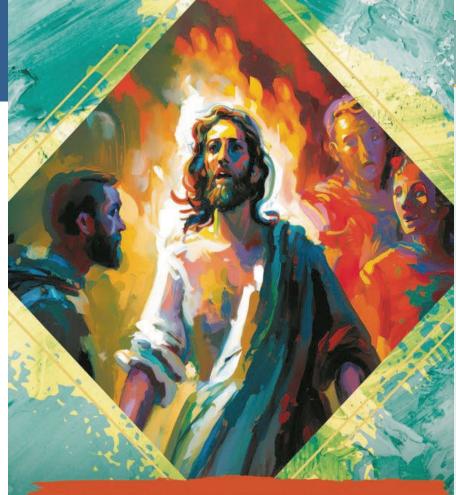
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ST. MONICA CATHOLIC CHURCH



31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The greatest among you must be your servant." - Mt 23:11

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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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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

Pastoral Staff

Sister Helene Skrzyniarz SSJ-TOSF Parish Catechetical Leader srhelene@saintmonicachurch.net Molly Grunau, Director of Liturgy and Music Diane O'Neill, Business Manager Susan Shepka, Office Manager Joseph Ungarsky, Pastoral Council Chairman Bill Simon, Finance Council Chairman Bob Soeder, Web Master

Bulletin Announcements

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

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PASTORAL SCENE

Pastoral Scene

Hired for the Vineyard

The parable of the vineyard workers is one of my favorites to read and pray over, but one of the most difficult parables to use with teenagers. As you know, teenagers have a strong sense of justice and fairness. I have taught them most of my life, and they absolutely bristle when they even suspect an unfair situation, such as sharing a consequence they did not cause.

The parable of the vineyard workers is not about hours worked and the salary earned; it is

This Week's Highlight

Veteran's Day Program

The faculty and students of **St. Benedict Catholic School** will be presenting a Veteran's Day program on Friday, November 10 at 1 p.m. for veterans and guests in the school gym. (See page 4 for details)

all about the unfailing love of God for each of us as we live our lives. Okay, I can hear you asking where did she get that idea, but my view of the vineyard's meaning may be better explained by the following story.

In the late sixties, a Gangland hit man was in a shootout in Boston, and was left dying in the street. He was a Catholic, and asked for a priest who came, heard the gangster's good confession, administered the Last Rites, and stayed with him until he died. The priest was asked if the hit man would have any chance of going to heaven. He replied that the man might require a long time in purgatory, but having made a good confession, would go to heaven, and made the comment, "just as Saint Francis would"

The newspapers in Boston had a field day over the priest's answer. It doesn't seem justified, does it! But, consider the Good Thief – Saint Dismas is what we call him – Jesus Himself promised this thief entrance into heaven despite his sinful life., and I remind people, the Good Thief was never asked to make his confession while crucified on a cross.

The story of the vineyard is not about what is just, expected, or based on how many hours we worked, but all about how we reached out to help our neighbor whom we can see. We are asked by God to serve others with love. By extending that love to those in our lives, we honor and please God who forgives our sins, loves us without measure, and longs to bring us into Heaven when our work in the vineyard is completed.

Continuing to work in the Vineyard, Sister Helene

STEWARDSHIP FOR OCT 29, 2023

| Sunday Offering\$ | 5052.50 |
|---------------------------|---------|
| St. Monica Fund\$ | 254.00 |
| Misc. Special Envelopes\$ | 218 .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



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 5 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00am Lenord & Euphrasine Lew 10:45am People of the Parish

Monday, November 6 Weekday 8:00am Carl Panko 8:30am Exposition following mass

Tuesday, November 7 *Weekday* 8:00am Living & deceased of Earl & Diana Foster Family

Wednesday, November 8 Weekday 8:00am Samual & Elizabeth Kravetz Thursday, November 9 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica 8:00am Priest Intention Friday, November 10 St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church 8:00am PFC William Foster, Veterans & Families

Saturday, November 11 St. Martin of Tours, Bishop 4:00pm Florence Eppele Sunday, November 12 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00am Anthony, Rosa & Josephine Acino 10:45am People of the Parish

There will be a Divine Mercy Holy Hour Sunday November 12th at 2:30 PM in St. Monica Church with Eucharistic Adoration, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and Benediction. All are welcome!





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.

SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS

Please pray for the Seminarians of the Cleveland Diocese Please join us in praying for the following seminarians this week:

Monday: Lucas Torres Tuesday: Dc. Kevin Bertleff Wed: Dc. Michael Garvin Thurs: Dc. William Wainio Friday: Ryan Arto Sat: Christopher Cotone Sunday: *Pray for Vocation Director, Fr. Garris*

Please Pray For the Parishioners Listed Below

Ron Smith Jr., Nikki Avalon, Annie Runyeon, Anthony Lupica, Teadan Maynard (infant), Tommie Ferrante, Betty Jacob, John A. Chesney, Madeline Iglodi, Joanne Reddinger, Katie Medvetz, 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, November 6

4:00 pm Winter Sports Practice (g) 4:00 pm Walking Class (J) 7:00 pm Finance Council Mtg (F) **Tuesday, November 7** 1:00 pm Our Father's Daughters (F) 4:00 pm Winter Sports Practice (g) 7:00 pm Western Reserve Coin Club (c) 8:30 pm Pastoral Council (F) **Wednesday , November 8** 4:00 pm Winter Sports Practice (g) 6:30 pm G.A. Meeting (+) **Thursday, November 9** 4:00 pm Winter Sports Practice (g) 4:00 pm Winter Sports Practice (g)

6:30 pm Guild Me<mark>eting (c)</mark>

Friday, November 10

4:00 pm Winter Sports Practice (g)

Saturday, November 11

8:30 am Men of the Vine (ocu 1&2)

Sunday, November 12

11:30 am St Martin of Tours Pasta Dinner (c) 7:30 pm A.A. Meeting (c)

Veteran's Day Program

Dear Saint Monica parishioners and Saint Benedict Families,

The faculty and students of **St. Benedict Catholic School** will be presenting a Veteran's Day program on Friday, Nov. 10th at 1 p.m. for veterans and guests in the school gym. All veterans are invited to attend and will be recognized during the program for their service. Attendance in uniform would be most welcome!

During the presentation there will be a slideshow presentation featuring each branch of service. If your veteran is not able to attend or is deceased, please email a photograph with their name and branch of the military to jradecky@stbenedictohio.com so they may be recognized in

<u>Iradecky@stbenedictonio.com</u> so they may be recognized i the slideshow.

If your veteran is able to attend the afternoon performance, please email Mrs.Tomsick at

mtomsick@saintbenedictohio.com so they may be

recognized in person.

Mrs. Tomsick Music Mrs. Radecky Advancement Coordinator

Cemetery Pre-Planning Seminar

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour pre-planning Education Seminar on Thursday, November 16, at 2:00 p.m. in the St. Joseph Room in the parish offices.

Guild Meeting

The October meeting will be Thursday, November 9th At 6:30 pm In the school cafeteria. All are Welcome



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OTHER INFORMATION

St. Benedict Early Learning Center

St. Benedict Early Learning Center (located on the campus of St. Martin of Tours Church in Maple Heights) is looking for a part-time assistant teacher in our daycare. Student ages range from 6-weeks to 3 years of age. Background checks and VIRTUS training will be required prior to start date. Interested candidates please submit a resume and contact information for three references. Please contact Mrs. Malone at <u>cmalone@stbenedictohio.com</u> with any questions.

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

- \$500.00 Gary Drexler Ticket #1535 Seller: Ben Welich Captain: Ben Welich
- \$500.00 Sister Marge Ticket #2055 Seller: Sister Joyce Captain: Will Skladany

1815 tickets were sold

Tickets for the June drawing can be purchased from any Holy Name member or in the parish office. The next drawing will be Sunday, **Nov. 26th** after the 10:45 Mass in the Church. All proceeds are used for parish maintenance

Garfield Heights Knights of Columbus Wednesday Night Dinners Reservations by Friday, November 10 @ 8pm phone 216-662-2277

Wednesday, November 15th Breaded Pork Cutlet Cost \$13.00 Prepared by Lori's Custom Catering Dinner Consists of: Breaded Pork Cutlet, Mashed Potatoes, Strawberry Salad, Roll & Butter

EVERYTHING IS PACKAGED PRE-ORDER ONLY—Take Out Only Curbside Pickup– Ready to heat NO BAKERY. SERVING TIME 4-6 PM

Pickup at 10806 Granger Road—CLUB 4130 Please leave your complete name, phone number and number of dinners you will be picking up. Please no changes day of. Thank you for your continued patronage. If someone else is picking up leave their name also.

Support St. Monica Parish with a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA

If you are 70 ½ or older, you may be able to make a gift of a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA that will help us in our ministry and reduce your taxable income. Talk to your advisors and IRA administrator for

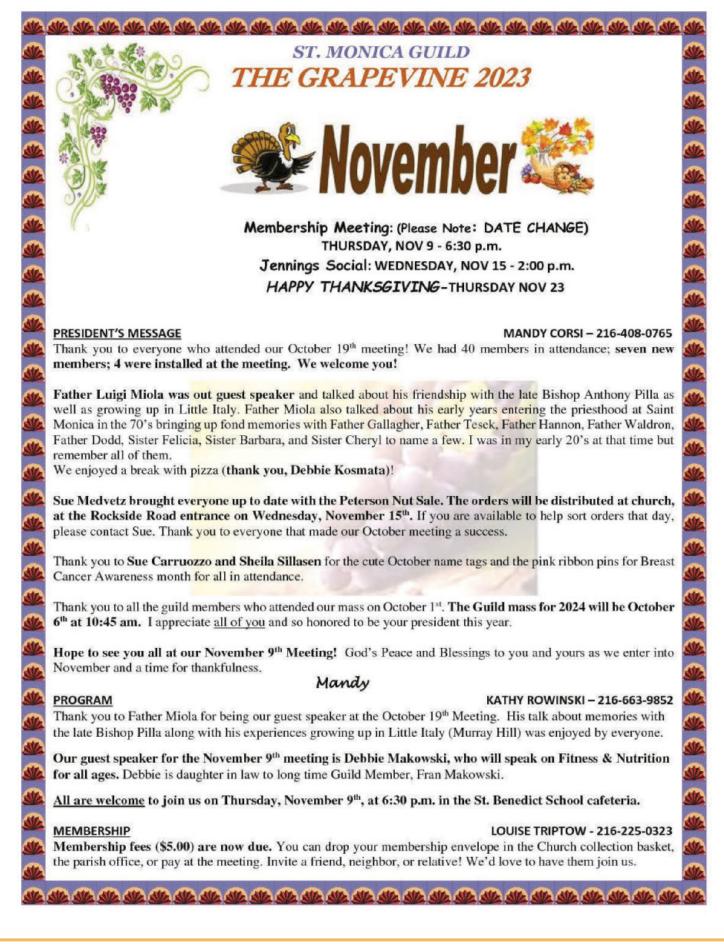
more information and to be sure that your IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution gift is made directly from an IRA to a qualified charity such as our parish.

Questions? Contact Diane O'Neill in our parish office at 216-662-8685 or Jean Ann Montagna of the Catholic Community Foundation at 216-696-6525 x 8070 or visit <u>www.catholiccommunity.org/ira</u>.

OTHER INFORMATION



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Peterson's Nut Sale

SUE MEDVETZ - 216-924-3804



A big Thank you to all who participated in the 2023 Guild's annual nut sale. <u>Delivery will</u> <u>be on Wednesday, November 15th</u>, and order pickup will be <u>at the Rockside Road entrance</u> <u>of the Church</u>, (same as last year). I will call you to let you know what time orders will be ready for pick up. Thank you for your support in helping to make this fundraiser a success. All proceeds will benefit our Church.

ROSARY CHAIN

CHRISTINE PAYNTER 216-475-4205

I am sorry to report another Guild member passed away. Mary Ann Ondrish passed away on September 22, 2023. Her wake was held at Golubski-Deliberato Independence funeral home on October 1, 2023. Mary Ann's Celebration of Life Mass was held at St. Monica Church on October 2nd at 10:00 a.m. Mary Ann was a sister, a mother, a grandmother, and a great-grandmother. The family is asking anyone wishing to make a donation, please make it to the Dementia Society of America. The Guild Mass for Mary Ann is scheduled for September 30, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.

SUNSHINE

BARB OKUROWSKI - 216-406-3731

Get Well greetings were sent to Connie Nadolski, Alice Stachowiak, Betty Jacob and Greg Rowinski, (husband of member Kathy and father of member Debbie). At this time all are experiencing serious health issues and are in need of our prayers. Please remember them in your prayers! Thank you so much to all who donated greeting cards and/or postage stamps. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please continue to let me know if there is anyone that you know of that could use a little sunshine sent their way.

TRAVELING MADONNA

RITA STANOWICK 216-662-1513 / ROSEMARY WELICH 216-410-5003

The Traveling Madonna visited with Sandy Rhoa for the month of October. She will travel to the home of Nancy Simpson to visit for the month of November. If you would like to schedule a visit to your home, please call Rita or Rosemary.

JENNINGS SOCIAL

LAURA MUROWSKY - 216-587-2172

The October Jennings Social was attended by 25 residents. The day was exciting because there was one table of 4 ladies that won 10 Bingo games. All the other folks at the tables were trying their hardest to come up with at least one Bingo game win while the "fabulous" four walked away with their quarters and chocolates. What will happen next month? Come and find out and have some fun with us. Thank you to Sue Kolo, Connie Holub, Kathy August and Mary McFeely for spending time with the residents. Our next social will be on November 15th at 2:00 p.m. Please join us for a pleasant afternoon.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

| Debra Sarnowski | Nov. 2 nd | Dolores Veverka | Nov. 6 th | Maryann Wieliczko | Nov. 9 th |
|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Louise Triptow | Nov. 22 nd | Teressa Brzezowski | Nov. 23 rd | Donna Zak | Nov. 26 th |

EMAIL <u>MEDVETZS4791@ATT.NET</u>. ARTICLE IN THE GRAPEVINE NEWSLETTER, PLEASE CONTACT SUE MEDVETZ AT (216) 662-8257 EMAIL <u>MEDVETZS4791@ATT.NET</u>. ARTICLES <u>MUST</u> BE SUBMITTED <u>NO LATER THAN</u> FRIDAY, <u>NOVEMBER 17th</u>, FOR THE DECEMBER GRAPEVINE NEWS*** Editor: Sue Medvetz





READINGS & SONGS

IN YOU, LORD,

I HAVE FOUND

PSALM 131

Entrance Chant 686 How Can I Keep from Singing

First Reading Malachi 1:14b – 2:2b, 8-10

A great King am I, says the LORD of hosts, and my name will be feared among the nations. And now, O priests, this commandment is for you: If you do not listen, if you do not lay it to heart, to give glory to my name, says the LORD of hosts, I will send a curse upon you and of your blessing I will make a curse. You have turned aside from the way, and have caused many to falter by your instruction; you have made void the covenant of Levi, says the LORD of hosts. I, therefore, have made you contemptible and base before all the people, since you do not keep my ways, but show partiality in your decisions. Have we not all the one father? Has not the one God created us? Why then do we break faith with one another, violating the covenant of our fathers?

The Responsorial PsalmPsalm 131:1-3

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

O LORD, my heart is not proud, nor are my eyes haughty; I busy not myself with great things, nor with things too sublime for me.

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

Nay rather, I have stilled and quieted my soul like a weaned child. Like a weaned child on its mother's lap, so is my soul within me.

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

O Israel, hope in the LORD, both now and forever.

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

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READINGS & SONGS

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13

Brothers and sisters: We were gentle among you, as a nursing mother cares for her children. With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well, so dearly beloved had you become to us. You recall, brothers and sisters, our toil and drudgery. Working night and day in order not to burden any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.

And for this reason we too give thanks to God unceasingly, that, in receiving the word of God from hearing us, you received not a human word but, as it truly is, the word of God, which is now at work in you who believe.

Gospel Matthew 23:1-12

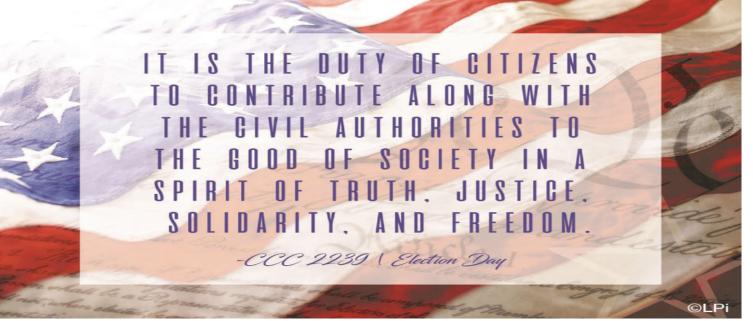
Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples, saying, "The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses. Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice. They tie up heavy burdens hard to carry and lay them on people's shoulders, but they will not lift a finger to move them. All their works are performed to be seen. They widen their phylacteries and lengthen their tassels. They love places of honor at banquets, seats of honor in synagogues, greetings in marketplaces, and the salutation 'Rabbi.' As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

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Offertory Chant 829 The Cry of the Poor

Communion Chant 710 Ubi Caritas (Rosania)

The Concluding Rites 680 Amazing Grace



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