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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

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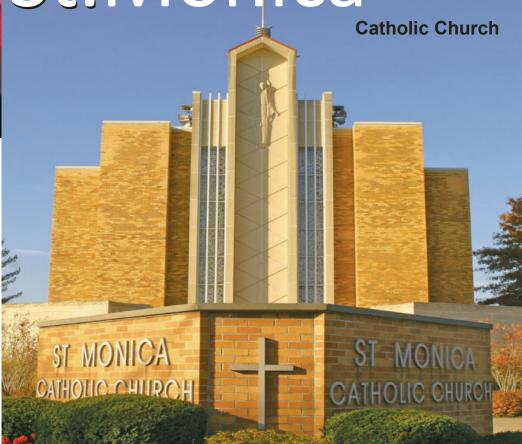
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St. Monica July 2, 2023



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.

<u>Sunday, July 2</u> Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, July 3 St. Thomas, Apostle

8:00 All Souls

Tuesday, July 4 Weekday

8:00 Albert Trsinar

<u>Wednesday, July 5</u> Weekday

8:00 Living & deceased of Chris & Pat Elliott Family

Thursday, July 6 Weekday

8:00 Helen Bykiewicz

Friday, July 7 Weekday

8:00 Fred & Dorothy Shisila

<u>Saturday, July 8</u> *Weekday*

4:00 Florence Eppele

Sunday, July 9

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 Frank & Anna Keto 10:45 People of the Parish

Peter's Pence Collection This Weekend

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Francis.

Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters.

Please be generous today.

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Pastoral Scene

Saint for Our Time

Saint Thomas More is described as a man for "All Seasons." He was a literary scholar, eminent lawyer, father of four children, and the Chancellor of England during the time of King Henry VIII. His belief that no lay ruler has authority over the Catholic Church cost Thomas More his life.

An intensely spiritual man, Thomas More steadfastly refused to approve King Henry VIII's divorce from Catherine of Aragon, and his subsequent marriage to Anne Boleyn. Thomas More also refused to acknowledge King Henry as the supreme head of the Church of England (an institution Henry established) after denying the Pope as the head of the Catholic Church, and Henry's breaking away from Rome.

Sir Thomas More was a trusted confidant of King Henry VIII at one time but was clear in believing that allegiance to authority is not blind acceptance of everything that authority wants. King Henry realized that Thomas More was a man whose personal integrity no one questioned, and whose approval counted in not only the King's eyes, but in the eyes of his subjects.

Although King Henry desperately tried to win his chancellor over to his beliefs, Thomas remained steadfast. In protest, Sir Thomas More resigned as chancellor because he was unable to approve the two matters that meant the most to Henry, the king had to get rid of him.

Convicted of "maliciously denying the royal Supremacy" Thomas More was to be executed on royal command. Those final days in prison were harrowing as Thomas feared that his courage would give way at the end. In this temptation, as elsewhere, **he found strength in St. Peter's example.**

More wrote the following in a letter to his daughter, Meg: "I will not mistrust God though I shall feel myself weakening and on the verge of being overcome with fear. I shall remember how St. Peter at a blast of wind began to sink because of his lack of faith, and I shall do as he did: Call upon Christ and pray to him for help. And then I trust he shall place his holy hand on me and in the stormy seas hold me up from drowning."

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Wednesday, July 5

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

Saturday, July 8

9:00 a.m. Syriac Orthodox Church (J)

Sunday, July 9

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



Our sincere sympathy and prayers are extended to the family and friends of:
Gail Lenczewski
who were recently buried. May they, and all of our dearly departed,



SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS

rest in peace.

Please pray for the Seminarians of the Cleveland Diocese



Please join us in praying for
the following seminarians this week:
Monday: Arthur Bordenschatz
Tuesday: Charles Cairnie
Wednesday: Noah Furin
Thursday: Jeremy Gaugler
Friday: Jeremy Shafer
Saturday: Sean Homcy
Sunday: Pray for Bishop Malesic

Pastoral Scene continued

The image of St. Peter walking across the water through faith in Jesus, comforted More in his crucible and strengthened him for the trials to come. Sir Thomas More felt that the worst thing that could happen, even worse than death, was to betray his conscience. Like so many saints, he hated sin more than death, but he trusted God's mercy more than his own virtue.

In these times of great distress, may we do the same! Sister Helene

STEWARDSHIP

June 18, 2023

Sunday Offering\$	5,676.87
St. Monica Fund	223.00
Misc. Special Envelopes	95.00

June 25, 2023

Will be in next week'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.

There will be a Divine Mercy Holy Hour next Sunday, July 9th at 2:30 pm in Church.
All are Welcome!



Sandwich Saturday Thank You



A huge thank you to all who come out to make the sandwiches every month, all those who donate peanut butter, jelly, sandwich

bags, tablecloths, plates, etc. And to all the nuns from the Sisters of St. Joseph, Third Order Francis for all the bags of cookies they prepare each month. Of course, we cannot forget our volunteers who deliver the sandwiches each month to their destination.

As you can see, we all pitch in to bring a smile to more faces than we can ever know.

We thank you for your continued support of this ministry. Hope to see everyone on Saturday, September 9th!

\$1,000 Holy Name Monthly Raffle Winners - June

\$500.00 Card Players

Ticket #1101

Seller: Will Skladany Captain: Will Skladany

\$500.00 Joe Vishay

Ticket #0886

Seller: Joe Vishay Captain: Will Skladany

1678 tickets were sold

Tickets for the July drawing can be purchased from any Holy Name member Or in the parish office.

The next drawing will be Sunday, **July 30** after the 10:45 Mass in the Church.

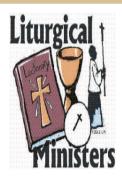
All proceeds are used for parish maintenance

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.



<u>Liturgical Ministers</u> Schedule

Once again it is time for a new schedule.

If you have any special requests for the August/September/October

Schedule, please turn them. into the Parish Office no later than Monday, July 10th.

If there are any ministers that would like to start ministering once again, please contact the parish office so we can add you back into the system which then enables the system to schedule you.

We appreciate your help with this request.

Thank you.

Thank You

Morgan Rumienski for designing the t-shirt for this year's 8th grade class at St. Benedict. Congratulations to all the Graduates.

ENTRANCE CHANT 850 This Day God Gives Me

FIRST READING 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a

One day Elisha came to Shunem, where there was a woman of influence, who urged him to dine with her. Afterward, whenever he passed by, he used to stop there to dine. So she said to her husband, "I know that Elisha is a holy man of God. Since he visits us often, let us arrange a little room on the roof and furnish it for him with a bed, table, chair, and lamp, so that when he comes to us he can stay there." Sometime later Elisha arrived and stayed in the room overnight.

Later Elisha asked, "Can something be done for her?" His servant Gehazi answered, "Yes! She has no son, and her husband is getting on in years." Elisha said, "Call her." When the woman had been called and stood at the door, Elisha promised, "This time next year you will be fondling a baby son."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 89:2-3, 16-19

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

The promises of the LORD I will sing forever, through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness. For you have said, "My kindness is established forever;" in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Blessed the people who know the joyful shout; in the light of your countenance, O LORD, they walk. At your name they rejoice all the day, and through your justice they are exalted.

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

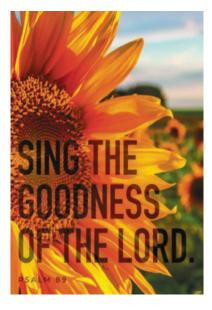
You are the splendor of their strength, and by your favor our horn is exalted. For to the LORD belongs our shield, and to the Holy One of Israel, our king.

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Brothers and sisters: Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.

If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him. As to his death, he died to sin once and for all; as to his life, he lives for God. Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus.



GOSPEL Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus said to his apostles: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

"Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

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Our desire for God can only grow when we place ourselves in His presence. -Pope Francis

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