



# St. Monica

January 29, 2023

Catholic Church



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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office is  
open 8:00 am—5:00 pm.  
Monday - Thursday and  
8:00 am— Noon on  
Friday

**MASSES:** 7 days a week  
Saturday: 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 9:00 a.m.  
and 10:45 a.m.  
Monday-Friday: 8:00a.m.

Bulletin Announcements due to  
[srjoyce@saintmonicachurch.net](mailto:srjoyce@saintmonicachurch.net)  
by NOON on Friday

## PARISH CLERGY

Rev. John Mullee, Pastor  
Rev. Theodore Marszal,  
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Retired, in Residence  
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## PASTORAL STAFF

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**PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:** 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.

**BAPTISM:** Please make arrangements in advance. Baptisms are performed on Sundays, immediately following the 10:45 a.m. Mass. Pre-Baptismal instruction is required for parents. Please call the Parish Office for time of next scheduled class.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):** Adults and school-age children seeking full membership in the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist can make an appt. to continue their conversion process by calling the Parish Office.

**RECONCILIATION:** Opportunities to celebrate God's forgiveness in one's life are available on Saturday afternoons from 3:15-3:45 p.m. Individual appointments with a Priest can be arranged.

**MATRIMONY:** The Diocese of Cleveland requires a 6-month preparation period for marriage. Call the Parish Office to set your wedding date and plan your celebration.

**CONFIRMATION:** Any adult or high school student needing Confirmation, please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Celebrated upon request. Call the Parish Office to make arrangements with one of our Priests.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Please call the Parish Office to register.

**ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC SCHOOL:** Provides Catholic education for students K-8. School hrs.: 8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. *Before & After Care* available. Mrs. Lisa Oriti, *School Principal*

**EUCCHARIST FOR THE HOMEBOUND:** Parish Team and Staff Members visit the homebound on a monthly basis. If you or someone you know is homebound and would like to receive communion, call the Parish Office.


**LITURGY  
SCHEDULE**
**Sunday, January 29**
**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 Joselena DeLuca

 10:45 Living & deceased of Chris & Pat Elliott  
Family

**Monday, January 30**
**Weekday**

8:00 Ernest Suhoza

**Tuesday, January 31**
**St. John Bosco, Priest**

8:00 Carmella Tomcik

**Wednesday, February 1**
**Weekday**

8:00 Frank R. Hrovat

**Thursday, February 2**
**Weekday**

 8:00 Living & deceased of Hyland Borkman  
Family

**Friday, February 3**
**Weekday**

8:00 Raymond Nadolski

**Saturday, February 4**
**Weekday**

4:00 Dennis Woloszynek

**Sunday, February 5**
**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 Fred J. Shisila

 10:45 Living & deceased of Terri & Ray  
Hanzlick Family

## Pastoral Scene

### The Length of a Rosary

I have what you might call ‘a bucket list’ which I wrote 25 years ago. It listed a series of activities to do and various places to visit before I was too old to do so. At the top of my list was the desire to make a silent retreat at a site I could drive to which would support my desire for prayer, silence, and liturgical beauty in both environment and Scriptural content.

Seven years ago, I shared my list with Father Lorenzo Tosco, my best priest friend and major Scripture professor at Saint Mary Seminary. He looked at the list, teased me a bit and then said, “Do the first journey. Go to the Trappist Abbey at Genesee; it has all of what you want. And remember” he added, you have to come back!” “Let’s face it,” I replied, “a woman would never be allowed in the Trappist Cloister, and I choose not sleep in the forest!!”

Father Lorenzo went on to explain that Genesee was the site where he took his novices in formation for his and their yearly retreats. “It affords,” he said, “simple accommodations, good food, acres of land that support silence and it is only ‘the length of a rosary away’ from Bethlehem House, where visitors reside”. I decided to schedule a retreat at the Abbey in “The Valley of Mary’s Smile”, and in hindsight, it was the best decision I ever made to enrich my spiritual life!

The Abbey’s schedule revolves around prayer and work – prayer being the most important. The Liturgy of the Hours governs the daily schedule, and is built on five ‘Hours’, approximately 30 minutes in duration, with specific psalms, songs, and Scripture readings for each. I attended four of the five (omitting the 2:15 am Vigils), praying ‘the length of a Rosary’ to and from the Abbey for a total of eight Rosaries per day. Praying the rosary while traveling became a regular practice that endures today. The Genesee experience taught me once again that God often writes straight with crooked lines, even if God’s writing is delayed.

Two years before Covid 19 entered our lives, I attend 7:30 am Mass at Saint Andrew Abbey on the Sundays I held RCIA sessions. One Sunday, I came early and was able to join in chanting Lauds. With the permission of both Abbot Hoover and Brother Peter, the Abbey Prior, I was given permission to join this Benedictine Community for Lauds, followed by daily Mass, and Vespers that are held in the early evening.

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### Pastoral Scene continued

Daily, barring illness and inclement weather, I drive to and from the Abbey twice a day. I have never checked the mileage from my apartment to the Abbey, but daily the journey to the Abbey and from the Abbey is the length of a rosary each way. The to and from my journey to another “Valley of Mary’s Smile”, is a constant reminder of the goodness of God and the responsibilities I have to the One who holds my life, my heart, and all of you!

Sister Helene

 **ActivitiesCALENDAR** CLPI

**Monday, January 30**

- 4:00 p.m. Athletic Practice (g)
- 4:15 p.m. Walking Class (J)
- 7:00 p.m. Holy Name Board Meeting (F)

**Wednesday, February 1**

- 3:00 p.m. Practice for Stations of the Cross (+)
- 6:30 p.m. Ladies Guild Board Meeting (F)
- 6:30 p.m. G.A. Meeting (+)

**Thursday, February 2**

- 3:00 p.m. Practice for Stations of the Cross (+)
- 4:15 p.m. Walking Class (J)

**Friday, February 3**

- 5:00 p.m. Set up for Sandwich Saturday (J)

**Saturday, February 4**

- 9:00 a.m. Sandwich Saturday (J)

**Sunday, February 5**

- 1:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. (F)
- 7:30 p.m. A.A. (c)

**STEWARDSHIP** 

**January 22, 2022**


Sunday Offering.....	\$ 5,757.00
St. Monica Fund.....	\$ 230.00
Misc. Special Envelopes.....	\$ 25.00
Latin American Collection .....	\$ 1,120.00

**We Share—December**  
(On-Line Collection)

Sunday Offering .....	\$6,600.50
St. Monica Fund.....	\$ 1,001.00

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

*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.*



**Join us every Thursday at 6:00 pm in Church as we pray the Rosary. All are invited.**



*Pray for the Sick* ©LPi




Congratulations to our newest Baptized Catholic:  
**Theodore Russel Blazek**  
May God continue to bless him and his family.

**Please keep in your prayers the following members of our Parish Community:**

**Rose Ann Heineman, Casey Wright, Ed Ma-  
yausky, Harrison Shepard, Joanne Reddinger,  
Nina Hubiak, John A. Chesney, Veronica Mayak,  
Larry Piechowiak, Mike W., Ed Majewski, Lisa  
Bielawski, Gaylene Bielawski, Carole & Gerald  
DeLooze, Anthony Lupica, Stan Falken,**

*The names will remain in the bulletin for two months. Please call the parish office if your name or a loved one's name needs to be added to the list.*

If you have a special intention you would like remembered in **prayer, please call Lillian Neptune (216) 662-5464.**



Our sincere sympathy and prayers are extended to the families and friends of Josephine Gennara, Ilia Lalli and Edward Filiberta who were recently buried. May they and all of our dearly departed, rest in peace.



**Melanie Beechuk & Rafael Leon**



**Sandwich Saturday**

Join us Saturday  
**February 4th**

beginning at **9:00 am**

in the lower level of the Parish Office.  
This month, sandwiches are delivered to

**Front Step Housing**

Any questions, call the Parish  
Office 216-662-8685.

**All are invited to join the fun.**



**Garfield Heights Knights of Columbus  
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**Reservations by Friday,  
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**Wednesday, February 10th**

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**CWV BREAKFAST**

**Sunday, February 12**

**In the school**

**cafeteria.**

**8:00 am—1:00 pm**

**All are invited.**

**Pancakes, Eggs, Hashbrowns,  
Sausage, Ham & dessert.**

**Coffee & milk are included.**

**Cost is \$10.00 per person.**

**Ages 8 and under, cost is \$5.00.**

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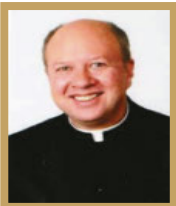
you to the generous individuals who donated to

our 2022 campaign. Our Council is proud to

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**THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS WEST**

**For Adults 40 & Over**

We're back to where we started!

Join us Monday, Feb. 13

at Copper Cup (Ironwood Café) at 680 Dover Center in Westlake.

*It's about time!* Ever wonder why time seems to fly when you're doing something you love and time seems like an eternity when you're doing something you abhor? Biblical time management doesn't provide more time but it helps us make the best use of the time we've been given. It looks not at chronological time but at Kairos time, God's time. At the beginning of this New Year, Fr. Dan Schlegel will guide us in examining ways to enhance opportunities to live life more meaningfully, purposefully with joy and hope.

Cost is \$15.00 per person which includes light appetizers & refreshments. Cash Bar is also

available. Pay online or at the door. Be sure to RSVP either way. Register in advance at:

**[www.theologyontherocks.wixsite.com/west](http://www.theologyontherocks.wixsite.com/west)**. Doors open at 6:30pm. Program begins at 7pm.

**ENTRANCE CHANT** 685 Seek Ye First

**FIRST READING** Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

Seek the LORD, all you humble of the earth,  
who have observed his law;  
seek justice, seek humility;  
perhaps you may be sheltered  
on the day of the LORD's anger.

But I will leave as a remnant in your midst  
a people humble and lowly,  
who shall take refuge in the name of the LORD:  
the remnant of Israel.  
They shall do no wrong  
and speak no lies;  
nor shall there be found in their mouths  
a deceitful tongue;  
they shall pasture and couch their flocks  
with none to disturb them.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Psalm 146:6-10

**R. Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!**

The LORD keeps faith forever,  
secures justice for the oppressed,  
gives food to the hungry.  
The LORD sets captives free.

**R. Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!**

The LORD gives sight to the blind;  
the LORD raises up those who were bowed down.  
The LORD loves the just;  
the LORD protects strangers.

**R. Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!**

The fatherless and the widow the LORD sustains,  
but the way of the wicked he thwarts.  
The LORD shall reign forever;  
your God, O Zion, through all generations. Alleluia.

**R. Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!**

**SECOND READING** 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Consider your own calling, brothers and sisters. Not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. Rather, God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong, and God chose the lowly and despised of the world, those who count for nothing, to reduce to nothing those who are something, so that no human being might boast before God. It is due to him that you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, as well as righteousness, sanctification, and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Whoever boasts, should boast in the Lord."

**GOSPEL** Matthew 5:1-12a

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart,  
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

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**PRESENTATION AND PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS** 680 Amazing Grace**COMMUNION CHANT** Lord, I Am Not Worthy

Lord, I am not wor-thy, Lord, I am not wor-thy that  
you should en-ter un-der my roof. On-ly say the word,  
on-ly say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Refrain text: Matthew 8:8, *Lord, I am not worthy*. Words & Music: © 2022, Fr. Joe Menkhous, Fr. Connor Hetzel, Monica Menkhous, Max Menkhous.

Gathered at the altar of our God and King, we present ourselves. We are wounded sinners in need of grace; you restore our health.

As we eat your flesh sacrificed for us, we are made strong. As we drink your blood poured out for us, we are washed clean.

Body, blood, and soul and divinity, You give as gift to us. Now we become You whom we receive; In You we place our trust.

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