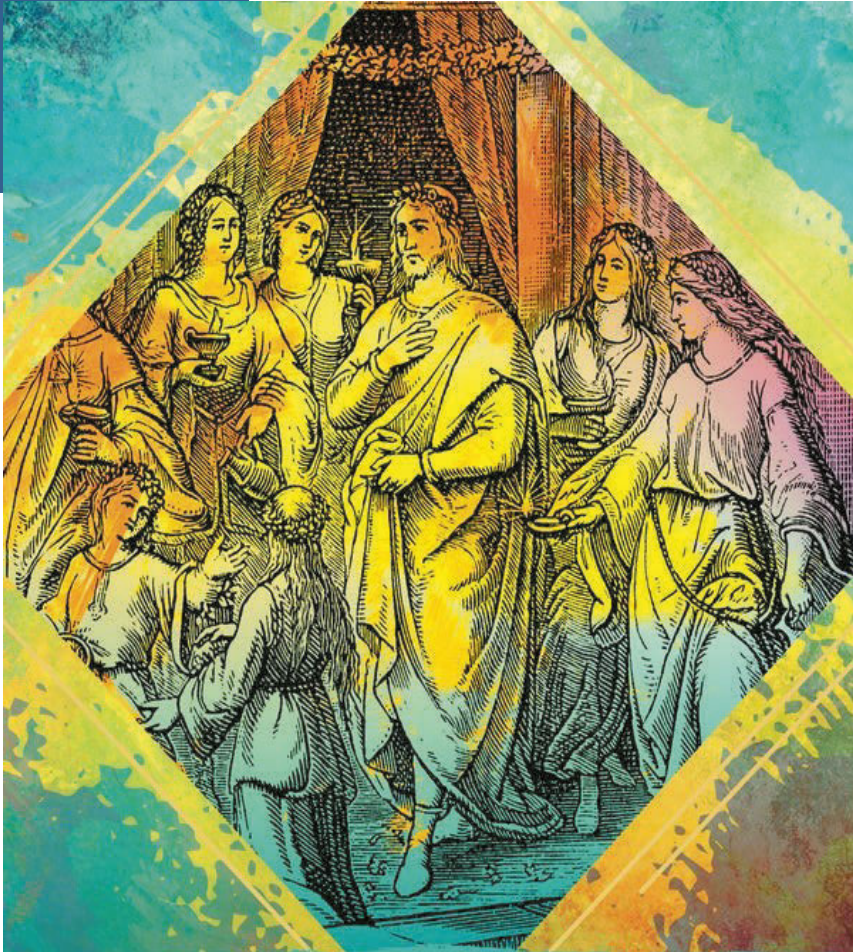


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32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You know neither the day nor the hour."
- Mt 25: 13

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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
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Saturday & Sunday | Closed

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by NOON on Friday the week before

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Pastoral Scene

Good Soil

Jesus' parable of the Sower and the seeds is so familiar to us that as soon as I hear the opening word, I think, "Okay, I need to become 'good soil.'" However, in a homily the Sunday after Pope Benedict XVI died, Father Gerard Gonda, OSB used a segment of Pope Benedict's writings that spoke about how God prepares the soil. If I were to summarize that homily it would be "God leaves nothing to chance.

As the parable relate God expect us to respond to grace, and bring forth fruit, but he does not walk away from the process of our growth. God is the Divine Gardener, and gardeners tend to their soil. The parable often gives the idea that seed is scattered, and God hopes some will fall on good soil. However, God actively prepares us to receive the seed being scattered and in creating the good soil that he is hoping to find. That fact alone put a whole different dimension on God's work and ours! God is not an absent gardener!

If you have gardened, even once, you know that it is not an easy process, especially if you are the soil! Just imagine being broken up, turned over, prodded and turned to receive God's seed to become good fruit (or carrots, lettuce, etc.) and yield the rich harvest Jesus describes. Even if we are

well on our way to becoming 'good soil', there are challenges. Good soil is not always found, so the existing soil needs to become fertile through the addition of various substances. In my life I have found that trials and failures have helped to yield better soil – but the process is painful!

In all truth, it is very difficult to believe that statement during a trial that has wounded your heart and nearly extinguished your candle of hope. It takes great faith, personal strength, and sincere trust in God to carry the hardship of trials that deeply wound your heart.

Pastoral Scene continued on page 5.

This Week's Highlight

"Being a Beacon of Hope" Program

This week you will receive a brochure introducing our "Being a Beacon of Hope" Program. I'm proud to be part of the St. Monica Church community. On Commitment Weekend, November 18 & 19, I invite each of you to participate in this important program and help us respond to God's great gift of love. I ask that you please review this brochure and prayerfully consider how you and your family can help St. Monica Church by financially supporting our ministries, furthering our mission, and reinforcing our future.

We ask that all faithful parishioners complete a Commitment Card. A card will be included in the brochure mailing for you to:

- mail to the church using the pre-addressed envelope included in this mailing.
- or bring your card to Mass next Sunday.
- or you may visit our parish website at www.saintmonicachurch.net and complete an electronic Commitment Card.

The back of the Commitment Card has a place for you to include any prayer intentions you wish to share. We welcome all intentions and they will be prayed for collectively over the next few weeks. If you would like to speak to a priest, please indicate so on your card and we will be in contact with you.

**Our goal is 100% participation!
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St. Monica Fund.....	\$ 1,153.00
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Please note our average weekly expenses are \$13,546.00



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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 12

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Anthony, Rosa & Josephine Acino

10:45am People of the Parish

Monday, November 13

St Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

8:00am Judy Marszal

8:30am Exposition following mass

Tuesday, November 14

Weekday

8:00am Eleanor & Charles Koschak

Wednesday, November 15

Weekday

8:00am Living & deceased Bob Soeder Family

Thursday, November 16

Weekday

8:00am Priest Intention

Friday, November 17

St Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

8:00am Robert Speno

Saturday, November 18

Weekday

4:00pm Terry Lew

Sunday, November 19

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am People of the Parish

10:45am Leo Szczepansk

SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS

Please pray for the Seminarians of the Cleveland Diocese

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

Mon: Anthony Donatelli

Tuesday: Jon Hawkins

Wednesday: Jeff Lindholm

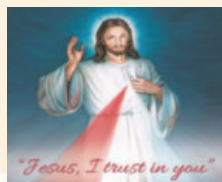
Thursday: James Parisi

Friday: Brian Peters

Saturday: Kyle Rosser

Sunday: *Pray for an Increase in Vocations*

There will be a Divine Mercy Holy Hour this Sunday at 2:30 PM in St. Monica Church with Eucharistic Adoration, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and Benediction.



All are welcome!

Pray for Our Parish Family

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 13

- 4:00 pm Winter Sports Practice (g)
- 4:00 pm Walking Class (J)
- 6:00 pm CWV Meeting (c)

Tuesday, November 14

- 1:00 pm Our Father's Daughters (F)
- 2:00 pm Senior Meeting (J)
- 4:00 pm Winter Sports Practice (g)
- 6:30 pm Baptism Class (F)
- 6:30 pm St Vincent DePaul Mtg (c)

Wednesday, November 15

- 4:00 pm Winter Sports Practice (g)
- 6:30 pm G.A. Meeting (+)

Thursday, November 16

- 2:00 pm Cemetery Pre-Planning Seminar (J)
- 4:00 pm Winter Sports Practice (g)
- 4:00 pm Walking Class (J)
- 7:00 pm D.H.N. Meeting (c)

Friday, November 17

- 4:00 pm Winter Sports Practice (g)

Sunday, November 19

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



Senior Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on
Tuesday, November 14th
at 2:00 p.m.

in the St. Joseph room of the parish office.

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Join us every Thursday

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Blessed Mother Mary at Fatima

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Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than 37 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities.

Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd.

Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse.

To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the Church, please contact the

Diocesan Response Service Office
at 216-334-2999 or via email at

response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org.

You are also asked to immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior.

Pastoral Scene continued

What we never hear in this parable is the application of what becoming good soil really is –Perhaps what Jesus was really saying about becoming good soil are contained in the following characteristics: How do I self-correct the flaws in my life? How quickly do I repent when I am wrong? How willingly do I forgive?

Yielding to God's cultivation through the events of our lives grows the capacity of fruitfulness in our lives and enables us to be the good soil that produces an abundant yield! May our fruitfulness help to spread the Gospel and increase the love of God in the lives of those around us.

Sister Helene



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Retrouvaille, which means rediscovery, is supported by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, and is open to couples of all faiths. This program consists of a weekend experience and six follow up sessions. For more information concerning the program, or to register, visit www.helpourmarriage.org or call Shelly or Rob at 216.509.0301 or 440.836.4810.

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Thursday, November 16, 2023
2 p.m.

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Entrance Chant 685 Seek Ye First

First Reading Wisdom 6:12-16

Resplendent and unfading is wisdom,
and she is readily perceived by those who love her,
and found by those who seek her.
She hastens to make herself known in anticipation of their desire;
Whoever watches for her at dawn shall not be disappointed,
for he shall find her sitting by his gate.
For taking thought of wisdom is the perfection of prudence,
and whoever for her sake keeps vigil
shall quickly be free from care;
because she makes her own rounds, seeking those worthy of her,
and graciously appears to them in the ways,
and meets them with all solicitude.

The Responsorial Psalm Psalm 63:2-8

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God whom I seek;
for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts
like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary
to see your power and your glory,
For your kindness is a greater good than life;
my lips shall glorify you.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Thus will I bless you while I live;
lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name.
As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied,
and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

I will remember you upon my couch,
and through the night-watches I will meditate on you:
You are my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

READINGS & SONGS

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep. Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, console one another with these words.

Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

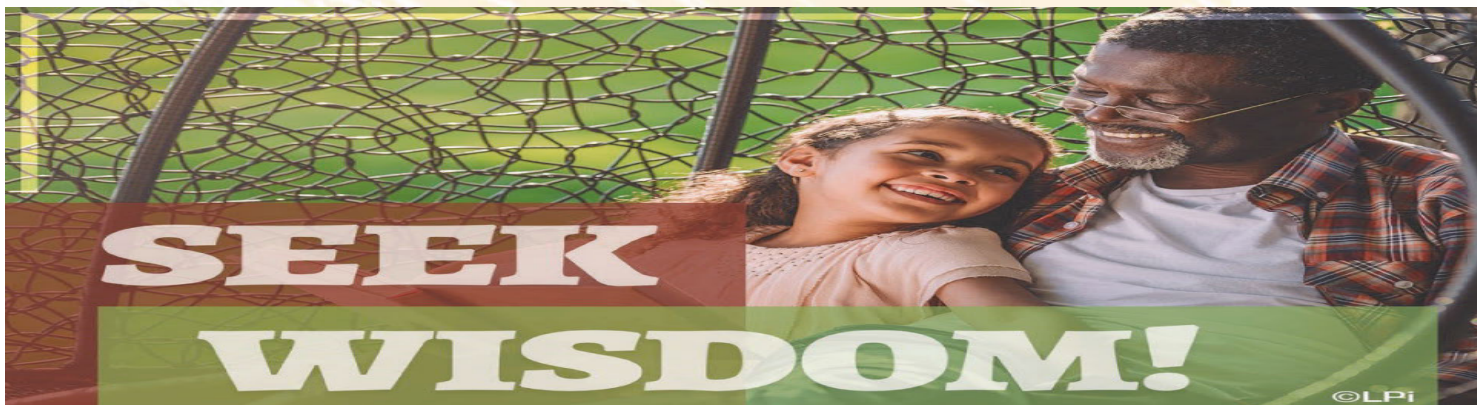
Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.' While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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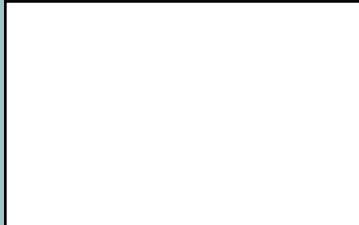
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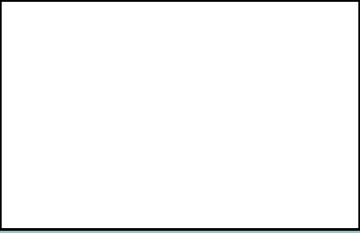
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