OUR LEADERS

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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 by NOON on Friday

PARISH CLERGY

Rev. John J. <u>Mullee</u>, Pastor Rev. Theodore Marszal, Senior Parochial Vicar Rev. Thomas G. Montavon, **Retired**, in Residence Stan Drozell, Deacon

PASTORAL STAFF

Sister Helene Skrzyniarz SSJ-TOSF, Parish Catechetical Leader srhelene@saintmonicachurch.net

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Susan Shepka, Office Mgr

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Pray St. Monica February 19, 2023

Catholic Church



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.

Mass Intentions LITURGY SCHEDULE

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

9:00 People of the Parish 10:45 Jim Polak **Monday, February 20**

Weekday

8:00 Ann Marszal <u>Tuesday, February 21</u> *Weekday*

8:00 Antoine Carriero Wednesday, February 22

Ash Wednesday 8:00 Randolph Klosowski

12:00 Priest Intention

<u>Thursday, February 23</u> Thursday after Ash Wednesday

8:00 Elsie Shipta Friday, February 24 Friday after Ash Wednesday

8:00 Living & deceased members of Corey & Madison Elliott Family

<u>Saturday, February 25</u> Saturday after Ash Wednesday

4:00 Phyllis Lapeus Sunday, February 26 First Sunday of Lent

9:00 Henry, JoAnn & Tom Murowsky 10:45 People of the Parish



Congratulations to our newest Baptized Catholic: **Brody Anthony Francesangelo** May God continue to bless him and his family.

Pilgrimage to Italy

Karen Koegle from Proximo travel will be at **St Monica on Thursday March 9th at 7PM** to review and answer any questions on Fr John's Pilgrimage to Italy in June.

Location for the meeting still to be determined.

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Pastoral Scene

The following is a part of an ancient Christian letter that has meaning for us as Lent will be soon upon us.

The Christian in the world

Christians are indistinguishable from other men either by nationality, language or customs. They do not inhabit separate cities of their own, or speak a strange dialect, or follow some outlandish way of life. Their teaching is not based upon reveries inspired by the curiosity of men. Unlike some other people, they champion no purely human doctrine. With regard to dress, food and manner of life in general, they follow the customs of whatever city they happen to be living in, whether it is Greek or foreign.

And yet there is something extraordinary about their lives. They live in their own countries as though they were only passing through. They play their full role as citizens, but labor under all the disabilities of aliens. Any country can be their homeland, but for them their homeland, wherever it may be, is a foreign country. Like others, they marry and have children, but they do not expose them. They share their meals, but not their wives. They live in the flesh, but they are not governed by the desires of the flesh. They pass their days upon earth, but they are citizens of heaven. Obedient to the laws, they yet live on a level that transcends the law.

Christians love all men, but all men persecute them. Condemned because they are not understood, they are put to death, but raised to life again. They live in poverty, but enrich many; they are totally destitute, but possess an abundance of everything. They suffer dishonor, but that is their glory. They are defamed, but vindicated. A blessing is their answer to abuse, deference their response to insult. For the good they do they receive the punishment of malefactors, but even then they rejoice, as though receiving the gift of life....

To speak in general terms, we may say that the Christian is to the world what the soul is to the body. As the soul is present in every part of the body, while remaining distinct from it, so Christians are found in all the cities of the world, but cannot be identified with the world. As the visible

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Activities CALENDAR

Monday, February 20 4:15 p.m. Walking Class (J) **Tuesday, February 21** 6:30 p.m. SVDP Meeting (AR) Wednesday, February 22 3:00 p.m. Practice for Stations of the Cross (+) 6:30 p.m. G.A. Meeting (+) Thursday, February 23 3:00 p.m. Practice for Stations of the Cross (+) 4:15 p.m. Walking Class (J) 7:00 p.m. Ward 7 Block Watch (AR) 7:00 p.m. D.H.N. Meeting (J) Friday, February 24 3:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross (+) Saturday, February 25 8:30 a.m. Men of the Vine (ocu 1&2) Sunday, February 26 1:00 p.m. RCIA (F) 7:30 p.m. A.A. (c)



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

Carol Hardon, 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.**



The parish office will be **closed,** Monday 20th in observative of Presidents' Day

STEWARDSHIP

February 12, 2023

Sunday Offering\$	5,539.00
St. Monica Fund\$	430.00
Misc. Special Envelopes\$	20.00

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.

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body contains the invisible soul, so Christians are seen living in the world, but their religious life remains unseen. The body hates the soul and wars against it, not because of any injury the soul has done it, but because of the restriction the soul places on its pleasures. Similarly, the world hates the Christians, not because they have done it any wrong, but because they are opposed to its enjoyments.

Christians love those who hate them just as the soul loves the body and all its members despite the body's hatred. It is by the soul, enclosed within the body, that the body is held together, and similarly, it is by the Christians, detained in the world as in a prison, that the world is held together. The soul, though immortal, has a mortal dwelling place; and Christians also live for a time amidst perishable things, while awaiting the freedom from change and decay that will be theirs in heaven. As the soul benefits from the deprivation of food and drink, so Christians flourish under persecution. Such is the Christian's lofty and divinely appointed function, from which he is not permitted to excuse himself.



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.

Bakeless Bake Sale

The Ladies of the St. Monica Guild will be conducting our Bakeless Bake Sale again this year. Anyone is invited to participate in this fundraiser. You don't have to be a Guild member to participate. It is one of the ways we try to raise much needed funds to help support St. Monica Church.

Envelopes for your convenience can be found at the doors of the Church, or you can place any amount you would like to donate in an envelope marked

"LADIES GUILD BAKELESS BAKE SALE"

and turn it in through the Church collection basket, drop it off at the Parish Office, or even mailed it to the Parish Office if that is easiest for you.

We will be collecting donations from now through March. We will accept cash or checks made out to "St. Monica Guild."

Thank you in advance for your participation in this fundraiser, and should you have any questions, please feel free to contact either Kathy Zack 216-650-2158 or Mary Lou Krawczyk 216-407-7152 Garfield Heights Knights of Columbus Wednesday Night Dinners

> Reservations by Friday, February 24 @ 8pm Wednesday, March 1 Beef Stroganoff New Day Cost \$13.00

Prepared by Lori's Custom Catering phone 216-662-2277 --- MAILBOX #2

Dinner Consists of: Beef Stroganoff with Noodles, Caesar 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.

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.



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Lenten Schedule

DLPi



Reconciliation and Adoration every Sunday during Lent from 12:00 P.M. -2:00 P.M. In Church

Lenten Mission talk Fr. John on his Vocation journey and Reflection on Vatican II Sunday March 5th: 2-2:30 Sunday March 12th: 2-2:30



Reconciliation will be available after weekday morning Masses, the week before Palm Sunday.

> Diocesan Annual Evening of Confession Wednesday, March 8th 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.



Stations every Friday at 3:30 P.M. in the Church.

Living Stations presented by the students of St. Benedict (date/dates to be determined)

WARD 7 BLOCK WATCH

The Garfield Heights Ward 7 Block Watch, sponsored by Councilman Tom Vaughn, will meet Thursday, February 23rd at 7:00 PM in the St. Augustine room of St. Benedict School. Our guest speakers will be Garfield Hts. Schools Superintendent Dr. Richard Reynolds and School Board President Nichelle Daniels. They will be updating us on the future of our schools. Nonperishable items for the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry would be appreciated.

All are welcome. For more information contact Gail, 216-662-9213.

Our Calendar Fundraiser

has been a wonderfully successful event for the past 2 years and we are asking your help in making year 3 the best year yet! Funds raised through this effort help offset the fall-short between Sunday collections and our weekly parish expenses. If you are able to help by donating cash or gift cards towards this year's winnings, please bring your donations to the parish office by March 3rd (no amount is too small!). The calendar will be assembled and mailed out to parishioners no later than March 11th. Again, we thank you for your generous spirits and the love you pour out into our parish community ~ may God bless you abundantly!

St. Monica's Website

As a parish, we are always wanting to showcase the attractiveness and vibrancy of our parish community. As part of that effort, we will be looking at redesigning our website so that it accomplishes just that. If you have a talent or skill to offer in that regard and would like to serve on a small committee tasked with formulating our website "must haves", please email Diane O'Neill at doneill@saintmonicachurch.net.





St. Monica Parish Lenten Fish Fries

Served in the School Cafeteria 13623 Rockside Rd, Garfield Heights



Fridays

February 24 March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 **Serving** 4pm - 7pm

~ Seafood Dinner Choices ~

Battered Fried Cod · Baked Salmon With Dill Sauce · Fried Shrimp Seafood Dinners Include Choice of One Side Dish, plus Applesauce or Coleslaw,

FREE Dessert, Coffee, Ice Tea included with dinners

Cod - \$13.50 • Shrimp - \$13.50 • Salmon - \$15.00

~ Side Dishes Available ~

Homemade Noodles and Cabbage • French Fries • Potato/Cheese Pierogi Homemade Macaroni and Cheese

~ Additional Lenten Dinners Available ~

Macaroni & Cheese • Cabbage & Noodles • Pierogis Available With Choice of Applesauce or Coleslaw Dessert, Coffee, Tea, Milk

\$7.00 - \$10.00 ea

Credit and Debit Cards Accepted

Dine In or Carryout Seniors & Children Dinners Available Fully Handicapped Accessible

All are Welcome, Please Join Us!



February 19, 2023

Saint Ambrose Parish

929 Pearl Road | Brunswick, OH 44212



REBOOT!

March 1, 2023 7:00 РМ

Doors open at 5:30 PM.

A LIFE CHANGING EVENT

Meet Our Speaker





Chris Stefanick

An internationally acclaimed author, speaker, and television host who has devoted his life to inspiring people to live a bold, contagious faith.

Purchase Tickets



What is **REBOOT**?

REBOOT! is the fun, inspiring and practical experience for all (ages 12 and up), of applying the beauty and genius of the Gospel to every aspect of your life, from prayer and spirituality, to work, dating, marriage, parenting, health and more!

TICKETS: \$39 per ticket. \$30 when purchasing 4 or more. **QUESTIONS:** Contact Gayle at GOboy@stambrose.us.

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ENTRANCE CHANT 828 Whatsoever You Do

FIRST READING Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

The LORD said to Moses, "Speak to the whole Israelite community and tell them: Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy.

"You shall not bear hatred for your brother or sister in your heart. Though you may have to reprove your fellow citizen, do not incur sin because of him. Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against any of your people. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13

R. (8a) The Lord is kind and merciful.

Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills. He redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

Merciful and gracious is the LORD, slow to anger and abounding in kindness. Not according to our sins does he deal with us, nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Brothers and sisters: Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for the temple of God, which you are, is holy.

Let no one deceive himself. If any one among you considers himself wise in this age, let him become a fool, so as to become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God, for it is written: *God catches the wise in their own ruses,*

and again:

The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain.

So let no one boast about human beings, for everything belongs to you, Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world or life or death, or the present or the future: all belong to you, and you to Christ, and Christ to God.



GOSPEL Matthew 5:38-48

Jesus said to his disciples: "You have heard that it was said, *An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth*. But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well. If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand over your cloak as well. Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go for two miles. Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow.

"You have heard that it was said, *You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy*. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brothers only, what is unusual about that? Do not the pagans do the same? So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."

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PRESENTATION AND PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS 547 Be Still, My Soul

COMMUNION CHANT 710 Ubi Caritas

FINAL PSALM OR HYMN 711 Love Has Come





