Guild Nut Sale
The St. Monica Guild is having our annual Nut Sale featuring Peterson’s Nuts at unbelievably low prices. Orders can be placed with any Guild member or by contacting Chris at 216-581-4149. Brochures are also available at the Rockside Road and Shrine entrances of the church and the parish office. Orders along with payment must be in by October 19 and delivery will be in November in time for Thanksgiving. Orders and payment can be placed in an envelope and marked “Guild Nut Sale” and dropped off at the parish office or put in Sunday’s collection. Check should be made to St. Monica Guild. We guarantee freshness because they are direct from the factory. Peterson’s Nuts make a great holiday gift for anyone on your list as well as a great treat for the family. We have a wide variety of favorites. There is something for everyone’s taste at a price that can’t be beat.

MEAL MINISTRY
Mark your calendar for our STUFFED CABBAGE DINNER ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4. We will be featuring an all inclusive dinner for $10. More information to come!

Please join us for Coffee & Donuts this weekend after the 8:00 & 10:00 am masses, hosting will be members of the SVDP / Respect Life Ministry. Hosting next weeks social will be PreCana / Lectors.

Religion Question of the Week
Which Evangelists who wrote Gospels were companions of St. Paul?

Did You Know?
Did you know that the center aisle of St. Monica Church is 100 feet long?

One Liner
“We who know the need must be willing to sow the seed”.

Answer to the Religion question of the week located on page 4 of this bulletin, under the collections.

Strudel is Back!
Catholic War Veterans Auxiliary will be holding a Strudel Sale on Sat. Oct. 7th and Sun. Oct. 8th. The Strudel will be available by the Server’s Sacristy after all masses. The delicious Strudel will be supplied by Lydia, formerly of Buckeye Rd. The cost is $8.00 and they will be offering Apple, Cherry and Cream Cheese and Apricot Strudel. The Auxiliary has DOUBLED their order!

Hurricane Irma Relief Fund
There will be a special collection this weekend, Saturday, Sept. 30th and Sunday, Oct. 1st for those that have been impacted by the Hurricane. I am aware that this collection comes on the heel of Hurricane Harvey. Please be as generous as possible. Please mark Hurricane Irma in the memo part of your check. Thank you for your continued support.

100th Anniversary of Fatima Rosary
Our Lady’s final apparition at Fatima, Portugal was on October 13, 1917. In commemoration of this, everyone is invited to pray the Rosary at 6:00 pm on Friday, Oct. 13, at our outdoor Fatima shrine. (In case of inclement weather, the rosary will be prayed in the Church).

Pope Francis has decided to grant a plenary indulgence. It can be obtained by praying before any statue of Our Lady of Fatima solemnly exposed for public veneration in any church or proper place during the days of the anniversary of the apparitions, the 13th of each month from May to October (2017), and there devoutly participate in some celebration or prayer in honor of the Virgin Mary. You must also pray an Our Father, the Creed and invoke Our Lady of Fatima. Within 2 weeks, you must also go to Confession and Communion, be interiorly detached from sin, and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.

The next sale of gift cards in Church will take place next weekend of October 7th/ 8th in the Altar Servers Sacristy. Gift cards are always available in the Parish Office during regular Office hours. Thank you for your continued support.
Pastoral Scene

October 13, 2017 – An Important Date

On October 13, 1917 the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to three young children, Lucia, Jacinto, and Francisco for a special reason. She wanted to confirm her messages delivered to these children which had begun during the month of May. She told them about the need for repentance, by all of mankind, for the sins committed against her Son. On that day there were over 40,000 persons present in a small field, in Portugal, to witness a miracle that would take place to verify her message.

The day began with a tremendous rain storm which had lasted for several hours. The sky was very dark. The ground was very muddy. The Blessed Virgin Mary had promised a Miracle to be seen on that day. Thousands of persons from all walks of life began arriving during the night. Many were believers, some were curiosity seekers, and some were disbelievers. They all wanted to see if a miracle would take place. The three children arrived late in the morning. They went to the place where Mary’s apparitions had taken place on so many occasions. Then the people began to pray the Rosary.

About noon the children looked off in the distance and saw the familiar light. It was the Blessed Virgin Mary. She appeared to them and opened her arms. Suddenly something happened that no one expected. The clouds in the sky began to separate. The sun made its appearance. Then on the sun the three children saw an image of Mary and St. Joseph who was holding the child, Jesus. The sun began spinning, and afterwards fell from the sky towards the earth. The people began to shudder and cry out. Some thought it was the end of time. They fell to the ground. Then the sun began to move back to its original location in the sky. The clouds went away. The day looked beautiful. Amazingly as the people looked at their clothing, they found that it was dry, even though just a few minutes before their clothing was drenched from the storm the night before. At that point many who had come realized that a miracle had taken place, and that the Blessed Virgin Mary had truly appeared to the three children in Fatima.

What is most important is the message that Mary delivered: our sins do offend her Son, and all of us should take time to repent and do penances for our offenses. The upcoming date, October 13, 2017, marks the one hundredth anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun. On that day, please take time to pray the rosary and take time to tell Jesus we are truly sorry for our sins.

Fr. Thomas Haren
Diocesan Moderator HNS

Divine Mercy

Please join us for a special hour of adoration and thanksgiving to the Divine Mercy of Jesus on Sunday, October 15th, at 2:30 in St. Monica Church. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and prayers for families, our youth, and our country. All are welcome to join us.

$1000 St. Monica Raffle Winners

$500—Sarah Okurowski Ticket# 774
Seller & Captain Frank Okurowski
$500—Sylvio Puracchio Ticket# 152
Seller-Ted Eles Captain-Bill Skladany

ST. MONICA SENIORS CARD PARTY
LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR ANNUAL CARD PARTY GATHERING AGAIN. JOIN US ON OCTOBER 10TH IN THE ST. AUGUSTINE ROOM AT 2PM. THE COST IS $3.00. WE ARE TAKING RESERVATIONS SO WE CAN HAVE A HEAD COUNT. OUR MENU WILL BE ARBY’S SANDWICHES AND THE BEVERAGES WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE SENIORS. JOIN US AGAIN FOR A FUN FILLED AFTERNOON AND MEET WITH OLD FRIENDS AND NEW FRIENDS. CALL GERRY GOLEM AT 216-581-1777 FOR RESERVATIONS TO LET HER KNOW YOU ARE COMING. A HEAD COUNT IS NEEDED FOR SANDWICHES. PAYMENT IN ADVANCE IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

Memorial Brick Update:

We have been getting a number of inquiries as to when finished bricks will be installed at the shrine. The quality of the finished bricks we received back from our supplier at the beginning of the project was unacceptable. Therefore we needed to switch companies and get the bricks re-engraved. Unfortunately, this issue put the completion of the bricks approximately 2 months behind. The bricks are being engraved in batches of 30 at a time. This takes three weeks to complete. As soon as we get the bricks back we are installing them in front of the shrine. There are currently 110 bricks complete and there are orders for over 200 bricks. Your patience and understanding are appreciated.

St. Monica Holy Name Society

Sandwich Saturday

A great big “Thank You” to everyone who helped to “Pack the Steps” for Front Steps Housing. They were so thankful and appreciative of everything we sent. Come and join us on Saturday, October 7th at 9:00 am for the next Sandwich Saturday as we will prepare 300 sandwiches for St Ignatius/Walsh Jesuit to be distributed to the homeless in Cleveland and Akron.

Mass Count

During the month of October each Church in the Diocese of Cleveland is asked to count the number of persons attending Mass in their parishes. The results of this survey can affect the staffing of Priests and Deacons, and the number of Masses that are celebrated in a particular parish. Please do all you can to attend Mass at St. Monica’s during the month of October.
OFFERTORY COLLECTION  Sept. 23 / Sept. 24
Regular Sunday Envelopes    $ 7,111.00
St. Monica Fund      $    299.00
Children's Envelopes     $      34.00

Parish Activities
MONDAY, October 2
4:00  Athletic Practice   (g)
5:00  NPM Mtg  (AR)
6:30  School Internet Safety Mtg   (g)
8:00  HN Mtg   (c)
TUESDAY, October 3
2:00  Senior Board Mtg   (F)
4:00  Athletic Practice   (g)
6:00  Bible Study  (F)
6:30  Guild Board Mtg  (J)
6:45  Boy Scouts  (c)
7:00  MH K of C Board Mtg  (AR)
WEDNESDAY, October 4
12:00  Tai Chi - Meditation in Motion  (J)
2:40  Play Practice   (g)
3:00  Board Game Club  (AR)
4:00  Athletic Practice   (g)
6:30  Growing Our Faith  (c)
THURSDAY, October 5
2:40  Play Practice  (g)
4:00  Athletic Practice   (g)
7:00  Pastoral Council Mtg  (CC)
7:00  Line Dancing  (g)
FRIDAY, October 6
11:30  Diocesan Mtg  (AR)
4:00  Athletic Practice   (g)
7:30  CC Social  (AR)
SATURDAY, October 7
9:00  Sandwich Saturday  (J)
10:00  Bereavement Mtg  (AR)
6:00  250 Dinner   (c)
SUNDAY, October 8
8:00/10:00  Coffee & Donuts  (c)

STREAM
This year all students in grades Kindergarten through 8 will engage in our S.T.R.E.A.M learning program. Mrs. Chandler will be co-facilitating the class with Mrs. Young, our technology teacher. If you have heard the buzz words “STEM education” floating around, you may know that STEM stands for education in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.

The goal of STEM programs are to expose students to innovative ways of thinking, problem solving and learning, while integrating content across curricular areas. That means that we are helping the students see how all of the subject areas, each of their classes in which they are working so hard, can work together in the real world. Our program at St. Benedict becomes STREAM learning, with the addition of the R and A which represent religion and the arts.

The STREAM program will be unlike classes that students have had in the past. Students will be working on project based assignments that are immersive and require teamwork. It will require our students to learn to be creative thinkers. The class will encourage students to pose questions, think outside the box, take responsible risks and most importantly ENGAGE in their learning. There will be no homework and students will not have to study for this class. The emphasis in our STREAM program will be on the process, how students find answers and solve problems as opposed to a product.

Through the STREAM program we are hoping to instill the characteristics of curiosity, creativity, taking initiative, multi-disciplinary thinking and empathy. These skills are recognized as those most needed to be successful in the 21st century & will help students in all areas of their life.

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

Answer to This Week’s Religion Question
Which Evangelists who wrote Gospels were companions of St. Paul?
Answer: St. Mark and St. Luke.

LINE DANCING…
Has been extended through October! Due to the popularity of learning some different line dances, the Thursday night classes will be extended through October! The remaining class dates are October 5th, October 12th, October 19th, and October 26th at 7:00 pm in the gym. Come and learn those dances you always wanted to learn in a fun, enjoyable atmosphere. Cost of $5.00 per session, per person. Please register in advance with payment at the Parish Office or drop it in the collection basket. Any questions, please call the Parish.

Blanket Sunday Coming Soon
The weekend of October 7-8th marks the 31st Annual Blanket Sunday Collection to aid the needy. The collection is sponsored by the Diocesan St. Vincent DePaul Society. This year due to lack of storage space, we will sponsor a CASH ONLY COLLECTION. We’ll gratefully except your cash donation and do the shopping for you, making your money go even further with bulk purchases of blankets and other items needed by low income families. So give someone a blanket for the winter-and give yourself a warm feeling.
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**Boy Scout Troop 389**

St. Monica’s Troop 389 congratulates Joseph Rhoda and Kyle Wadley for advancing to Boy Scouts highest rank of Eagle Scout. The troop is having an open House/ Recruitment for Boys in grades 5th -10th grade interested in joining the scouting program on **October 10th, Tuesday, 6:30pm in the school cafeteria.** The troop is active in the community. For more info please contact Scoutmaster Paul Blados 216-524-0397.