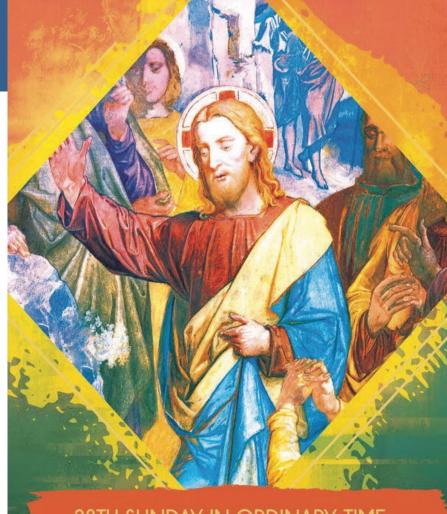
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ST. MONICA CATHOLIC CHURCH



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find." - Mt 22:9

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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.

13623 Rockside Road, Garfield Heights, OH Office: (216) 662-8685 | Fax: (216) 662-1245



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

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PASTORAL SCENE

Pastoral Scene

Pray to Respect Life

"Moral principles do not depend on a majority vote. Wrong is wrong, even if everybody is wrong. Right is right, even if nobody's right." Venerable Bishop Fulton J. Sheen

Human life begins at conception. We need to respect and recognize all life from conception to natural death. How can we help defend against Satan and

This Week's Highlight

Strudel Sale

Apple, Cherry, Cheese, Apricot & Blueberry \$10.00 each

Blanket Sunday

Today is Blanket Sunday Your donation is appreciated.

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his attacks that try to tell us *something* different? We can pray the Holy Rosary. October honors the Most Holy Rosary. What a perfect opportunity for us to turn to the Rosary when praying for life in our country and in the world.

"Love the Madonna and pray the Rosary, for Her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today. All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother." St. Padre Pio

"Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life." Catechism of the Catholic Church

When we stand before Jesus, we want to make our decisions and actions good, holy, and in harmony with God. He is our Creator and our Judge, Who calls us to love others. When we love others, we respect God's gift of life. May we continue to pray for respect and protection of His most precious gift.

God bless all of you, Molly



STEWARDSHIP FOR OCT 8. 2023

Sunday Offering\$	4,563.60
St. Monica Fund\$	728.00
Misc. Special Envelopes\$	33.00

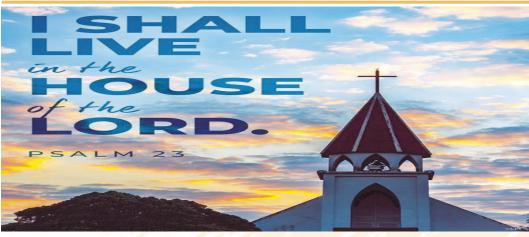
September Online Giving

Sunday Offering\$4,747.50 St. Monica Fund\$711.00

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

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 15 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00am Frank Pugely 10:45am People of the Parish

Monday, October 16 Weekday 8:00am Frank Bielski 8:30am Exposition following mass

Tuesday, October 17 *St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr* 8:00am Maria Matkovic

Wednesday, October 18 St. Luke, Evangelist 8:00am Henry Kiel **Thursday, October 19** Sts. John de Brebeuf & Isaac Joques, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs 8:00am Priest Intention Friday, October 20 Weekdav 8:00am Patrick Lyspbey Saturday, October 21 Weekdav 4:00pm People of the Parish Sunday, October 22 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00am Pete Winnie & Tammy Walchanowicz 10:45am Thomas & Veronica Kvasnok



There will be a Divine Mercy Holy Hour this Sunday, Oct. 15th at 2:30 pm in Church. All are Welcome! Pray For Our Parish Family

PRAYER



Our sincere sympathy and prayers are extended to the families and friends of all who have recently died. May they and all of the dearly departed, rest in peace.

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SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS

Please pray for the Seminarians of the Cleveland Diocese Please join us in praying for the following seminarians this week: Monday: Jonathan Green Tue: Andrew Bendahan Wednesday: Thomas Byrne Thurs: Augustine Drexler Friday: Stephen Vavro Saturday: Miguel Estrada Sunday: Pray for the Rector Fr. Turner

Please Pray For the Parishioners Listed Below

Annie Runyeon, Anthony Lupica, Teadan Maynard (infant), Tammie Ferrante, Betty Jacob, John A. Chesney, Madeline Iglodi, Joanne Reddinger, Paul Lysobey, Pat Dzurilla, Katie Medvetz, Joan Fischer, Lisa Bielawski, 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 16

4:00 pm Fall Sports Practice (g) 4:15 pm Walking Class (J) **Tuesday, October 10** 4:00 pm Fall Sports Practice (g) 6:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (F)

Wednesday, October 11

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

Thursday, October 12

4:00 pm Fall Sports Practice (g)

4:15 pm Walking Class (J)

Friday, October 13

4:00 pm Fall Sports Practice (g)

Saturday, October 14

8:30 am Men of the Vine (ocu1&2) 9:00 am Syriac Orthodox Church

Sunday, October 15

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

Guild Meeting

The October Guild meeting is this Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Saint Benedict's cafeteria. All are invited

Join us for a visit or become a member, we would love to have you. Hope you can join us!



SE Suburban Post 1812 Auxiliary of the Catholic War Veterans Strudel Sale Oct. 14, 15, 2023

Apple, Cherry, Cheese, Apricot & Blueberry \$10.00 each This is a matching fund with the FCSLA Life

TODAY IS BLANKET SUNDAY—THANK YOU!

Thank you for your financial donation to our Blanket Sunday collection. The Diocesan St. Vincent de Paul Society will make your money go further with bulk purchases for use in our own metropolitan area. 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 <u>reachout@bethesdahouseofmercy.org</u>

World Mission Sunday

Next weekend, we will unite with the global Church in celebrating Word Mission Sunday. This year, Pope Francis illuminates our path with the theme: "Hearts on fire, feet on the move." As we prepare to observe this special day, we are reminded to ignite our hearts with Christ's love and extend that warmth to the most vulnerable corners of the world. Your fervent prayers and upcoming generosity in the collection for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith will bolster the missionaries working in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and certain regions of Lantin America & Europe. Let us come together to support them in in their mission of love and service. Thank You!

Our Father's Daughters

WOMEN'S FAITH STUDY

OIN US FOR OUR UPCOMING STUDY: "UNTOLD BLESSINGS" IN THIS STUDY, BISHOP ROBERT BARRON PAINTS A BEAUTIFUL AND MYSTERIOUS IMAGE OF WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A FOLLOWER OF JESUS. JOURNEY WITH US ON THIS INTRIGUING PATH TO HOLINESS!

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!

"Baby Shower"

Our annual "Baby Shower" to benefit Zelies' Home and Womankind will be October 21 & 22.

We will be collecting monetary donations for them after all the Masses. You may also leave diapers, wipes, and other NEW maternity or baby clothes/ items in the area behind the screen. Thank you so much for partnering with Zelie's and Womankind as they provide women the help they need to safeguard God's gift of life!

Attention Vendors!

Tables are still available for the St. Monica & Zelie's Home "Christmas Craft Fair" on November 25th (Always the Saturday after Thanksgiving!) Visit http:/www.SaintMonicaChurch.net

or phone Regina 216-581-4122

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Saturday, October 21 | 12pm - 4pm

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT ISSUE 1



What is Issue 1?

Issuel 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 I 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

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:



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READINGS & SONGS

Entrance Chant 761 Table of Plenty

First Reading Isaiah 25:6-10a

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines. On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, the web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever. The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from every face; the reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken. On that day it will be said: "Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the LORD for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!" For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.

The Responsorial Psalm Psalm 23:1-6

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage.

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

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READINGS & SONGS

Second Reading Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Brothers and sisters: I know how to live in humble circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance. In every circumstance and in all things I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need. I can do all things in him who strengthens me. Still, it was kind of you to share in my distress.

My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father, glory forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come. A second time he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those invited: "Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast." Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged and sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.' The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to meet the guests, he saw a man there not dressed in a wedding garment. The king said to him, 'My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?' But he was reduced to silence. Then the king said to his attendants, 'Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.' Many are invited, but few are chosen."

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