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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** 

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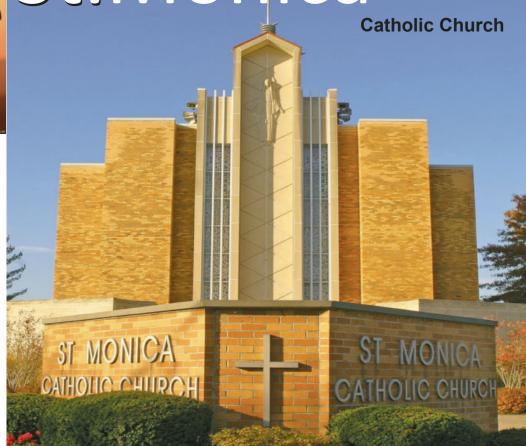
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St. Monica July 23, 2023



**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

## Sunday, July 23

## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

## Monday, July 24

## Weekday

8:00 Living & deceased of Kathy & Omar Dishion Family

## Tuesday, July 25

St. James, Apostle

8:00 Bruce John Cartwright

## Wednesday, July 26

Sts. Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 William Morley

## Thursday, July 27

## Weekday

8:00 Mary Collins

## Friday, July 28

## Weekday

8:00 Living & deceased of Al & Dawn Hanzlick Family

## Saturday, July 29

Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus

4:00 People of the Parish

## Sunday, July 30

## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 Dennis Woloszynek

10:45 Living & deceased of Terry & Vivian



Tuesday
July 25th
the Parish
Office will CLOSE
at Noon
and reopen
Wednesday morning
at 8:00 a.m.

## Pastoral Scene

## Be a Missionary 2023

Today we celebrate World Day for Grand-parents and the Elderly. I am reminded of my grandfather when I told him about my intention to study for the priesthood. His response to me was: "Grandson, become a missionary!" I was a bit surprised at his remark because my image of becoming a missionary was to travel to some far away land. As I entered the seminary and began my studies, I realized the missionary call was in following the call to the priesthood. More so, the call to be a missionary comes with the Sacrament of Baptism.

To be a missionary means to "evangelize", that is, to teach the good News of Jesus Christ when convenient and inconvenient. In reading about the Russian people during the time of the Soviet regime, the faith was kept alive through the elderly, especially the grandmothers, who would quietly have their grandchildren baptized and teach them about faith in Jesus Christ. In this quiet way, the faith in Christ was kept alive during those turbulent times. I am sure that their example can be applied to our present day.

Since many of you are limited in your travel, know that your example and your piety have an affect on your family and those who care for you. The number of times I hear that your prayers are being offered for others and your asking for prayers, humble me in my ministry as a Catholic Priest.

Being a "missionary" and spreading the message of Jesus takes many forms. I would like to commend to your prayers, the women and men who work behind the scenes preparing for Masses here at St. Monica. Their dedication has been a part of the Ministry of the Parish.

May your summer be peaceful and full of God's love.

Fr. Ted Marszal

## \*\*\*\* Activities CALENDAR

## Wednesday, July 26

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

Thursday, July 27

6:00 p.m. D.H.N. Meeting (p)

Sunday, July 30

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



Our sincere sympathy and prayers are extended to the families and friends of all who have recently died.

May they and all of the dearly departed, rest in peace.

## WARD 7 BLOCK WATCH

The Garfield Heights Ward 7 Block
Watch meeting for
July has been **canceled**.
The next meeting will be
Thursday, August 31st at
St. Monica's pavilion.
Contact Gail at 216-662-9213
for more information.



Join us every
Thursday at
6:00 pm in
Church as
we pray the Rosary.
All are invited.





## STEWARDSHIP

July 16, 2023

> 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.

# Pray for the Sick

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,

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.



We are in need of ushers for all weekend masses. Join in service to our church. Become an usher. For more information call Father John at the parish office 216-662-8685



## SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS



Please pray for the Seminarians of the Cleveland Diocese

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

Monday: Miguel Estrada Tuesday: Jonathan Green

Wednesday: Nathan Menkhaus (Parishioner)

Thursday: Zachary Smith Friday: Steven Vasko Saturday: Stephen Vavro Sunday: Pray for Bishop Gries

### **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

### **Memorial Bricks**

The Holy Name Society will be placing a memorial brick order in the Fall.
Bricks are available for \$50.00.

If you are interested in buying a brick, please fill out the order form and return it to the parish office or drop it in the Sunday collection basket.
Order forms are available in the parish office





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The Next
Party at the Pavilion
Will Be
Thursday, September 14th
The Joey Tomsick Orchestra



## **HOLY CROSS CEMETERY - Pre-Planning Seminar**

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour pre-planning seminar on Saturday, August 5, 2023 at 1 p.m. Please join us to learn more about your Catholic burial options, including options for cremated remains. Attendees will receive a personal reference guide and savings certificate. We kindly ask that you RSVP to this event to HOLY CROSS Cemetery – 14609 Brookpark Rd., Brook Park 216/641-7575 ext. 3 or email Bob DeJohn at bdejohn@clecem.org.

## **We Need Your Help**

As we are preparing for our **Annual Homecoming Picnic and Raffle** we are looking for help from people who would be willing to sponsor one of the baskets for our **Chinese Raffle Baskets.** All you need to do is purchase items of a certain theme, gift cards or even provide a total basket of goods. Maybe ask a friend to help sponsor a basket. We are trying to make each basket worth between \$75.00 - \$100.00 each. We would like to have at least 12 - 15 baskets for this raffle so as many people can win one of these great prizes.

## Suggested themes for these baskets are:

Rainy Day Games • Gardening • Great Outdoors • Pets • Christmas • Baking Road Trip • Car Care • Beauty / Spa • Back to School • Or Something **YOU** Like









If You would like to participate, please contact the parish office.

## Homecoming Raffle and Picnic Basket Raffle

Don't forget about returning your tickets for our **Special Raffle** baskets. You should have received these in the mail in early June. If you did not receive these, or need more, please contact the parish office. Each of these baskets contains \$200.00 in gift cards, a bottle of wine, Malley's Chocolate and a few other goodies all would enjoy! We are at about 1/3rd of our goal of \$25,000.00

ALL monies raised from this raffle help support our Parish

## Thank You to All of The Homecoming Raffle and Picnic Sponsors

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## Please Support THEM as THEY Have Supported St. Monica Parish!

There is still time to become a sponsor. If interested please contact Jim Joyce at 216 548 9510





Outdoor Mass at 12:30 p.m.
at the Parish Pavilion and tent.
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## Entertainment Provided By the Brian Papesh Band



- Chinese Raffle Baskets "Spirit" Raffle
- Guessing Game, 50/50 Raffles All Day Long
   Drawing for the winners of the Parish Raffle at 5 p.m.



Saturday, August 5, 2023

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Join the Down Syndrome Association of Northeast Ohio as we unite for a common cause and raise funds at the 2023 Northeast Ohio Buddy Walk. Whether you have Down syndrome, know someone who does, or just want to show your support, take the first step and donate or register today! Help us spread the word; all are welcome for our day of celebration!

Register by scanning the QR code or visiting www.dsaneo.org







## ARISE!!! Jesus is Risen. He is truly Risen.

As we celebrate the joy of Easter, Christ wants to fill our hearts with the radiant Light and lasting joy.

As you make your family plans for the summer, join us on Sunday, August 6, 2023 for The FEST. It's an inspiring day of faith, family and fun – all for FREE. It's a great way to celebrate the Joy of Christ with thousands of family and friends from across our Diocese.

This year we are blessed to welcome the best Contemporary Christian artists: Chris Tomlin, Jeremy Camp, Big Daddy Weave, and Katy Nichole. Their music, along with the inspiring displays and engaging activities, will fill your soul with the Light and Joy of the Lord.

Invite everyone you know to join you for this amazing day held at the Center for Pastoral Leadership (28700 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, OH). It's the perfect one tank-trip and, even more, it's an inspiring and fun-filled family day.















## 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





## **Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

July 23, 2023

## **Entrance Chant** 659 Open My Eyes

## First Reading Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

There is no god besides you who have the care of all, that you need show you have not unjustly condemned. For your might is the source of justice; your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all.

For you show your might when the perfection of your power is disbelieved;

and in those who know you, you rebuke temerity.

But though you are master of might, you judge with clemency,

and with much lenience you govern us;

for power, whenever you will, attends you.

And you taught your people, by these deeds,

that those who are just must be kind;

and you gave your children good ground for hope

that you would permit repentance for their sins.

## **The Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16

## R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

You, O LORD, are good and forgiving, abounding in kindness to all who call upon you. Hearken, O LORD, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my pleading.

## R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

All the nations you have made shall come and worship you, O LORD, and glorify your name. For you are great, and you do wondrous deeds; you alone are God.

## R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

You, O LORD, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in kindness and fidelity. Turn toward me, and have pity on me; give your strength to your servant.

## R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

## **Second Reading** Romans 8:26-27

Brothers and sisters: The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will.

#### **Gospel** Matthew 13:24-43

Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well. The slaves of the householder came to him and said, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' His slaves said to him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, "First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.""

He proposed another parable to them. "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants. It becomes a large bush, and the 'birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches."

He spoke to them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened."

All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables. He spoke to them only in parables, to fulfill what had been said through the prophet:

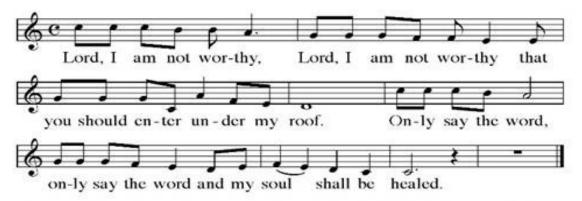
I will open my mouth in parables,

I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation of the world.

Then, dismissing the crowds, he went into the house. His disciples approached him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." He said in reply, "He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. Just as weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

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## Offertory Chant 532 Loving and Forgiving Communion Chant Lord, I Am Not Worthy



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