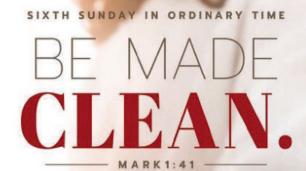
FEB **11** 2024

# ST. MONICA CATHOLIC CHURCH



## **OUR MISSION**

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.

13623 Rockside Road, Garfield Heights, OH 44125 Office: (216) 662-8685 | Fax: (216) 662-1245 Website: saintmonicachurch.net



#### Masses

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 Friday | 8:00 am - Noon Saturday & Sunday | Closed

#### **Parish Clergy**

Rev. John J. Mullee, **Pastor** Rev. Theodore Marszal **Retired, in Residence** Stan Drozell, Deacon

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#### **Bulletin Announcements**

Email: srjoyce@saintmonicachurch.net by NOON on Friday the week before

#### **Additional Contacts**

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## PASTORAL SCENE

## Pastoral Scene

#### Dear Friends in Christ

The upcoming observances of **National Marriage Week** (February 7-14, 2024) and World Marriage Day (Sunday, February 11, 2024) are opportunities to focus on building a culture of life and love by supporting and promoting marriage and the family. The USCCB Secretariat of Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth offers many resources. The theme for 2024 is **"Love Beyond Words."** 

We know that Lent is coming upon us quickly. I would like to offer a few thoughts to consider as we prepare for Lent:

## This Week's Highlight



Ash Wednesday is February 14<sup>th</sup>. Please be attentive to the bulletin and website for all the opportunities to silence our hearts to reflect on the Paschal Mystery.

*I hope my prayers will open my heart on what God wishes me to focus on:* Will it be increasing acts of charity, more prayer time, giving up more of those leisure activities that distance me from God, celebrating more frequently the Sacrament of Reconciliation? These are all things we can ponder in our heart.

Remember the rules of fast and abstinence. Fasting applies to everyone who has reached the age of 18 years and continues until age 60. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are Fast Days: only one full meal, with two smaller meals and no snacking. All the Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence. This applies to everyone from 14 years of age until God calls you home. This means that you are not allowed any meat. **Please join us for fellowship and a great meatless meal Friday's during Lent.** 

*Some other opportunities during Lent:* We will offer additional confession times and I am leading a series on Catholicism and the Saints.

As many of you know, I am a global fellow with **Catholic Relief Services**. As a seminarian I travelled with them to the Holy Land and Nicaragua to visit their numerous ministries that serve our human family. Our parish and school family will be participating in Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl again this year.

My eternal thanks you for your support of Catholic Charities.

We can all follow the leper's journey in Mark's Gospel, as he came to believe that it was only through Christ that his brokenness would be healed. St Monica knew this with every fiber of her being, and in the end, brought her son Augustine to know deep in his heart that he was loved and forgiven. "Because God has made us for Himself, our hearts are restless until they rest in Him" (St Augustine)

#### Lenten Blessings friends Fr John

### **STEWARDSHIP FOR FEB 4, 2024**

Sunday Offering	\$ 6,892.25
St. Monica Fund	1,184.00
Misc. Special Envelopes	\$ 153.00

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

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



## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 11 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00am People of the Parish 10:45am Richard Krawczyk

Monday, February 12 Weekday 8:00am Anthony Sutyak 8:30am Exposition following mass

Tuesday, February 13 Weekday 8:00am Geraldine Cubbal Wednesday, February 14 Ash Wednesday

6:30am People of the Parish 8:00am Ann Bednarcik 9:00am Jamie Einheit 7:00pm People of the Parish

**Thursday, February 15** *Thursday after Ash Wednesday* 8:00am No Mass

**Friday, February 16** *Friday after Ash Wednesday* 8:00am Diane Fargo

Saturday, February 17 Saturday after Ash Wednesday 4:00pm Florence Eppele

Sunday, February 18 1st Sunday of Lent 9:00am Michael Wyrxykowski 10:45am Jim Polak

There will be a Divine Mercy Holy Hour this **Sunday, February 11th** at 2:30 pm in Church with Eucharistic Adoration, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and Benediction. **All are Welcome!** 



Pray For Peace



Our sincere sympathy and prayers are extended for the family and friends of: Patrina Sigmund Who were recently buried. May she and all of our dearly departed rest in peace

## SUPPORT OUR

Please pray for the Seminarians of the Cleveland Diocese Please join us in praying for the following seminarians this week: Monday: Sean Neville Tue: Arthur Bordenschatz Wed: Charles Cairnie Thursday: Noah Furin Friday: Jeremy Gaugler Saturday: Jeremy Shafer Sunday: Pray for All Deacons

## Please Pray For the Parishioners Listed Below

Anthony Bifro, Maggie Hojnowski (infant), Gaylene and Lisa Bielawski, Larry Piechowiak, Special Intention, Marianne Toma, Sally Weiskopf, Jerry Perchinske, Madeleine Iglodi, Joan Fischer, Wally Voyten, Joanne Reddinger

Please call the parish office if you would like to add a name to this list. **216-662-8685** 

## PRAYER

## THIS WEEK

## **Activities CALENDAR**

#### Monday, February 12

4:00pm Winter Sports Practice (g) 4:00pm Walking Class (J) 6:30pm Greece Travel Information Meeting (J)

Tuesday, February 13

2:00pm Senior Meeting (J) 4:00pm Winter Sports Practice (g)

#### Wednesday, February 14

3:00 Fish Fry Prep (c) 4:00pm Winter Sports Practice (g) 6:30pm G.A. Meeting (c)

#### Thursday, February 15

3:00 Fish Fry Prep (c) 4:00pm Winter Sports Practice (g) 4:00pm Walking Class (J)

6:30pm Guild Meeting (c)

#### Friday, February 16

4:00pm Winter Sports Practice (g) 4:00pm Fish Fry (c) Sunday, February 18 7:30pm A.A. Meeting (c) Senior Meeting

The February Meeting is this Tuesday, February 13th at 2:00pm in the

St Joseph Room in the Parish Office Building.

Come and Enjoy

Coffee, Donuts, Bingo and Friendship New Members Always Welcome



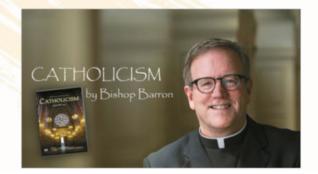
### **February Guild Meeting**

The Guild Meeting is this Thursday, February 15th At 6:30 in the School Cafeteria **New Members are Welcome** 

> Welcome our newest Catholic Vincent Robert Lane

### Series on Catholicism and the Saints

Please join us for an informative evening to reflect on the history, tradition, and joy of the Catholic Church Wednesdays during Lent beginning Feb 21st 6:30-7:30 We will be exploring the Church through the Bishop Barron Series on Catholicism Location: Cafeteria Any questions please call Fr John (216-662-8685) Ext 115



### **French Toast Breakfast**

Sponsored by St. Monica Holy Name Society

Sunday, February 25th 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. School Cafeteria

French Toast, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage Links, Coffee and Orange Juice Tickets Adults \$9.00 and Children \$7.00

Come and enjoy the Fellowship

## Lenten Schedule

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14 Masses 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (school), & 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAYS OF LENT

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays at 3:15 p.m. (except on HOLY SATURDAY) Adoration of Eucharist with Sacrament of Reconciliation Sundays 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Series on Catholicism and the Saints in the Cafeteria Meeting Room (lower level of the School - elevator accessible) WEDNESDAYS OF LENT February 21, March 6, March 13, March 20 at 6:30 p.m.

#### **Eucharistic Exposition**

MONDAYS OF LENT February 19, February 26, March 4, March 11, March 18, March 25 at 8:30 a.m.

Stations of the Cross

FRIDAYS OF LENT February 16, February 23, March 1, March 8, March 15 (Living Stations - school), March 22 at 3:30 p.m.

Diocesan Evening of Confession with Eucharistic Exposition Wednesday, February 28 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Lenten Mission "A JOURNEY TO JOY" in the Church March 10, March 11, March 12 at 7:00 p.m.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Mass 4:00 p.m. March 23 March 24 Masses 9:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered after these Sunday Masses. Adoration of Eucharist 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. on Sunday

#### MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

March 25 Mass 8:00 a.m., Eucharistic Exposition with the Sacrament of Reconciliation 8:30 a.m.

#### TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

March 25 Mass 8:00 a.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation 8:30 a.m. The Chrism Mass 7:00 p.m. at St. John's Cathedral

#### WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

March 27 Mass 8:00 a.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation 8:30 a.m. Tenebrae 6:30 p.m.

#### THURSDAY OF HOLY WEEK [HOLY THURSDAY]

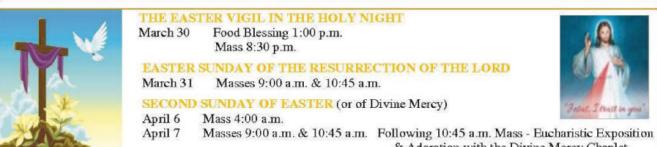
March 28 Morning Prayer 8:00 a.m. Mass 7:00 p.m.

#### FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD [GOOD FRIDAY]

March 29 Stations of the Cross 12:30 p.m. Service 3:00 p.m.



Church opens at 12:00 p.m.



& Adoration with the Divine Mercy Chaplet

### Greece Travel in the Footsteps of St. Paul

11 Days Thessaloniki \* Phillippi \* Kavola Kalambaka \* Meteora \* Delphi \* Corinth Athens \* Piraeus \* Mykanos \* Kusadasi (Turkey) Ephesus (Turkey) \* Patmos \* Santorini Travel with Father John Mullee June 15—25, 2024 For more information visit **www.proximotravel.com** Or call 440-457-7033 Father John has scheduled an informationalmeeting for **Monday, February 12th at 6:30pm** in the St. Joseph Room in the Parish Offices

### **Our Calendar Fundraiser**

has been a wonderfully successful event for the past 3 years and we are asking your help in making year 4 the best year yet! There will be drawings every day in April for a chance to win a prize valued at no less then \$50.00. 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 or drop in the weekly collection marked "Calendar Fundraiser" by March 4th (no amount is too small!). The calendar will be assembled and mailed out to parishioners no later than March 12th. Again, we thank you for your generous spirits and the love you pour out into our parish community ~ May God Bless you abundantly!

Our Father's Daughters

WOMEN'S FAITH STUDY GROUP

### JOIN US FOR OUR SPRING SESSION-2 BACK-TO-BACK STUDIES:

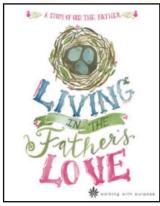
Days : Tuesdays, 03/12/24-05/28/24

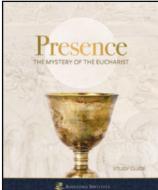
Time: 1:00 p.m.—2:30 p.m.

Where: St. Francis Room in the Parish Office Bldg

- Cost: \$42.95 (incl. both studies ~ financial assistance available if needed)
- RSVP: Diane O'Neill at 216-662-8685 (ext. 117) or email at doneill@saintmonicachurch.net

Register by February 26th — space is limited!





Discover your true worth and purpose while growing in ability to see your life from God's perspective.

Explore the truth and beauty of Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist!

St. Monica Parish Lenten Fish Fries

Served in the School Cafeteria 13623 Rockside Rd, Garfield Heights



Fridays February 16, 23 March 1, 8, 15, 22 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 - \$15.75 • Shrimp - \$15.75 • Salmon - \$17.50

~ 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

\$8.00 - \$11.00 ea

Credit and Debit Cards Accepted

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

All are Welcome, Please Join Us! 216 662 8685





Mark your calendars! As we enter this reflective Season of Lent, please look forward to joining us in the Church on March 10, 11, & 12 as Frank Runyeon from Runyeon Productions will bring to us: A Journey to Joy.

Sunday, March 10, 7:00 pm Monday, March 11, 7:00 pm Tuesday, March 12, 7:00 pm Tuesday afternoon at 1:00 pm for Chíldren

Free Will Offering

## READINGS & SONGS

**Entrance Chant** 768 Gather Your People (Hurd)

First Reading Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "If someone has on his skin a scab or pustule or blotch which appears to be the sore of leprosy, he shall be brought to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests among his descendants. If the man is leprous and unclean, the priest shall declare him unclean by reason of the sore on his head.

"The one who bears the sore of leprosy shall keep his garments rent and his head bare, and shall muffle his beard; he shall cry out, 'Unclean, unclean!' As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean. He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp."

The Responsorial PsalmPsalm 32:1-2, 5, 11

### R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Blessed is he whose fault is taken away, whose sin is covered.

Blessed the man to whom the LORD imputes not guilt, in whose spirit there is no guile.

### R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, my guilt I covered not. I said, "I confess my faults to the LORD,"

and you took away the guilt of my sin.

### R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you just; exult, all you upright of heart.

### R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1

Brothers and sisters, Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. Avoid giving offense, whether to the Jews or Greeks or the church of God, just as I try to please everyone in every way, not seeking my own benefit but that of the many, that they may be saved.

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

## **READINGS & SONGS**

### Gospel Mark 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once. He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

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Offertory Chant 626 Come to the Water
Communion Chant 665 Center of My Life
The Concluding Rites 566 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name





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