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PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday
8:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
Wednesday & Friday
8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
(Closed 12:30-1:30 p.m. for lunch)
Saturday 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

MASSES: 7 days a week
Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m.
and 10:45 a.m.
Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Bulletin Announcements due to smedvetz@saintmonicachurch.net by NOON on Monday

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Rev. Thomas A. Haren, Pastor
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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

GROWING OUR FAITH: Lifelong faith formation centered in the events of Church life that promotes faith, growth, and understanding. All are invited. Meets once a month.

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.
Religion Question of the Week
Where is the Biblical city of Capernaum?

Did You Know?
Did you know that the “corpus” of Christ on the cross, in the sanctuary of our Church, was hand-carved from Lindenwood, and is leafed with 24 karat gold?

One Liner
“He who has too much brass seldom has the necessary polish”.

Answer to the Religion Question of the Week located on page 6 of this bulletin.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 18
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00 August & Antonia Supan
10:45 Outdoor Mass Anthony, Rosa, & Josephine Acino

Monday, August 19
Weekday
8:00 Francis Bican

Tuesday, August 20
Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
8:00 Chester & Helen Basiewicz

Wednesday, August 21
Saint Pius X, Pope
8:00 Living & Deceased of Curtis-Cathy Lockhart Family

Thursday, August 22
The Queenship Of The Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00 Tom Wilhelm

Friday, August 23
Weekday
8:00 Francis Bican

Saturday, August 24
Saint Bartholomew, Apostle
3:15 Confessions
4:00 Living & Deceased of Neptune & Stetzy Families

Sunday, August 25
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00 Edward Pilch
10:45 George Stepanik

Our Dearly Departed
Our sincere sympathy and prayers are extended to the family and friends of those who were recently buried.

Alex Dovin 8/07/2019
May he, and all our faithful departed, rest in peace.

The following members of our Parish Community:

If you have a special intention you would like remembered in prayer, please call Lillian Neptune (216) 662-5464

MEMORIAL BRICKS
If you purchased a memorial brick anytime before the first week of June, those orders for bricks have been received and installed in the shrine area. The St. Monica Holy Name Society will be placing a memorial brick order once again, in October. If you would like to purchase a brick, order forms are available at the parish office and at the Rockside Rd. entrance of the church. The cost is $50. Simply fill out the order form and please return your order form to the parish office.

Sandwich Saturday
Returns Saturday, September 7th
9:00 am Parish Office

School is back in session and days are getting shorter. It’s time to resume our sandwich making duties! All are invited to join us as we prepare peanut butter & jelly sandwiches.
Pastoral Scene

Why Become a Member of St. Monica Church?

We live in a culture in which “commitment” is a scary word. Part of this is due to the fact that our lives are moving so fast. It is difficult to find a job that will last more than a decade. Younger families seldom stay in the same neighborhood for any length of time. Rarely do children attend the same school from kindergarten to eighth grade. Change is a daily part of life. This attitude has even affected the basic institution of marriage. Many persons decide to just live together rather than make a commitment to enter into this God-given relationship for the rest of their lives. So why should any family take the time to make a commitment to join a parish? The answer is that by joining a parish we can build relationships with persons who share our Catholic beliefs; and in America today, we do need these relationships.

St. Monica Church is more than a place that we can attend weekend Masses. St. Monica Church is a community where people of all ages gather together to worship God, enjoy His presence in our midst, and then share this experience with each other. There are many religious, educational, volunteer opportunities, and social functions that take place daily at St. Monica’s. These help us grow in our relationship with each other, and help us find a “home” where we can come at any time, and know that God cares about us.

America is changing rapidly. We need to support each other in our religious beliefs. By becoming a member of St. Monica Parish, and by making this commitment through registering our family, we help each other become the Catholics God wants us to be. All are welcome at St. Monica Church.

Fr. Thomas Haren

Good Samaritan Fund

The Good Samaritan Fund was established for St. Monica Parish with the approval of Bishop Lennon. The purpose of this fund is to enable our parish to provide registered active parishioners with financial support for various needs including (but not limited to) tuition assistance for Catholic Education. This support comes in the form of a one-time grant, with funds only payable directly to the institution. Applications are available for pick up in the Parish Office. The deadline for completing and returning applications will be Monday, August 19th. Those requesting assistance will need to demonstrate financial need, as well as verifiable proof of being a registered active parishioner of St. Monica Church.

Five Catholic Principles on Migration

“In a 2003 Pastoral Letter concerning migration, the Catholic Bishops of Mexico and the United States stated five Catholic Principles regarding migration: 1) Persons have the right to find opportunities in their homeland. 2) Persons have the right to migrate to support themselves and their families. 3) Sovereign nations have the right to control their borders. 4) Refugees and asylum seekers should be afforded protection. 5) The human dignity and human rights of undocumented migrants should be respected.”

For over two centuries our ancestors came to America as migrants looking for a better life. Our nation needs a fair and just policy to work with persons who want to come to our nation. Let’s pray that our government can work on a solution to this important issue.

Fr. Thomas Haren

RESPECT LIFE

Can you help us support Maggie’s Place, Womankind and Birthright?
We are so blessed to have those wonderful organizations in our area to assist families in need to "Choose Life"!
This year, we will be donating our profits from the St. Monica "Christmas Craft Fair" to them. The Fair is on Saturday, Nov. 30, 2019 (9 am-3 pm). There will be a meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 20th at 6:45 pm in the St. Monica Parish Office (St. Francis Rm). We will start with a short presentation by Maggie’s Place. Please call Regina at 216-744-3263 with any questions.

ADULT ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

We are in great need of Adult Altar Servers for the 4:00 pm Saturday Vigil Masses. Both men and women are invited to become Altar Servers. Training would be available. If you would consider becoming an Altar Server for this Mass, or any of our weekend Masses, we would greatly appreciate this valuable service to our Church. For more information, please talk to either Deacon Stan or one of our Priests, or call the parish office 216-662-8685.
Don’t Forget Your Tickets!

If you have not yet turned in your Raffle Tickets, please do so by 5pm This Sunday at the Parish Picnic at the pavilion on our parish grounds.

Our Parish relies heavily on the income derived from raffle. We really urge all to either buy or sell the tickets you received in the mail.

There are over 20 Chinese Raffle Baskets available for you to take a chance of winning some very nice prizes. The purchase of these tickets will begin right after the Mass at about 1pm in the afternoon on Sunday.

Let Us Cook Sunday Dinner

We will be serving very affordable & delicious food beginning right after the Mass. We will serve until we are sold out.

Hot Dogs • Hamburgers • Italian Sausage
Stuffed Cabbage • Cabbage and Noodles • Pop • Water

There will be a Free Will offering on the baked goods from the Baking Contest for dessert!

St. Monica Homecoming Softball Game - 1pm Sunday

St. Monica’s “Lipinski Seniors” will play the Channel 19 All Stars.
Come early, sell out crowd expected!
St. Monica Parish
Homecoming
Picnic & Raffle
August 18, 2019

Outdoor Mass at 10:45 a.m.
at the Parish Pavilion and tent. Plenty of seats for all.
Please join us for this special liturgy.

This replaces the 10:45 a.m. Mass in the Church.

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
Stuffed Cabbage • Cabbage and Noodles • Pop • Water

Fun & Games

• Baking Contest: registration required; judging begins at 3 p.m. •
  Ribbons for the winners
  • Chinese Raffle Baskets • “Spirit” Raffle •
  • Guessing Game: adult and children prizes. All day •

• Corn Hole Tournament: 13 and above at 2 p.m. Entry fee $20 per team (2). •
  The winners receive 1/2 the pot. Must pre-register - call (216) 662-8685
• Jello Eating Contest: 4 and above at 2 p.m. Gift card to the winner •
  • Children’s Skill Games •
  • Drawing for the winners of the Parish Raffle at 5 p.m. •
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 18, 2019

Stewardship Offertory Collections

For: August 11, 2019

Regular Offertory.........................$ 6,460.00
St. Monica Fund..........................$ 541.00
Childrens Envelopes.....................$ 8.50

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

WALKING WITH LESLIE SANSONE

DVD’s

Begins September 18th!
September 18, 25
October 2, 7, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28
November 4, 6, 13, 18, 25, 27
December 2, 4, 9, 11, 16
Holiday Break begins.
Resumes January 6th, 2020

Please call the Parish Office: 216-662-8685 when it is your first time joining or any questions.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

MONDAY, August 19
4:00 p.m. Athletic Practice (g)

TUESDAY, August 20
4:00 p.m. Athletic Practice (g)
6:00 p.m. MH K of C (AR)
6:45 p.m. SVDP Mtg (p.o.)
6:45 p.m. Respect Life Mtg (F)

WEDNESDAY, August 21
4:00 p.m. Athletic Practice (g)
6:00 p.m. G.A. (AR)

THURSDAY, August 22
4:00 p.m. Athletic Practice (g)
6:30 p.m. Diocesan HN Mtg (J)

FRIDAY, August 23
4:00 p.m. Athletic Practice (g)

SATURDAY, August 24
7:30 a.m. Men of the Vine (ocu 1&2)
9:00 a.m. Our Lady of Lourdes (p)
2:00 p.m. Baptist Bible Study (F)

SUNDAY, August 25
11:00 a.m. Trinity Soccer (p)
8:00 p.m. A.A. Meeting (AR)

Answer to this Week’s Question
Capernaum is located near the northeast shore of the Sea of Galilee.

Soups on with Fr. Dan’s Helping Hands food pantry is open to the public on:

1st Monday of each month 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
(Beginning October 7th with a brunch served at 11:30 am)

3rd Wednesday of each month 5:00-6:30 p.m.
(With a dinner served at 6:00 pm)

3rd Friday of each month (9:30-11:00 a.m.)

Now partnered with and located at
HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (basement)
79 Center Street, Bedford, OH

PERPETUAL ADORATION

We are richly blessed to have an Adoration Chapel in St. Martin of Tours Church to experience comfort in the love of Jesus. There are great rewards waiting for you in spending 1 hour a week with Jesus. In the past year, we have lost many adorers due to age, illness or death. Please consider: 1 hour a week as a regular adorer, or 1 hour along with a family member or friend and thus, have a built in substitute, or as an occasional substitute for mornings, afternoon, or evenings. CURRENT OPEN HOURS are:

Saturday: 10-11am, noon-1:30pm, after 4:30pm Mass and stay until 6:30 or 7pm; Tuesday: 1-2pm, 3-4pm; Thursday: 8-9am, 9-10am, 11am-noon, noon-1pm; Friday: 2-3pm. To sign up for one hour a week or as a substitute or for more information, call Dolores Machen at (216-663-7443).

St. Mother Theresa tells us that “The time you spend before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. Jesus is there, in person, just waiting for you. Nowhere on earth are you more loved.”
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AUGUST 28—4 to 7 p.m.
BREADED PORK CHOPS
By Maple Heights Catering
Dinner consists of: 2 Pork Chops, Scalloped Potatoes, Corn, Salad, Roll & butter

Cost  Adults - $10 ..... Children Under 12 - $8
ALL DINNERS INCLUDE COFFEE TEA, WATER, AND NON-CARBONATED BEVERAGES

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
Call: 216-662-2277 mailbox #2
DUE BY MONDAY  August 26- NOON

American Liver Foundation
Your Liver. Your Life.

Heartland Division
Thursday, September 5th—6:30 pm
Augustine Room - St. Benedict School (lower level)

Did you know….Tens of thousands of people in the United States are living with liver disease and don’t even know it!

Join us when Mary Stenger from the American Liver Foundation will be here to help us learn and increase our awareness of liver health and wellness in order to prevent the rise of liver disease, such as Viral Hepatitis and Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease (NAFLD).

There will be a drawing for a $75.00 Giant Eagle Gift Card at our last event in November.

Attendees will receive one (1) ticket for each event. Attend all events and receive ten (10) additional tickets!

This is the first event in our Health and Wellness Ministry Fall Lineup of many different health topics being presented in September, October, and November!

We invite you to join in prayer for peace and justice for all peoples as we mark the 80th anniversary of our Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa. SUNDAY, SEPT. 15, 2019
10:30 AM Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady, 12215 Granger Rd, Garfield Hts.
Bishop Roger Gries will preside. Light refreshments will follow.

Noon to 2:00 PM—The Shrine will be open for private visits and prayer
2:00 PM—Rosary, Prayer, Benediction
(YOU ARE INVITED TO BRING LAWN CHAIRS IF YOU DESIRE)

Gentle Yoga returns Tuesday, September 10th from 6:30 - 7:30 pm, in the St. Monica Parish Office, St. Joseph Room. This is an hour long practice that incorporates gentle stretching, flowing movement, breathe practice and relaxation techniques. Modifications, including the use of a chair, are available for anyone with limited mobility. Classes are $5 a session. If you’re new to Gentle Yoga with Alycia, try a class for free with no obligation to continue. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a mat or towel. Space is limited so registration is recommended. For more information or to register, please call/text Alycia 216-906-3607 or email yellowdog@prodigy.net.
The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Chant (4 & 9)

So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
here I am to say that you’re my God.
You’re altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.
Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness,
opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore you, hope of a life spent with you.

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Entrance Chant (10:45)

Come to the feast of heaven and earth! Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that we need, here at the table of plenty!

1. O come and sit at my table where saints and sinners are friends.
   I wait to welcome the lost and lonely, to share the cup of my love.

2. O come and eat without money; come to drink without price.
   My feast of gladness will feed your spirit with faith and fullness of life.

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Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18

Lord, come to my aid.

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Offertory Chant: (4 & 9)

1. Take my heart, O Lord, take my hopes and dreams.
   Take my mind with all its plans and schemes.
   Give me nothing more than your love and grace.
   These alone, O God, are enough for me.

2. Take my thoughts, O Lord, and my memory.
   Take my tears, my joys, my liberty.
   Give me nothing more than your love and grace.
   These alone, O God, are enough for me.

3. I surrender, Lord, all I have and hold.
   I return to you your gifts untold.
   Give me nothing more than your love and grace.
   These alone, O God, are enough for me.

4. When the darkness falls on my final days,
   Take the very breath that sang your praise.
   Give me nothing more than your love and grace.
   These alone, O God, are enough for me.

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Offertory Chant: (10:45)

Here’s my heart Lord. Here’s my heart Lord
Here’s my heart Lord. Speak what is true
Here’s my life Lord. Here’s my life Lord.
Here’s my life Lord. Speak what is true.

1. I am found, I am Yours
I am loved, I’m made pure
I have life, I can breathe
I am healed, I am free

2. ‘Cause You are strong, You are sure
You are life, You endure
You are good, always true
You are light breaking through

3. You are more than enough
You are here, You are love
You are hope, You are grace
You’re all I have, You’re everything

Communion Chant: (4 & 9)  
We Will Rise Again (Journeysongs #681)  
We will run and not grow weary, for our God will be our strength, 
and we will fly like the eagle, we will rise again.

1. Like a shepherd I will feed you;  
   I will gather you with care.  
   I will lead you and hold you close to my heart.
2. I am strength to the weary;  
   to the weak I am new life.  
   Though the young may grow weary,  
   I will be their hope.

3. Lift up your eyes,  
   and see who made the stars.  
   I lead you and I know you,  
   I call you each by name.
4. Fear not, I am with you;  
   I am your God.  
   I will strengthen you and help you;  
   uphold you with my hand.

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Communion Chant: (10:45)  
Take and eat; take and eat; this is my body given up for you.  
Take and drink; take and drink; this is my blood given up for you.

1. I am the Word that spoke and light was made;  
   I am the seed that died to be reborn;  
   I am the bread that comes from heave’n above;  
   I am the vine that fills your cup with joy.
2. I am the way that leads the exile home;  
   I am the truth that sets the captives free;  
   I am the life that raises up the dead;  
   I am your peace, true peace my gift to you.
3. I am the Lamb that takes away your sin;  
   I am the gate that guards you night and day;  
   You are my flock: you know the shepherd’s voice;  
   You are my own; your ransom is my blood.
4. I am the cornerstone that God has laid;  
   A chosen stone and precious in his eyes;  
   You are God’s dwelling place, on me you rest;  
   Like living stones, a temple for God’s praise.
5. I am the light that came into the world;  
   I am the light that darkness cannot hide;  
   I am the morning star that never sets;  
   Lift up your face, in you my light will shine.
6. I am the first and last, the Living One;  
   I am the Lord who died that you might live;  
   I am the bridegroom, this my wedding song;  
   You are my bride, come to the marriage feast.

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Sending Forth: (4 & 9)  
Lift High the Cross (Journeysongs #500)  
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

1. Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod, our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God.  
2. Led on their way by this triumphant sign, The hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.


Sending Forth: (10:45)  
Lead Me, Lord

Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord, by the light of truth to seek and find the narrow way.
Be my way; be my truth; be my life, my Lord, and lead me, Lord, today.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, longing for their Lord, for God’s coming kingdom shall be theirs.
Blessed are the sorrowing, for they shall be consoled, and the meek shall come to rule the world.

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Reading 1  Jer 38:4-6, 8-10
In those days, the princes said to the king: “Jeremiah ought to be put to death; he is demoralizing the soldiers who are left in this city, and all the people, by speaking such things to them; he is not interested in the welfare of our people, but in their ruin.” King Zedekiah answered: “He is in your power”; for the king could do nothing with them. And so they took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern of Prince Malchiah, which was in the quarters of the guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the cistern, only mud, and Jeremiah sank into the mud.

Ebed-melech, a court official, went there from the palace and said to him: “My lord king, these men have been at fault in all they have done to the prophet Jeremiah, casting him into the cistern. He will die of famine on the spot, for there is no more food in the city.” Then the king ordered Ebed-melech the Cushite to take three men along with him, and draw the prophet Jeremiah out of the cistern before he should die.

Responsorial Psalm  Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18
R. Lord, come to my aid!

I have waited, waited for the LORD, and he stooped toward me. R,

The LORD heard my cry.
He drew me out of the pit of destruction, out of the mud of the swamp;
he set my feet upon a crag;
he made firm my steps.

And he put a new song into my mouth,
a hymn to our God.
Many shall look on in
awe and trust in the LORD. R.

Though I am afflicted and poor,
yet the LORD thinks of me.
You are my help and my deliverer;
O my God, hold not back! R.

Reading 2  Heb 12:1-4
Brothers and sisters: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith. For the sake of the joy that lay before him he endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God. Consider how he endured such opposition from sinners, in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood.

Gospel  Lk 12:49-53
Jesus said to his disciples: “I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three; a father will be divided against his son and a son against his father, a mother against her daughter and a daughter against her mother, a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.”