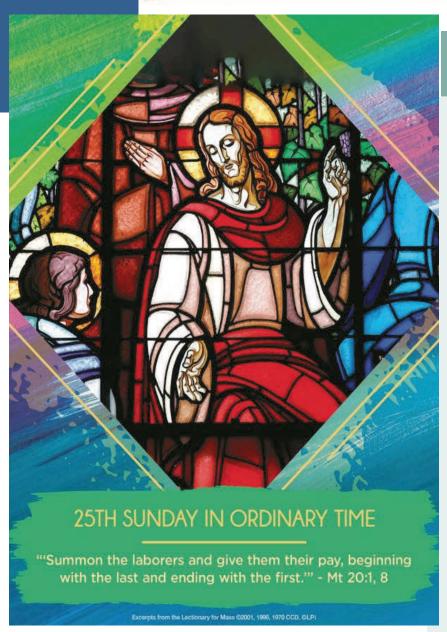
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Welcome!

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

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PASTORAL SCENE

Pastoral Scene

St. Benedict Catholic School

We welcome 472 students to our 2023-2024 school year! Both of our campuses are off to a strong start and we look forward to an exciting year ahead! Our theme for this school year is **SOAR - Safety-Ownership-Achievements-Respect**! Together, our students and staff will work on lessons and projects that will help them SOAR through the school year!

We began our year with updates and improvements! We have updated our STEM lab and Library. These new spaces will provide our students with state-of-the-art equipment and furnishings that will enhance their learning.

This Week's Highlight

A Special Presentation

Monday, September 25th

Saint Monica Church 6:30 pm

Join us for Trapper Jack's presentation:

"The Eucharistic -- A Challenging Truth to Swallow."

. Jesus' invitation to His disciples was simply,

"Come and See."

They did, and it changed their lives.

Additional cameras have also been installed at both campuses. We have a total of 25 cameras at the main campus and Early Learning Center. Cameras are now located at all entrances at the main campus and we will provide additional cameras at our Early Learning Center this year.

Our faith has always been at the forefront of why we do what we do. We are excited to continue our weekly school Mass and prayer services throughout the year. We are excited to add grade-level Mass to our faith formation experiences this year. Hospitality Weekends at St. Martin of Tours and St. Monica Parishes will continue to occur monthly. Students are excited to greet parishioners and share a gift with them! We encourage parishioners to get to know our students before and after Mass.

May God continue to bless us as we move into our 12th year at St. Benedict Catholic School! We are grateful for your continued support, prayers, and encouragement!

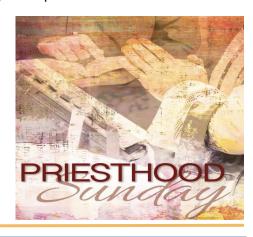
God is Good, All the Time! Lisa Oriti, Principal



Exposition for a Half Hour

Beginning October 2nd we will reintroduce Exposition for a Half Hour after the 8:00am morning mass on Mondays.

More information to follow.



STEWARDSHIP FOR SEPTEMBER 17

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 \$ 4,403.50

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 \$ 185.00

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 \$ 105.00

August Online Giving

Sunday Offering\$5,383.50 St. Monica Fund\$781.00

Thank you for your continued support

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



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 24
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00am People of the Parish
10:45am William Winslow & Mary
Bollinger

Monday, September 25
Weekday

8:00am Living & deceased of Michael & Anne Polomsky

Tuesday, September 26 Weekday

8:00am Patricia Schaefer

Wednesday, September 27 St Vincent de Paul, Priest 8:00am Ernest Bernard Thursday, September 28 Weekday

8:00am Daniel Stossel

Friday, September 29 Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels 8:00am Special Intention

Saturday, September 30 St Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church

4:00pm People of the Parish

Sunday, October 1
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00am Richard Krawczyk
10:45 am Living & deceased of
the Ladies Guild



I Hannah Rizer and Jacob Maskovich

I Kevin Marszal and Kristi Rians Pray for

Married

Couples

Sympathy

Our sincere sympathy and prayers are extended for the family and friends of: Rose Ann Heineman 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: Jeremy Gaugler

Tuesday: Jeremy Shafer

Wednesday: Sean Homey

Thursday: Alexander Krukemeyer

Friday: Daniel LaPolla

Saturday: Billy Reed

Sunday: Pray for Bishop Gries

Please Pray For the Parishioners Listed Below

John A. Chesney, Madeline Iglodi, Joanne Reddinger, Lisa, Bielawski, Paul Lysobey, Pat Dzurilla, Katie Medvetz, Joan Fisher, 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

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THIS WEEK

Activities CALENDAR

Monday, September 25

3:15 pm CWVA Meeting (c) 4:00 pm Fall Sports Practice (g) 4:15 pm Walking Class (J) 6:30 pm Trapper John Talk (+) 7:00 pm Holy Name Board Mtg (c)

Tuesday, September 26

4:00 pm Fall Sports Practice (g)

Wednesday, September 27

4:00 pm Fall Sports Practice (g)

6:30 pm G.A. Meeting (p) Thursday, September 28

4:00 pm Fall Sports Practice (g)

4:15 pm Walking Class (J)

7:00 Ward 7 Block Watch (p)

Friday, September 29

4:00 pm Fall Sports Practice (g)

Saturday, September 30

9:00 am Syriac Orthodox Church (J)

4:00pm St. Monica Alumni (p)

6:00 pm 250 Dinner (c)

Sunday, October 1

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

Thank you!

Commander Carmen Matteo and all the Catholic War Veterans would like to thank Fr. John Mullee and all the parishioners at St Monica Church for their support with the Krispy Krème donut sale.

Proceeds go towards helping Veterans and their families. If you are a Veteran and would like to join the Catholic War Veterans, please contact Carmen at 440-838-0464.



Catholic Communication Campaign

Today we take up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC engage and build Catholic communication in the United States and around the world using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half the funds we collected remain here in the Diocese of Cleveland to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the gospel message.

Support the collection today!
To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/ccc

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WARD 7 BLOCK WATCH

The Garfield Heights Ward 7 Block Watch, sponsored by Councilman Tom Vaughn, will meet Thursday. Sept 28th at 7:00 PM at St. Monica's outdoor pavilion.

All are welcome.

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

BLANKET SUNDAY COMING SOON

The weekend of October 14—15 marks the 37th Annual Blanket Sunday Collection to help the poor. This collection is sponsored by the Diocesan St. Vincent de Paul Society. Due to sanitary concerns and lack of storage space we will gratefully accept your financial donation and do the shopping for you, making your money go even further with bulk purchases of blankets and other items needed by the homeless and disadvantaged. So please "blanket" someone for the winter and give yourself a warm feeling.

You may also donate online at www.svdpcle.org

Healing Retreat 2023, Bethesda House of Mercy WEEKEND HEALING RETREAT

Women suffering after an abortion are invited to a **confidential**, **private healing retreat** at Loyola Retreat House, just north of Canton. October 20-22, 2023.

Encounter the mercy of the Lord through the sacraments, prayer, and scripture.

For more information, contact The Community of Jesus, the Living Mercy at 1-800-482-4100 or email at reachout@bethesdahouseofmercy.org



Saturday, Oct. 7th is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

Please join us for the Rosary, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction immediately following the 4:00 Mass on Oct. 7th.

Everyone is invited to pray for LIFE!

COMING SOON!

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Strudel Sale
October 14, 15, 2023
Apple, Cherry, Cheese, Apricot
& Blueberry
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This is a matching fund with
the FCSLA Life



Memorial Bricks

The Holy Name Society will be placing a memorial brick order October 15th

Bricks are available for \$50.00.

If you are interested in buying a brick, please fill out the order form and return it to the parish office or drop it in the Sunday collection basket. Order forms are available in the parish office









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A huge *IMIM THANK YOU* to members of **St Monica Church** for their generous donation of money and hundreds of household and personal care items that were received at the Party at the Pavilion event. These items have started to be distributed to those we serve. Thanks also to Father John Mullee and his parish staff for their assistance in making this happen. An example of generous donors helping to "MAKE THE IMPOSSIBLE, POSSIBLE"

God bless you and all you do in HIS name.



The St. Monica Summer Series Presents:

PARTY AT THE PAVILION

THANK YOU!

What a season we had with Party at the Pavilion this year!

We would like to thank everyone who planned, shopped for necessary items, all the required paperwork/signs/permits, etc., booked the bands, helped set-up/take down, the volunteers at the event, and all of our parishioners who came out and enjoyed a beautiful evening outside.

We cannot do this without the help of everyone!

Keep your eye out for the season return in 2024!

Watch future bulletins for the final results of your generosity.

Please plan on joining the fun next year.

WHERE DOES IT SAY THAT?



THIS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT...

THREATENS PARENTAL RIGHTS

By using "individual" instead of adult or woman, anyone under the age of 18 could have an abortion or make any other reproductive decision without their parents' consent or notification.

PUTS WOMEN AT RISK

Current Ohio laws* require abortion providers to explain procedure risks and ensure access to hospital transfer if needed. These health and safety standards could be seen as a "burden" and be eliminated, making it even less safe for women seeking an abortion.

ALLOWS ABORTIONS THROUGH 9 MONTHS OF PREGNANCY

In U.S. law,** "health" includes age or physical, emotional, or psychological well-being. This means a woman's age or emotional health could be cited to justify aborting a full-term baby. An abortion-providing physician would decide when a baby could survive outside the womb, leaving no clear protections for preborn children.

IS MISLEADING

Referring to "miscarriage care" promotes a myth that a "right to abortion" is necessary to preserve care for miscarriages and ectopic pregnancies. This is false. Catholic hospitals have always provided comprehensive miscarriage care and will continue to do so regardless of the outcome of this vote.

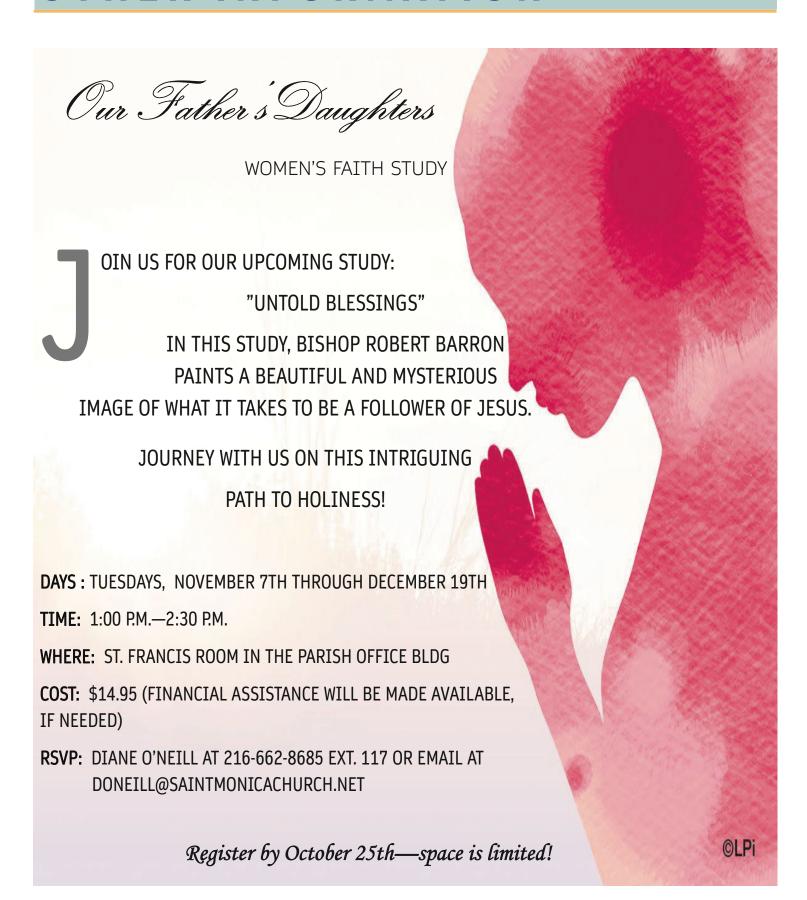
ARTICLE I, SECTION 22

The Right to Reproductive Freedom with Protections for Health and Safety

- Every individual has a right to make and carry out one's own reproductive decisions, including but not limited to decisions on contraception, fertility treatment, continuing one's own pregnancy, miscarriage care, and abortion.
- 2. The State shall not, directly or indirectly, burden, penalize, prohibit, interfere with, or discriminate against either an individual's voluntary exercise of this right or a person or entity that assists an individual exercising this right, unless the State demonstrates that it is using the least restrictive means to advance the individual's health in accordance with widely accepted and evidence-based standards of care.
- However, abortion may be prohibited after fetal viability. But in no case may such an abortion be prohibited if in the professional judgment of the pregnant patient's treating physician it is necessary to protect the pregnant patient's life or health.
- 4. As used in this Section, "Fetal viability" means "the point in a pregnancy when, in the professional judgment of the pregnant patient's treating physician, the fetus has a significant likelihood of survival outside the uterus with reasonable measures. This is determined on a case-by-case basis"; and "State" includes any governmental entity and political subdivision.
- 5. This Section is self-executing.
- * Ohio Revised Code, Sections 2317.56 & 3702.303
- ** Based on Doe v. Bolton



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READINGS & SONGS

Entrance Chant 659 Open My Eyes

First Reading Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near.

Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked his thoughts; let him turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.

The Responsorial Psalm Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

R. The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

Every day will I bless you, and I will praise your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD and highly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

R. The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness.
The LORD is good to all and compassionate toward all his works.

R. The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

The LORD is just in all his ways and holy in all his works.

The LORD is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth.

R. The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

Second Reading Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Brothers and sisters: Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and death is gain. If I go on living in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. And I do not know which I shall choose. I am caught between the two. I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for your benefit.

Only, conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ.

READINGS & SONGS

Gospel Matthew 20:1-16a

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. Going out about nine o'clock, the landowner saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.' So they went off. And he went out again around noon, and around three o'clock, and did likewise. Going out about five o'clock, the landowner found others standing around, and said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They answered, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard.' When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.' When those who had started about five o'clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat.' He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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Offertory Chant 687 You Are Near

Communion Chant Lord, I Am Not Worthy



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Gathered at the altar of our God and King, we present ourselves. We are wounded sinners in need of grace; you restore our health.

As we eat your flesh sacrificed for us, we are made strong. As we drink your blood poured out for us, we are washed clean.

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