for your continued support.



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

Brenda Lindsey, Lisa Kuzniakowski, Special Intention, Terry Budd, Mark Hojnowski, Joanne Reddinger, Gerald & Carol DeLooze, Marilyn, Mary Jane Speno, Ronald Rajewski, Dorothy Hover, Lisa Bielawski, Gaylene Bielawski, Special Intentions,

The names will remain in the bulletin for two months. 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.**



Flowers for Blessed Mother Mary May is the month of the Blessed Mother Mary.

Beginning with roses in May would like to give the Blessed Mother Mary flowers.

Small monetary donations to assist with this would be appreciated. To make a donation simply place your donation in an envelope and mark it "Flowers for Blessed Mother Mary" and place it in the weekend collection or drop it off at the parish office—if the office is closed simply place the envelope in the mail slot located at the left of the door.

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Sandwich Saturday

Join us Saturday **May 6th**, beginning at **9:00 am** in the lower level of the Parish Office.

This month, sandwiches are delivered to St. Ignatius High School for their Ministry to the Homeless

Any questions, call the Parish Office 216-662-8685.



All are invited to "spread" the joy

Fundraiser for Father Dan's Helping Hands Food Pantry

Derby Day Breakfast Buffet at Sirna's Cafe, 795 Broadway, Bedford, Ohio (440-232-9825)

Saturday, May 6, 2023 (from 7:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.) ALL YOU CAN EAT!!! Tickets: \$5.00 Buffet with a donation of non-perishable food or \$10.00 without.

Calendar Fundraiser

Winners



- April 18— Rosemary Benesh TJ Maxx Gift Card \$25 Multi Restaurant Gift Card \$25
- April 19— Josie Kaczmarek The Foundry Social Gift Card \$75
- April 20— Bernice Nenadovich Cash \$50
- April 21— Barbara Odziemski Cinemark Gift Card \$25 Olive Garden Gift Card \$25
- April 22— Kaminski Macy's Gift Cards \$50
- April 23— Christine Waltos Chick-Fil-A Gift Card \$50
- April 24— Lisa Oleksy Tote Bag Set \$50 Pickle Ball Set \$45

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Join Fr. John for 13 days (June 13-25) and travel Italy wide and Switzerland. Destinations will include Sorrento, Capri, Pompeii, Rome, Florence, Venice and much more!

Travel to Italy with Fr. John Mullee

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action=trip_registration&tripid=10741

HOLY LAND GIFTS

After all Masses on May 6th and 7th

There will be a display of handmade articles for sale such as nativity scenes, Crucifixes, rosaries, and many other beautiful religious items.

Because of conflict in the region, many Christian families in Bethlehem are struggling to make ends meet.

When you purchase one of these beautiful gifts, you are helping artisans in the Holy Land provide for their families who live and work with dignity in the region fraught with tension.

Thank you for supporting this project to keep the Christians present in the Holy Land

Visit GiftsofJerusalem.com for additional information and items.

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Saint Monica Parish proudly announces that the following teenagers became fully initiated Catholics through their Confirmation on Sunday, April 23. Please congratulate them when you see them and pray that they will always remain faithful to their Catholic Faith!



Zachary Christopher Blaise Ade - Annabelle Grace Alexis Ferrara Selena Masiel Veronica Montiel - Piper Veronica Monica Satola Alessandro Guillermo Francisco Zacharias

Carlee Rayne Anastasia Koerner - Jeremiah D'Angelo Rodriguez Kreiger



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There will be a Divine Mercy Holy Hour Sunday May 7th at 2:30 PM in St. Monica Church. All are welcome!

Pastoral Scene continued

gave all back to them so that they could distribute it to the crowd. What they had was enough to satisfy everyone - and there were even leftovers!

Discipleship involves giving those we work with 'something to eat' spiritually or physically. We may think the loaves we offer seem like nothing, our talents insufficient, our time or money lacking, and our abilities too weak for participating in a miracle. Each of us can be used by God to perform the miracle of feeding his sheep. both physically and spiritually.

I have a question for each of us to reflect on this week: Where do I start to bring my five loaves and two fish to God - so that I might begin to participate in a miracle? Ask me next week what my miracle was!

Gathering my loaves and fish, Sister Helene

The Altar & Rosary Sodality of SS. Peter & Paul Parish

invites you to its Spring Luncheon on Saturday, May 20th, Knights of Columbus Annex Hall, 10806 Granger Road. Doors open at noon. Donation of \$25.00 per ticket. Advance sale only by May 12. Tickets available by calling Bernie Traz at 216-392-1287 or at SS. Peter & Paul Rectory during normal business hours. Spend an afternoon with family and friends, lunch, entertainment, basket raffle, cash raffle, and more!

Knights of Columbus Measure Up Campaign

On the Weekend of May 6th and 7th the Garfield Heights Knights of Columbus will hold their Annual Measure Up Campaign.

All money collected will be donated to help people with Mental Disabilities

The St. Monica Summer Series Presents:



Thur. June 8, 2023 – The Pop Tarts

Thur. July 13, 2023 – New Barleycorn

Thur. September 14, 2023 – The Joey Tomsick Orchestra



PATRON ADS

HELP SUPPORT US BY PURCHASING A PATRON AD!

THIS HELPS TO COVER THE COST OF THE ENTERTAINMENT!

\$10 GETS YOUR NAME ON OUR SPONSOR BOARD FOR ALL 3 EVENTS, AS WELL AS IN OUR WEEKLY BULLETIN.

Name: _____

_____Phone: _____

(Please print clearly)

Please make your check payable to : St. Monica Church. Return in the Sunday Collection, in person at the Parish Office, or drop it in the mailbox slot next to the office door.

Deadline for Patron Ads is Monday, May 22, 2023.

We appreciate your help and support.



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- Must be an insurance member to open annuity accounts
- ♦ Minimum to open account \$1,000
- After the 1st year the interest rate will revert to the prevailing rate at that time

2 Year Annuity

Effective 1/1/23 - New Business

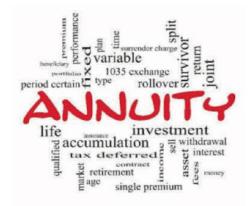
- ♦ 3.5% for members only with a 3% guarantee
- ◊ 2-year penalty
- Must be an insurance member to open annuity accounts
- ♦ Minimum to open account \$1,000
- Additional deposits can be made in increments of \$25 or greater

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- Additional deposits can be made in increments of \$25 or greater

For applications or additional information contact the home office (216) 341-0444.





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For Example:		\$5,000 Face/5-Pay	\$5,000 Face/10-Pay
	Age 0	\$115.23/Year 1	\$75.77/Year 1
	Female	\$149.65/Years 2-5	\$98.40/Years 2-10
	Age 0	\$126.36/Year 1	\$81.97/Year 1
	Male	\$164.10/Years 2-5	\$106.45/Years 2-10
	Age 25	\$196.94/Year 1	\$126.63/Year 1
	Female	\$268.75/Years 2-5	\$164.45/Years 2-10
	Age 25	\$225.65/Year 1	\$137.02/Year 1
	Male	\$293.05/Years 2-5	\$177.95/Years 2-10
	Age 50	\$383.84/Year 1	\$225.57/Year 1
	Female	\$498.50/Years 2-5	\$292.95/Years 2-10
	Age 50	\$406.44/Year 1	\$238.51/Year 1
	Male	\$527.85/Years 2-5	\$309.75/Years 2-10

For more details and rates pertaining to yourself or others contact the home office via (216) 341-0444 or <u>insurance@czechccu.org</u>

Remember... Since we are still offering our "Tell a Family Member or Friend" if you, our member, choose not to take part in this offer, we encourage you to pass it on. In doing so, you are able to receive \$25 for referring, as long as the individual referred completes the application process.

ENTRANCE CHANT 566 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

FIRST READING Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed: "Let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and they asked Peter and the other apostles, "What are we to do, my brothers?" Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is made to you and to your children and to all those far off, whomever the Lord our God will call." He testified with many other arguments, and was exhorting them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand persons were added that day.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 23:1-6

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side. With your rod and your staff that give me courage.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.



SECOND READING 1 Peter 2:20b-25

Beloved: If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps.

He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.

When he was insulted, he returned no insult; when he suffered, he did not threaten; instead, he handed himself over to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

GOSPEL John 10:1-10

Jesus said: "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gate-keeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers." Although Jesus used this figure of speech, the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them.

So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

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