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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

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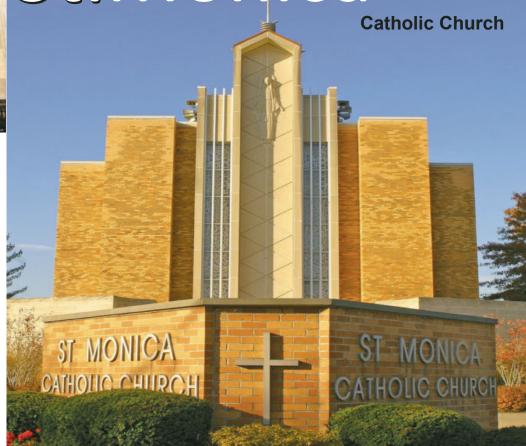
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St. Monica July 30, 2023



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 30</u> Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 Dennis Woloszynek 10:45 Living & deceased of Terry & Vivian Budd

Monday, July 31 St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

8:00 Living & deceased of Christopher Dela Cruz Family

<u>Tuesday, August 1</u> St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:00 All Souls

Wednesday, August 2 Weekday

8:00 Greg & Kathy Rowinski

Thursday, August 3 Weekday

8:00 Cynthia Jerie

<u>Friday, August 4</u> St. John Vianney, Priest

8:00 Blessed Mother's Intention

<u>Saturday, August 5</u> *Weekday*

4:00 Paul Varrati & Varrati Family

<u>Sunday, August 6</u> Transfiguration of the Lord

9:00 People of the Parish 10:45 Dianne Stoltz

BREAKING NEWS



Parish Picnic Raffle
has added two (2)
\$500.00 CASH
Prizes
In addition to the ten
prize baskets, values at
over \$200.00
Please purchase your
tickets today, maybe sell
some to a few friends.

Extra tickets available in the parish office.

Pastoral Scene

Dear friends in Christ:

As the opportunity to vote on Issue 1 soon approaches, we are encouraged to review the details, so that we make an informed decision guided by our Catholic teachings and belief in the sanctity of life, from conception to Natural Death. I would like to extend my thanks to a team of volunteers who have taken on the task of redesigning the parish bulletin and website.

The Gospel is a great connection to our Christian journey, asking the question, what do we see as the treasures in our life?

We can say there is a treasure hunter in all of us. We are excited when we get that unique prize- that rare find- We see that in many areas of society- garage sales, flea markets, etc. For my fist assignment I lived in Litchfield Township west of Medina. There was a large flea market down the road from the church. I know there were more people that visited the market than attended church, both Sat and Sunday combined, maybe looking for that one treasure that would make them rich. Have you ever watched the antiques road show? - when a person's eyes light up when they are told the piece they brought in is worth \$\$\$.

Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a treasure buried in a field. Faith introduces us to God's Kingdom- faith comes from God- it is the lens in which we see the world.

Faith opens us to the unimaginable gift of conversing with God. What am I searching for in life?
- what do I treasure the most? Is belonging to the Kingdom of God my great prize? The treasure I would give everything up for.

Deacon Greg Kandra offered an interesting insight on this Gospel from the perspective of a litmus test: "Everything we seek does not always lead us to the kingdom revealed in Jesus.

Thus, we need some guidance for discerning what is of passing value and what is that pearl of great price. The first reading gives us something of that litmus test. Solomon did not act in his self-interest. He did not ask for earthly riches. Nor did he seek revenge or violence against enemies.

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**** Activities CALENDAR

Wednesday, August 2

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

Sunday, August 6

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.

STEWARDSHIP

July 23, 2023

Sunday Offering\$5	.888.50
St. Monica Fund\$	418.00
Misc. Special Envelopes\$	

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:

Paul Lysobey, 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.

Pastoral Scene continued

Rather, he asks for an understanding heart. God's understanding heart is fully revealed in Jesus' own sacred heart.

A heart that communicated love for the stranger, respect for the marginalized, and justice for the outcasts. Today we also pray for understanding hearts, that together we too might further God's reign in our lives and in the world."

St. Monica -Pray for Us Our Lady of Lourdes- Pray for Us



SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS



Please pray for the Seminarians of the Cleveland Diocese

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

Monday: Matthew Wasinski
Tuesday: Christopher Yankay
Wednesday: Ryan Arto
Thursday: Kevin Bertleff
Friday: Michael Garvin
Saturday: William Wainio
Sunday: Pray for All Parish Priest

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 an 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







Support St. Monica Parish with a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA

If you are 70 ½ or older, you may be able to make a gift of a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA that will help us in our ministry and reduce your taxable income.

Talk to your advisors and IRA administrator for more information and to be sure that your IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution gift is made directly from an IRA to a qualified charity such as our parish.

Questions? Contact
Diane O'Neill in our parish office
at 216-662-8685 or
Jean Ann Montagna of the
Catholic Community Foundation at 216-6966525 x 8070 or
visit www.catholiccommunity.org/ira.

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.





Outdoor Mass at 12:30 p.m.
at the Parish Pavilion and tent.
Plenty of seats for all.
Please join us for this special liturgy.
(This is in addition to our normal Mass schedule)

Right after Mass, we will be selling picnic food at a nominal cost We will serve until we are sold out! Multiple Serving Lines

Hot Dogs • Hamburgers • Italian Sausage Pop • Water • Beer • Ice Cream



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.

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 Crafts • Gardening • Great Outdoors • Pets • Christmas/Fall • 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

Independence Kiwanis Foundation Annual Golf Outing



To Benefit: Children of Fallen Patriots

Friday, August 25, 2023

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Issue 1 Helps Protect 30,000 children every year.

Abortion advocates are trying to put painful, late-term abortion up to birth, without parental consent, in our Ohio Constitution. Issue 1 makes it more difficult for this dangerous and deadly proposal to be inserted into our Constitution by:

- Requiring 60% of voters to approve changes to the state constitution.
- Ensuring that all 88 counties have representation in the constitutional amendment process instead of the current 44.
- Ensuring that signatures to change the constitution are submitted on and not after the deadline.

If Issue 1 fails, an estimated 30,000 children will lose their lives at the hands of the abortion industry in Ohio every year.

Issue 1 is <u>crucial</u> in protecting the children whose lives are at risk. **Issue 1 will save** 30,000 children each year if it passes.



"Where there is life, there is HOPE" - Pope Francis





BE A VOTE FOR THE VOICELESS VOTE ON AUGUST 8TH

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Entrance Chant 687 How Can I Keep from Singing

First Reading 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

The LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream at night. God said, "Ask something of me and I will give it to you." Solomon answered: "O LORD, my God, you have made me, your servant, king to succeed my father David; but I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act. I serve you in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a people so vast that it cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong. For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?"

The LORD was pleased that Solomon made this request. So God said to him: "Because you have asked for this—not for a long life for yourself, nor for riches, nor for the life of your enemies, but for understanding so that you may know what is right—I do as you requested. I give you a heart so wise and understanding that there has never been anyone like you up to now, and after you there will come no one to equal you."

The Responsorial Psalm Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

R. Lord, I love your commands.

I have said, O LORD, that my part is to keep your words.
The law of your mouth is to me more precious than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

Let your kindness comfort me according to your promise to your servants. Let your compassion come to me that I may live, for your law is my delight.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

For I love your command more than gold, however fine. For in all your precepts I go forward; every false way I hate.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

Wonderful are your decrees; therefore I observe them. The revelation of your words sheds light, giving understanding to the simple.

R. Lord, I love your commands.



Second Reading Romans 8:28-30

Brothers and sisters: We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined he also called; and those he called he also justified; and those he justified he also glorified.

Gospel Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away. Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.

"Do you understand all these things?" They answered, "Yes." And he replied, "Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old."

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Communion Chant 729 Lord, You Have Come

The Concluding Rites 709 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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