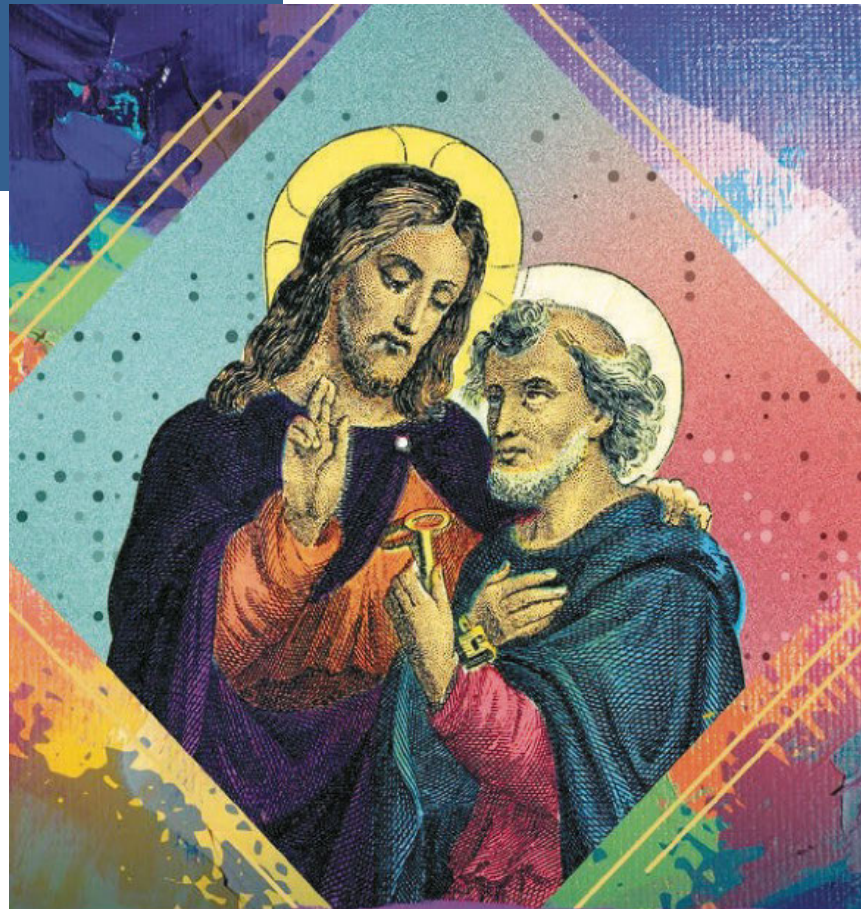


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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"
Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ,
the Son of the living God." - Mt 16:15-16

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

Confession

Saturday | 3:15pm

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Friday | 8:00 am - Noon
Saturday & Sunday | Closed

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Pastoral Scene

St. Monica

This year the feast of St. Monica falls on Sunday. Because it is the Patronal Feast of the Parish, the Mass for St. Monica is celebrated rather than the Sunday of Ordinary Time. In many parts of the world the feast day of the Parish is celebrated with a procession and other celebrations. We have an outdoor Mass with our Parish gathering.

St. Monica has a special place in our hearts because she is the Patron of the Parish. When you think about her life, it was filled with many challenges. Her husband was a challenge, her mother-in-law was a challenge and later her son, Augustine, was a challenge. Through it all, Monica was steadfast in her faith in God. She truly was a woman of Prayer and fidelity in doing God's will. She had much patience which brought about the conversion of her husband and mother-in-law to the Catholic faith. Her son, Augustine, took much longer. Finally, her prayers were answered with him being baptized in Milan by St. Ambrose.

In our own day, we are challenged by much apathy about our Catholic Faith. Having St. Monica, as the Patron of our Parish, she becomes for us a special patron in times of struggle, especially concerning family members. For each of us who belong to the parish, she gives us the added courage to see in her example of faithfulness and trust in God's plan, that God's grace will prevail.

Happy and blessed feast day to all of you.
Father Ted Marszal

This Week's Highlight

Prayer to St. Monica

Intercede for me, dear St. Monica,
that God may favorably hear my plea for
(names of those you are praying for)
and grant me the grace to accept
His will in all things,
through Jesus Christ,
our Lord, in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever.
Amen.... St. Monica Pray for Us.



STEWARDSHIP FOR AUGUST 20, 2023

Sunday Offering	\$ 4,990.71
St. Monica Fund.....	\$ 334.00
Misc. Special Envelopes.....	\$ 328.00
Assumption.....	\$ 820.00

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



In Sympathy

Our sincere sympathy and prayers are extended for the family and friends of:

Ruth Polak

Who was recently buried.

May she and all of our dearly departed rest in peace

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 27 Feast of St. Monica

9:00am George Stepanik
10:45am People of the Parish

Monday, August 28 St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:00am Melissa Moczulski & Baby Grandchild

Tuesday, August 29 Passion of St. John the Baptist

8:00am Richard Krawczyk

Wednesday, August 30 Weekday

8:00am Antoinette Stybel

Thursday, August 31 Weekday

8:00am Dave Karpa

Friday, September 1 Weekday

8:00am Living & deceased
Nancy & Skip Potter
Family

Saturday, September 2 Weekday

4:00pm Elise Shipta

Sunday, September 3 Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

9:00am Ken & Darlene
Rumienski (W. Anniversary)

SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS

Please pray for the Seminarians of the Cleveland Diocese

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

Monday: Daniel LaPolla

Tuesday: Ryan Walsh

Wednesday: Craig Ziobert

Thursday: Johannes Benninghoff

Friday: Dc Kevin Bertleff

Saturday: Dc Michael Garvin

Sunday: Pray for Pope Francis

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

Karen Guzy, Marilyn, Paul Lysobey, Pat Dzurilla,
Katie Medvetz, Rose Ann Heineman, Joan Fisher,
Diane Petras Minns, Lisa Bielawski, Anthony Lupica,
Gerald & Carol DeLoose,

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

Activities CALENDAR

Monday, August 28

4:00 pm Fall Sports Practice (g)

4:15 pm Walking Class (J)

7:00 pm H.N. Board Meeting (c)

Tuesday, August 29

4:00 pm Fall Sports Practice (g)

Wednesday, August 30

4:00 pm Fall Sports Practice (g)

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

Thursday, August 31

4:00 pm Fall Sports Practice (g)

4:15 pm Walking Class (J)

7:00 pm Ward 7 Watch Meeting (p)

Friday, September 1

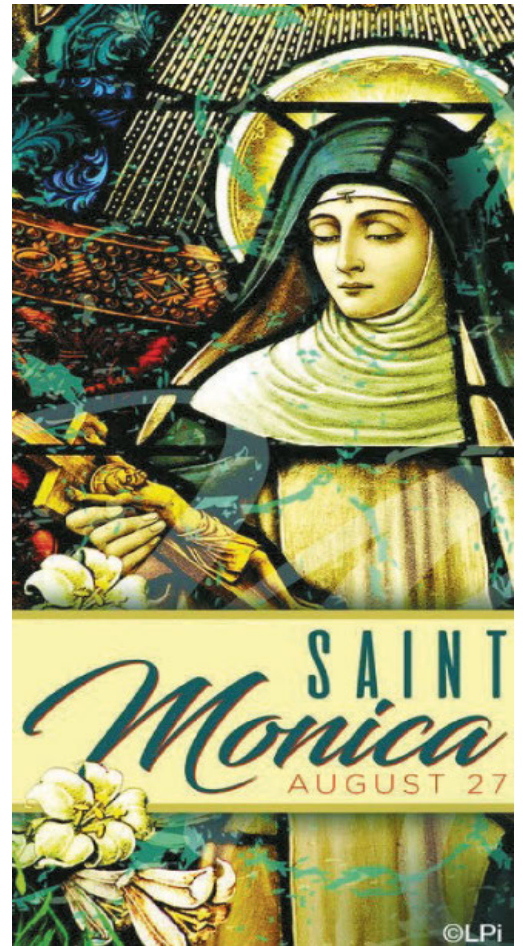
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Sunday, September 3

7:30 pm A.A. Meeting (c)

Holiness Runs in the Family

Raising faithful children is no easy task. For St. Monica, it seemed nearly impossible. Her husband wasn't Christian and often mocked her faith. Their son, Augustine, fell quickly into wild ways. He and his friends drank, stole, and caroused throughout town. Monica never stopped praying for Augustine, no matter how far he strayed. Augustine became swept up in heresy, a false form of Christianity. He lived with a mistress and had a child out of wedlock. All the while, Monica kept praying. Conversion came slowly to Augustine, but at age 32, he was finally baptized. Augustine would go on to become a priest, then bishop, then world-renowned theologian whose works have stood the test of time. **May St. Monica and St. Augustine inspire us to never stop praying for our loved ones.**



The Garfield Heights Ward 7 Block Watch, sponsored by Councilman Tom Vaughn, will meet Thursday, August 31st at 7:00 PM at St. Monica's outdoor pavilion. Guest speakers will be members of the G.H. Senior Center who will be informing us about their programs.

All are welcome.

For more information call Gail, 216-662-9213.

Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse.

To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the Church, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at 216-334-2999 or via email at response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org.

You are also asked to immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior.

OTHER INFORMATION

Almost Time For Sandwich Saturday's



September 9th will be our first sandwich making Saturday after the summer break.

All Are WELCOME to “spread” the fun. Sandwich making begins at 9:00am, Saturday September 9th in the basement of the parish office and the joy of assisting in feeding the hunger never ends.



Thursday,
August 31st

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OTHER INFORMATION

Be gracious
to us, O Lord,
for we are
in distress.

PSALM 31:9

God, bring
consolation
and relief

to Maui.

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**Pray for All those
displaced by
natural disasters.**

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/>.

Saint Monica's Story

The circumstances of St. Monica's life could have made her a nagging wife, a bitter daughter-in-law, and a despairing parent, yet she did not give way to any of these temptations. Although she was a Christian, her parents gave her in marriage to a pagan, Patricius, who lived in her hometown of Tagaste in North Africa. Patricius had some redeeming features, but he had a violent temper and was licentious. Monica also had to bear with a cantankerous mother-in-law who lived in her home. Patricius criticized his wife because of her charity and piety, but always respected her. Monica's prayers and example finally won her husband and mother-in-law to Christianity. Her husband died in 371, one year after his baptism.

Monica had at least three children who survived infancy. The oldest, Augustine, is the most famous. At the time of his father's death, Augustine was 17 and a rhetoric student in Carthage. Monica was distressed to learn that her son had accepted the Manichean heresy—"all flesh is evil"—and was living an immoral life. For a while, she refused to let him eat or sleep in her house. Then one night she had a vision that assured her Augustine would return to the faith. From that time on, she stayed close to her son, praying and fasting for him. In fact, she often stayed much closer than Augustine wanted.

When he was 29, Augustine decided to go to Rome to teach rhetoric. Monica was determined to go along. One night he told his mother that he was going to the dock to say goodbye to a friend. Instead, he set sail for Rome. Monica was heartbroken when she learned of Augustine's trick, but she still followed him. She arrived in Rome only to find that he had left for Milan. Although travel was difficult, Monica pursued him to Milan.

In Milan, Augustine came under the influence of the bishop, St. Ambrose, who also became Monica's spiritual director. She accepted his advice in everything and had the humility to give up some practices that had become second nature to her. Monica became a leader of the devout women in Milan as she had been in Tagaste.

She continued her prayers for Augustine during his years of instruction. At Easter 387, St. Ambrose baptized Augustine and several of his friends. Soon after, his party left for Africa. Although no one else was aware of it, Monica knew her life was near the end. She told Augustine, "Son, nothing in this world now affords me delight. I do not know what there is now left for me to do or why I am still here, all my hopes in this world being now fulfilled." She became ill shortly after and suffered severely for nine days before her death.

Almost all we know about St. Monica is in the writings of St. Augustine, especially his *Confessions*.

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Entrance Chant 745 One Spirit, One Church

First Reading Isaiah 22:19-23

Thus says the LORD to Shebna, master of the palace:

"I will thrust you from your office
and pull you down from your station.

On that day I will summon my servant
Eliakim, son of Hilkiah;

I will clothe him with your robe,
and gird him with your sash,
and give over to him your authority.

He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem,
and to the house of Judah.

I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder;
when he opens, no one shall shut,
when he shuts, no one shall open.

I will fix him like a peg in a sure spot,
to be a place of honor for his family."

The Responsorial Psalm Psalm 138:1-3, 6, 8

R. (8bc) Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart,
for you have heard the words of my mouth;
in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise;
I will worship at your holy temple.

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I will give thanks to your name,
because of your kindness and your truth:
When I called, you answered me;
you built up strength within me.

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

The LORD is exalted, yet the lowly he sees,
and the proud he knows from afar.
Your kindness, O LORD, endures forever;
forsake not the work of your hands.

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

Second Reading Romans 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways!

*For who has known the mind of the Lord
or who has been his counselor?*

*Or who has given the Lord anything
that he may be repaid?*

For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

READINGS & SONGS

Gospel Matthew 16:13-20

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

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Offertory Chant 467 Jesus the Lord

Communion Chant Lord, I Am Not Worthy (see below)

The Concluding Rites 566 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Lord, I am not wor-thy, Lord, I am not wor-thy that
you should en-ter un-der my roof. On-ly say the word,
on-ly say the word and my soul shall be healed.

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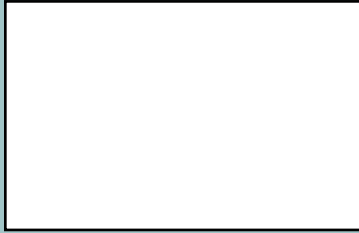
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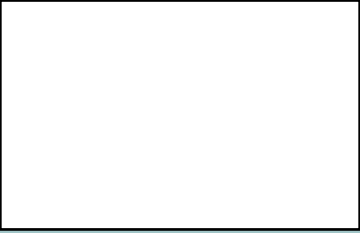
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