

**Liturgy Schedule**

**8:30 Morning Prayer, Rosary, Monday through Friday**

**Monday, June 25 Weekday**

8:00 William and Alex Scholle

**Tuesday, June 26 Weekday**

8:00 Michael Mytrosevich

**Wednesday, June 27 Weekday**

8:00 James Hannibal

**Thursday, June 28 Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr**

8:00 Linda Mae Petrella

7:00 Religious Freedom Service

**Friday June 29 Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles**

8:00 Living and Deceased Members of Karen Brayer Family

**Saturday June 30 Weekday**

3:15 Confessions

4:00 Harry Rimmel Jr.

**Sunday, July 1 Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

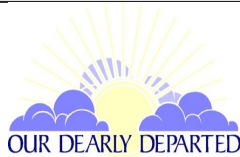
8:00 Nancy Murray

10:00 People of the Parish

12:00 Robert Parasiliti



the following members of our Parish community: **Patricia Zak, Sarah Burket, Dave Wheaton, John Rozmarynowski The Jones Family, Nancy Moczulski, Joan Hrovat, Robin Buckley, Jim Trostle, Abby, Laurie Scholle, Lori Shaw, Bob Dorazewski, Baby Corradi, Lisa Thomas, Emma Welich, Karen Wheeler, Marge Konkowski, Richard Movens, Irene Burke, Bob Rafal, Kathy Zarycki, Bill Exton, Larry Piechowiak, Robert Phipps, and Richard Rosberil.** 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 **Frank Petrenchik** who was buried this past week. May he and all our dearly departed, rest in peace.

Congratulations to our newly baptized Christian:

Eden Victoria Geraci and her family



**Religion Question of the Week**

What two religious celebrations are held during the Month of June?

**Did You Know?**

Did you know that our Annual Festival will be held this year on August 19<sup>th</sup>, which will be the beginning of St. Monica Week in our parish?

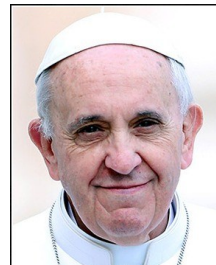
**One Liner**

“If you want people to care about you, take time to care about them”.

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

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

The Garfield Heights Ward 7 Block Watch MEETING and COOKOUT will take place Thursday, June 28th at 7:00 PM in the pavilion. Trial size toiletry items for our troops would be appreciated. All are welcome - please enter grounds off of Thraves Ave. Contact Councilman Tom Vaughn at 216-663-8837 if you are planning to attend.



“The world tells us to seek success, power, and money; God tells us to seek humility, service, and love.”

-Pope Francis

**FREE Career Consulting Services Every Monday!**

Stop by the parish office building on Mondays from 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. to practice your interviewing skills, to have your resume reviewed, and/or to brainstorm possible job opportunities you never considered exploring before! For further information, contact Victoria Fassinger. Email: [writerwithspark@gmail.com](mailto:writerwithspark@gmail.com), Phone: (216) 475-2963, or just show up! “Pray as though everything depended on God; work as though everything depended on you” (St. Augustine).

**ST. VINCENT De PAUL SOCIETY FOOD PANTRY**

Please help our pantry. We are low and in need of the following items:  
**Pancake Syrup, Cranberry Sauce, Sloppy Joe, Chili, Salad Dressing, Pork N Beans, Baked Beans, Mayonnaise, Ketchup, Instant Coffee, Coffee, Dairy Creamer, Sweetener, Cool Whip.** Thank you for your generosity.



## Pastoral Scene

### Financial Survival of the Church

In a conversation about the financial survival of the Church, a friend quipped to me, "Why don't parishes look toward corporate sponsorship from the business world?" I told him that the Church already deals with corporate sponsorship of sorts. Most weekend bulletins are loaded with business ads, which contribute to their printing and distribution. Local businesses support calendars, festivals, and other parish activities. However, when it comes to the Liturgy, I would be leery of taking that to the next step. I can hear it now: "Our Entrance Chant is brought to you by 'Al's Automotive Supplies.' Let us raise our voices, singing 'We Are Many Parts.'" OR "Our Offertory Chant is sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service. Let us joyfully sing, 'Take Our Bread.'" I shudder to think where the commercials for the local bakery or winery would go. OK, let's switch gears. As Fr. Haren and I walked across the parking lot toward Church a few weekends ago, we noted that the parking lot was fairly populated (as with most Sundays). However, when we entered the Church, we were somewhat stunned that the attendance didn't seem to match the number of cars. As we thought about it, Fr. Haren concluded that although there are quite a few cars, they bring a lot less people. That's a fair observation. Growing up, I hardly knew of any family in our neighborhood that had less than 3 or 4 children in their immediate family. Now, I hardly know a family that has more than 2 children. The numbers in our neighborhood churches aren't necessarily dwindling because of the lack of faith or commitment. Much of the attrition is due to the lack of people. In a parish that boasted 20 to 25 weddings per year (April through October), it's more common for us to now have 5 or 6 in the same time period. Of those, a significant number of them are older couples (late 20's to early 30's) as opposed to much younger as in years back. In addition, many couples are just not getting married – and so not raising their families in the Church. This also accounts for a lack in the number of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. So, how does the Church financially survive? In the short term, fundraising in various sorts and degrees is obviously necessary, though somewhat distasteful. The truth is, if we tap into the same well over and over, it will eventually dry up. The solution therefore has two possible courses. We either need to consolidate our assets or we need to broaden our base of support. I personally like the latter approach. Assets can only be consolidated to a certain level before losing efficiency and effectiveness. Broadening the base can supply a virtually unlimited resource pool.

In years gone by, the neighborhood parish was much more than just a place to go to church and/or school. It was the center of most neighborhood activity. It pulled people together in the social realm, not just with a festival or one-time event. Rather, it was where people gathered for all sorts of things – dealing with the parish issues as well as with the concerns of the neighborhood community. People worked together for the betterment of all. It was that sense of ownership and pride that led them to be fiscally responsible for the support of their parish. Giving to the Church wasn't just an afterthought – it was a line item in the family budget – and an investment in their community.

Evangelizing isn't just about bringing converts into the Church. It's also about bringing in those who have strayed away. Programs like Alpha and Catholics Come Home can be a good place to supplement parish evangelization efforts. But the best way is personal invitation. Just think about this for a moment. If every person in the pew would bring just one person with them to Church, the number in attendance would be doubled. And, if even 20% of those invited decided to help financially support the parish through weekend contributions...

Get the picture?

Bob Soeder

## Freedom of Religion

Freedom of Religion is the basis for the God-given principle that all persons should be free to act according to their consciences. All of us will be judged according to the way we act in accord with our conscience. So we must be free to act in this manner.

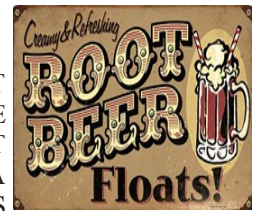
In recent years the U.S. Court System, the government, and our news and entertainment media have been working diligently to restrict the Religious Freedom of all Americans. As a result of this it has become very difficult for Catholics to serve in areas like Education, Health Care, Adoption and Foster Care, Migration and Refugee Services, and even in the Political Arena. A secret underground persecution has been at work for the past sixty years to limit Catholics and other Christians in America from living out their religious beliefs in public.

The week of June 23 – 29<sup>th</sup> has been set aside by our American Bishops to highlight Religious Freedom in America. **On Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm** there will be a special Service to pray that the Freedom of Conscience be protected in our nation. This will take place in the Church. We need your prayers. Please take time to come and join us.

Fr. Thomas Haren

## ST. MONICA SENIORS GROUP

OUR ANNUAL ROOT BEER FLOAT WILL BE ON **JULY 10th** IN THE CAFETERIA OF ST. BENEDICT SCHOOL AT 2PM. JOIN US AT A FUN FILLED AFTERNOON. THIS EVENT IS FREE OF CHARGE FOR OUR MEMBERS. AS ALWAYS, WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE.



## Attention St. Monica Grade School Class of 1974

Plans are being made for a reunion of St. Monica Grade School's Class of 1974 on August 18, 2018. If you are an alum (or you know someone who is), please contact Joe Ungarsky at (216) 663-5252 or JosephUngarsky@yahoo.com for further information. We would like to add you to the contact list. Thank you!

## An Amazing Family Day

Are you looking for an opportunity for your family to grow in faith this summer – for FREE? Join us for a family retreat day on Sunday, August 5th at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual FEST, beginning at noon at the Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe. Outdoor Mass, Adoration, praise and worship (with *We are Messengers, Mandisa, Big Daddy Weave, and TobyMac*)... and more...it will inspire and engage the whole family! Moms don't forget to sign up for your mom's give-away bag... thanks to our friends at Marc's. Go to: [www.theFEST.us/moms](http://www.theFEST.us/moms) to register in advance. See you at The FEST – a great day of faith, family and fun – all for FREE

**THEFEST**



## Stewardship

<b>OFFERTORY COLLECTION June 16th / June 17th</b>	
Regular Sunday	\$7,204.00
St. Monica Fund	\$152.00
Children's Envelopes	\$9.00



### The Sacrament of Marriage

Marriage is one of the Seven Sacraments of the Catholic Church. Jesus established the importance of this Sacrament when He said: "God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother, and cling to his wife. Thus, they are no longer two, but one flesh.

Therefore what God has joined together, let no man put asunder" (Matt. 19:3-6).

Since Marriage is a calling from God, this Sacrament should take place before a Priest or a Deacon in a Catholic Church. The presence of Jesus in the Church's tabernacle makes this location special because the couple is not only asking their family and friends to witness their Marriage, they are also asking Jesus to do so. There is no other place on earth that His presence is so unique.

When a couple is contemplating Marriage, it is time to contact a Catholic Priest or Deacon in their parish as soon as possible. This representative of Jesus will guide them in their preparation for the Holy Sacrament of Marriage. Marriage is a wonderful vocation. Jesus will help any couple who comes to Him to receive this Sacrament.

Fr. Thomas Haren



## St. Benedict Catholic School

### Preschool



St. Benedict Early Learning Center is still accepting application for Pre-School. There are full and half day options still available. St. Benedict Pre-School accepts the child care tuition assistance program that is available through Jobs and Family Services office. Please contact the school office at 216-662-9380 with any questions.

Congratulation to the following students have made the Honor Roll at Holy Name High School for the fourth quarter of the school year.

#### First Honors:

Cecelia Johanni  
Collin Ryan  
Erin Ryan  
Alyssa Stoffko  
Alyssa Welms  
Natalie Wolf

#### Second Honors

Morgan Kowalski  
Cassidy McCallion



### Parish Activities

#### MONDAY, June 25

5:30 Career Help (F)

#### TUESDAY, June 26

7:00 Square Dancing (g)  
Baptist Bible Study (F)

#### WEDNESDAY, June 27

5:00 Walk & Tone (J)  
5:00 PTU Function (p)  
7:00 G. A. (AR)

#### THURSDAY, June 28

6:00 Ward 7 Block Watch (p)  
6:30 DHNS Mtg (J)  
7:30 Choir (+)

#### FRIDAY, June 29

#### SATURDAY, June 30

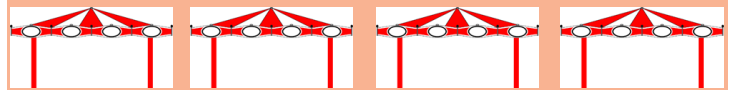
#### SUNDAY, July 1

### Homecoming Raffle Tickets

We are asking each family to buy or sell \$50 in tickets, or purchase whatever they are able to afford. The raffle will take place at the **Homecoming Picnic on August 19th.**

The dates of the incentive raffles will be: **July 2nd - \$150.00, July 23 - \$100.00 and August 6th - \$50.00.** There are additional tickets available at church or the parish office.

**Lawn ticket sales will begin on July 16th.** Volunteers will be needed to sell tickets Monday thru Saturday. **If interested in helping please contact Bill Skladany @ 216 544 6785.** All help is greatly appreciated!



### Answer To This Week's Religion Question:

What two religious celebrations are held in the month of June that have something to do with two of the Statues in our Church? **Answer:** The Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

### Prayerful Celebration of Summer

On **Tuesday, June 26, at 7:30 p.m.**, to celebrate the beginning of summer, join with members from St. Martin of Tours for an evening of prayer and songs of praise at the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, 12215 Granger Road, on the grounds of the Marymount Campus. Parking is available in the Trinity High School upper lot.



**Readings for the Week of June 24, 2018**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist</b> Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80
<b>Monday</b>	2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5
<b>Tuesday</b>	2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Saint Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b> 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Ps 119:33, 34, 36, 37, 40; Mt 7:15-20
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr</b> 2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9; Mt 7:21-29 Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saint Peter and Paul, Apostles</b> Acts 12: 1-11; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16: 13-19
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church / BVM</b> Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21; Mt 8:5-17
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

**Wednesday Night Dinner: CITY CHICKEN June 27**

Dinner: 2 City Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Salad Bar, Rolls & Butter

Costs: Adults - \$10 ..... Children Under 12 - \$8

**DINNERS BY: LORI'S CUSTOM CATERING**

ALL DINNERS INCLUDE COFFEE TEA, WATER, AND NON-CARBONATED BEVERAGES

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED: 216-662-2277 mailbox #2

DUE BY MONDAY JUNE 25 - NOON

**Knights of Columbus Hall, Granger Road, Garfield Heights**



**St. Therese Parish's Annual Poorman's Reverse Raffle and Brunch**

is fast approaching. Tickets are now on sale at the St. Therese rectory during normal business hours. Tickets will be on sale after weekend Masses at St. Therese beginning the weekend of June 23/24. Tickets for a chance to win \$1,000 and the delicious brunch are \$30. Brunch only tickets will be \$15. Number only tickets are \$20. Cutoff date for the purchase of tickets will be July 8. Tickets are also available by calling Bob at 216-328-1258. There will be basket raffles, side-boards and a 50/50 raffle. The event will take place at the Knights of Columbus small hall, Club 4130 on **Sunday, July 15**, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. All proceeds will benefit St. Therese Parish.