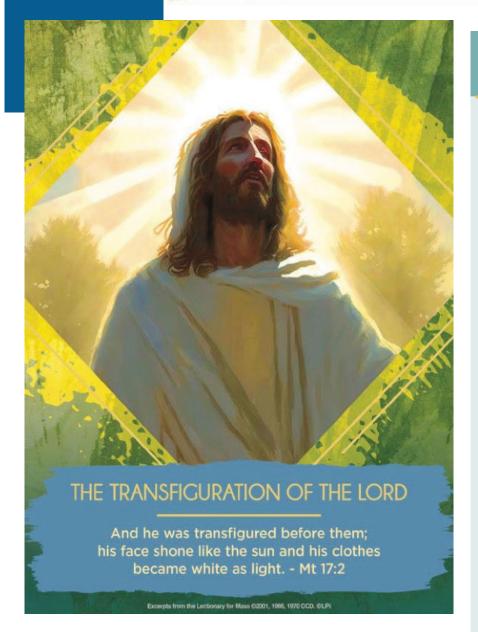
# AUGUST **6** 2023

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## Welcome!

#### Masses

Saturday | 4:00pm Sunday | 9:00 and 10:45am Monday - Friday | 8:00am

#### Confession

Saturday | 3:15pm

#### **Parish Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday | 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Friday | 8:00 am - Noon Saturday & Sunday | Closed

#### **Parish Clergy**

Rev. John J. Mullee, **Pastor** Rev. Theodore Marszal **Retired, in Residence** Stan Drozell, Deacon

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#### **Bulletin Announcements**

Email: srjoyce@saintmonicachurch.net by NOON on Friday

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## PASTORAL SCENE

#### Pastoral Scene

#### **Transformation**

An inward transformation occurs in a person who decides to follow Jesus Christ. Things change. They see the world differently, understand their journey more deeply and profoundly, have their sights fixed on eternity and union with God and hold themselves to higher standards and virtues. It requires a conscious choice to be a Christian, and this choice must be renewed at least daily. While the basic



premise of Jesus' message may appear heartwarming and straightforward: love of God, neighbor, and self, the implications of doing so are challenging. The true disciple is called to live radically, and often finds themselves at odds with the world or even with those in their own homes.

Holding ourselves to higher standards comes with a price. We have to leave other things behind. It is difficult to be people of faith, hope, and love in a world often fixated with its own fulfillment and self-absorption. Justice, temperance, prudence, and fortitude require sacrifice if they are to be lived with integrity. God's ways are not ours. This becomes crystal clear to those who have enough courage to stand against the tide. Putting love into action requires that we challenge accepted modes of doing business and fight complacency. This is what makes the saints stand out as witnesses. They are simply sinners, just like us, who persevere.

People do not want to be told that they're sailing their ships in the wrong direction. Clinging to their insistence and need to be correct, they can become defensive when challenged. This can happen even with those closest to us. As much as the Gospel calls us to unity, it also can easily create division. When we love seriously, we encounter more than feelings of warmth and acceptance. "What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like (St. Augustine)." Love also has the courage and honesty to tell people what they may not want to hear but need to, and model, without wavering, a life of humble, loving, and faithful service. Don't lose heart! There are many examples of faith before us and around us. If Jesus endured the voices of opposition, so too can we. There is no need to apologize for speaking the truth.

Deacon Stan

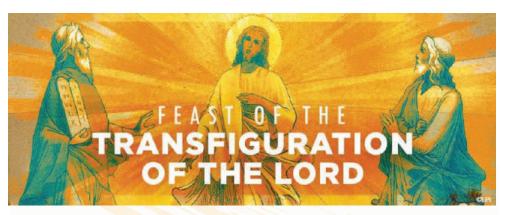
#### STEWARDSHIP FOR JULY 30. 2023

Sunday Offering \$ 4,830.50 St. Monica Fund \$ 128.00 Misc. Special Envelopes \$ 50.00 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 note our average weekly expenses are \$13,546.00

## **PRAYER**



#### MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 6
Transfiguration of the Lord
9:00am People of the Parish
10:45am Dianne Stoltz
Monday, August 7

Weekday

8:00am Beverly Frato

Tuesday, August 8
St. Dominic, Priest
8:00am Robert & Thelma

Chamberlin (Anniversary)

Wednesday, August 9 Weekday

8:00am Consolito Isip

Thursday, August 10

St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr

8:00 am Michael Uyek

Friday, August 11
St. Clare, Virgin,

8:00 am Srs. of St. Joseph, TOSF

Saturday, August 12 Weekday

4: 00 Lawrence Eppele

Sunday, August 13
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time

9:00 am Living & deceased members of Rudy & Dolores Kubicek Family

10:45 am People of the Parish



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.

## SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS

Please pray for the Seminarians of the Cleveland Diocese

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

Monday: Christopher Cotone
Tuesday: Anthony Donatelli
Wednesday: Jon Hawkins
Thursday: Jeff Lindholm
Friday: James Parisi
Saturday: Kyle Rosser
Sunday: Pray for the
Parents of Priests



Congratulations to our newest
Baptized Catholic: **Samantha Miadich**May God continue to bless her
and her family.

### Please Pray For the Parishioners Listed Below

Pat Dzurilla, Marilyn, Special Intention, Anthony Lupica, Joanne Reddinger, Gerald DeLooze, Carol DeLooze, Gaylene Bielawski, Mary Hojnowski Please call the parish office if you would like to add a name to this list.

If you have a special intention you would like remembered in prayer,

please call Lillian Naptune

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#### **Activities CALENDAR**

#### Monday, August 7

4:00 pm Fall Sports Practice (g) 4:15 pm Walking Class (J) 7:00 pm Coin Club (c) Tuesday, August 8

4:00 pm Fall Sports Practice (g)

Wednesday, August 9

12:00pm PTU Uniform Sale

(c1&2)

5:30 pm New Parent Meeting (g) 6:00 pm New Family Night (c) 6:30 pm G.A. Meeting (p)

#### **Thursday, August 10**

4:00 pm Fall Sports Practice (g) 4:15 pm Walking Class (J)

#### Friday, August 11

4:00 pm Fall Sports Practice (g)

#### Saturday, August 12

8:30am Men of the Vine (ocu1&2) 9:00am Syriac Orthodox Church (J)

#### Sunday, August 13

11:00am A.A. Cookout (p) 7:30 pm A.A. Meeting (p)



## St. Monica Seniors Club

Our next meeting
will be held on Tuesday,
August 8th at 2:00 p.m.
in the St. Joseph room
of the parish office.
Come and Enjoy, Coffee,
Donuts, Bingo and Fellowship
New Members
Always Welcome

\$1,000 Holy Name
Monthly
Raffle Winners - July

#### \$500.00

Winner: Mike Biehard

Ticket # 0431 Seller: Rick Stoltz Captain: Jim Joyce

#### \$500.00

Winner: Sandy Rhoa Ticket # 0028

Seller: Ladies Guild Captain: Will Skladany 1841 tickets were sold

Tickets for the August drawing can be purchased from any Holy Name member or in the parish office.

The next drawing will be Sunday, **August 27th** after the 10:45 Mass in the Church.

All proceeds are used for parish maintenance

#### SVDP Food Pantry Needs

The SVDP Food Panty at St. Monica's is in need of the following items.

Canned Fruit Canned Pasta

Toilet Paper

Cereal Snacks

Cake Mix

Please leave your donations in church or bring them to the parish office God Bless you

God Bless you for your generosity





#### 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.

## OTHER INFORMATION



#### 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.

#### Check out all the details at: www.theFEST.us





#### **Eucharistic Procession**

Legion of Mary of the Diocese of Cleveland invites you to a traditional

**Eucharistic Procession on** Saturday, September 2, 2023 beginning with Holy Mass at 11am at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Cleveland. The event consists of Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. Kevin Estabrook, Legion of Mary Spiritual Director, a procession through the streets of downtown Cleveland while singing hymns in honor of our **Eucharistic Lord Jesus** and the Blessed Virgin Mary, and a return to the Cathedral for the recitation of the Rosary and closing prayers. RSVP is not required and all are welcome to attend. Worship Aid is provided. For more information please emailcontact@legionofmarynorthern

ohio.org or https://www.facebook.com/ legionofmarynorthernohio/.

#### **Garfield Heights Knights of Columbus Wednesday Night Dinners**

Wednesday August 16th **Beef Stroganoff** Cost \$13.00 Reservations Due by Friday August 11th @ 8pm Phone 216-662-2277 mailbox #3 Prepared by Lori's Catering

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If someone else is picking up leave their name also.



#### **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.



Homecoming Picnic & Raffle August 27,2023



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

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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.

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



## **Attention St. Monica Church!**



Are you interested in joining the St. Monica Choir?

Please consider sharing your God-given gift with our Sunday and/or Lazarus Choir.

Our Sunday Choir rotates Masses each week: 4:00 P.M. > 9:00 A.M. > 10:45 A.M.

Lazarus Choir leads the Assembly in singing at Funerals. It is year-round and flexible with your schedule.

Members are contacted by phone.

#### Interested!

For more information please complete the form below and drop it in the collection basket or return it to the parish office.

Molly will be in touch with you.

Name		
Phone Number		
Email Address		
	Interested in: Sunday Choir Lazarus Choir	

## READINGS & SONGS

**Entrance Chant** 497 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

First Reading Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

As I watched:

Thrones were set up and the Ancient One took his throne. His clothing was bright as snow, and the hair on his head as white as wool; his throne was flames of fire, with wheels of burning fire. A surging stream of fire flowed out from where he sat; Thousands upon thousands were ministering to him, and myriads upon myriads attended him. The court was convened and the books were opened.

As the visions during the night continued, I saw:

One like a Son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven;
When he reached the Ancient One and was presented before him,
The one like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship; all peoples, nations, and languages serve him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed.

The Responsorial Psalm Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 9

#### R. The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.

The LORD is king; let the earth rejoice; let the many islands be glad. Clouds and darkness are round about him, justice and judgment are the foundation of his throne.

#### R. The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.

The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the LORD of all the earth.

The heavens proclaim his justice, and all peoples see his glory.

#### R. The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.

Because you, O LORD, are the Most High over all the earth, exalted far above all gods.

#### R. The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.

## READING & SONGS

#### Second Reading 2 Peter 1:16-19

Beloved: We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that unique declaration came to him from the majestic glory, "This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain. Moreover, we possess the prophetic message that is altogether reliable. You will do well to be attentive to it, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

#### Gospel Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone.

As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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Offertory Chant 496 Transfiguration

Communion Chant 726 Transfigure Us, O Lord

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