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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
Stan Drozell, Deacon

Pastoral Staff

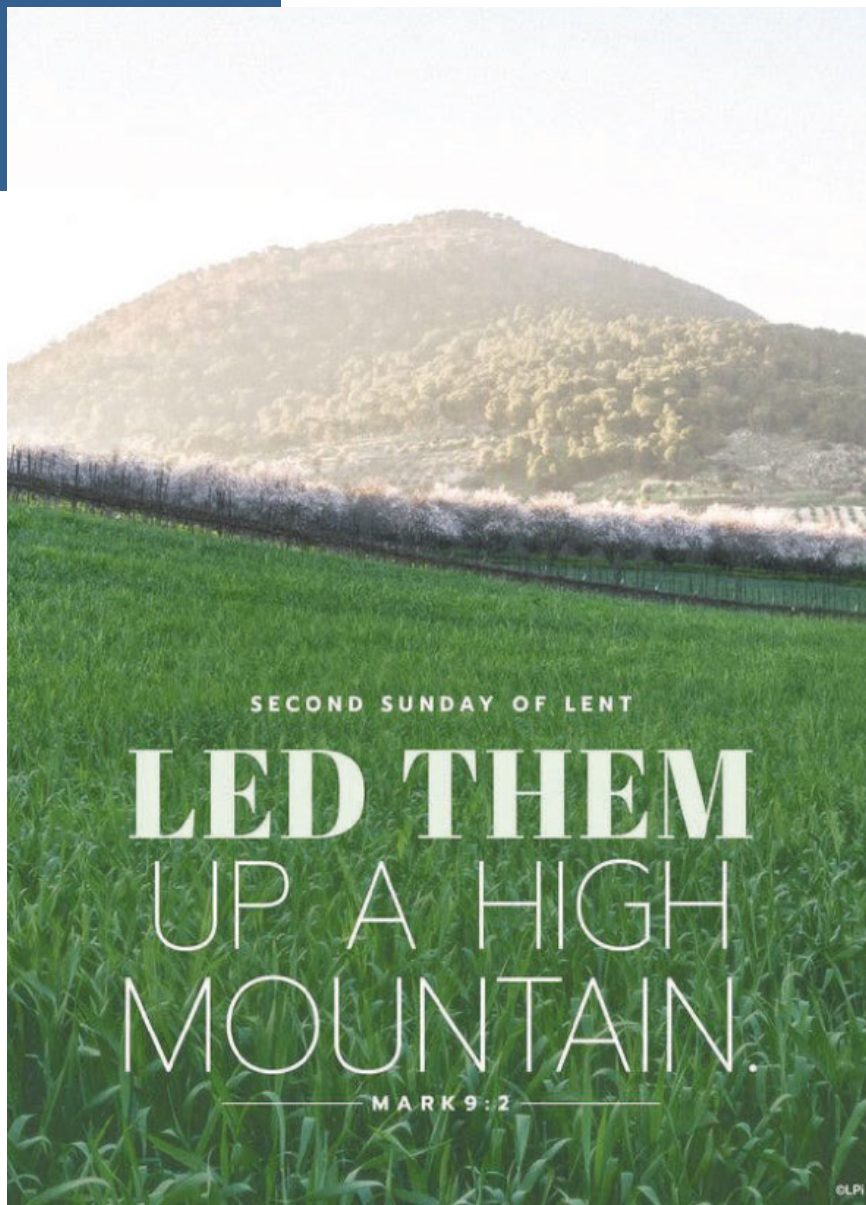
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Email: srjoyce@saintmonicachurch.net
by NOON on Friday the week before

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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.

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Pastoral Scene

On the Mountain

Why climb a mountain? “Because it’s there,” George Mallory famously said, before perishing in an attempt to scale Mount Everest.

God is an event planner; every detail matters, and the location is most crucial of all. On the mountain, God demanded the sacrifice of Isaac. On the mountain

he restored Isaac to his father. On the mountain, Jesus was transfigured, revealed in all his mystifying glory as the beloved Son of God, the sacrifice which would finally balance the scale.

These things happened on a mountain because they could only happen on a mountain. The mountain is where the reckoning happens. It is where God takes, where He gives back, where He hands down.

In Lent, we encounter the mountain. We are removed from the distractions of ordinary life and placed outside the confines of our everyday habits. We find silence and mystery, pain and truth. We struggle and we become tired, and there is always a moment when we wonder if, perhaps, it would have been easier not to climb. There is always a moment when others look at us and think: “Why climb a mountain?”

I confess, I am not much of an outdoorswoman. Hiking, in my family, is any walking you do on a trail that is not paved, so I am far from qualified to comment on whether or not the view from the summit was worth George Mallory’s life. But I do know a thing or two about struggling through a difficult experience. I know the strange peace that exists in the moment after it’s all over and you catch your breath and realize you are a better, stronger, wiser person for the pain.

The mountain is there. Let’s climb it.

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

“God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, ‘Abraham!’ ‘Here I am!’ he replied.” — Genesis 22:1

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This Week’s Highlight

Lenten Fish Fry

Served in the School Cafeteria

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Homemade:

Cabbage & Noodles and Macaroni & Cheese

STEWARDSHIP FOR FEB 18, 2024

Sunday Offering	\$ 4,257.48
St. Monica Fund.....	\$ 310.00
Misc. Special Envelopes.....	\$ 286.00

WE SHARE—ONLINE GIVING JANUARY 2024

Sunday Offering.....	\$6,212.50
St. Monica Fund.....	\$730.00

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



Our sincere sympathy and prayers are extended for the family and friends of: Albert J. Ruiz, Melvin Lowe, Matthew Joseph Klutarich and Robert Phillips Who were recently buried. May they and all of our dearly departed rest in peace

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 25

2nd Sunday of Lent

9:00am Stephanie Helinski
10:45am Living & deceased of Jim & Cathy Mack Family

Monday, February 26

Lenten Weekday

8:00am John Paul Hunter
8:30am Exposition following mass

Tuesday, February 27

Lenten Weekday

8:00am Aricelis Sylvia Rodriguez

Wednesday, February 28

Lenten Weekday

8:00am Russell Kaufman

Thursday, February 29

Lenten Weekday

8:00am No Mass

Friday, March 1

Lenten Weekday

8:00am Fran Riddle

Saturday, March 2

Lenten Weekday

4:00pm William Mullee

Sunday, March 3

3rd Sunday of Lent

9:00am Frank Restifo
10:45am People of the Parish

SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS

Please pray for the Seminarians of the Cleveland Diocese
Please join us in praying for the following seminarians this week:

Monday: Craig Ziobert

Tue: Johannes

Benninghoff

Wednesday: Jake Cermak

Thursday: Steve Zbiegien

Friday: Gregory Hovan

Sat: William Martzaklis

Sunday: *Pray for Vocation*

Director Fr. Garris



There will be a Divine Mercy Holy Hour next **Sunday, March 3rd at 2:30 pm** in Church, with Eucharistic Adoration, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and Benediction. All are Welcome!

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

Please Pray For the Parishioners Listed Below

Baby Zander, 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 the prayer list. 216-662-8685

THIS WEEK

Activities CALENDAR

Monday, February 26

- 3:30pm CWVA Meeting (F)
- 4:00pm Winter Sports Practice (g)
- 4:00pm Walking Class (J)
- 7:00pm Holy Name Board Mtg (c)

Tuesday, February 27

- 4:00pm Winter Sports Practice (g)

Wednesday, February 28

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

Thursday, February 29

- 3:00pm Fish Fry Prep (c)
- 4:00pm Walking Class (J)
- 5:00pm Set Up Sandwich

Saturday (J)

Friday, March 1

- 8:00am Set Up Sandwich
- 4:00pm Spring Sports Practice (g)

Saturday, March 2

- 9:00am Sandwich Saturday (J)

Sunday, March 3

- 1:00pm Fashion Show Basket assembly (M)
- 7:30pm A.A. Meeting (c)

Church in Central & Eastern Europe

This week our special collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from former communist rule and now the war in Ukraine. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation and poverty outreach.

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Sandwich Saturday

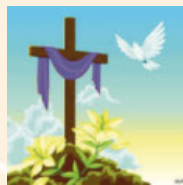
Join us Saturday **March 2nd** beginning at **9:00 am** in the lower level of the Parish Office. Any questions, call the Parish Office 216-662-8685.

All are invited to join the jelly the fun.



Ward 7 Block Watch

The Garfield Heights Ward 7 Block Watch, sponsored by Councilwoman Jenn Newrones, will meet Thursday, February 29th at 7:00 PM in the cafeteria of St. Benedict School. Our guest speaker will be Garfield Hts. Police Chief Mark Kaye. Nonperishable items for the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry would be appreciated. All are welcome. For more information contact Gail, 216-662-9213.



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Dine In or Carryout

Senior & Children Dinners Available

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Being a Beacon of Hope

NOTE OF GRATITUDE

God's love certainly unites us!

This is evident in the parish response to our recent annual stewardship outreach. THANK YOU! I am humbled and grateful for your commitment to St. Monica Church, especially during challenging times. Through your commitment, our parish remains vibrant, engaged and Christ-centered in the Eucharist and in serving one another.

God's work is never done! Your prayerful response both materially and spiritually is setting the groundwork for a path forward as we plan for the future of our parish and continuation of critical ministries and service programs. St. Monica Church continues to grow as a strong, faith-filled stewardship community because of parishioners like you!

Thank you for your generosity, prayers, and commitment to St. Monica's!

In Christ,

Fr. John J. Mullee
Pastor

ST. MONICA
CHURCH



Highlights

\$42,550.88

in additional offertory commitments
(contributions not yet realized)

\$11,605

committed in one-time gifts

39%

response rate from those actively supporting the parish

If you have not yet renewed your commitment to our parish, please return your commitment card within the next few weeks. We are looking for 100% participation from our parish families! Each response makes a huge impact!

We Invite You To:

Our Mission

Joyfully worship and make the Eucharist our core and Summit

- Attend Mass
- Attend Adoration
- Actively participate in the Liturgy
- Pray with others

Our Community

Develop and grow a personal relationship with Christ

- Through scripture and Bible study
- Celebrate the Sacraments
- Join a book study, small group, or class
- Pray to find Christ in everything and to grow in faith

Our Witness

God asks us to share our gifts for the good of others

- Join a parish ministry
- Volunteer to charitable causes
- Practice corporal works of mercy
- Give in faithful response as a generous steward

OTHER INFORMATION

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.

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

Easter Wreath Class

Join us for a Spring/Easter Wreath Class

Thursday, March 7th, 6:00pm– 8:00pm

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



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

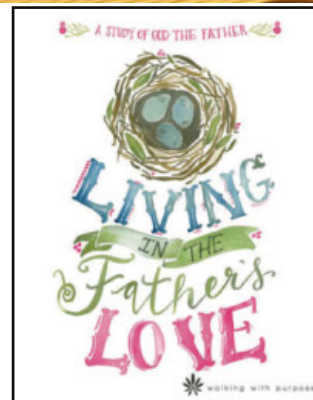
Time: 1:00 p.m.—2:30 p.m.

Where: St. Francis Room in the Parish Office Bldg

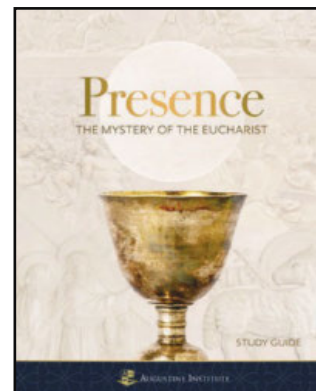
Cost: \$42.95 (incl. both studies ~ financial assistance available if needed)

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!



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 Children

Free Will Offering

OTHER INFORMATION

St. Monica Ladies Guild 38th Annual Fashion Show and Luncheon

will be held on Sunday April 21, 2024

at Woodside Event Center at Archangel Michael's, 5025 E. Mill Road
(Off Wailings Road and I-77), in Broadview Heights, at 1:00pm.

Fashions by Blossoms n Bows Boutique (357 W Aurora Road, Sagamore Hills, Ohio).

Plated Dinner includes Woodside Signature Salad, Green Beans Almondine, Rolls, Dessert, Beverage and choice of:
Chicken Piccata w/Angel Hair Pasta & Marinara Sauce or Stuffed Shells w/Ricotta Cheese & Marinara Sauce
(Gluten Free substitute available).

Tickets \$35.00 each. For tickets or more information
please contact Marlyn at 216-218-2482 or mpraznik@aol.com

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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!



Garfield Heights Knights of Columbus Wednesday Night Dinners

Reservations by Friday,

March 1st @ 8pm

Wednesday, March 6

Corn Beef Dinner or Sandwich Meal. Cost \$15.00

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Pass the word.

Entrance Chant 818 Here I Am, Lord

First Reading Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am!" he replied. Then God said: "Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you."

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the LORD's messenger called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!" "Here I am!" he answered. "Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the messenger. "Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son." As Abraham looked about, he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket. So he went and took the ram and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son.

Again the LORD's messenger called to Abraham from heaven and said: "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing—all this because you obeyed my command."

The Responsorial Psalm Psalm 116:10, 15-19

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

I believed, even when I said,
"I am greatly afflicted."

Precious in the eyes of the LORD
is the death of his faithful ones.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

O LORD, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the son of your handmaid;
you have loosed my bonds.

To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and I will call upon the name of the LORD.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

My vows to the LORD I will pay
in the presence of all his people,
In the courts of the house of the LORD,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

READINGS & SONGS

Second Reading Romans 8:31b-34

Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us, who will condemn? Christ Jesus it is who died—or, rather, was raised—who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

Gospel Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.

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Communion Chant 637 In Christ Alone

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