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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**
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by NOON on Friday

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19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter. - Mt 14:30-31

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OUR MISSION

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.

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PASTORAL SCENE

Pastoral Scene

Dear friends in Christ:

Many thanks to all those who are diligently working in the planning for the St Monica Feast Day on August 27th. If you know of anyone interested in learning how to serve at Mass, please call the office. This is an important ministry for Holy Mother Church.

I would like to think that I listen intently and bring to God prayer requests that I receive, and it comes in many ways-, on the phone, email, in person, a letter, - in an intentional and meaningful concrete way. I recall at a priest convocation where a

keynote speaker shared his frustration at parish meetings when the leader begins by saying, for example, let's say a quick Hail Mary or Our Father. Prayer can be a puzzle at times- what formula should I use, if any? Should I just open my heart and step into the silence and God will take care of the rest? There are countless books written on prayer from all faith perspectives.

"Through the sea was your way. Your path, through the mighty waters" (Psalm 77:20) and "He alone ... treads upon the back of the sea" (Job 9:8). At some point the disciples began to get the idea that Jesus had come as God for them.

So how did Peter respond? "If it's you, let me do it too!" For a very brief instant he understood two dimensions of Jesus' mission. In one lightening flash of insight, he realized that in all his greatness Jesus not only came from God, but also revealed humanity's potential. Jesus hadn't come to dazzle them, but to teach them that trusting in God would carry them where they never dreamed, they could go.

That trust in God can come in the silence. In opening our heart and leaving our fears, anxieties, the storms in our life at the foot of the Cross.

Nobody becomes a saint — or even a disciple — with just one step. Too soon, Peter reasoned that he couldn't do it. Nobody can walk on water — especially with such a headwind! Practicality took its toll and Peter began to sink. Suddenly, he was back to shouting with his psalm-singing ancestors "Lord save me!"

Jesus, taking hold of him, was likely thinking: "Why did you waver?" Peter had taken his second step, but he couldn't quite hold to it. He had just seen thousands eat their fill from a little store of bread. He had just seen Jesus' advance calmly over the chaos of gale and surf. But, only for the briefest of moments did he believe in Jesus more than in gravity.

Jesus' call to give witness to his faith didn't end with the calming of the winds.

Our world is in desperate need of witnesses to the possibility of living Gospel values. Much of our world is drowning in overconsumption and media distraction. Our brothers and sisters are perishing from irrational violence and intolerable poverty.

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This Week's Highlight

St. Monica Parish

Homecoming

Picnic & Raffle

August 27, 2023

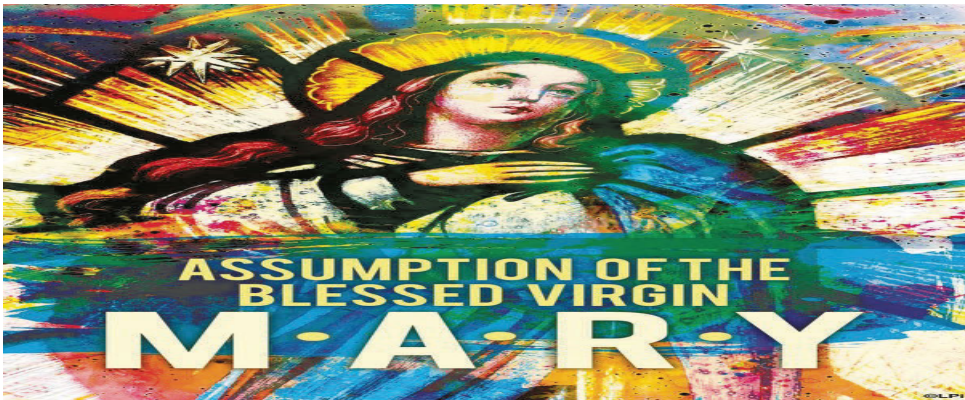
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Sunday Offering	\$	6,858.00
St. Monica Fund	\$	1,146.00
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Please continue to mail in your donations, donate online or drop off at the office. You can also drop your donation in the baskets in church.

Thank you for your continued support

Please note our average weekly expenses are \$13,546.00



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 13

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Living & decease of Rudy & Dolores Kubicek Family

10:45am People of the Parish

Monday, August 14

St Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr

8:00am MaryLou Folton

4:00pm Michael Wyrzykowski

Tuesday, August 15

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am Chester&Helen Basiewicz

12:00pm Irene Toma

Wednesday, August 16

Weekday

8:00am Helen Trsinar

Thursday, August 17

Weekday

8:00 am Jim & Tom Murowsky

Friday, August 18

Weekday

8:00 am August & Antonia Supan

Saturday, August 19

Weekday

4: 00pm Anthony, Rosa & Josephine Acino

Sunday, August 20

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am People of the Parish

10:45am Anthony & Angeline Parasiliti



Our sincere sympathy and prayers are extended for the family and friends of:
Mary V. Marotta
Who were recently buried.
May she and all of our 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: Mitch Carson

Tuesday: Cameron Ferrell

Wednesday: Nathan Frankhart

Thurs: Joseph Truong Viet Ho

Friday: Sean Neville

Saturday: Brian Peters

Sunday: Pray for the Seminary Faculty

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



Please Pray For the Parishioners Listed Below

Katie Medvetz, Pat Dzurilla, Marilyn, Special Intention, Anthony Lupica, Joanne Reddiner, 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 (216)662-5464

THIS WEEK

Activities CALENDAR

Monday, August 14

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

Tuesday, August 15

4:00 pm Fall Sports Practice (g)
6:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (F)

Wednesday, August 16

4:00 pm Fall Sports Practice (g)
6:30 pm G.A. Meeting (p)

Thursday, August 17

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

Friday, August 18

4:00 pm Fall Sports Practice (g)

Sunday, August 20

11:00am CWV Picnic (p)
7:30 pm A.A. Meeting (c)

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Diaconate Formation

We are happy to tell you that Tucker von Carlowitz of our parish will be admitted to the permanent diaconate formation program on Sunday, August 20, 2023.

Congratulation Tucker and family



Pastoral Scene continued

I receive a daily journal update from a man doing God's work in Haiti whose story I have shared in homilies: **Gerald Straub**, a former TV executive and director of soap operas. Here is an excerpt from a recent post: **Haitian authorities reported an unprecedented 2,094 homicides as well as 1,014 kidnappings from January through June, primarily committed by gangs in the Port-au-Prince area, according to a United Nations report. An additional 160,000 Haitians were driven from their neighborhoods by fear and force from January through mid-March, the UN reported. Schools have closed, often for lengthy periods. And some humanitarian groups have scaled back their life-sustaining efforts.**

Too many human beings, each of whom has a name and face cherished by God, languish on the margins of a busy world without anyone to gaze on them with the tenderness that alleviates loneliness, even if, it cannot cure their ills or relieve the pains of aging. We aren't being asked to walk on water, but to act like we believe that God's love for us and in us is more powerful than chaos, evil and apathy. The Gospel challenges us to take on the storms of our day with a love and hope that will risk going overboard. The headwinds are fierce, but the force of God's Spirit is greater still.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help- Pray for Us!
Father John



OTHER INFORMATION

There will be a Divine Mercy Holy Hour next **Sunday, August 20th** at **2:30 pm** in Church. All are Welcome!



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 216-696-6525 x 8070 or visit www.catholiccommunity.org/ira.

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 email contact@legionofmarynorthernohio.org or <https://www.facebook.com/legionofmarynorthernohio/>.



OTHER INFORMATION

THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS WEST For Adults 40 & Over

Join us Monday, Aug. 14 at Copper Cup (Ironwood Café)
688 Dover Center in Westlake.

A Bishop, 2 Priests & a Diaconate Candidate!

Join us as Bishop Woost & his brothers, Fr. Tom
(St. Brendan's), Fr. Dave (Divine Word) & Jon (Diaconate
Program) discuss Faith & Family.

Cost is \$15.00 per person which includes light appetizers & re-
freshments. Cash Bar is also available. Advance tickets highly
recommended as space is limited & this will sell out. Register in
advance: www.theologyontherocks.wixsite.com/west. Doors
open at 6:30pm. Program begins at 7pm.

Cinema & Conversation: *The Quiet Girl.*

Monday, August 28,
7:00 - 9:00pm.

Join us at
Jesuit Retreat Center
each month for films that
inspire and entertain.
After each movie,
there will be time for
conversation and questions.

We continue in July
with the 2022 Irish film,
The Quiet Girl.
Free Will Offering
(walk-ins welcome, registration
not required).

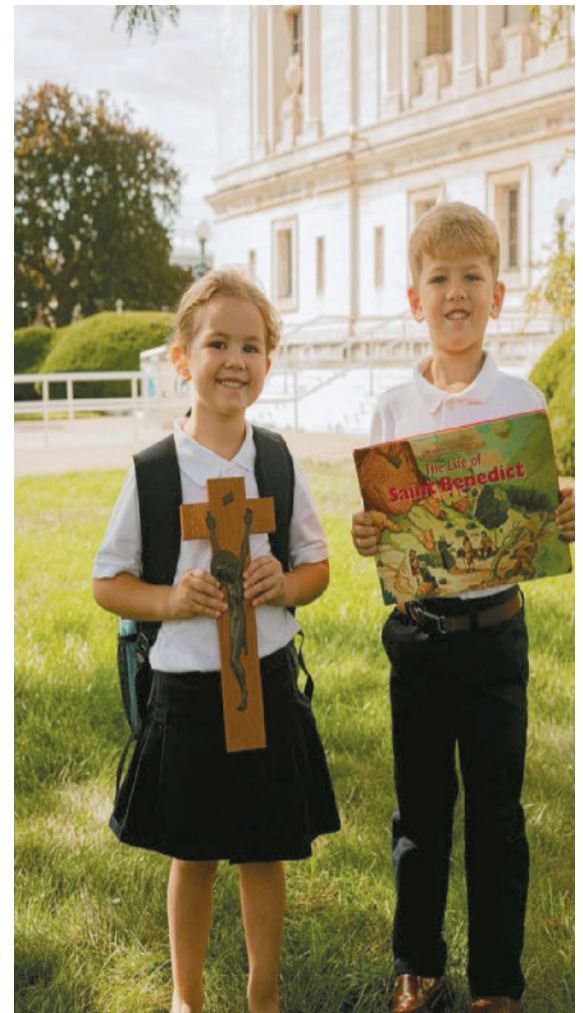
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LOOKING AHEAD...

**Please mark your calendars for
some exciting events heading
our way!**

Monday, September 25th at 6:30 P.M.

Join us in Church to listen to

Trapper Jack's talk titled,

"Eucharist - A Challenging Truth to Swallow"

**We will jumpstart our Lenten journey with a
3 day drama mission, **A JOURNEY TO JOY**,
presented by Runyeon Productions, Inc.**

This presentation will take place:

Sunday, February 11 at 7:00 P.M.

Monday, February 12 at 7:00 P.M.

Tuesday, February 13 at 7:00 P.M.





**St. Monica Parish
Homecoming
Picnic & Raffle
August 27, 2023**



**Outdoor Mass at 12:30 p.m.
at the Parish Pavilion and tent.**

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(This is in addition to our normal Mass schedule)

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• 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.

Entrance Chant 673 Be Not Afraid

First Reading 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

At the mountain of God, Horeb, Elijah came to a cave where he took shelter.

Then the LORD said to him, "Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD; the LORD will be passing by." A strong and heavy wind was rending the mountains and crushing rocks before the LORD—but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake—but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake there was fire—but the LORD was not in the fire. After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound. When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak and went and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The Responsorial Psalm Psalm 85:9-14

R. (8) Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what God proclaims;
the LORD — for he proclaims peace.
Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him,
glory dwelling in our land.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Kindness and truth shall meet;
justice and peace shall kiss.
Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from heaven.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

The LORD himself will give his benefits;
our land shall yield its increase.
Justice shall walk before him,
and prepare the way of his steps.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Second Reading Romans 9:1-5

Brothers and sisters: I speak the truth in Christ, I do not lie; my conscience joins with the Holy Spirit in bearing me witness that I have great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites; theirs the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; theirs the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

READINGS & SONGS

Gospel Matthew 14:22-33

After he had fed the people, Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When it was evening, he was there alone. Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it. During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified. "It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear. At once Jesus spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" After they got into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God."

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Offertory Chant 548 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Communion Chant 785 Behold the Lamb (Willett)

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