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CATHOLIC CHURCH

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
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Bulletin Announcements

Email: srjoyce@saintmonicachurch.net
by NOON on Friday the week before

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26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you." - Mt 21:31

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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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Pastoral Scene

The Difference Between Temptation and Sin

Two of the questions I receive from the adults I catechize, especially young people, are “What is the difference between temptation and sin?” and “Do I have to confess temptations.” In answering those questions, I often go back to the story in Genesis of the Tree of Good and Evil, and then explain the steps that Eve, and then Adam, took to commit the sin.

When Moses scribed the first five books of the Bible, he was inspired by God to

explain what God wanted of His people in the midst of various pagan cultures where the serpent was seen as a god, and disobedience a form of adoration. For teenagers, the idea that they bear the sin of disobedience when they did not commit it, is a true problem. I call Original Sin an Inherited Sin (or trait) and although one may not be happy with his or her inherited eye color or hair color, it is not their fault it was inherited. The same is true for the first sin. Laying out the steps from temptation to sin is both interesting and instructive. Once one knows how he or she gets drawn into sin, the better one can avoid it.

Adam and Eve did not immediately disobey or alienate themselves from God – The serpent plants a doubt about the prohibition to ‘eat from the tree’ and a false reason that God might have had for this prohibition. Afterall, the fruit is beautiful --. The Serpent also questions if God really said they were not to eat of this fruit, and was that really what God wanted? Once planted, the doubt grows in their minds, and from doubt comes denial of God’s covenant and separation from Himself. Temptation and some rational, but not necessarily a true conclusion emerges. A bite of the apple, and Adam and Eve are in their own world separated from God.

In real life, temptation encourages one to doubt the reason expressed for the action, and maneuvers us to rationalize ‘a one-time’ move that is often sinful. Once Adam and Eve were separated from God – an important message for the Hebrews for whom freedom was slowly moving into sin – the blinders regarding ‘just this once’ can easily become ‘always’.

Today’s world is fraught with not just temptations but blatant invitations to sin. The phrase, “Once isn’t that bad” has led others into addictions and the bonds of sin.

No, temptations do not have to be confessed as sins, but if you find yourself consistently dwelling on a temptation, it is helpful to speak to the priest about it. If there is an occasion of sin in your life – perhaps a dislike for someone, it may be helpful either to avoid the person, or to try what I do. I confess there are people who can ‘press my buttons’. What I do is to pray for that person, and to come up with at least one good thing about them. You will be surprised how much that helps in alleviating sin.

Sister Helene

This Week’s Highlight

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.

Additional information on page 5

STEWARDSHIP FOR SEPT 24, 2023

Sunday Offering	\$ 4,576.00
St. Monica Fund.....	\$ 895.00
Misc. Special Envelopes.....	\$ 129.00

Please continue to mail in your donations, donate online or drop off at the office. You can also drop your donation in the baskets in church.

Thank you for your continued support

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

Respect Life *Sunday*

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Our sincere sympathy and prayers are extended for the family and friends of:
Alice Horabik and Joseph Nagle
Who was recently buried.
May they and all of our dearly departed rest in peace

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 1

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Richard Krawczyk

10:45am Living & deceased of St. Monica Ladies Guild

Monday, October 2

Holy Guardian Angels

8:00am Nancy Moczulski & Bob & Dolores Johnson

8:30am Exposition After Mass

Tuesday, October 3

Weekday

8:00am Cinthia Jeric

Wednesday, October 4

St. Francis of Assisi

8:00am Sisters of St. Joseph, TOSF

Thursday, October 5

Weekday

8:00am Priest Intention

Friday, October 6

Weekday

8:00am Living & deceased Marge Burrows Family

Saturday, October 7

Our Lady of the Rosary

4:00pm Lawrence & Florence Eppel

Sunday, October 8

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Walter & Ann Stepanik

10:45am People of the Parish

SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS

Please pray for the Seminarians of the Cleveland Diocese

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

Monday: Joseph Rohan

Tuesday: Joshua Steez

Wednesday: Craig Ziobert

Thursday: Johannes Benninghoff

Friday: Jake Cermak

Saturday: Steve Zbiegien

Sunday: *Pray for all Pastors*



|| Hannah Rizer and Jacob Maskovitch

|| Kevin Marszal and Kristi Rians



Please Pray For the Parishioners Listed Below

Betty Jacob, John A. Chesney, Madeline Iglodi,
Joanne Reddinger, 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
(216)662-5464**

THIS WEEK

Activities CALENDAR

Monday, October 2

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

Tuesday, October 3

- 4:00 pm Fall Sports Practice (g)
- 6:30 pm Pastoral Council (F)
- 7:00 pm Western Reserve Coin Club (c)

Wednesday, October 4

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

Thursday, October 5

- 4:00 pm Fall Sports Practice (g)
- 5:00 pm Set Up Sandwich Saturday (J)

Friday, October 6

- 4:00 pm Fall Sports Practice (g)
- 5:00 pm Set Up Sandwich Saturday (J)

Saturday, October 7

- 9:00 am Sandwich Saturday (J)

Sunday, October 8

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

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Any special requests for the *November/December/January* schedule needs to be turned into the Parish Office no later than **Tuesday, October 10th**.



Please remember that this will include Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years so please make note of what you would like.

We appreciate your help with this request.
Thank you.

Guild Meeting

Reminder

The Guild Board will meet at 6:30 in the St. Francis room in the parish offices

St. Benedict Catholic School

No School

Friday Oct 6th and Monday, Oct. 9th

Staff Professional Development Days

Sandwich Saturday

Come and join us at the next Sandwich Saturday!



Saturday, October 7th, at 9:00 am in the Parish Office.

All are invited to come and join the fun as we prepare sandwiches for the less fortunate.

Supplies needed: Jam/Jelly, Sandwich Baggies & gloves.



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!

Pet Blessing

There will be a pet blessing October 4, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

It will be in the parking lot between the Church and Credit Union.



OTHER INFORMATION

Catholic Communication Campaign

Thank you for your generosity toward last week's collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC engage and build community for millions, here in the United States and around the world.

If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give.

Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections

Attention Vendors!

Tables are still available for the St. Monica & Zelig's Home "Christmas Craft Fair" on Nov. 25th (Always the Saturday after Thanksgiving!) Visit <http://www.SaintMonicaChurch.net> or phone Regina 216-581-4122

\$1,000 Holy Name Monthly Raffle Winners - September

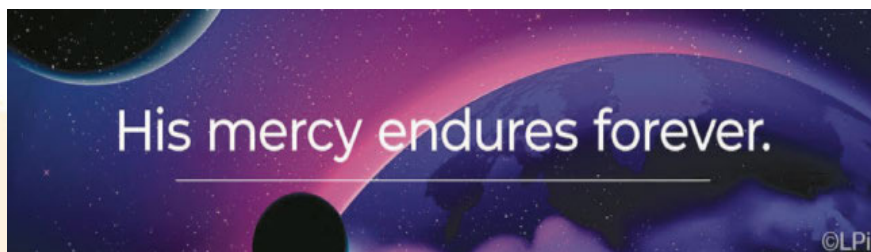
\$500.00 Kathy Rowinski
Ticket #1673
Seller: Ladies Guild
Captain: Will Skladany

\$500.00 Don Feeney
Ticket #0418
Seller: Don Feeney
Captain: Will Skladany
1807 tickets were sold

Tickets for the October drawing can be purchased from any Holy Name member or in the parish office.

The next drawing will be Sunday, **Oct. 29** after the 10:45 Mass in the Church.

All proceeds are used for parish maintenance



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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

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. So please think about "blanketing" someone for the winter and give yourself a warm feeling.

Memorial Brick



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.

The order form is on page 8 of this bulletin.

Orders must be submitted by October 15th.

OTHER INFORMATION

The St. Monica Summer Series Presents:

PARTY AT THE PAVILION

2023 Season Recap

It is hard to believe that another season has come and gone. We thank all who were our Sponsors, as well as all our Patron Ads. Thank you to all who came out and enjoyed the events! We appreciate the support of everyone.

INCOME:		EXPENSES:	
Sponsorships	\$1,000.00	Beer Licenses	\$120.00
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Donations		Entertainment	\$1,950.00
Raffle Proceeds	\$829.00	Food, Drinks	\$2,480.13
Food/Drink	\$5,990.00	Advertising	\$259.35
		Insurance	\$330.00
		Sales Tax	\$423.90
NET PROFIT			
<u>\$2,997.87</u>			

Watch for the 2024 Season

Saint Ignatius

The Grade School Latin Program is a brief introduction to the Latin language and Roman culture for young men in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades.

The course is held on Saturdays from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00p.m..

The next session begins on Saturday October 21st and ends on Saturday November 11th.

Register online at www.ignatius.edu/grade_school.

The course is FREE!!!

If you have questions, please call Mr. Joseph Zebrak at 651-0222 ext. 253 or e-mail jzebrak@ignatius.edu before the course begins.

St. Edward High School

St. Edward High School Open House for 8th Grade Families*

Sunday, October 1 from 11:00a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Monday, October 16 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Monday, October 23 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Monday, November 6 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m

***Pre-registration is required at sehs.net/openhouse**

St. Edward High School Admission Tests for 8th Grade Boys**

Saturday, October 7 at 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, October 21 at 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, November 1 at 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 4 at 9:00 a.m.

****Pre-registration is required at sehs.net/admissiontest**

Contact the St. Edward High School Office of AdmissionUB
216-521-2204 or admission@sehs.net

Our Father's Daughters

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DAYS : TUESDAYS, NOVEMBER 7TH THROUGH DECEMBER 19TH

TIME: 1:00 P.M.—2:30 P.M.

WHERE: ST. FRANCIS ROOM IN THE PARISH OFFICE BLDG

COST: \$14.95 (FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE,
IF NEEDED)

RSVP: DIANE O'NEILL AT 216-662-8685 EXT. 117 OR EMAIL AT
DONEILL@SAINTMONICACHURCH.NET

Register by October 25th—space is limited!

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OTHER INFORMATION

Memorial Bricks at The Lady of Fatima Shrine

St. Monica Holy Name Society continuous to sell Memorial Bricks that are being placed in front of the Lady of Fatima Shrine.

There is room for approximately 550 - 4"x 8" memorial bricks. To date there have been 299 bricks sold. The bricks do not have to be in the memory of someone. You can purchase one with your family name on it, the name of your organization or a prayer request (eg. St. Monica pray for us).

The cost of the Memorial Bricks are \$50.00 each and you may purchase as many as you like. You do not have to be a parishioner to buy a brick. Please complete the form below and return in the collection basket at church or to the parish office. Payment of \$50.00 for each brick purchased needs to be made at time of order. Make checks payable to St. Monica Holy Name Society.

Additional copies of this form can be found at church or the Parish office



Purchasers Name: _____
Street Address: _____
City /State/Zip: _____
Phone/Email: _____

*Information to be engraved on brick paver.
3 lines per brick paver, Up to 14 capital characters per line.
Spaces and punctuations marks are considered Characters.
Please print clearly*

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*3 Lines, 14 capital characters per line
Please do not add additional boxes.
1 brick per order form
Extra forms available at the parish office*

READINGS & SONGS

Entrance Chant 709 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

First Reading Ezekiel 18:25-28

Thus says the LORD: You say, "The LORD's way is not fair!" Hear now, house of Israel: Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair? When someone virtuous turns away from virtue to commit iniquity, and dies, it is because of the iniquity he committed that he must die. But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed, and does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life; since he has turned away from all the sins that he has committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

The Responsorial Psalm Psalm 25:4-9

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;
teach me your paths,
guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my savior.

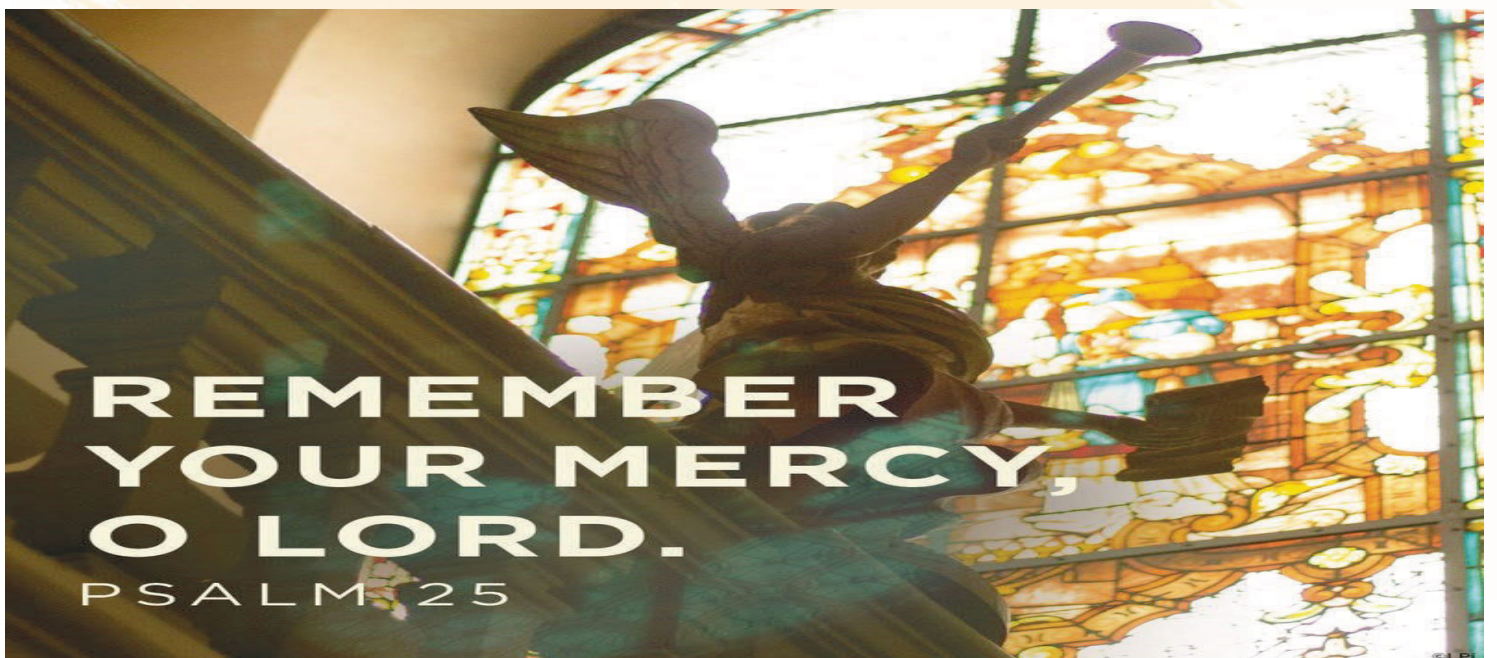
R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Remember that your compassion, O LORD,
and your love are from of old.
The sins of my youth and my frailties remember not;
in your kindness remember me,
because of your goodness, O LORD.

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Good and upright is the LORD;
thus he shows sinners the way.
He guides the humble to justice,
and teaches the humble his way.

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.



READINGS & SONGS

Second Reading Philippians 2:1-11

Brothers and sisters: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing. Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others.

Have in you the same attitude
that is also in Christ Jesus,
Who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
something to be grasped.
Rather, he emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
coming in human likeness;
and found human in appearance,
he humbled himself,
becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.
Because of this, God greatly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name
which is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not,' but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir, 'but did not go. Which of the two did his father's will?" They answered, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him."

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Communion Chant 676 Only a Shadow

The Concluding Rites 680 Amazing Grace

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