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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.

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PARISH CLERGY

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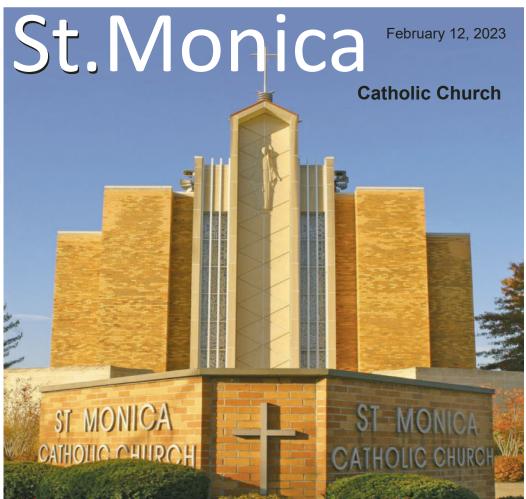
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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: We, the parish of St. Monica, work to create a Christlike family, welcoming all people where one encounters a loving God, by serving the spiritual, educational and social needs of the community.

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*

EUCHARIST 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, February 12 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 People of the Parish 10:45 William J & Clara A. Moczulski

Monday, February 13 Weekday

8:00 Gail Tippen

<u>Tuesday, February 14</u> Sts. Cyril, Monk & Methodius, Bishop

8:00 James Wells

<u>Wednesday, February 15</u> *Weekday*

8:00 Candace Stefan

Thursday, February 16 Weekday

8:00 Diane Fargo

<u>Friday, February 17</u> Weekday

8:00 Paula Mizsak

<u>Saturday, February 18</u> *Weekday*

4:00 Florence Eppele

<u>Sunday, February 19</u> Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 People of the Parish 10:45 Jim Pola

Pastoral Scene continued

The five rules above provide a good guide in engaging others in dialogues about issues that are important to us. Disagreements between colleagues should lead to a fuller knowledge of the issue and ultimately come to closure or consensus among both parties.

By following the five guidelines above, we have an excellent opportunity to demonstrate what an often-used hymn proclaims: "They will know that we are Christians by our love," rather than being seen as Catholic by our fights.

Sister Helene

Pastoral Scene

Why Can't You 'See' What I See?

Let's face it – all of us have definite opinions about today's issues especially when they touch on a topic someone feels deeply about. I know that I do! Despite being calm 'under most fire,' I truly rise up when a contrary opinion touches a belief that is important to me.

I have a strong sense this may be the same for you, especially if the opponent is someone you admire or care about –your spouse, a family member, a teacher, or a very close friend. Too often, your close relationship may be damaged, and in rare cases, destroyed when the person you are talking to has the opposite view of the topic under discussion. Having been in situations such as this, I have learned to follow the five strategies given below.

- 1. First, be respectful. A conversation can easily turn into a confrontation if you are not.
- Second, if you disagree with a priest, religious, family member, teacher, work colleague, or neighbor, be sure to emphasize the positive things that he or she previously has done before beginning your discussion. No one is 'totally wrong' or 'perfectly right 'no matter what the issue is.
- 3. Third, describe the situation under discussion accurately and completely. Get your facts straight so that you do not overstate the issue and create a straw man that can be easily knocked down.
- 4. Fourth, never speak or write when you are emotionally upset. Some of the worst messages I have ever written and the pejorative harangues I most regret were delivered when I was upset!
- 5. Fifth, ask yourself, would you speak this way to a parent or someone you love? If not, consider this wise old saying: "It is better to remain silent and be thought of as a fool than to speak and remove all doubt."

There are times when, despite all we try to do to keep peace and maintain civility, misunder-standings and 'spirited debates' develop within our internal family, school, and church discussions. It is inevitable!

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**** Activities CALENDAR

Monday, February 13

4:15 p.m. Walking Class (J)

7:00 p.m. Finance Council Meeting (F)

Tuesday, February 14

2:00 p.m. Senior Meeting (J)

Wednesday, February 15

3:00 p.m. Practice for Stations of the Cross (+)

3:00 p.m. Faculty Meeting (AR) 6:30 p.m. G.A. Meeting (+)

Thursday, February 16

3:00 p.m. Practice for Stations of the Cross(+)

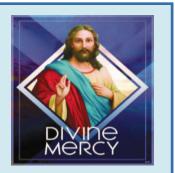
4:15 p.m. Walking Class (J) 6:30 p.m. Ladies Guild (c)

Sunday, February 19

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

There will be a
Divine Mercy Holy
Hour this
Sunday,
February 12th
at 2:30 pm in Church.

All are Welcome!



Pray for the Sick

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

Mike W, Rose Ann Heineman, Casey Wright, Ed Mayausky, Harrison Shepherd, Joanne Reddinger, Nina Hubiak, John A. Chesney, Veronica Mayak, Larry Piechowiak, Carole & Gerald DeLooze, Anthony Lupica

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.

STEWARDSHIP

February 5, 2023

Sunday Offering\$	6,039,00
St. Monica Fund\$	150.00
Misc. Special Envelopes\$	25.00

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.

Dear parishioners,

Due to unforeseen circumstances, our envelope company has had to make the difficult decision to forgo the printing/mailing of February envelopes. We have been assured that all steps have been taken to ensure March envelopes will be sent out and that the problems causing these issues have been corrected so as to not reoccur. Please know we are beyond thankful for your past and continuing support of our Church. For the weekends in February, we will have blank envelopes available at all the doors for your use. Please be sure to mark your full name and/or your envelope number on the envelope, so that we can properly post your donations. Thank you for your understanding, patient, and generous hearts!





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.

St. Monica PreCana Team Invites You!

Do you believe in the importance of marriage in the Catholic Church? Would you like to meet new people in our parish? The St. Monica PreCana team is in need of volunteers for this year's PreCana Day on Saturday, April 15. This special day is put on for our engaged couples as they plan their marriages, centered on God's love for them.

We need volunteers on the facilitating team to set up for the day, put on the dinner, and clean up afterwards. You do not have to be married to assist with any or all of these tasks.

We also welcome married couples who would like to consider joining the presenting side or the facilitating side. Come observe the day, assist, and hopefully join the team fully. We'd love to have you.

Call Barb Dottore at 216-212-5127 or Pat Perchinske at 216-262-1058 to hear more.



St. Monica Senior Club

The February meeting of the St. Monica Senior Club will be held

Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. in the St. Joseph Room of the parish office. Bingo, Coffee, donuts and fellowship.

New Members Always WELCOME.









Lenten Fish Fry Meeting for Volunteers Monday, February 13th – 7:00 p.m.

If you are interested in working
The St. Monica Parish
Lenten
Fish Fry,
we sure could use your help!
All are invited to attend a
"Planning Meeting" on
Monday evening,
February 13th at 7:00p.m. in the cafeteria.

Prayer to St. Michael



St. Michael the Archangel,
Defend us in battle;
Be our protection against the wickedness
and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him,
we humbly pray;
And do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host,
By the power of God,
thrust into hell
Satan and all evil spirits
who wander through the world for the ruin of souls.

Amen.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 12, 2023

ENTRANCE CHANT 589 O God beyond All Praising

FIRST READING Sirach 15:15-20

If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you; if you trust in God, you too shall live; he has set before you fire and water to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand. Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him. Immense is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power, and all-seeing. The eyes of God are on those who fear him; he understands man's every deed. No one does he command to act unjustly, to none does he give license to sin.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

R. Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Blessed are they whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD. Blessed are they who observe his decrees, who seek him with all their heart.

R. Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

You have commanded that your precepts be diligently kept.
Oh, that I might be firm in the ways of keeping your statutes!

R. Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Be good to your servant, that I may live and keep your words. Open my eyes, that I may consider the wonders of your law.

R. Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Instruct me, O LORD, in the way of your statutes, that I may exactly observe them. Give me discernment, that I may observe your law and keep it with all my heart.

R. Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Brothers and sisters: We speak a wisdom to those who are mature, not a wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age who are passing away. Rather, we speak God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden, which God predetermined before the ages for our glory, and which none of the rulers of this age knew; for, if they had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written:

What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him, this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.

For the Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God.

GOSPEL Matthew 5:17-37

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven. I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

"You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, *You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment.* But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; and whoever says to his brother, 'Raqa,' will be answerable to the Sanhedrin; and whoever says, 'You fool,' will be liable to fiery Gehenna. Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Settle with your opponent quickly while on the way to court. Otherwise your opponent will hand you over to the judge, and the judge will hand you over to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Amen, I say to you, you will not be released until you have paid the last penny.

"You have heard that it was said, *You shall not commit adultery*. But I say to you, everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body thrown into Gehenna. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body go into Gehenna.

"It was also said, Whoever divorces his wife must give her a bill of divorce. But I say to you, whoever divorces his wife - unless the marriage is unlawful - causes her to commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, *Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow.* But I say to you, do not swear at all; not by heaven, for it is God's throne; nor by the earth, for it is his footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. Do not swear by your head, for you cannot make a single hair white or black. Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the evil one."

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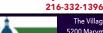
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