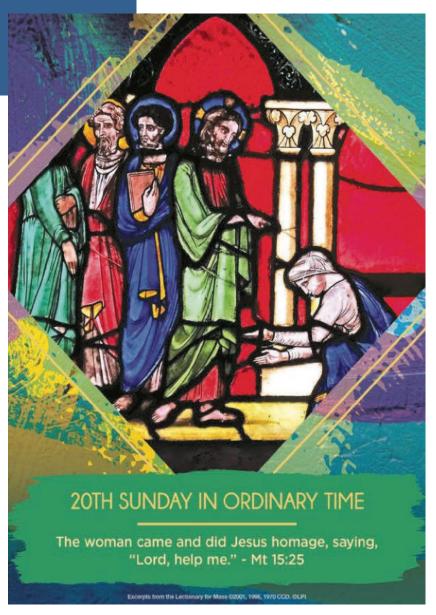
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We, the parish of St. Monica, work to create a Christlike family, welcoming all people where one encounters a loving God, by serving the spiritual, educational and social needs of the community.

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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

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PASTORAL SCENE

Pastoral Scene

The Foundation of My Legacy

As human beings, we reflect what we believe through what we do and in what we say. As a religious woman who has been vowed to the LORD since I was 19, I kept looking for a significant statement that I could use to summarize both my religious life and my passion for educating children and adults.

The one statement in the Gospel which appears very often in reference to Jesus during his adult life is "and he taught them." Jesus also was called 'a Rabbi' which

This Week's Highlight

There will be a
Divine Mercy Holy Hour
this **Sunday, August 20th at 2:30** pm in Church.

All are Welcome!

means 'teacher' even though he did not wear that title comfortably. Rabbis were the most honored individuals during his lifetime. Teachers touch lives and have the power to change lives both 'positively' and 'negatively' in the classroom. Children learn what they live and believe what they hear and who they are. Teachers, parents, and family members lead children (and adults, too) to believe who they are.

Every once in a while, I am asked the following question, namely: "When are you going to retire?" I always smile, then pause before I respond, because WHO has asked the question, (friend or foe) will determine the specific response given. Although I have a cadre of responses possible, there is one response that I use most often. It is a 'notable quote' that defines what I hope my legacy to future generations will be.

"I want to be thoroughly used up when I die, for the harder I work, the more I live. I rejoice in life for its own sake. Life is no 'brief candle' to me. It is sort of a splendid torch which I have a hold of for the moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it over to future generations."

Geoge Bernard Shaw

Truthfully speaking, I don't want to 'age out', you know – just sort of let life go on without any joy or goodness. I want to 'burn out' -- to be that 'splendid torch' which lit my way and now lights the way of others. The discovery of 'fire' by the early humans was considered their greatest gift from the gods. I want the torch of my God-given life to leave 'embers' of wisdom, love and joy that will warm another's person life. Hope it is yours!

Keeping my torch burning brightly, Sister Helene

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



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 20 Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

9:00am People of the Parish 10:45am Anthony & Angeline Parasiliti

Monday, August 21 St. Pius X. Pope

8:00am Living & deceased of the Curtis & Kitty Lockhart Family

Tuesday, August 22 Queenship of Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am All Souls

Wednesday, August 23
Weekday

8:00am Josephine Gennaro

Thursday, August 24
St. Bartholomew, Apostle
8:00am Living & deceased of

8:00am Living & deceased of the Neptune & Stetzy Family

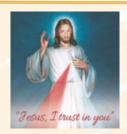
Friday, August 25 Weekday 8:00am Maria Matkovic

Saturday, August 26 Weekday 4:00pm Frank Winter

Sunday, August 27 Feast of St. Monica

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00am George Stepanik 10:45 am People of the Parish

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



Pray for an end to Human Trafficking

In Sympathy

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: Arthur

Bordenschatz

Tuesday: Charles Cairnie Wednesday: Noah Furin Thursday: Jeremy Gaugler Friday: Jeremy Shafer Saturday: Sean Homcy Sunday: Pray for an

Increase in Vocations

Please Pray For the Parishioners Listed Below

Diane Petras Minns, Rosa Ann Heineman, Joan Fischer, 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
(216)662-5464



Our Parish Picnic begins with an Outdoor mass at 12:30

Activities CALENDAR

Monday, August 21

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

Tuesday, August 22

4:00 pm Fall Sports Practice (g)

Wednesday, August 23

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

Thursday, August 24

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

Friday, August 25

4:00 pm Fall Sports Practice (g)

Saturday, August 26

8:30 am Men of the Vine (ocu 1&2)

Sunday, August 27

12:00 p.m. Parish Picnic (p) 7:30 pm A.A. Meeting (c)



Set Up for Parish Picnic

Your HELP is needed
Join us on Saturday,
August 26th
At 9:30 am
If we have enough volunteers
set up will be quick,
maybe an hour or two.
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All are Welcome to the Set-Up Party

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Get started at www.catholiccommunity.org/freewill

READINGS & SONGS

Entrance Chant 578 All Creatures of Our God and King

First Reading Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Thus says the LORD: Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation is about to come, my justice, about to be revealed.

The foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, ministering to him, loving the name of the LORD, and becoming his servants—all who keep the sabbath free from profanation and hold to my covenant, them I will bring to my holy mountain and make joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be acceptable on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

The Responsorial Psalm Psalm 67:2-3, 5-6, 8

R. (4) O God, let all the nations praise you!

May God have pity on us and bless us; may he let his face shine upon us. So may your way be known upon earth; among all nations, your salvation.

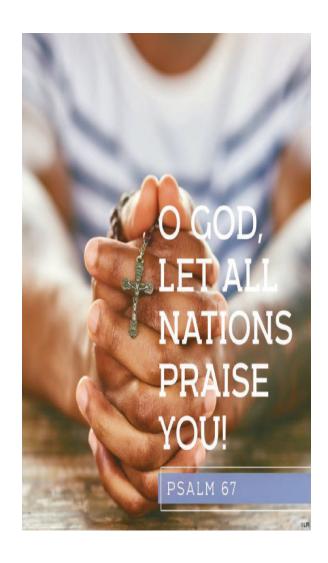
R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

May the nations be glad and exult because you rule the peoples in equity; the nations on the earth you guide.

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you! May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear him!

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!



READINGS & SONGS

Second Reading Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Brothers and sisters: I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I glory in my ministry in order to make my race jealous and thus save some of them. For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?

For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable.

Just as you once disobeyed God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now disobeyed in order that, by virtue of the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God delivered all to disobedience, that he might have mercy upon all.

Gospel Matthew 15:21-28

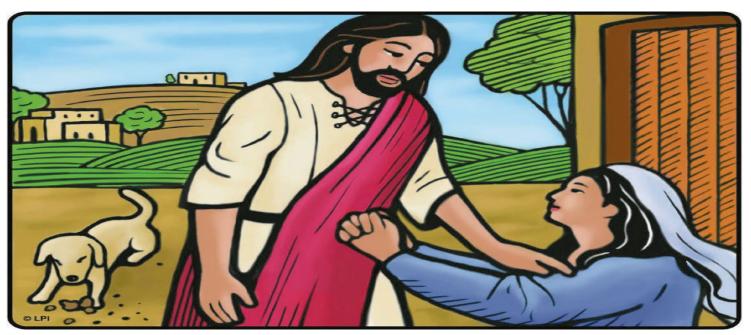
At that time, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." But Jesus did not say a word in answer to her. Jesus' disciples came and asked him, "Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us." He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, "Lord, help me." He said in reply, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour.

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Offertory Chant 626 Come to the Water

Communion Chant I Am the Bread of Life

The Concluding Rites 574 Glory and Praise to Our God (Schutt)



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