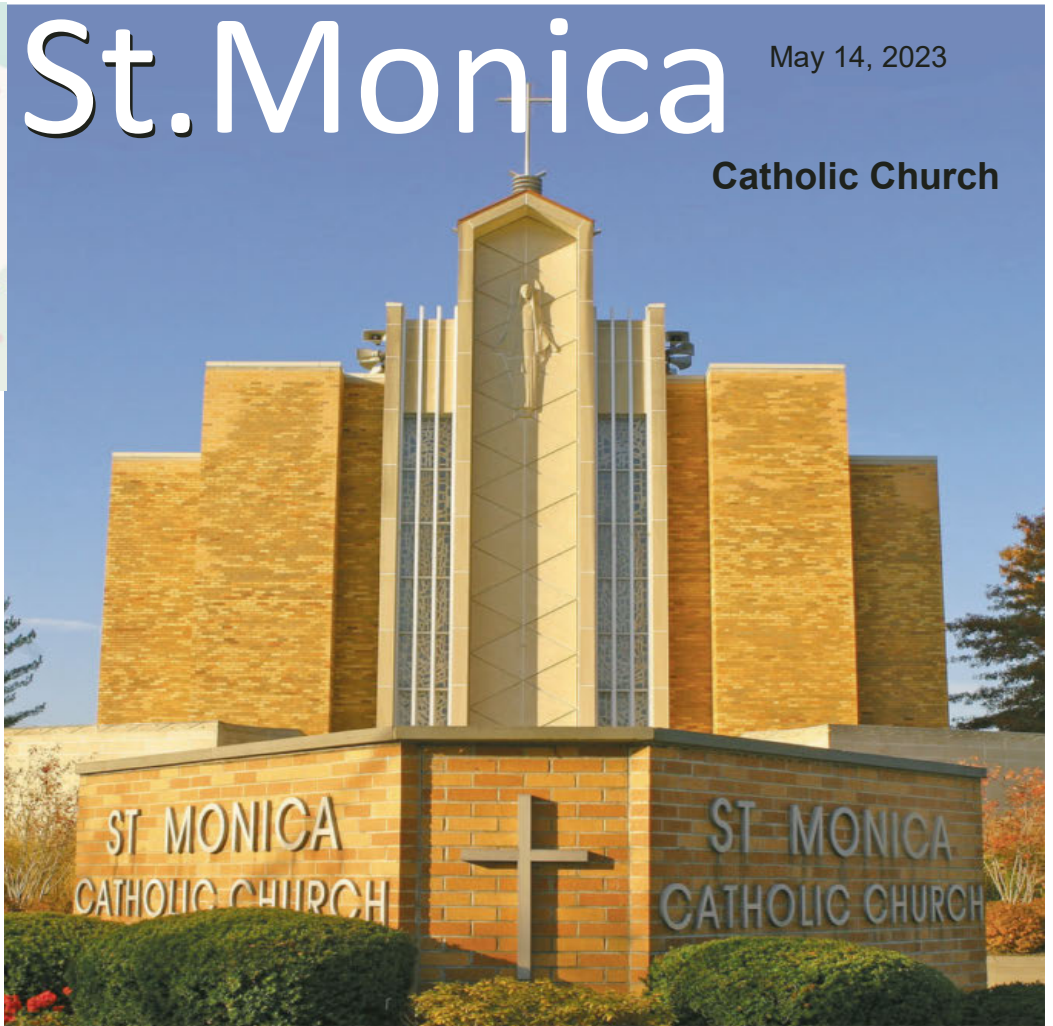




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May 14, 2023

Catholic Church



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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
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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*

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**
Sunday, May 14
Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:00 Margaret Hantz
10:45 People of the Parish

Monday, May 15
Easter Weekday

8:00 Veronica Chervenak

Tuesday, May 16
Easter Weekday

8:00 Pete Cappelli

Wednesday, May 17
Easter Weekday

8:00 Merge Konkowski

Thursday, May 18
Easter Weekday

8:00 All Souls

Friday, May 19
Easter Weekday

8:00 Adeline Klosowski

Saturday, May 20
Easter Weekday

4:00 Ruth Winter

Sunday, May 21
The Ascension of the Lord

9:00 People of the Parish
10:45 Margaret Dubas

Pastoral Scene
Mother's Day

Happy Mother's Day to you! On this beautiful day, may we always remember our mothers who have graciously given us LIFE and LOVE. Whether our mothers are living or have gone before us, may we always pray and give thanks to God for them. No matter our age, how special it is to know the comfort and strength we can always receive from the Holy Mother of God. All we need to do is call upon Her name and TRUST.

"In dangers, in doubts, in difficulties, think of Mary, call upon Mary. Let not her name depart from your lips, never suffer it to leave your heart. And that you may obtain the assistance of her prayer, neglect not to walk in her footsteps. With her for guide, you shall never go astray; while invoking her, you shall never lose heart; so long as she is in your mind, you are safe from deception; while she holds your hand, you cannot fall; under her protection you have nothing to fear; if she walks before you, you shall not grow weary; if she shows you favor, you shall reach the goal." Saint Bernard of Clairvaux

Thank you, Mother Mary, for Your protection and endless love. May we always trust in You as we journey through the path of life, seeking Jesus in all that we say and do. We run under Your protective and gentle mantle. It surrounds every inch of us, shielding away all that is not of God. Thank You, Dearest Mother. We love you and will try with our every effort to always do the Will of Your Son, Jesus. Amen.

Happy Holy Mother's Day to all,
Molly

Knights of Columbus OUTDOOR ROSARY

All are invited to an outdoor rosary on
Wednesday May 17 at 6:15
at the council shrine.
Fr. John Schneider.

If bad weather, it will be in the hall.

The Isabella Guild will be having a May
Crowning immediately following the
rosary in the hall.

All are invited.



The next Baptism class will be held on
Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 6:30 pm
in the Parish Office.
If you would like to have your child Baptized,
please call Parish Office
to register: 216-662-8685.

 **ActivitiesCALENDAR** ©LPI

Monday, May 15

4:00 p.m. Athletic Practice (g)
4:15 p.m. Walking Class (J)

Tuesday, May 16

4:00 p.m. Athletic Practice (g)
6:30 p.m. Baptism Class (F)
6:30 p.m. SCDV Meeting (AR)

Wednesday, May 17

4:00 p.m. Athletic Practice (g)
6:30 p.m. G.A. Meeting(+)

Thursday, Thursday 18th

4:00 p.m. Athletic Practice (g)
4:15 p.m. Walking Class (J)
6:30 p.m. Ladies Guild Meeting (c)

Friday, May 19

4:00 p.m. Athletic Practice (g)

Sunday, May 21

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

STEWARDSHIP 

May 7, 2023

Sunday Offering.....\$ 6,067.00
St. Monica Fund.....\$ 1,085.00
Misc. Special Envelopes.....\$ 114.00

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St. Monica Fund.....\$ 791.00

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weekly expenses are
\$13,546.00

*Please continue to mail in your donations,
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Thank you for your continued support.*



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.

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

Anne Buchwald, Nikki Avalon, Andon Siegmyer, Brenda Lindsey, Lisa Kuzniakowski, Special Intention, Terry Budd, Mark Hojnowski, Joanne Reddinger, Gerald & Carol DeLooze, Marilyn, Mary Jane Speno, Ronald Rajewski, Dorothy Hover

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.**

Isabella Guild of Garfield Hts.

Invites you to join us:

Rivers Casino Bus Trip
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Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2023 Spring Campaign of 40 Days for Life. God poured blessings upon the campaign and we know 680 babies, mothers, fathers, and families were spared from abortion, 2 abortion workers experienced conversion, and 3 abortion facilities closed. Praise God! Cumulatively over the 16 years of 40 Days for Life, there have been 23,525 babies spared from abortion, 247 converted abortion workers, and 138 abortion facility closures. Praise God! We look forward to praying with you from September 27 through November 5 in the 2023 Fall Campaign. God bless you and thank you.

John Noall, campaign director - 40 DFL/Cleveland/Bedford Hts/Painesville



Catholic War Veterans



Members from the Catholic War Veterans, Post 1812, will be at the doors of the church the weekend of May 20th and 21st passing out Poppies. Please be sure to make a donation that will help veterans and show support for all of their sacrifices made while protecting our freedoms.

SUPPORT FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

Please pray for the Seminarians of the Cleveland Diocese .
Please join us in praying for the following seminarians this week: Monday: Deacon Ian Kelly, Tuesday: Deacon Jeff Liptak, Wednesday: Deacon John Rovnak, Thursday: Deacon Fritz Schleuter, Friday: Deacon Chris Stein, Saturday: Connor Scully, Sunday: Pray for the Newly Ordained Priests



Help Protect the Dignity of Life in Ohio

Life in its earliest and most vulnerable stages is threatened by groups proposing an amendment to the Ohio Constitution for the November 2023 ballot to expand and enshrine abortion at the expense of protections for preborn children and women. The Catechism of the Catholic Church proclaims that “human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception.” The Church accompanies and supports women facing unexpected pregnancies and mothers through programs like Walking with Moms in Need and the services of Catholic Charities.

The bishops of Ohio strongly encourage Catholics statewide to unite in prayer and work to defeat this proposed amendment and its grave consequences for women and preborn children in Ohio. Starting this week, the following **Protect Them Both** materials about the proposed amendment are available in Ohio parishes:



PROTECT THEM BOTH

Protect Them Both Prayer Card: Unite with Catholics across Ohio in asking God to strengthen us as we defend and accompany mothers and preborn children

Dignity of Life Threatened in Ohio Flyer: Learn more about the proposed amendment and what you can do now

These are the first of many resources that will be available to help defeat the proposed amendment. Learn more about the **Protect Them Both** campaign and access resources online at: ohiocathconf.org/protect



CATHOLIC CONFERENCE OF OHIO

All materials created by the Catholic Conference of Ohio (CCO), in collaboration with the dioceses across Ohio. CCO is the official voice of the Catholic Church in Ohio on public policy, advocating for advocating for the dignity of life at all stages, immigrants, Ohioans in need, and Catholic education. www.ohiocathconf.org

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Sunday, August 6, 2023

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Details and full schedule at: WWW.THEFEST.US

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8.6.23

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

We appreciate your help and support.



Memorial Day Mass

MAY 29, 2023 10:00am

*Except where noted

Honoring those who gave their lives serving God and country

#All Saints Cemetery
 480 W. Highland Rd.
 Northfield
 Rev. Luigi C. Miola
 Deacon Raymond L. Daull

#Calvary Cemetery
 555 N Ridge Road W., Lorain
 Rev. Frank P. Kosem
 *9am

Resurrection Cemetery
 6303 Center Rd. (Rt. 303),
 Valley City
 Rev. Robert J. Kraig

#St. Mary Cemetery
 4720 E. 71st, Cuyahoga Hts
 Rev. Ralph G. Hudak
 *9am

All Souls Cemetery
 10366 Chardon Rd., Chardon
 Rev. Frederick F. Pausche
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Holy Cross Cemetery
 100 E Waterloo Rd., Akron
 Rev. Thomas W. McCann

#St. Joseph Cemetery
 32789 Detroit Rd., Avon
 Rev. Gerald J. Keller

#St. Agnes Church
 611 Lake Ave, Elyria
 Rev. Charles T. Diedrick
 *9am

Calvary Cemetery
 10000 Miles Ave., Cleveland
 Most Reverend Roger W.
 Gries OSB
 Rev. Thomas V. O'Donnell

Holy Cross Cemetery
 14609 Brookpark Rd.,
 Brook Park
 Rev. Joshua Cochrac
 Deacon Daniel M. Galla

#St. Rocco Church
 3205 Fulton Road, Cleveland
 Rev. James Mayer, O de M
 *9:30am

#St. Mary Church
 25615 Bagley Rd,
 Olmsted Falls
 Rev. Ryan Cubera
 *8:30am

Mass will be indoors.

All Cemetery Masses are outdoors except where noted.

Please bring a lawn chair and an umbrella if the weather is inclement.



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1404 East 9th Street-3rd Floor, Cleveland, OH 44114.

**RACE FOR
HUNGER RELIEF**



ENTRANCE CHANT 401 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

FIRST READING Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Christ to them. With one accord, the crowds paid attention to what was said by Philip when they heard it and saw the signs he was doing. For unclean spirits, crying out in a loud voice, came out of many possessed people, and many paralyzed or crippled people were cured. There was great joy in that city.

Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, who went down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for it had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 66:1-7, 16, 20

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth,
sing praise to the glory of his name;
proclaim his glorious praise.
Say to God, "How tremendous are your deeds!"

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

"Let all on earth worship and sing praise to you,
sing praise to your name!"
Come and see the works of God,
his tremendous deeds among the children of Adam.

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

He has changed the sea into dry land;
through the river they passed on foot;
therefore let us rejoice in him.
He rules by his might forever.

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Hear now, all you who fear God, while I declare
what he has done for me.
Blessed be God who refused me not
my prayer or his kindness!

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

SECOND READING 1 Peter 3:15-18

Beloved: Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who defame your good conduct in Christ may themselves be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be the will of God, than for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit.



GOSPEL John 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him."

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