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CCD

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Sunday Classes: 9:00a.m.—12:00p.m. (incl. Mass)

Pre-K thru 8th grade - Sept. - April

Masses

8:00A.M. Tuesday-Friday

Saturday - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday - 9:00 a.m.

Rosary - 7:40A.M. Tuesday-Friday

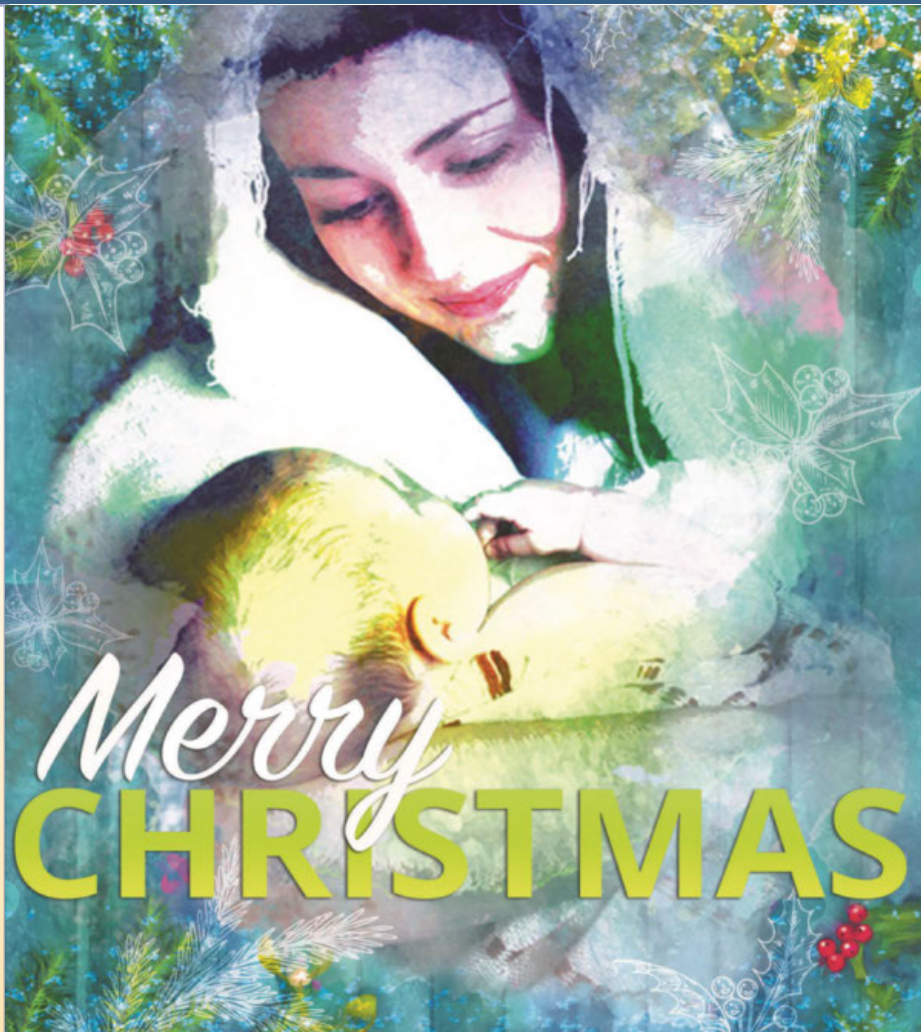
Confession - Saturday 3:00 – 3:45p.m.

Parish Office - 9:00 a.m. - 2:00p.m. Mon-Fri.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PULPIT!

Eucharistic Adoration will be January

7th, 2022 from 8:30a.m.-7:00p.m.



LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Merry Christmas! There is something sacred about the sun when it dances upon a field of newly iced snow. Lights and colors bounce around in myriad ways flashing prisms of beauty as if in tune with the rhythm of a melodic dance. The Word became flesh and now dwells among us. Humanity can now dance. We sparkle with the beauty and radiance of God and can now walk through life with confidence knowing that we have been divinely kissed. It is a sacred moment, a holy marriage between God and His sons and daughters. All is bright and all is well. Today we celebrate who we are in Christ and rest safely in God's care. God's presence, revealed in the humble birth of His Son, dances in our hearts, calling us to beauty, truth, purpose, and love. Today we know, without doubt, that we are not the product of the rambling offerings of a universe that created itself. We are loved, treasured, and blessed. We have a Savior who can show us the way. Accept him.



Money for Baby Food Project

It's time for the Right to Life Baby Food Project. Vases will be available at all church entrances for your donations on the weekends of **Jan. 1 & 2** and **Jan. 8 & 9, 2022**.

Your **monetary contributions** will be used to purchase baby food and formula in memory of the more than 61 million babies aborted since the Roe v Wade decision of Jan 22, 1973. It's Christmas time and how better to thank our Blessed Lord than to donate to help save His innocent ones. Around January 22, 2022 the St. Patrick 7th Grade class will help deliver the baby food and formula to area social service agencies, including Catholic Charities, Crittenton Centers' Crisis Nursery, the Empower Life Center, and the Women's Care Center. **Please make-out checks to Tazewell County Right to Life.**

Thank you - Your Right to Life Representative

CCD CORNER



December Birthdays: -

Samantha Orr - 12/2/2010

Julie Feldshau - 12/12

No CCD classes December 26th –Jan 2nd. Classes will resume January 9th with CCD Mass at 9:00a.m.

Adult Bible Study continues on Thursday nights. Dcn. Steve and Linda Racki will soon be discussing a new Bible Study called "The Chosen". Class is on Thursdays @ 6:30pm and will be starting on January 6th. The donation will be \$5. Faith Formation is taking place via ZOOM, so, if you are interested, please call Linda Racki @ 824-3587. You're email address will be needed.



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82480435228?pwd=djZ3Z25pZ2VnUVdWQWVGVWJNYUYBUUT09>

Ladies Guild 2nd Dinnerless Dinner

Everyone had so much fun not eating, not getting gussied up, and not driving to last year's dinnerless dinner, so we're throwing another one! Everyone is cordially invited and no one will be there.

Date: January 32, 2022

Time: 7:22 - 9:41

Cost \$30 (any donation graciously accepted)

(Please indulge our humor. It is our attempt to raise money in place of our annual Craft Fair.)

Make checks payable to "St Monica Ladies Guild" and mark the envelope Dinnerless Dinner. Envelopes can be put in the collection box or mailed to Eileen Hahn, 107 Alice Ave, East Peoria, 61611. Thank you for helping support our Guild!

“Open wide your door to the one who comes. Open your soul, throw open the depths of your heart to see the riches of simplicity, the treasures of peace, the sweetness of grace. Open your heart and run to meet the Sun of eternal light that illuminates all men.

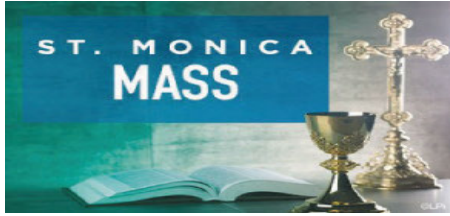
~ St. Ambrose of Milan~



This Friday, January 7th, is First Friday Eucharistic Adoration. Signup times are in the vestibule. Our adoration hours are 8:30am-7:00pm for those not able to attend during the day.

Go to the foot of the tabernacle and say one 'Our Father', 'Hail Mary', and 'Glory Be' when you can't do anymore. This is enough to strengthen you against temptations. If someone has faith, makes visits to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and makes his daily meditation, I tell you, it will be impossible for him to sin."

~ St. John Bosco ~



Weekday Mass is at 8:00A.M. @ St. Monica (unless noted otherwise)

Monday, Dec. 27- No Mass

Tuesday, Dec. 28 - Tom Driscoll (*Steve & Gina Driscoll*)

Wednesday, Dec. 29 - Cecilia Dolinka (*Bob & Mary Schlink*)

Thursday, Dec. 30 - Marti Bullock (*Dave & Carol Bullock*)

Friday, Dec. 31 - No Morning Mass

7:00p.m. Mass - SOLEMNITY of MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Mass Intention: Dcn. Charlie Robbins (*Tim & Jan Houston*)

Altar Servers: Rick Couri,

Lector: Peggy Keck

Musician: Tim Houston (Praise Choir)

Sacristan: Volunteer Needed

Ushers: Volunteers Needed

Saturday, Jan. 1 9:00a.m. - SOLEMNITY of MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Mass Intention: Del Davis (*Knights of Columbus*)

Lector: Volunteer Needed

Altar Server: Volunteers Needed

Musicians: Barb Dolton & Debbie Wenzel

Ushers: Volunteers Needed

Saturday, Jan. 1 4:00p.m. - Mary Jane Joseph (*Helen Couri*)

Altar Server: Bill Rogers

Lector 1: Bonnie Kumer

Lector 2: Judy Reinmann

Musician: Marilyn & Arlan Roberds

Sacristan: Jim Wygle

Ushers: Rick Couri, Jim Demmel

Sunday, Jan. 2 9:00a.m. - All Parishioners' Mass

Lector 1: Toby Cantwell

Lector 2: Maureen Johnson

Altar Server: Kenny Hoosen, Josh & Jude Palmer

Musicians: Marilyn & Arlan Roberds

Sacristan: Volunteer Needed

Ushers: Earl Riley, Larry Russell, John Dickerson

Sunday 10:30am Holy Communion Distribution

Ushers: Earl Riley, Larry Russell, John Dickerson

Counters: Pat LaConte, Bill Rogers



Fr. Ken Marchulones

Fr. Paul Meisner

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Deb Johnson

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Becky Russell

Keith Wilson

Pat Wahrenburg

Greg White

Pat Rose

Jan Bowes

Dick Coyle

Michelle Bush

Tyler Vanskike

Sue Palmer

Karen Clark

Ray Martin

Sue Couri

All St. Monica Parishioners

The Peace of Christ Healing Group

Every Sunday afternoon starting at 2:00p.m., St. Monica Church provides healing prayers for anyone who would like to receive them. The Peace of Christ Healing Group is a prayer group who invite all to join and be a part of this wonderful time to pray for others or to come to receive prayers to heal from something that is ailing you or to do both. Following this time of prayer, they then say the Stations of the Cross and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. If you want to know more, call Clairann Nicklin @ 657-8640.

The Prayer of the Synod: Adsumus, Sancte Spiritus

This prayer has been traditionally used at Councils and Synods for hundreds of years. The version below was specifically designed for the Synodal journey from 2021-2023.

*We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.
All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever.
Amen.*



IN REMEMBRANCE OF
St. Monica Catholic Church Parish Families Loved Ones

Virginia Kumer, Claribel Kluever, Dcn. Charles Robbins, Sr. Martin Therese Gensler, Albert & June Visocky, Albert & Genevieve Gianessi, Kent Malinosky, Ron Rose, Henry & Gert Wenzel, Jeffrey Morgan, Dick & Josephine Gilbert, Clarence Geier Family, John & Agnes Couri, Richard Ayt, Sherri Shaughnessy, Richardson-McKemy Family, Rearden-Riley Family, Paul & Norma Fandel, Ed & John Corbett,



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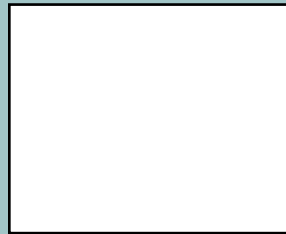
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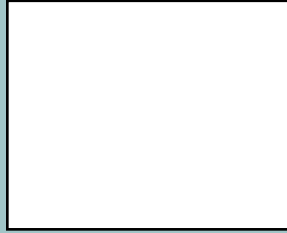
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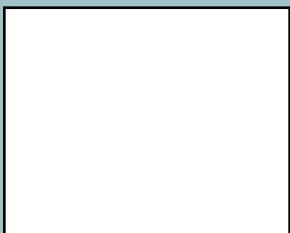
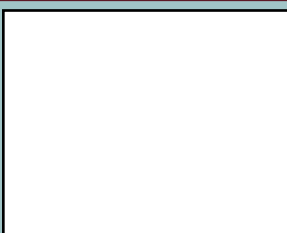
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