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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>, **Retired**, **in Residence** Stan <u>Drozell</u>, **Deacon** 

#### PASTORAL STAFF

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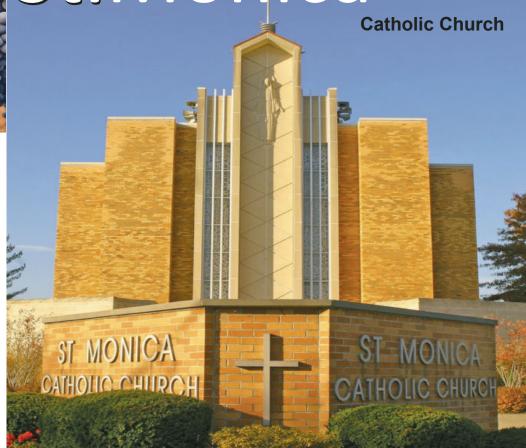
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St. Monica July 16, 2023



**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

#### <u>Sunday, July 16</u> Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

#### Monday, July 17 Weekday

8:00 In Thanksgiving for Sister Margaret Marszal

#### Tuesday, July 18 Weekday

8:00 Antonio Carriero

#### <u>Wednesday, July 19</u> *Weekday*

8:00 All Souls

#### Thursday, July 20 Weekday

8:00 Ernest Folton

#### Friday, July 21 Weekday

8:00 Thomas Rickelman

#### Saturday, July 22 St. Mary Magdalene

4:00 James & Carmella Smith & Ray Canzoni

#### Sunday, July 23

9:00 Jennie & Patrick Ballato 10:45 People of the Parish



The next Baptism class will be held on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at 6:30 pm in the Parish Office.

If you would like to have your child Baptized, please call the

Parish Office to register: 216-662-8685.



### Pastoral Scene

#### Saint for Our Times

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:

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# \*\*\*\* Activities CALENDAR

#### Wednesday, July 19

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

#### Saturday, July 22

1:00 p.m. G. A. in Pavilion

#### Sunday, July 23

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

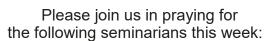


Our sincere sympathy and prayers are extended to the family and friends of:
Elizabet h C. Kuzniakowski
who were recently buried. May she, and all of our dearly departed,
rest in peace.



# SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS

Please pray for the Seminarians of the Cleveland Diocese



Monday: Steve Zbiegien
Tuesday: Benjamin Baratian
Wednesday: Andrew Bendahan
Thursday: Thomas Byrne
Friday: Samuele Cafaratti
Saturday: Augustine Drexler
Sunday: Pray for Bishop Amos

#### 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

# STEWARDSHIP

#### July 9, 2023

Sunday Offering	\$ 5,529.70
St. Monica Fund	.\$5.023.00
Misc. Special Envelopes	.\$ 73.00

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

We Share for June Sunday Offertory \$5367.50 St. Monica Fund \$791.00

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,

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.

## Marymount Hospital Volunteers Needed

Mary Tracy, the Director of Pastoral Care at Marymount Hospital, is in need of extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to distribute Communion to the patients. The essence of this ministry to the sick is to share prayer, to bring the Eucharist and to make present God's love to those who are suffering.

Please contact Mary Tracy at 216-587-8141 or email <a href="mailto:tracym@ccf.org">tracym@ccf.org</a> for more information.

Dear friends in Christ:

#### Issue 1

On June 23<sup>rd</sup>, Bishop Malesic had a meeting with all the priests of the Diocese about the upcoming ballot issue on abortion in Ohio. This meeting strictly focused on our mandate as Catholics to protect Life. In this meeting there were presentations about Issue 1 which we will be asked to vote on August 8, and the voting issue on the November ballot that would legalize abortion for all 9 months of pregnancy with no parental consent or notification. If this issue passes, it was communicated that children will also be able to begin to gender transition without parental consent. Also, organizations that we as a parish support that help women who support life, such as Womankind and Zelie's Home, will have to offer literature to assist women to get an abortion. As priests, we were asked to work to help to form our people. It is important as Catholics that we make a stand. The August 8 special election will have one issue only. It is a proposed Ohio Constitution amendment to require a 60% + 1 vote to amend the Constitution. As it stands now, the Ohio Constitution can be amended with only 50% + 1 vote. The speakers at the meeting communicated that if Issue 1 does not pass, it is likely that the abortion issue will pass in November, and that there could be more radical ballot initiatives to follow. I encourage everyone to research and to vote on issue 1. At all the churches in the Diocese there will be further bulletin articles, announcements, prayer opportunities, and homily reflections leading up to November. Pope Francis reminds us that we are called to bring Jesus everywhere: "An authentic faith . . . always involves a deep desire to change the world, to transmit values, to leave this earth somehow better than we found it." The dignity of life in its earliest stages is threatened by the proposed Ohio Constitutional amendment, to be voted on in the November 7th election, attempting to expand and enshrine abortion at the expense of protection for preborn children and women. As Catholics, we cannot remain on the sidelines when confronted with such a clear threat to human life.

Please review all the resources on numerous platforms, including the Catholic Conference of Ohio, which is the official voice of the Catholic Church in Ohio on matters of public policy. This conference is working diligently with the dioceses across Ohio to equip Catholics with the resources necessary to learn about the proposed amendment and take action to oppose it in November 2023,

https://www.ohiocathconf.org/protect-ohio Father John Mullee

#### **Pastoral Scene continued**

**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."

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

The St. Monica Summer Series Presents:

# PARTY AT THE PAVILION

buíochas ("bwee-kus"translation-Thank you) to The New Barleycorn for entertaining us at our last Party at the Pavilion on July 13<sup>th</sup>. In addition, we thank all who attended this event and for your continued support of our summer events. We look forward to seeing you at the last Party at the Pavilion on Thursday, September 14 with the Joey Tomsic Band. In between the Party at the Pavilion will be our Parish Homecoming Picnic. This will be held on Sunday, August 27th, beginning with an outdoor Mass at 12:00 noon. Entertaining us at that event will be the Brian Papesh band. We hope to see everyone there!

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### 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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Enjoy family-friendly and affordable food. You can even conveniently park for FREE! FEST day comes to a close with a beautiful outdoor Mass at 8:00 pm. American Fireworks will cap off this GREAT family day. Invite your family and friends to join you for the perfect day for your family this summer.

> Details and full schedule at: WWW.THEFEST.US

8.6.23



Have you as a couple grown apart? Do you often fight without ever resolving the conflict?

The Cleveland Retrouvaille Community is presenting a weekend retreat from September 22 to 24 for couples seeking healing in their marriage. For more information or to register, visit

www.helpourmarriage.org





# Saturday, August 5, 2023

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**Entrance Chant** 685 Seek Ye First

First Reading Isaiah 55:10-11

Thus says the LORD:
Just as from the heavens
the rain and snow come down
and do not return there
till they have watered the earth,
making it fertile and fruitful,
giving seed to the one who sows
and bread to the one who eats,
so shall my word be
that goes forth from my mouth;
my word shall not return to me void,
but shall do my will,
achieving the end for which I sent it.



**The Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 65:10-14

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You have visited the land and watered it;

greatly have you enriched it.

God's watercourses are filled;

you have prepared the grain.

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Thus have you prepared the land: drenching its furrows,

breaking up its clods,

Softening it with showers,

blessing its yield.

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You have crowned the year with your bounty,

and your paths overflow with a rich harvest;

The untilled meadows overflow with it,

and rejoicing clothes the hills.

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

The fields are garmented with flocks

and the valleys blanketed with grain.

They shout and sing for joy.

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

**Second Reading** Romans 8:18-23

Brothers and sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

#### **Gospel** Matthew 13:1-23

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

The disciples approached him and said, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" He said to them in reply, "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted. To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because *they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or under-stand*. Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in them, which says:

You shall indeed hear but not understand, you shall indeed look but never see.
Gross is the heart of this people, they will hardly hear with their ears, they have closed their eyes, lest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their hearts and be converted, and I heal them.

"But blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear. Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.

"Hear then the parable of the sower. The seed sown on the path is the one who hears the word of the kingdom without understanding it, and the evil one comes and steals away what was sown in his heart. The seed sown on rocky ground is the one who hears the word and receives it at once with joy. But he has no root and lasts only for a time. When some tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away. The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold."

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**Offertory Chant** 652 This Alone

**Communion Chant** 785 Behold the Lamb (Willett)

**The Concluding Rites** 614 How Great Thou Art

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