

Liturgy Schedule

8:30 Morning Prayer, Rosary, Monday through Friday

Monday, July 31 Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

8:00 Jeff Gerenday

Tuesday, August 1, Saint Alphonsus Liguori,

Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 All Souls

Wednesday, August 2 Weekday

8:00 Greg & Kathy Rowinski

Thursday, August 3 Weekday

8:00 Chris & Brittany Reed & Family

First Friday, August 4 St John Vianney, Priest

8:00 Tony Cosentino

First Saturday, August 5 Weekday

12:00 Pannitto & Whittaker Wedding

3:15 Confessions

4:00 Members of the Varrati Family

Sunday, August 6 The Transfiguration of the Lord

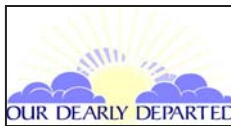
8:00 Lawrence Eppele

10:00 People of the Parish

12:00 Don Rickard & 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, 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 **John Sigmund** who was buried this past week. May he and all our dearly departed, rest in peace.

Wedding Banns

I Mark Beechuk & Erin Sarantou

III Ryan Whittaker & Jennifer Pannitto



Congratulations **Ed and Linda Mayausky** who are celebrating their **40th Wedding Anniversary** this weekend.

Religion Question of the Week

In the Old Testament, where was Moses buried?

Did You Know?

Did you know that the shamrocks in the ceiling of the Church were painted at the request of our "founding pastor" Fr. Gallagher?

One Liner

"One of life's mysteries is how a two pound box of candy can make you gain five pounds".

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

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

In response to the Vatican's approval of the use of low gluten altar breads, we are considering offering Low Gluten hosts for those who may need this alternative. The hosts to be used have been approved by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

If you are in need of this option, please contact the Parish Office by August 7th so we can determine what the actual need will be. Thank you for your help in this matter.

2017 St. Monica Homecoming Festival

Dear Parishioners,

Many thanks to all who participated in any way in this year's Parish Festival. Thanks to all who bought or sold raffle tickets, helped on the front lawn with the ticket sales, especially Will Skladany and Bob Rafal who help to organize the volunteers. Those who helped to set up or tear down for the festival, prepared the baskets, provided prizes, worked at the booths, prepared and sold the food and other refreshments, participated in the special noon Mass, attended the festival, and helped in any way with the event. Special thanks to the festival team: Jim Joyce, Tom Vaughn, and Joe Leone for all the "behind the scenes" work they did organizing this endeavor, and to our parish staff who provided the necessary support to the team. We also want to thank the area businesses and others whose donations were a great help to our financial success.

In a few weeks we will have a special meeting for those who are interested to make plans for what type of event we would like to do next year. At times it is important to make adjustments to our situation as a parish. Your ideas are important. At that time we will have a financial report of this year's Homecoming Festival.

Finally we would like to thank God for all His help in providing a good atmosphere for the 2017 St. Monica Homecoming Festival.

Fr. Thomas Haren, Fr. Ted Marszal,
Priests of the Parish and St. Monica Staff

Sandwich Saturday

Come join us as we will gather together to make 300 peanut butter & jelly sandwiches for the homeless. **Saturday, August 5th, 9:00 am in the Parish Office.**



Pastoral Scene

Thirsting For God

One of the ways that we can seek a deeper stirring into flame of the gift of the Holy Spirit is through prayer that is called the prayer of desire. It's the prayer of the one who loves, of the one whose passion is for God.

The prayer for desire, the prayer of one who loves, is prayer that says, "Father, I love you. Jesus, I love you. Spirit, I love you." Now, saying that, speaking in a personal way in love to the person of God, is a striking thing. When you take up this stance, the prayer of the one who loves, you are going to learn several things. You just might realize how little you love God. If we take up the stance of the prayer of desire, it's going to stir up within us the realization that we don't love God well enough and a desire to love God more.

Take a moment to pray. When we pray, it helps us to go on. Ask God to make it real. God, help me to yearn for you. Take up the stance to the one who loves, and come to know the experience of this hunger and thirst for God.

We all need to experience something even more profound and important than our revelation of our hunger and thirst to love God. We will learn the truth, more than the thirst for God, because God thirsts for us. He thirsts to encounter us and He thirsts to love us.

I know sometimes I need to seek a deeper stance in prayer. What do you seek, is it the same thing?

Deacon Stan Drozell

ST. MONICA SENIOR GROUP

The Senior Picnic will be held in the pavillion on AUG. 8TH beginning at 11AM.

Cost for a FUN-filled afternoon with good food and friends is ONLY \$7.00 [*in advance*]. Bring your own beverage AND a dessert to share! Water will be provided New members are ALWAYS welcome. Call Gerry at 216.581.1777 for reservations. Hope to see you.



There will be **No sale** of gift cards in Church in **August**. Gift cards are always available in the Parish Office during regular Office hours.
Thank you for your continued support.

Divine Mercy

Please join us for a special hour of adoration and thanksgiving to the Divine Mercy of Jesus on **Sunday, August 13th, at 2:30 in St. Monica Church**. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and prayers for families, our youth, and our country. **All are welcome to join us.**



Homecoming Festival



Grand Prize-\$10,000 Winner:

Margaret Galus

2nd Prize- \$2,500:

Shelly Kinney

3rd Prize- 55" Flat Screen T.V.:

Kathy Bailey

Book Sellers Prize: \$1,000

David Norman

Grand Prize Seller: \$250.00

Margaret Galus

Girl's Bike:

Nora Wozniak

Boy's Bike:

Nick Joyce

Giant Stuffed Animal:

Xeno Sobocinski

What are the Holy Days of Obligation in America?

A Holy Day is a special Feast Day in the Liturgical Year on which Catholics are obliged to attend Mass (like on Sunday). The following are the six Holy Days of Obligation in America:

January 1 – Solemnity of Mary;

7th Sunday after Easter - Feast of the Ascension of Jesus Christ;

August 15 – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary;

November 1 – Solemnity of All Saints;

December 8th – Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary;

December 25 – Christmas Day.



Stewardship

OFFERTORY COLLECTION July 22nd / July 23rd

Regular Sunday Envelopes	\$ 7,131.00
St. Monica Fund	\$ 247.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 6.00

Answer to This Week's Religion Question

In the Old Testament, where is Moses buried?

Answer: Moses is buried somewhere near Mount Nebo?

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

Join us next 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! Listen to the inspiring music of Laura Story, Matt Maher, Crowder, and for King & Country. 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. We have EVERYTHING you need for the perfect family day AND IT'S ALL FREE....** thanks especially to our friends at: Marc's, PNC, Notre Dame College, Barons Bus and Sherwood Foods. Check out all the details online at: www.theFEST.us. Please join us.



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

Parish Activities

MONDAY, July 31

TUESDAY, August 1

7:00 Guild Board Mtg (J)

WEDNESDAY, August 2

THURSDAY, August 3

FRIDAY, August 4

SATURDAY, August 5

9:00 Sandwich Saturday (J)

SUNDAY, August 6

YOUTH MINISTRY

All students entering 6th grade this fall are welcome to "taste" youth group at Youth412's ice cream social, **Wed Aug 16, 7-8pm at St Monica Pavilion, rain or shine.** Youth Group is a fun faith-filled way to meet new people, enjoy old friends and grow closer to Jesus. **We serve all teens in grades 6-12. Questions? Call the Youth Ministry Office at 216.662.8685**



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Nancy Heineke, Youth Minister YOUTH412 is a cluster program of St Martin of Tours, St Monica, Saints Peter and Paul and St Therese 13623 Rockside Road, Garfield Hts OH 4125216) 662-8685 ext 123

Join the Cleveland Indians for Mass and a Ball game for Catholic Family Day at Progressive Field on **October 1, 2017. Pre-Game Mass at 10:15 in the Ball Park / Tickets starting at \$14.** Purchase on line with this link:

<http://m.mlb.com/indians/tickets/group/catholicfamilyday>



For additional information please call 216.420.4162

Next Weekend!!

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.**



Readings for the Week of July 30, 2017

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
Monday	Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday	Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday	Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9; Mt 13:44-46
Thursday	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11; Mt 13:47-53
Friday	Saint John Vianney, Priest Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday	The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday	The Transfiguration of the Lord Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

CELEBRATING ST. PIUS X COMMUNITY

Our Lady of Hope Parish will be celebrating the former St. Pius X of Bedford community at our Parish Picnic on Sunday, August 13th, from 12 noon to 5pm on the parish grounds!! If you or someone you know is a former St. Pius X parishioner or student, please invite them and share the memories by bringing pictures or any kind of memorabilia you may have from the past!! Call Verna at 440-232-8166 for more info or to sign-up!!

Light of Hearts Villa Summer Flea Market

Thurs.-Fri., August 3rd-4th
9:00am-6:00pm Sat., Aug. 5
from 9:00-3:00pm
283 Union Street- Bedford,
Ohio All proceeds benefit
Villa Residents.