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2024

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
INTO THE
DESERT.
MARK 1:13



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Welcome!

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

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by NOON on Friday the week before

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Pastoral Scene

Just the Beginning

On the first Sunday of Lent, the Gospel reading is always about Jesus' temptation in the desert. However, compared to the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, the details throughout Mark's Gospel are sparse. Mark tells us only that Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and that for 40 days he was tempted by Satan. Only the Gospels of Matthew and Mark report that angels ministered to Jesus at the end of his time in the desert.

In each of the Gospels, the temptation of Jesus follows his baptism by John the Baptist. In Mark's Gospel, we are told that Jesus went into the desert immediately after his baptism, led by the Spirit. Jesus' public ministry in Galilee begins after his temptation in the desert. Mark's Gospel makes a connection between the arrest of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Although Jesus' preaching about the Kingdom of God is in much like that of John the Baptist's preaching it also contains something new. Jesus announces that the Kingdom of God is beginning; AND the time of the fulfillment of God's promises is here.

The fact that Jesus spent 40 days in the desert is significant, because it recalls the 40 years that the Israelites wandered in the desert after being led from slavery in Egypt. The prophet Elijah also journeyed in the desert for 40 days and nights, making his way to Horeb, the mountain of God, where he was also attended to by an angel of the Lord. Remembering the significance of these two events, we also set aside 40 days for the season of Lent.

In Mark's Gospel, the desert marks beginning of Jesus' battle with Satan, although the ultimate test will be in Jesus' final hours on the cross. In a similar way, our Lenten observances are only a beginning, a preparation for and a reinforcement of our ongoing struggle to resist the temptations we face in our lives. During Lent, we are led by the Holy Spirit to remember the vows of our Baptism in which we (or our parents/sponsors) promised to reject sin and to follow Jesus.

Just as Jesus was ministered to by the angels, God also supports us in our struggle against sin and temptation. May we remain strong as we walk with Jesus throughout His and our Lenten journey.

Walking with Jesus and All of you this Lent,

Sister Helene

This Week's Highlight

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

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| Sunday Offering | \$ 5,995.80 |
| St. Monica Fund..... | \$ 596 .00 |
| Misc. Special Envelopes..... | \$ 453 .00 |

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Thank you for your continued support

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



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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 18

1st Sunday of Lent

9:00am Michael Wyrzykowski

10:45am Jim Polak

Monday, February 19

Lent Day Weekday

8:00am Michael Uyek

8:30am Exposition following mass

Tuesday, February 20

Lent Day Weekday

8:00am Ann Marszal

Wednesday, February 21

Lent Day Weekday

8:00am Joan Francis

Thursday, February 22

The Chair of St Peter the Apostle

8:00am No Mass

Friday, February 23

Lent Day Weekday

8:00am Elsie Shipta

Saturday, February 24

Lent Day Weekday

4:00pm Phyllis Lapeus

Sunday, February 25

2nd Sunday of Lent

9:00am Stephanie Helinski

10:45am Living & decesses of Jim & Cathy Mack Family

SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS

Please pray for the Seminarians of the Cleveland Diocese

Please join us in praying for the following seminarians this week:

Monday: Sean Homcy

Tue: Alexander Krukemeyer

Wednesday: Daniel LaPolla

Thursday: Billy Reed

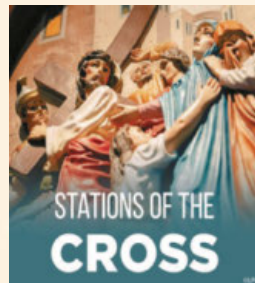
Friday: Joseph Rohan

Saturday: Joshua Stecz

Sunday: *Pray for the Rector Fr. Turner*

Father Ted Marszal

Keep Fr. Ted in your prayers. He is now home and progressing nicely.



Stations of the Cross
Friday at 3:30 in the Church

Please Pray For the Parishioners Listed Below

Fr. Ted Marszal, Anthony Bifro,
Maggie Hojnowski (infant),
Gaylene and Lisa Bielawski, Larry Piechowiak,
Special Intention, Marianne Toma,
Sally Weiskopf, Jerry Perchinske, Madeleine Iglodi

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

THIS WEEK

Activities CALENDAR

Monday, February 19

4:00pm Winter Sports Practice (g)
4:00pm Walking Class (J)

Tuesday, February 20

4:00pm Winter Sports Practice (g)
6:30pm St Vincent DePaul Meeting (F)

Wednesday, February 21

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

Thursday, February 22

3:00pm Fish Fry Prep (c)
4:00pm Winter Sports Practice (g)
4:00pm Walking Class (J)
7:00pm D.H.N. Meeting (c)

Friday, February 23

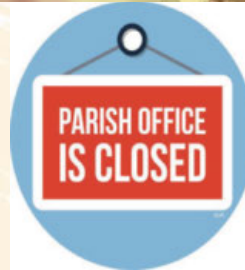
4:00pm Fish Fry
4:00pm Winter Sports Practice (g)

Saturday, February 24

8:30am Men of the Vine (ocu1&2)

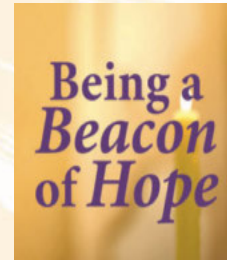
Sunday, February 25

8:00am Holy Name Breakfast (c)
7:30pm A.A. Meeting (c)



The Parish Office will be closed Monday, February 19th in observance of President's Day

Check out next weekend's bulletin for the final report on our Beacon of Hope campaign.



Friday at 3:30pm in the Church

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 than \$50.00.

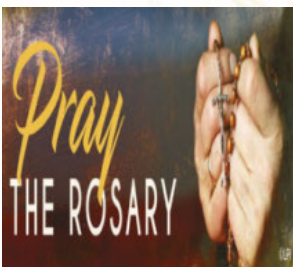
If you are able to help by donating cash or gift cards towards this year's winnings, please bring your donations to the parish office or drop in the weekly collection marked "Calendar Fundraiser" by March 4th (no amount is too small!).

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!

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



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

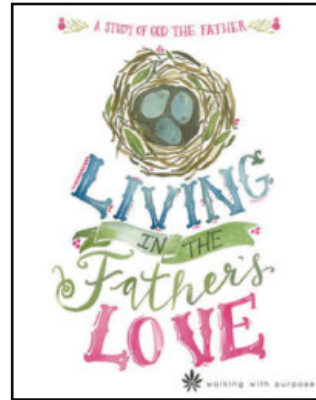
Time: 1:00 p.m.—2:30 p.m.

Where: St. Francis Room in the Parish Office Bldg

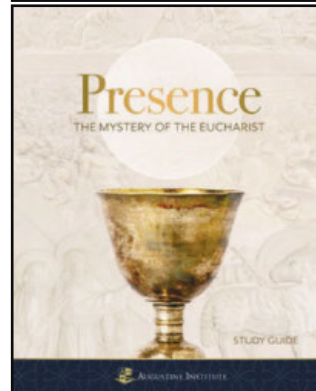
Cost: \$42.95 (incl. both studies ~ financial assistance available if needed)

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!

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

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

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
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Dessert, Coffee, Tea, Milk

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Credit and Debit Cards Accepted

Dine In or Carryout

Senior & Children Dinners Available

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All are Welcome, Please Join Us!

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OTHER INFORMATION

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



Easter Wreath Class

Ready to get rid of the winter blahs? Join us for a Spring/ Easter Wreath Class Thursday March 7th 6:00 - 8:00 pm St Francis Room We will be creating a burlap wreath that will add a touch of Spring to your home or front door No experience necessary Supply fee: \$10 payable to instructor Please call the parish office to reserve your space by March 1st.

Collection for the Church in Europe

Next week we will take up the collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that struggle to recover from former communist rule. It also aids communities throughout the region that are affected by the war in Ukraine. Funds support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please consider how you can support the collection next week.

You can find more information at www.usccb.org/cee. #iGiveCatholicTogether, we also accept funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online.

Trinity High School

Trinity is looking for minivan drivers for the upcoming 24/25 school year. You do not need a CDL and you can work up to 30 hours per week. It's a great way to get out and make some extra money. Hours are between 6:00 am – 10:00 am and/or 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm with opportunities for field trips and sports routes as well. Pay is \$15.00 / hour. Please contact Jenn Newrones at 216-581-5753 or email newronesj@ths.org to apply or for more information.

COMING SOON! Strudel Sale

Catholic War Veterans Post 1812
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Strudel Sale, March 16th & 17th
Apple, Cherry, Cheese, Apricot, Blueberry
and a **new one Pineapple-Cheese**
\$10.00 each
Pass the word.

Holy Cross Cemetery Pre-Planning Seminar

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour pre-planning seminar on Saturday, March 16th, 2024, at 1p.m. Please join us to learn more about the necessary steps to pre-planning the burial process, burial options including options for cremated remains, and the Catholic burial rite.

We kindly ask that you RSVP to this event to Holy Cross Cemetery 14609 Brookpark Rd., Brook Park, OH 44142 216-641-7575 ext. 3 or email bstrauchon@clecem.org

Celebrate Spring!

At Our 38th Annual Fashion Show/Luncheon

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1:00 PM

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Entrance Chant 347 The Glory of These Forty Days

First Reading Genesis 9:8-15

God said to Noah and to his sons with him: "See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark. I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth." God added: "This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings."

The Responsorial Psalm Psalm 25:4-9

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;
teach me your paths,
Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my savior.

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Remember that your compassion, O LORD,
and your love are from of old.
In your kindness remember me,
because of your goodness, O LORD.

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Good and upright is the LORD,
thus he shows sinners the way.
He guides the humble to justice,
and he teaches the humble his way.

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Second Reading 1 Peter 3:18-22

Beloved: Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit. In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison, who had once been disobedient while God patiently waited in the days of Noah during the building of the ark, in which a few persons, eight in all, were saved through water. This prefigured baptism, which saves you now. It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

READINGS & SONGS

Gospel Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

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Offertory Chant 829 The Cry of the Poor

Communion Chant 796 Taste and See (Hurd)



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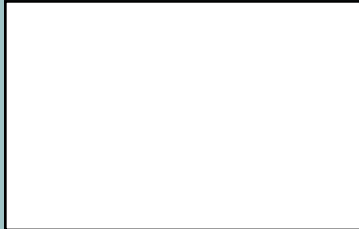
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