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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

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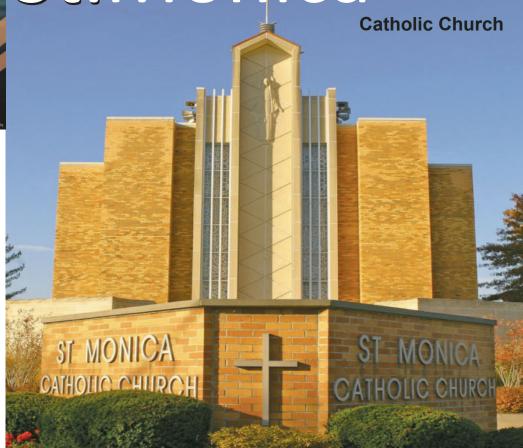
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St.Monica

June 25, 2023



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.



LITURGY SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.

Sunday, June 25

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 People of the Parish

10:45 Dianne Stoltz

Monday, June 26

Weekday

8:00 Georgine Riley

Tuesday, June 27

Weekday

8:00 Veronica Aini

Wednesday, June 28

St. Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr

8:00 Living & deceased of Ray & Terri Hanzlick Family

Thursday, June 29

Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles

8:00 Mary Yard

Friday, June 30

Weekday

8:00 Living & deceased of Jim & Joan Clark Family

Saturday, July 1

Weekday

4:00 Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis

Sunday, July 2

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 People of the Parish 10:45 James Murowsky

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For details, a list of prizes, or to purchase your ticket, head to www.theFEST.us/raffle/.

Pastoral Scene

Fr Dave Heney from the archdiocese of Los Angeles shared this story:

I remember years ago I had dinner with my father at a restaurant that we used to enjoy regularly but had not visited for a while. When we walked in, the manager looked up and said, "Welcome back! It is so good to see you again!" He then led us to a great table by a large window with a beautiful view outside. The waiter was especially helpful, and we had a delicious meal. (It helps to know the right person) On the way out, as I passed the manager, he looked up and said, "Come back soon, Fr. Murphy!" Well, Fr Heney was not as well-known as he thought. The prophet Jeremiah was.

Jeremiah is one of the key figures in the Old Testament. Considered a major prophet, he was born around 650 BC and died around 570 BC; his work was prior to and just after the Babylonian captivity

Look at the theme of his preaching- It certainly wasn't uplifting- predicting a great disaster of Israel- destruction of the temple.

And he is being denounced on every side. Jeremiah could have easily fallen into despair, thinking, God has duped me.

But just when you think he has given up- He proclaims: The Lord is with me; my persecutors will stumble; he has rescued the life of the poor."

It is good to immerse ourselves more fully into the Clarion call from Vatican II' every baptized person is Priest, Prophet, and King- Called to live and proclaim the truth- the Word of God- how challenging is that now?- Back in his day, it seems to be that many in society would have welcomed the message of Fulton Sheen, however, now, we are living through one of the most secularized time in history

Talk about God? - it could look a lot like terror on every side.

But we can't even fathom giving up- Embrace the prophet Jeremiah and how he overcame evil and terror- expressed the fire in your souls-recognize the source of all sweetness- Individually and as a community, we can still say through the darkness that the Lord is with us like a mighty champion- We need prophets- The Universal Call to Holiness; follow the courage of Jeremiah

Pastoral Scene continued on page 4

**** Activities CALENDAR

Monday, June 26

1:00 p.m. CWVA Meeting (p) 4:15 p.m. Walking Class (J)

Tuesday, June 27

6:30 p.m. Finance Council Meeting (off property)

Wednesday, June 28

6:30 p.m. G.A. Meeting (p)

Thursday, June 29

4:15 p.m. Walking Class (J)

7:00 p.m. Ward 7 Block Watch (p)

Sunday, July 2

8:00 p.m. A.A. Meeting (c)



Our sincere sympathy and prayers are extended to the family and friends of:
Michael Uyek
who were recently buried. May he, and all of

our dearly departed,
rest in peace.

Peter's Pence Collection

Next week we will take up the
Peter's Pence Collection to support the
Universal Church and the work of the Holy See,
including helping Pope Francis
to carry our his charitable works.
These works benefit our brothers and sisters on
the margins of society, including victims of war,
oppression, and disasters.
Please be generous.
For more information, visit

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Southeast Suburban Post 1812
Auxiliary Meeting
Monday, June 26th at 1:00 pm at the Pavilion
Light lunch and social.
Please members try to attend.

STEWARDSHIP

June 18, 2023

Collection numbers will be published in next weekend's bulletin

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:

Marilyn, Anthony Lupica, Gerald & Carol DeLooze, Mary Hojnowski, Special Intention, Joanne Reddinger, Gaylene Bielawski, Lisa Bielawski, Nikki Avalon, Andon Siegmyer, Lisa Kuzniakowski

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.



The Garfield Heights Ward 7
Block Watch
Meeting & Cookout,
sponsored by
Councilman Tom Vaughn,
will take place
Thursday, June 29th,
at 7:00 PM at
St. Monica's Pavilion.
All are welcome.
Contact Gail at 216-662-9213
if you are planning to attend.



SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS



Please pray for the Seminarians of the Cleveland Diocese

Please join us in praying for the following seminarians this week:

Monday: Mitch Carson
Tuesday: Cameron Ferrell
Wednesday: Nathan Frankart
Thursday: Joseph Truong Viet Ho
Friday: Sean Neville
Saturday: Brian Peters
Sunday: Pray for Pope Francis

Vocation Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you promised always to give your Church shepherds. In faith, we know your promise cannot fail. Trusting in the power of the Holy Spirit at work in the Church, we pray that you raise up sacred ministers from your holy people, that the sacrifice in which you give your body and blood may be daily renewed in the world until we come to that kingdom where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen



All are welcome to the Divine Mercy Holy Hour Sunday June 25th at 2:30PM in St. Therese Church.

The change this month is due to the special celebration at St. Monica Church on the Feast of Corpus Christi.

Proper Disposal of American Flags



The St. Monica Holy Name Society will be collecting used American Flags for proper disposal. The dates of collection will be the last week of June and 1st week July.

The collection box will located in the Ushers room located at the Rockside Road entrance of the church.

Pastoral Scene continued

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was killed in a Nazi concentration camp in 1945. A student and friend of Bonhoeffer's writes of a man who saw the execution:

"I saw Pastor Bonhoeffer... kneeling on the floor praying fervently to God. I was most deeply moved by the way this lovable man prayed, so devout and so certain that God heard his prayer. At the place of execution, he again said a short prayer and then climbed the few steps to the gallows, brave and composed. His death ensued

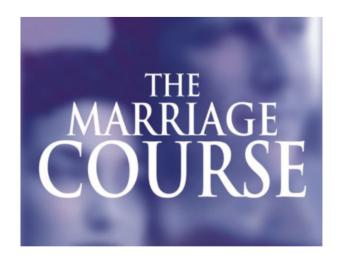
after a few seconds. In the almost fifty years that I worked as a doctor, I have hardly ever seen a man die so entirely submissive to the will of God.[55]

In his book, the *Cost of Discipleship*, Bonhoeffer reflects on Grace:

Cheap grace is the grace we bestow on ourselves. Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, Communion without confession.... Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate.

Father John

St Monica- Pray for Us!
Our Lady of Perpetual Help- Pray for Us



A Practical, Private Course Designed to build a Vibrant Marriage for Life

Begins Thursday July 13

This award-winning program is designed to strengthen and enhance your marriage by providing each couple with practical concepts and techniques to deepen their intimacy and strengthen their relationship for a lifetime.

Why should we consider the Marriage Course?

In every

aspect of our lives (financially, educationally, health, homes, etc.), we willfully and deliberately strive for improvement. But when it comes to our marriage, we reach a place where all is well, and we are content to remain there; "if it ain't broke don't fix it" seems to be our approach to the marriage relationship.

This course is designed to deepen the marriage relationship and deepen your love for one another. It provides insights and practical techniques to strengthen the bond which unites married couples. In short it will give your marriage a turbo charge and provide you a means to continue to grow deeper in love with one another over the life of the marriage.

The hours of the 8 week course will be from e 6:45 pm to 9:00 pm in the St. Basil Family Life Center Meeting Room. Babysitting will be provided and there is a registration fee of \$50. Pay when you register or make checks payable to St. basil the Great and drop it off at the office.

Registration is limited to 24 couples. Note, although you will be with other couples, this course is very private for each couple. Do not let the summer go by without doing something great for your marriage. You can register by going to the Basil web site for more information about the course contact Deacon Dave @dpecot@basilthegreat.org

SECOND

Party at the Pavilion

Thur. July 13, 2023 – New Barleycorn



Please Help Feed A Family Today: SVDP Race for Hunger Relief Matching Gift Appeal During the months of May and June

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Donate at: **svdpcle.org** or mail your check to: St. Vincent de Paul Society Race for Hunger Relief, 1404 East 9th Street-3rd Floor, Cleveland, OH 44114.

Thank You!

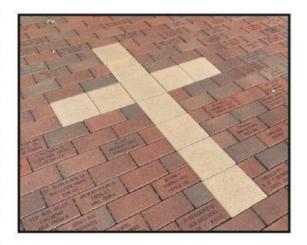
Memorial Bricks at The Lady of Fatima Shrine

St. Monica Holy Name Society continuous to sell Memorial Bricks that are being placed in front of the Lady of Fatima Shrine.

There is room for approximately 550 - 4"x 8" memorial bricks. To date there have been 299 bricks sold. The bricks do not have to be in the memory of someone. You can purchase one with your family name on it, the name of your organization or a prayer request (eg. St. Monica pray for us).

The cost of the Memorial Bricks are \$50.00 each and you may purchase as many as you like. You do not have to be a parishioner to buy a brick. Please complete the form below and return in the collection basket at church or to the parish office. Payment of \$50.00 for each brick purchased needs to be made at time of order. Make checks payable to St. Monica Holy Name Society.

Additional copies of this form can be found at church or the Parish office



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3 Lines, 14 capital characters per line Please do not add additional boxes. 1 brick per order form Extra forms available at the parish office



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July 7-Night Directed Retreat. Thursday, July 6, 5:30pm - Thursday, July 13, 1:00pm. Directed Retreats are a time of sacred silence, an invitation to step away from the pressures and demands of daily responsibilities, and an opportunity for sustained personal prayer. These retreats are ideal for anyone seeking to explore or deepen one's relationship with God and take the next step in his or her spiritual journey. Cost: \$775

Journaling with Teilhard: Worshipping in the Universal Christ. Mondays 7:00 - 8:30pm EST. July 10, 17, 24, 31. *Presented by Michael Reiling, M.Ed.* In our virtual sessions, we will reflect on the Christ presence in worship as it can enrich and expand our personal and communal ritual prayer. Our sessions will include short presentations, time for reflective journaling and group sharing. Cost: \$40

July 7-Night Directed Retreat. Thursday, July 13, 5:30pm - Thursday, July 20, 1:00pm. Cost: \$775

July Morning Prayer for Women. Monday, July 17, 9:30am - Sunday, July 16, 11:00am. Women from all walks of life are invited to pray together and learn more about the beauty of prayer. Led by Sr. Mary Ann Flannery, S.C., this prayer group will refresh your spirit and help you find strength in regular prayer habits. Just bring your Bible and come as you are! Coffee and pastry are included. Free Will Offering (walk-ins welcome, registration not required).

July 5-Night Directed Retreat. Sunday, July 23, 5:30pm - Friday, July 28, 1:00pm. Cost: \$550

Cinema & Conversation: *Arrival*. Monday, July 24, 7:00 - 9:00pm. Join us at Jesuit Retreat Center each month for films that inspire and entertain. After each movie, there will be time for conversation and questions. We continue in July with the 2016 film, *Arrival*. Free Will Offering (walk-ins welcome, registration not required).

Ignatius in the Meadow: Featuring Live Music from *The Inspired Clams.* Sunday, July 30, 6:30 - 8:30pm. Come, celebrate the Feast of St. Ignatius on our beautiful grounds. Bring your blanket, lawn chair, food, friends and family for a Saturday evening of live popular music by *The Inspired Clams*, fronted by Tina Facca-Miess. Join us on July 30! Free will offering. RSVP is not necessary.



ENTRANCE CHANT 589 O God beyond All Praising

FIRST READING Jeremiah 20:10-13

Jeremiah said:

"I hear the whisperings of many:

'Terror on every side!

Denounce! let us denounce him!'

All those who were my friends

are on the watch for any misstep of mine.

'Perhaps he will be trapped; then we can prevail,

and take our vengeance on him.'

But the LORD is with me, like a mighty champion:

my persecutors will stumble, they will not triumph.

In their failure they will be put to utter shame,

to lasting, unforgettable confusion.

O LORD of hosts, you who test the just,

who probe mind and heart,

let me witness the vengeance you take on them,

for to you I have entrusted my cause.

Sing to the LORD,

praise the LORD,

for he has rescued the life of the poor

from the power of the wicked!"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35

R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

For your sake I bear insult, and shame covers my face. I have become an outcast to my brothers, a stranger to my mother's children, Because zeal for your house consumes me, and the insults of those who blaspheme you fall upon me.

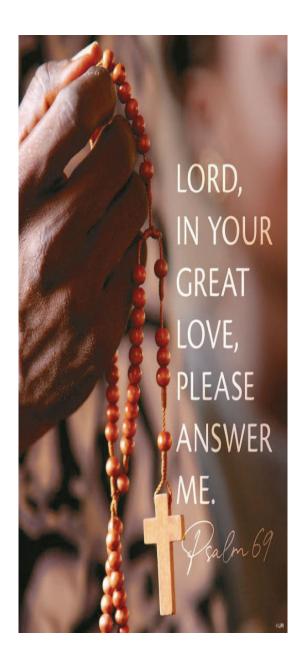
R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

I pray to you, O LORD, for the time of your favor, O God! In your great kindness answer me with your constant help. Answer me, O LORD, for bounteous is your kindness; in your great mercy turn toward me.

R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

"See, you lowly ones, and be glad; you who seek God, may your hearts revive! For the LORD hears the poor, and his own who are in bonds he spurns not. Let the heavens and the earth praise him, the seas and whatever moves in them!"

R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.



SECOND READING Romans 5:12-15

Brothers and sisters: Through one man sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all men, inasmuch as all sinned — for up to the time of the law, sin was in the world, though sin is not accounted when there is no law. But death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin after the pattern of the trespass of Adam, who is the type of the one who was to come.

But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many.

GOSPEL Matthew 10:26-33

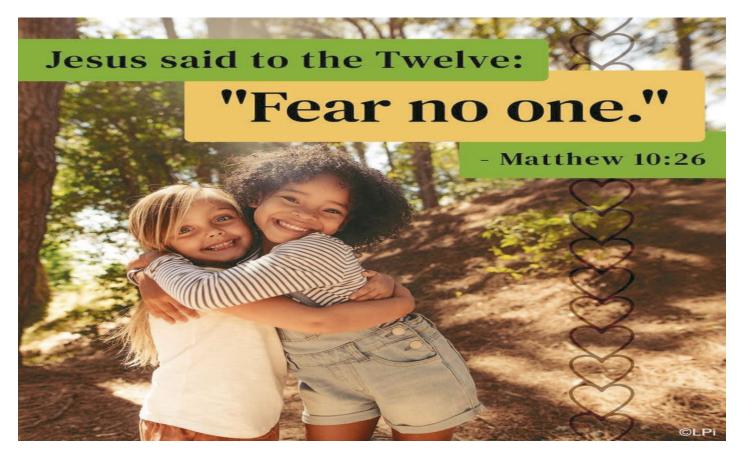
Jesus said to the Twelve: "Fear no one. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known. What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna. Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father."

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