

### Liturgy Schedule

**8:30 Morning Prayer, Rosary, Monday through Friday**

**Monday, November 27 Weekday**

8:00 Agnes Dubray (anniv)

**Tuesday, November 28 Weekday**

8:00 Cathy Mirous (anniv)

**Wednesday, November 29 Weekday**

8:00 Terry & Vivian Budd

**Thursday, November 30**

8:00 Dorothy Kotowski

**First Friday, December 1 Weekday**

8:00 Pat & Cila Catacutan

**First Saturday, December 2 Weekday**

3:15 Confessions

4:00 People of the Parish

**Sunday, December 3 First Sunday of Advent**

8:00 Sophie & John Zandarski

10:00 Rudolph & Cecilia Gurgol

12:00 Vedo Marotta



the following members of our Parish community: the following members of our Parish community: **John Rozmarynowski, Albert Marotta Sr., Jack Pekar, Lynda Petit, Joan Kaczmarczyk, Bill Exton, Dolores Nose, Taryn, Ursula Strauss, Sr. Maryann Zakrajsek, Marie Sabol, Robert Govang, Bernie Nenadovich, George Cooke, Thom Machar, Larry Piechowiak, John Rozmarynowski, Robert Phipps, John Halasz, Marie DiCola, Joann Reddinger, Baby Ryan Martin, Sheila Sillasen, Richard Rosberil, Karen Styler, Sarah Burket and Mark Pennington.** The names will remain in the bulletin for two weeks. Please call the Parish office for more information. If you have a special intention you would like remembered in prayer, please call Lillian Neptune @ 216.662.5464.

### WEDDING BANNES

**I Allison Blasko and Clint Mahoney**



**SANDWICH SATURDAY**

Join us on **Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>** as we will prepare 300 peanut butter & jelly sandwiches. Along with the sandwiches, we will also assemble personal hygiene bags that will also be delivered this month.

*Travel size items that are needed: toothpaste, deodorant, and shampoo items. Also, small individually wrapped Christmas candy. Please bring these items to the Parish Office by Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance for your help with this.*



There will be **NO** social this weekend. Join us next week for Coffee & Donuts after 8:00 and 10:00 masses. Hosting will be members of the Pastoral Council.

**Religion Question of the Week**

How many Popes have served as the Visible Head of the Church since the time of Jesus?

**Did You Know?**

Did you know that for the past two years the Ohio Federal Catholic Credit Union has worked with St. Monica Church on the Thanksgiving Day Meal?

**One Liner**

“Temper is a valuable possession – don’t lose it”.

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



Oplatky is now available at the Parish Office. Cost is \$1.00 for a package of two.

**St. Nicholas Gift Giving 2016**

The St. Monica St. Nicholas Christmas Gift Sharing Program will be held again this year. The program is a sharing of Christmas gifts with those who are less fortunate and unable to buy gifts for their children and other family members. **Tags identifying the age, gender and type of suggested gift can be obtained in the vestibule starting the week-ends of December 2nd / 3rd and December 9th / 10th** Please return to Church the wrapped gifts with the tags securely attached the weekend of **December 16th / 17th** .



The Garfield Heights Ward 7 Block Watch will meet **Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM** in the **St. Augustine Room of St. Benedict School.** Nonperishable items for the **St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry** would be appreciated. **ALL ARE WELCOME!** For more information, contact **Nikki Majka, 216-310-6514.**

**Night with the Cleveland Monsters!**



Join us for an evening with the **Cleveland Monsters** on **Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>.** **Game time begins at 7:00 pm.** *Just in time for a great family outing or to give as a Christmas gift!* As an added bonus, 15 people from our group will have the

opportunity to sit on the Monsters bench during their warm up time. See the flyer for more details about the evening and how to order. Ticket order forms are available at the Parish Office, in the bulletin, and on our website. **In addition, every Friday Night Game is a "1-2-3 Friday" where fans can enjoy \$1 Pepsi products, \$2 Sugardale hotdogs and \$3 draft beer specials.**

## Pastoral Scene

### Treasure

"The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field," Jesus said. Obviously, Jesus is saying that the Kingdom of God is greatly prized. Earthly treasures certainly are because of the improvements they can bring to human lives. Of course, earthly treasures don't always improve one's life. If you think so, ask any of those who have won lotteries to see if it had indeed changed their lives. The evidence will show it did not. Some will even tell you that it was the worst thing that ever happened to them. But, there are a lot of people who still think that if they strike it rich, that their problems would be over.

Happiness doesn't come from outer circumstances but from inner assurances. If you're not happy with a thousand dollars in the bank, you probably won't be happy with a million. As someone said, happiness is an inside job.

Happiness is yielding control of your life to God. That's the meaning of the Kingdom of Heaven or the Kingdom of God. Remember that the Kingdom of God simply means allowing God to rule over your life. When you open yourself to God and ask God to take charge of your life and allow God to make whatever changes in your life needed to be made in order for you to be all He created you to be, then you will discover that sense of purpose, perspective, and appreciation that is the essence of happiness.

So many people are trying to live today without God. Many give the illusion that they are doing well. Many are quite cheerful--as long as life is going their way. But ultimately there is no joy, no lasting happiness without God. Trusting God, and giving God control of your life, is the key to victory in every situation. It doesn't mean that everything in life will always turn out the way you want it. But giving control of your life to God will give you strength to find meaning in every situation.

Truly faith gives us a treasure surpassing the value of anything else in life. Christ offers us this same treasure today---the Kingdom of God at work in our lives. God is within us, God is beside us, and giving us the strength for living all the days of our life.

But remember the treasure, it's a free gift. All we have to do is open ourselves to Christ's Kingdom today.

Deacon Stan Drozell

### Winterfest Donations

Once again we are asking for any donations for our Chinese Raffle for Winterfest which will be held on Saturday, January 13th and Sunday, January 14th 2018. Anyone who does any sewing, knitting, crocheting, painting, wood work and crafting of any kind, donations would be greatly appreciated! Tickets to plays, movies and sporting events would be wonderful. If you would like to donate any gift cards of any kind or an item that best highlights your business we would gladly accept that too! Lastly if you would like to donate money to help us make some great baskets...well we would be grateful for that as well!

Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office during regular business hours. Please make sure you let them know it is for Winterfest and don't forget to leave your name so we can properly thank you! If you need to make arrangements to have it picked up we can do that too! Call Bill Noyes at 216-912-8679 and he will be happy to pick it up!



### St. Monica Senior Group Christmas Party

The seniors will meet in the school cafeteria on Dec. 12th for their annual Christmas party. We will be serving Fried Chicken, Beef Tips with Mushrooms AuGratin Potatoes - Green Beans Almondine - and Salad along with assorted pastries, coffee, tea and water.

Party will begin at 4pm. There will be entertainment and drawings. Don't miss this celebration. All money must be in by Dec. 4th. Contact Gerry Golem at 216-581-1777 for reservations and more information. Don't forget your \$1.00 gift exchange.



### Giving Tuesday

On November 28, 2017 from 12:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. St. Benedict Catholic School will be participating in #weGiveCatholic, Northeast Ohio's Online Day of Catholic Giving. Please support us with your donation on that day by going to [www.wegivecatholic.org](http://www.wegivecatholic.org), search for St. Benedict Catholic School, then click "Donate Now". Your donation will go a long way in helping us purchase materials for our STREAM program. Mark your calendar, then Give Catholic on Giving Tuesday.

### Attention Veterans

You are invited to join the AMVETS Post 80 Service Organization. No membership dues are required, and as an option, you may also become part of the Honor Guard Unit. We provide burial services for our deceased veterans at the National Cemetery in Rittman, Ohio. If you are interested in receiving more information, please call Commander Chuck Keshock at 216.581.7554.

### Retail and Restaurant Gift Cards

will be on sale after all Masses next weekend, Dec. 2nd & 3rd, in the Altar Server's Sacristy. Stop by and start your Christmas shopping, if you haven't already, or get a gift card for those hard to shop for people on your list. Everyone loves Gift Cards! Gift cards can also be purchased at the Parish Office during business hours. Thank you for your support.



### Coats for Needy

The Knights of Columbus, Garfield Hts. will be collecting Coats from November 25th through December 10th they will be collecting new and like-new winter coats in all sizes - infant to adult. You may put the coats in the boxes, located at the Rockside Road entrance of the church.



Monetary donations will also be accepted to purchase coats, they can be sent to: Knights of Columbus, 10806 Granger Road, Garfield Hts, OH 44125 Checks payable to: Coats for Kids Foundation.



## Stewardship

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION Nov. 18 / Nov. 19

Due to the Early Bulletin Deadline, last weeks collection will be reflected in next weeks bulletin. Thank you.

### Answer to This Week's Question

How many Pope's have served as the Visible Head of the Church since the time Of Jesus?

Answer: There have been 266 Popes.

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



# St. Benedict Catholic School

### Sixth Grade News

**Mrs. Volinski's** math class is all about fractions and decimals. They're comparing, ordering, multiplying, dividing, and simplifying fractions and mixed numbers.

**Mrs. Vega's** science class just finished the chapter on motion, and are starting to learn about energy. They will be learning about potential and kinetic energy, and how these are used in everyday life. Once they understand what they are and how they are used; they will be starting their 6th grade science fair project!

**Mrs. Petit's** language arts class is continuing to explore the novel, *The Westing Game*, while practicing skills related to making predictions and inferences. They are also beginning to learn about research paper elements, such as outlines, thesis statements, and citations, to eventually assist in the completion of their science fair reports.

**Mrs. Zeilter's** social studies class continues to study the ancient world. They are now studying the area of the Fertile Crescent where the Sumerians created one of the first civilizations. They are learning about all the Sumerian accomplishments and how these early people lived. Next they will begin to learn all about Ancient Egypt!

## Parish Activities

### MONDAY, November 27

3:15 CWVA Mtg (c)  
4:00 Athletic Practice (g)  
8:00 HN Board Mtg (c)

### TUESDAY, November 28

3:00 Cooking Club  
4:00 Athletic Practice (g)  
6:00 Bible Study (F)  
6:45 Boy Scouts (c)  
7:00 Bereavement Ministry (cmr)

### WEDNESDAY, November 29

12:00 Tai Chi (J)  
2:40 Play Practice (g)  
3:00 Board Game Club (AR)  
3:30 Lego Club (AR)  
4:00 Athletic Practice (g)

### THURSDAY, November 30

2:40 Play Practice (g)  
2:45 Server Trainer (+)  
4:00 Athletic Practice (g)  
6:00 Ward 7 Block Watch (AR)

### FRIDAY, December 1

3:00 Set Up Breakfast with Santa (c)  
4:00 Athletic Practice (g)  
7:30 CC Social (AR)

### SATURDAY, December 2

9:00 Sandwich Saturday (J)  
9:00 Breakfast with Santa (c)  
12:00 Special Population Free Throw (g)  
4:00 MH K of C (c)

### SUNDAY, December 3

8:00/10:00 Coffee & Donuts (c)  
2:00 Baptist Group (AR)

### NIGHT AT THE RACES

ST. BENEDICT ATHLETICS WILL BE HOSING ITS ANNUAL NIGHT AT THE RACES ON **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2018**, IN THE SCHOOL GYM. TICKETS ARE \$20 AND HORSES ARE \$25 AND ARE ON SALE NOW. THERE IS ALSO ADVERTISING AVAILABLE IN OUR RACING PROGRAM. **CONTACT ALYS RADOSEVIC AT 216.319.6832 FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TICKETS. SEE YOU IN THE WINNERS CIRCE!!**



### Baskets Needed

St. Benedict PTU is in need of medium and large empty baskets. Baskets can be placed in a large black garbage bag, labeled PTU and dropped off the St. Benedict School Office. **If you have any questions please contact Tami Smith-Caver: BB\_fierce@yahoo.com**



**Readings for the Week of November 26, 2017**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b> Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46
<b>Monday</b>	Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Lk 21:1-4
<b>Tuesday</b>	Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61; Lk 21:5-11
<b>Wednesday</b>	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67; Lk 21:12-19
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Saint Andrew, Apostle</b> Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 4:18-22
<b>Friday</b>	Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81; Lk 21:29-33
<b>Saturday</b>	Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87; Lk 21:34-36
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b> Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

## **Saint Joseph Academy Hosts Second Annual Christmas Fair Trade Boutique**

Shop for gifts that help people and help the planet at the **Second Annual Saint Joseph Academy Christmas Fair Trade Boutique on Thursday, November 30, 5-8 p.m. in the Auditorium at Saint Joseph Academy (3470 Rocky River Dr., Cleveland, OH 44111)**. Browse various fair trade items from over 20 vendors, including artwork by Saint Joseph Academy students and teachers, One World Shop, Threads of Hope, Noonday and Sweet Designs, jewelry, soaps and lotions, prints, cards, coffee, tea, homemade candles, high-end handbags and scarves, fruit leathers, knitted apparel and chocolates. Admission and parking is free. **For more information, please visit [www.sja1890.org](http://www.sja1890.org).**