

Liturgy Schedule

8:30 Morning Prayer, Rosary, Monday through Friday

Monday, July 24 Weekday

8:00 Val Miklusak

Tuesday July 25 Saint James, Apostle

8:00 Arlene Harden

**Wednesday, July 26 Saints Joachim and Anne,
Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00 Anthony Rosa & Nonna Acino

Thursday, July 27 Weekday

8:00 Raymond Nadolski

Friday, July 28 Weekday

8:00 Cymbor & Walker Families

Saturday, July 29 Weekday

3:15 Confessions

4:00 People of the Parish

Sunday, July 30 Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

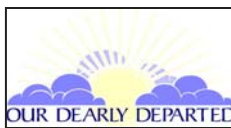
8:00 Dennis Woloszynek

10:00 Leonard & Rita Phipps

12:00 Bob and Mary Hartman & Family



the following members of our Parish community: the following members of our Parish community: **Holly Craider, Dolores Nose, Andrew Burdette, Melinda Corbaugh, John Halasz, JoAnn Reddinger, Nick Liotta, John Sigmund, Marie DiCola, Baby Ryan Martin, Sheila Sillasen, Richard Rosberil, Karen Styler, Stephen Rapsik, Sarah Burket and Mark Pennington.** 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 **Grace Campbell, John Simpson and Lois Pesta** who were buried this past week. May they and all our dearly departed, rest in peace.

Wedding Banns

II Ryan Whittaker & Jennifer Pannitto



*Congratulations to our newly baptized Christian: **Eva Emmerling and her family.***

Religion Question of the Week

Which Jesuit Saint brought the Gospel to Japan?

Did You Know?

Did you know that the area behind the golden screen at one time was the "choir area" of our Church?

One Liner

"It's frustrating when you know all of the answers, but nobody asks you the questions".

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

St. Monica Homecoming Festival Welcomes You

This weekend many visitors will attend the St. Monica's Homecoming Festival. This is an annual event we sponsor for all the former members of St. Monica Church and all the members of our surrounding communities. We hope you have a wonderful time on our parish grounds. **Please know that if you are interested in becoming a member of our Parish, you will be greeted with "open arms". Just contact us at (216 – 662-8685) or drop-in at the parish office. All are welcome at St. Monica Church.**



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, July 24th due to the Festival. The office will reopen on Tuesday, July 25th at 8:00am.

Thraves Road Entrance

In recent years the Thraves Road entrance to our Church parking lot (next to the Credit Union) has become more than an entrance to our parish grounds. It has become a "short cut" from Thraves Road to Rockside Road. As a result our parish and the Ohio Catholic Credit Union have had to spend thousands of dollars in extra repairs to this entranceway. Also, many cars speed through this entranceway, making it dangerous to go from the parking lot into our Church. We have talked to many interested parishioners about how to handle this problem. Different ideas have surfaced including "grassing in" the area, placing concrete barriers, and putting up a gate. We are considering very seriously the idea of placing a gate that will be locked, except on special occasions, in this entranceway. The other entranceway from Thraves Road next to the pavilion will remain open for those coming to Church, the School, or the parish office. It is important that we have your support for this idea, because it will cause some inconvenience to those who are coming to Church or the Credit Union. But it should make our parking area safer. Please feel free to contact me about this plan.

Fr. Thomas Haren

Pastoral Scene

Reflection article on Divine Mercy:

Here at St Monica Parish, the monthly honoring of the Divine Mercy on Sunday afternoons, brings some thoughts of my own personal encounter with the devotion.

I became familiar with the Divine Mercy devotion before it became popular. It was through a person seeking spiritual direction who brought Sister Faustina Kawalska's *Diary* to my attention. I never believed that I would have the opportunity to visit her convent outside of Krakow, Poland and celebrate Mass in the convent chapel where her mortal remains are found. I would return two other times on a pilgrimage. The last time seeing the newly built Basilica dedicated to the Divine Mercy located on her convent grounds. It was a week after a frail Pope John Paul II dedicated the Basilica.

It was through the influence of Pope John Paul II that the devotion took root and continues to flourish, not to forget the Holy Spirit! The devotion to the Sacred Heart is a popular devotion in Poland to this very day. The practice of the first Friday reception of Holy Communion and honoring the Sacred Heart of Jesus can be witnessed to this present day.

In different ways, Catholic piety continues to flow from the Sacred Liturgy, the celebration of daily Mass in our churches. The love and mercy of Jesus touches the hearts of all of us as we deal with the challenges and trials of our lives. In many ways, we rediscover those special prayers and devotions which helped our ancestors. The rosary reveals the mysteries of Christ celebrated throughout the Church Year. Mary, our Mother, accompanies us as we reflect on the mysteries of her Son's mortal life and lifts us beyond to the divine presence of her Son. Those same rosary beads assist us as we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet focusing our thoughts on her Son's infinite mercy. Truly this is a blessed time for us on our pilgrimage of faith.

Fr Ted Marszal



The following people have been memorialized through donations to our [Liturgical Memorial Fund](#) over the past months:

Msgr. John Cymbor

David Walker

Jay Tippen

With these funds we support the worship of our Church. If you would like to remember someone in this beautiful way, please call the Parish Office.

Homecoming Festival



The third incentive drawing is T. Duffy who will receive \$50 in Gift Certificates. Thank you to all who turned in their Raffle Tickets early.



Festival Clean Up will be on Monday, July 24th from 9:00am-noon, and 6:00pm to 9:00pm. All hands are needed. Thanks in advance for your time.

Coming Soon!

Catholic War Veterans Auxiliary will be holding a **Strudel Sale** the weekend of August 5th and 6th. The Strudel will be available by the Server's Sacristy after all masses that weekend. The delicious Strudel will be supplied by Lydia, formerly of Buckeye Rd. The cost is \$8.00 and they will be offering Apple, Cherry and Cream Cheese Strudel.



Golden Envelopes- Improvement Fund

Every weekend many of our parishioners use their "Golden Improvement Fund" envelopes. These are used to fund improvements to our parish buildings and grounds, to fund our present maintenance to these facilities, and to prepare for future improvements needed in our parish. During the past year we spent almost \$60,000 from the Improvement Fund. Included in our expenditures were the following projects: **Landscaping of parish grounds - \$14,800; Snow Removal and Salting- \$14,800; Parking Lot repairs - \$8,500; Air Conditioning and Boiler Servicing - \$7,000; Elevator Servicing - \$2,800; Tuck Pointing the Parish Office and Rectory - \$5,800; Marian Shrine: \$800.** In the next few years we will have to spend major funds on repairing the Parking Lot. It is now over 22 years old, and needs more than patching and pot hole repairs to survive. To those who use their "golden envelopes" thank you for your generosity.

Fr. Thomas Haren



Stewardship

OFFERTORY COLLECTION July 15th / July 16th

Regular Sunday Envelopes	\$ 8,163.00
St. Monica Fund	\$ 410.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 13.00

Answer to This Week's Religion Question

Which Jesuit Saint brought the Gospel to Japan?
 Answer: St. Francis Xavier.

What are the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit?

The "Gifts of the Holy Spirit" complete and perfect the virtues we receive at Baptism. They are enhanced at Confirmation. They help the recipients to respond to the Holy Spirit's promptings in their lives. The following are the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord.

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

A Full Life!!

Join us in two weeks -**Sunday, August 6, 2017** for The FEST – our 17th Annual Catholic Family FESTival from 12 noon until 10 pm at the CPL (28700 Euclid Avenue in Wickliffe). Join with thousands from across our region, for a day of faith, family, and great fun! It's all FREE. Listen to the inspiring music of Laura Story, Matt Maher, Crowder, and for King & Country. Visit activities for your kids, displays to help you strengthen your family life and so much more. There's plenty of FREE close parking. There's great family affordable food.... thanks to Executive Caterers and Marc's. There's something for everyone at The FEST. The day concludes with a beautiful outdoor Mass at 8 pm followed by an incredible American Fireworks display. Check out all the details online at: www.theFEST.us. Please join us.



Offered at Jesuit Retreat House in Parma. Ignatius in the Meadow - Free Concert! July 30. 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Bring your blanket or lawn chair and friends to our meadow for an evening of prayer and live motivational music by The Clams, fronted by Tina Facca-Miess. Take advantage of this fun and spiritual opportunity to celebrate the eve of the Feast of St. Ignatius on the beautiful grounds of the Jesuit Retreat House. Bring your children or grandchildren for a joyful evening together! Weather permitting. **There will be no rain date.** For more information contact [440-884-9300](tel:440-884-9300) or visit www.jrh-cleveland.org.

Parish Activities

MONDAY, July 24

Office Closed

TUESDAY, July 25

WEDNESDAY, July 26

THURSDAY, July 27

6:00 High School Youth Group Bonfire (p)

6:30 DHNS Meeting (J)

Friday, July 28

SATURDAY, July 29

10:00 Bereavement (cmr)

2:00 Private Party (p)

SUNDAY, July 30

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

All students entering **grades 9-12** this fall are invited to YOUTH412's **high school bonfire Thurs July 27, 8-9:30pm, St Monica Pavilion**, rain or shine. We'll have s'mores and stories of summer adventures. Please bring your own lawn chair or blanket to sit on. We'll provide the rest.



Looking forward to fall... youth group will be meeting on Wednesdays and Sundays, Sept through May. We have a variety of actives and field trips planned. Registration forms will be available at the first meetings in September. Watch the bulletin for upcoming dates!

Questions? Call the Nancy Heineke, Coordinator of Youth Ministry, at (216) 662-8685.

St. Benedict Pre-School provides a smooth transition from home to school for children ages three, four, and five. The programs offer children an opportunity to interact with other children and adults in an atmosphere of Christian love and concern.

St. Benedict Pre-School promotes the spiritual, intellectual, social, and physical growth of the young child in a creative learning environment through age-appropriate developmental experiences and activities.

St. Benedict Pre-School is now accepting registration for the 2017-2018 school year. Half-day and full-day options available for ages three, four, and five. **Please call [216-475-3633](tel:216-475-3633) today to schedule an appointment for a personalized tour with pre-school teacher Mrs. Deb Dereska.** The St. Benedict Pre-School is located on the campus of St. Martin of Tours at 14600 Turney Road in Maple Heights.

Trinity High School is welcoming new van drivers to help in their internship and commuter programs. We pay \$12.00/hour and need drivers for approximately **5-10 hours/week** during the school year. **If you are interested or have questions, please contact Judith Lemanski at lemanskij@ths.org or 216-581-5753.**

Readings for the Week of July 23, 2017

Sunday	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30
Monday	Saint Sharbel Makhlúf, Priest Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday	Saint James, Apostle 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Mt 20:20-28
Wednesday	Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28; Mt 13:1-9
Thursday	Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Mt 13:10-17
Friday	Ex 24:3-8; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 13:18-23
Saturday	Saint Martha Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Sunday	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

K of C Wednesday Night Dinner**CHICKEN PARMESAN**

**CLUB 4130 : 10806 Granger Road, Garfield Heights, Ohio
44125**

DATE: Wednesday July 26 , 2017 TIME: 4 - 7 PM

Dinner consists of: **Dinner will consist of 2 pieces of
Chicken, Angel Hair Pasta, Vegetable, Tossed Salad, Rolls
& Butter**

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

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

DINNERS BY: MAPLE HEIGHTS CATERING

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED: 216-662-2277 mailbox #2

DUE BY MONDAY JULY 24 - NOON

The Isabella Guild will also be selling fresh bakery

The Church of St. Martin of Tours invites you to the second of its DVD presentations on the Pivotal Players of Catholicism. Please join us as Bishop Robert Barron enlightens us on the life of St. Thomas Aquinas, Theologian, Tuesday, July 25. We begin at 7:15 p.m. in the school immediately following our 6:30 p.m. mass. Please feel free to join us for Mass also.