

SEPT
17
2023

ST. MONICA

CATHOLIC CHURCH



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?”
- Mt 18:33-35

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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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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 the week before.

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Pastoral Scene

God's Eternal Mercy

Our readings and Psalm are flowing with the awesome gift of God's Eternal Mercy. As One Body in Christ, we come together and say: Amen- I believe that our Lord is present. This enormous gift comes with a responsibility; for us to be givers of the gift through the **Corporal and Spiritual works of Mercy**. Thanks to all our ministries and staff who continue to tirelessly work bringing Christ to others.

MISERICORDIA ET MISERA is a phrase used by Saint Augustine in recounting the

story of Jesus' meeting with the woman taken in adultery (cf. Jn 8:1-11). It would be difficult to imagine a more beautiful or apt way of expressing the mystery of God's love when it touches the sinner: "the two of them alone remained: mercy with misery".[1] What great mercy and divine justice shine forth in this narrative to point out the path that we are called to follow in the future.

Fr DeBona, OSB, has an interesting perspective on our Gospel- "It seems to be that Jesus puts a fascinating spin on the tug-of-war between justice and mercy. It is not our place to exact a price for perceived injustice- that makes us victims of an endless string of injuries and endless family disputes. Father, the real injustice is failing to grant mercy. St Benedict has his own realistic take on this issue of forgiveness, which surfaces in the fourth step of the ladder of humility. The monk is advised to maintain obedience for the love of God "under difficult, unfavorable, or even unjust conditions," embracing suffering without seeking a way out. Recalling 2 Corinthians 11:26 and 1 Corinthians 4:12, this advice to ensure hardships even extends to bearing with "false brothers." Ironically, we tend to suffer more when we let our hurts go rather than exact a price. Mercy always triumphs over justice."

St Monica – Pray for Us

St Benedict – Pray for Us

This Week's Highlight

First Guild Meeting of the Year

Ladies of the parish consider joining the Guild.

We have regular meetings on the third Thursday of each month, September thru June.

Additional information on page 4



STEWARDSHIP FOR SEPT 3, 2023

Sunday Offering	\$ 5,898.38
St. Monica Fund.....	\$ 819.00
Misc. Special Envelopes.....	\$ 179.00

STEWARDSHIP FOR SEPT 10, 2023

Sunday Offering	\$ 5,063.81
St. Monica Fund.....	\$ 540.00
Misc. Special Envelopes....	\$ 96.00



In Sympathy

Our sincere sympathy and prayers are extended for the family and friends of: Ana Marie Beltran Achure, Theodore Golubski, and Diane Marie Minns Who were recently buried. May they 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: Nathan Frankart
 Tues: Joseph Truong Viet
 Wednesday: Sean Neville
 Thurs: Arthur Bordenschatz
 Friday: Charles Cairnie
 Saturday: Noah Furin
 Sunday: Pray for Bishop Amos

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 17 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am People of the Parish
 10:45am Joseph & Margaret Dubas

Monday, September 18 Weekday

8:00am Dolores Voelker

Tuesday, September 19 Weekday

8:00am Helen & Chester Basiewicz

Wednesday, September 20 Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest & Paul Chong Ha-sang, & Companions, Martyrs

8:00am Patricia Doubrava

Thursday, September 21 St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

8:00am Bishop Anthony Pilla

Friday, September 22 Weekday

8:00am Joyce Kaminski

Saturday, September 23 St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

4:00pm Anthony Costanzo

Sunday, September 24 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

9:00am People of the Parish
 10:45 am William Winslow & Mary Bollinger

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



Pray for Peace

Please Pray For the Parishioners Listed Below

Madeline Iglodi, Joanne Reddinger, Lisa, Bielawski, Paul Lysobey, Pat Dzurilla, Katie Medvetz, Rose Ann Heineman, Joan Fisher, Diane Petras Minns, Lisa Bielawski, Karen Guzy, Special Intention, Marianne Toma,

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, September 18

4:00 pm Fall Sports Practice (g)
4:15 pm Walking Class (J)
7:00pm Finance Council (F)

Tuesday, September 19

4:00 pm Fall Sports Practice (g)
6:30 pm SVDP Meeting (F)

Wednesday, September 20

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

Thursday, September 21

4:00 pm Fall Sports Practice (g)
4:15 pm Walking Class (J)
6:30pm Guild Meeting (c)

Friday, September 22

4:00 pm Fall Sports Practice (g)

Saturday, September 23

8:30am Men of the Vine (ocu1&2)

Sunday, September 24

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

A Special Invitation

On Monday, September 25th, we invite you and your families to join us at Saint Monica Parish at 6:30 pm for the presentation: *“The Eucharistic -- A Challenging Truth to Swallow.”* Speaker Trapper Jack is a talented speaker who has experienced many miraculous encounters in his life, and continues to touch lives through his uplifting presentations! I know that his words and deep faith truly influenced my life for the better!

Trapper uses his microphone to share his faith and fuel his inspiration talks. Please join us in hearing what Trapper has to say about the Eucharist. Jesus’ invitation to His disciples was simply, “Come and See.” They did, and it changed their lives. I encourage you to do the same on Monday, September 25th at 6:30 pm. Who knows how God will influence your life for the better. Come and See!

SVDP Food Pantry Needs

St. Monica’s Food Pantry is in need of the following items:

Cake Mix & Frosting,
Peanut Butter, Canned Fruit,
Cereal, Chicken Noodle
Soup, Spaghetti Sauce,
Snacks

Condiments: Salad Dressing,
Ketchup, Mustard.

Please leave your donation in the back of church or drop them off at the parish office.

God Bless you for your generosity

St. Martin St. Monica Parish School of Religion

Welcome back to a new year!

The Opening Mass and Parent Meeting is September 18th at Saint Martin of Tours starting with the 6:30 pm Mass. Following Mass the Parents will meet and the students will meet their teachers.

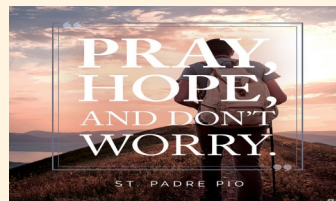
Cleveland Diocesan Union of Holy Name Societies



In accordance with the Diocesan initiative for a **Eucharistic Renewal** the Diocesan Union of Holy Name Societies will be providing **Monstrance Pins** to all active

Eucharistic Ministers and Mass Coordinators of our Diocesan Holy Name Society parishes. We ask the Eucharistic Ministers and Mass Coordinators to wear the pins at Mass or whenever they like to in hope that people will inquire about the pins. When asked you can tell them that the Monstrance is the vessel that holds the Eucharist during Eucharistic adoration, holy hours, exposition, etc.

For more information please call Chuck Williams at 216-215-6844



Guild Meeting

Greetings-just a reminder the **first Guild member meeting for 2023-2024** will be Thursday, September 21st at 6:30 pm, Saint Benedict’s cafeteria.

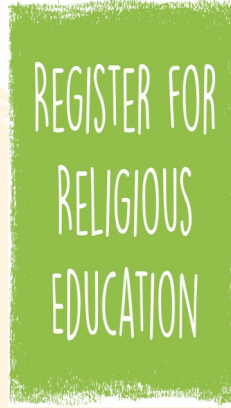
Please join us for a evening of prayer, sharing what you did over the summer, the start of our Peterson’s Nut Sale, and a fun new raffle!

Hope you can join us!
Mandy Corsi, President

OTHER INFORMATION

Catholic Communication Campaign

Next week our special collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign engages and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in the Cleveland Diocese to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the gospel message!. To learn more visit www.usccb.org/cc



Parish School of Religion (PSR) Information

The Parish School of Religion for Saint Monica and Saint Martin of Tours is a program that prepares children who attend public schools for the sacraments. Both Parishes work together to ensure that all students have proper preparation with catechists who are strong in their faith and share it with their students. Our PSR program is held at Saint Martin of Tours School on Mondays, from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

The first day of the 2023-2024 PSR program is September 18th and will begin with a Parent and Student Mass at Saint Martin's Church. After Mass, students will be introduced to their teachers, walk over to the school, and attend a shortened class.

Calendars for the 2023-2024 PSR Year are available at Saint Monica's Parish Office along with the Student Enrolment Form and the Medical Form. Please bring the completed forms to Saint Martin of Tours Office or to the First Class on September 18th.

Thank you! Sister Helene

It's the most wonderful time of the year!

NO, I am not talking about Christmas, I am talking about the return to school at all levels. It is also the time to register for Religious Education and for the reception of Confirmation and any other Sacraments you or your children are in need of.

1. Religious education for children who do not attend a Catholic School are encouraged to attend The Parish School of Religion (PSR) which will begin in mid-September. Please check the Bulletin for any updates!
2. Confirmation will be celebrated in April of 2024 for Saint Monica Parish, Saint Martin of Tours Parish, and for SS Peter and Paul, Saint Therese, Saint Mary (Bedford), and for Our Lady of Hope. Please contact Sister Helene at Saint Monica Parish for details as to preparation for this celebration. You are NEVER too old to be Confirmed!
3. If you wish to learn more about the Catholic Faith, desire to become Catholic, or have been baptized but never have celebrated First Communion or Confirmation, please contact Sister Helene. Instruction is matched to your schedule, and often one-to-one.

Looking forward to making this year, the most wonderful time of the year in your and your family's faith life!

Sister Helene

2023 St. Monica Parish Homecoming Picnic & Raffle

The Homecoming Picnic and Raffle was a great Success. You may have participated by: donating for chances on the baskets, were a business sponsor, donated a Chinese Raffle Basket, gathered the many donations, contributed to one of the many raffles that day, or by attending the picnic.

Thank You to all that worked to make this picnic and raffle a success! The outpouring of support by our parishioners was outstanding and we are very grateful for it!

Congratulations! To All the Winners

\$500.00 Cash winners:

1. Deb Falacenski
2. John Nealon

Parish Raffle Baskets

1. Richard & Janet Schwarz
2. Valerie Brichacek
3. Thomas Oden
4. James Marvin
5. John Gienguzzo
6. Barb Bykiewicz
7. Charles Placek
8. Valerie Brichacek
9. Alexandria Romanowski
10. Russ Sajovie

Basket of Cheer:

John Stypa

Basket of Wine:

Veronica Blasko

50/50 Raffle Winner:

Ted Eles

Guessing Game:

Abby Joyce

2023 Financial Report Picnic & Raffle

Income

Sponsors	\$6,300.00
Raffle Tickets	\$16,425.00
50/50 Raffle	\$771.00
Basket Of Cheer	\$900.00
Chinese Raffle	\$2,237.00
Food/Beverage	\$2,918.00
Misc.	\$308.50
Feast Day Envelopes	\$1,138.00

Total Income \$30,997.50

Expense

Band	\$700.00
Raffle Winners	\$3,000.00
Food/ Beverage	\$1,092.00
50/50 Winner	\$385.00
Raffle Items	\$150.00
Security	\$120.00
Postage/Mailing	\$478.22
Tent/ Chair rental	\$2,191.00
Sales Tax (estimated)	\$226.52
Misc. Expense	\$660.65

Total Expense \$9,003.41

Net Income \$21,994.09

Thank You to All of The Homecoming Raffle and Picnic Sponsors

*Golubski - Deliberato Funeral Home • Ohio Catholic Federal Credit Union
Cleveland Diocesan Holy Name Society • Latek & Rybicki Funeral Home
Council President Tom Vaughn and Family • Corleone's Ristorante and Bar
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Ferfolia Funeral Home • St. John Funeral Home • Trinity High School
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Independence Knights of Columbus*

Please Support THEM as THEY Have Supported St. Monica Parish!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

ABOUT ISSUE 1



What is Issue 1?

Issue 1 is a proposed amendment to the Ohio Constitution that would endanger the health and safety of women, threaten parental rights, and allow for abortion through all nine months of pregnancy. Ohioans will vote on November 7, 2023, whether to make this change to the Ohio Constitution.

What would Issue 1 do?

Put women at risk:

- **Health and safety standards in Ohio could be eliminated.** Doctors could no longer need to examine a woman or explain the risks of the abortion procedure ahead of time.

Threaten parental rights:

- **A fifteen-year-old could have an abortion without her parents knowing.** Current Ohio law requires parental notification and consent before a child under 18 can obtain an abortion. These parental right protections could be removed as they directly conflict with the amendment which would allow all individuals, including minors, to make their own reproductive decisions.

Allow for abortions of fully formed babies:

- **Abortion would be legal through all 9 months of pregnancy.** Physicians at an abortion clinic could use a woman's age or emotional well-being as a reason to perform an abortion in the 3rd trimester.

See "[Where Does it Say That?](#)" for specific information.

Would abortion be illegal in Ohio if Issue 1 does not pass?

If Issue 1 does not pass, abortion would still be legal in Ohio until a baby's heartbeat can be detected. This standard was challenged in court and placed on hold, allowing for abortions up to 22 weeks as of September 15, 2023. Current laws that protect the safety of women and parental rights would stay in effect.

Doesn't Issue 1 simply restore Ohio back to when Roe v. Wade was in effect?

Issue 1 goes dangerously beyond what was legalized in the Roe v. Wade ruling. It opens the door to remove important health and safety measures that protect women, threatens parental consent and notification of any minor seeking an abortion, and allows for abortion through all nine months of pregnancy.

Will miscarriage care or ectopic pregnancy treatment be denied if Issue 1 fails?

The passing or failure of Issue 1 will have no effect on the care a pregnant woman receives when her life is in danger, even if the treatment results in the loss of life of her unborn child. There is a fundamental difference between an elective abortion and the care provided after a miscarriage. In the case of an ectopic pregnancy, the life-affirming option is to surgically remove the mother's fallopian tube in which the embryo has implanted. No law restricts this care in Ohio or any other state in the country.

How is the Church helping pregnant women in need?

For decades, numerous Catholic social service agencies, in collaboration with faith-based and secular organizations, have assisted pregnant women in need with material resources and personal accompaniment during pregnancy and after their child is born. Project Rachel helps those struggling post-abortion. Every woman should be able to depend upon a community for support and the Catholic Church remains committed to woman in need.

[Learn more: ohiocathconf.org](http://www.ohiocathconf.org)

What is the Church doing to protect life and defeat Issue 1?

Each diocese in Ohio is working together, through the Catholic Conference of Ohio, to help Catholics understand the dangers of Issue 1 to women, parents, and life. We are also part of the Protect Women Ohio coalition to let all voters know Issue 1 is harmful for Ohioans.

What can I do to help defeat Issue 1?

1. PRAY & Fast
2. EDUCATE Yourself and TELL OTHERS about the dangers of Issue 1
3. Register & VOTE NO on Issue 1

Where can I learn more?

Read the full text of the proposed change to the Ohio Constitution and learn about the concerning language that puts women at risk, threatens parental rights, and allows for abortions through all nine months of pregnancy.



Click to View
["Where Does It Say That?"](#)

Or visit
www.ohiocathconf.org/protect

OTHER INFORMATION



Sisters of Notre Dame BBQ & BOUTIQUE



For more
details:



2023

Celebrating 61 years of food, fun,
and friendship.

Sunday, September 24, 2023
Noon - 5 pm

Chicken Dinner • \$15

(BBQ chicken, coleslaw, chips, roll & apple pie slice)

Expanded indoor and outdoor seating
All meals will be boxed, take out available

For more information or to pre-order BBQ dinner tickets, visit:
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Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin School gymnasium

On the Notre Dame Center campus • 13000 Auburn Rd., Chardon (South of Mayfield Rd.) • Handicapped accessible

Entrance Chant 828 Whatsoever You Do

First Reading Sirach 27:30 – 28:7

Wrath and anger are hateful things,
yet the sinner hugs them tight.
The vengeful will suffer the LORD's vengeance,
for he remembers their sins in detail.
Forgive your neighbor's injustice;
then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven.
Could anyone nourish anger against another
and expect healing from the LORD?
Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself,
can he seek pardon for his own sins?
If one who is but flesh cherishes wrath,
who will forgive his sins?
Remember your last days, set enmity aside;
remember death and decay, and cease from sin!
Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor;
remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults.

The Responsorial Psalm Psalm 103:1-4, 9-12

R. (8) The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

Bless the LORD, O my soul;
and all my being, bless his holy name.
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

He pardons all your iniquities,
heals all your ills.
He redeems your life from destruction,
crowns you with kindness and compassion.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

He will not always chide,
nor does he keep his wrath forever.
Not according to our sins does he deal with us,
nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he put our transgressions from us.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

READINGS & SONGS

Second Reading Romans 14:7-9

Brothers and sisters: None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Gospel Matthew 18:21-35

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."

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Offertory Chant 600 Abba, Father

Communion Chant 710 Ubi Caritas (Rosania)

The Concluding Rites 813 City of God

