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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office is open
8:00am—4:00 pm. Mon.,
Tues. & Thurs & 8:00 am—
Noon on Wed. & Fri. We
request anyone who comes
to the parish office to please
wear a mask. Thank you.

MASSES: 7 days a week

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

and 10:45 a.m.

Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Bulletin Announcements due to
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NOON on Friday

PARISH CLERGY

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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.

ANOIDTING 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*

EUCCHARIST 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.



LITURGY SCHEDULE

Monday –Friday 8:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 10

Baptism of the Lord

9:00 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Ungarsky and Mr. & Mrs. Paul Svoboda

10:45 People of the Parish

Monday, January 11

Weekday

8:00 William & Lillian Schaefer

Tuesday, January 12

Weekday

8:00 Diane Fargo

Wednesday, January 13

Weekday

8:00 Christine Backo

Thursday, January 14

Weekday

8:00 Living & deceased members of Andy Fargo Family

Friday, January 15

Weekday

8:00 Lula Belle Williams

Saturday, January 16

Weekday

3:15 Confession

4:00 People of the Parish

Sunday, January 17

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 Robert & Olga Mohorcic

10:45 Ernest Malicki



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

William, Aubrey Rae, Janet Roppel, Michael Wyrzykowski, James Gorman, Carol DeLooze, Special Intention, Alexandria Romanowski, Jeri Grzybowski, Patricia Chesney, Vivian Budd, Ba-

by Harrison Justin, Gerald DeLooze, Bill Paluscsak, and Joanne Reddinger. *The names will remain in the bulletin for two weeks. 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.*



Our sincere sympathy and prayers are extended to the family and friends of those who were recently buried: **Myles Timothy Feeney, Dolores Kucinic, Joseph Deliberato and Rev. Ernest Hepner**. May they and all our faithful departed, rest in peace.

Pastoral Scene

Six Degrees of Separation

The theory of Six Degrees of Separation says that a connection can be shown between any two people in the world within a matter of six degrees (or steps). For example, one might find that I have a connection to none other than Frú Brunhildé Bilchmoinknersen of Árborg Iceland through the following process:

Step 1: My first cousin has a friend in California named Sam.

Step 2: Sam's brother-in-law has an uncle in Massachusetts named Larry.

Step 3: Larry's mother has a twin sister named Doris.

Step 4: Doris' grandfather came from England. His name is Throckmorton.

Step 5: Throckmorton's wife is from Árborg Iceland. Her name is Olivia.

Step 6: Olivia's best friend (who incidentally was their Maid of Honor) is Brunhildé.

Therefore, within 6 degrees, I have a connection with Frú Brunhildé Bilchmoinknersen of Árborg Iceland.

And so goes the theory, as far-fetched as it may seem. However, I've had a number of incidents in my life (not quite always in six degrees) but interesting enough to make me wonder.

One such incident happened a few years ago. During Mass someone became ill and was taken out by ambulance. Within an hour after this took place, I received a text message from a close friend who lives on the other side of town. The text was asking me about what had just happened in Church. I texted back and asked him how he knew about it. My friend responded that the aunt of one of his close friends goes to our parish. Apparently, this aunt told the friend and happened to mention the name of our Church. The friend in turn told my friend in a roundabout conversation. My friend, recognizing that his friend was talking about our parish, contacted me.

You just never know who may be watching or listening – and what they may be saying – and to whom they may be saying it. This causes me to take a moment to reflect upon how potentially positive or (if done poorly) how potentially negative the result of one's influence may be. This is a lesson one should always keep in mind, whether in the public sector or in the private sector. A word or a gesture can be life-giving or it can be deadly – and both can be very far reaching.

Case in point: we're all connected in this world. What we do matters, what we say matters, how we treat each other matters, and how we conduct our life matters! A simple incident can have a far reaching impact within these Six Degrees of Separation.

Bob Soeder

Divine Mercy is this **Sunday, January 10 at 2:30 pm in Church.** All are welcome. Please wear a mask or face covering.



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



The next Baptism class will be held on **Tuesday, January 12th at 6:30 in the Parish Office.** If you would like to have your child Baptized, please call the Parish Office to register: 216-662-8685

In times of frustration and doubt, we can feel unseen, forgetting the value of our small actions toward both people and the creatures of the earth.

Dear God,

When I feel invisible, unworthy, or unheard in the clamor and uproar of the world, help me return to the truth of how precious and alive even the smallest acts are.

There's holiness in every action, especially in the gentle repetition of caring for all those we love.

Help us see that everything we do matters and touches you.

Amen

Catholic Religious Calendars

We have received a small supply of 2021 calendars that are available for pick up at the Parish Office. Because of the limited supply we have, they are limited to one calendar per parish family.



Religion Question of the Week

What is the definition of "Sanctifying Grace"? (Answer on page 4)

Did You Know?

Did you know that over 150 households viewed the Christmas Masses on the St. Monica Website last week?

One Liner

"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son". (John 3/16)

Precepts of the Church

For members of the Catholic Church, there are certain moral obligations that must be observed by those who want to be considered as "Practicing Catholics". These seven are all based on the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Catholics should attend Mass on all Sundays, and Holy Days of obligation.

Catholics should receive Holy Communion at least once a year during the Easter Season.

Catholics should receive the Sacrament of Penance at least once a year.

Catholics should Fast, and Abstain from Meat, on the appointed days during Lent. Catholics should be married in a Catholic Church.

Catholics should contribute to the support of their Church.

Catholics should receive the three Sacraments of Christian Initiation, and live good lives according to the teachings of Jesus Christ.

\$1,000 Holy Name Monthly Raffle Winners-December 27th

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PARISH ACTIVITIES

MONDAY, January 11

4:15 p.m. Walk in the Park (Hike & Bike Trail)

7:00 p.m. Finance Council Mtg (F)

TUESDAY, January 12

6:30 p.m. Baptism Class (F)

WEDNESDAY, January 13

5:00 p.m. G.A. (+)

6:00 p.m. RCIA (J)

THURSDAY, January 14

6:00 p.m. Rosary (+)

FRIDAY, January 15**SATURDAY, January 16**

12:00 p.m. RCIA

4:00 p.m. Mass

SUNDAY, January 17

9:00 a.m. Mass (+)

10:45 a.m. Mass (+)

A Prayer for Priests and Seminarians

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend our priests and Seminarians in battle. Be their protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

Win for them the grace to be heroic in the pursuit and practice of virtue, courageous in fulfilling the will of God, and steadfast in the face of temptation and desolation.

Intercede for them so that they have the strength to take up their crosses daily, to love without counting the cost, and to give generously of themselves.

Saint Michael, pray to God of peace that He may put Satan under our feet, so far conquered that he may no longer be able to hold people in captivity and harm the Church.

We entrust our priests and seminarians to the loving and maternal care of Our Lady, Queen of Angels, and we ask all of this in the name of Jesus. Amen

Please keep the following Seminarians—as well as all of the seminarians—in your prayers:

Joe Menkhaus Jr., Jeffrey Lindholm, Kyle Rosser, James Livingston, Anthony Donatelli, Travis Seagraves, James Parisi, Luke Rose, Joseph McCarron, and Christopher Cotone.

Stewardship Offertory Collections

December 27, 2020

Regular Offertory.....	\$ 2,914.00
St. Monica Fund.....	\$ 37.00
Misc Specials.....	\$ 93.00
Kids Envelopes.....	\$ 1.00
CHRISTMAS to date	\$19,006.00
St. Monica Fund.....	\$ 571.00
Sunday Envelopes.....	\$ 2,215.00
Misc. Specials.....	\$ 472.00

January 1, 2021

New Year's.....	\$1,062.00
Sunday Regular Offertory.....	\$ 420.00
St. Monica Fund.....	\$ 85.00
Misc. Special Envelopes.....	\$ 225.00

January 3, 2021

Regular Offertory.....	\$ 5,212.00
St. Monica Fund.....	\$ 753.00
Misc Specials.....	\$ 756.00
Additional Christmas.....	\$ 1,570.00

*Please continue to mail in your donations,
Donate online or drop off at the office .
Thank you for your continued support.*

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Winterfest Announcement

For the last nine years we have held our annual Winterfest, a family fun filled weekend while raising monies needed to help offset the cost of running St. Monica Church. It is with sadness that we must announce that due to the corona virus pandemic that we need to cancel this event due to social distance restrictions. Thank you for all of your prayers and help with Winterfest in the past and hopefully we will see you next year!

**Answer to This Week's Religion Question**

What is the definition of "Sanctifying Grace"?

Answer:

Sanctifying Grace is God's life in our soul.

*The Baptism
of the Lord*



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Catholic Cemeteries Association Monthly Sunday Grief Support January 17th:

Catholic Cemeteries Association continues with our free monthly in-office grief support groups on January 17th with limited seating for social distancing. We offer a comfortable, private, and safe environment where you are free to talk about your grief. Meetings do not build off each other so you can stop in any month and fit right in. You do not even have to talk, but come and listen and be in the presence of those who understand. The January topic is "Facing the New Year with Hope and Love" but discussions follow whatever is on your heart. We meet the 3rd Sunday of every month from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the following locations:

Saint Joseph Cemetery, Avon (NEW office);
Holy Cross Cemetery, Akron (office);
Holy Cross Cemetery, Brook Park (office);
Calvary Cemetery, Cleveland (office);
All Saints Cemetery, Northfield (office);
All Souls Cemetery, Chardon (office).

Meeting sites are sanitized and seating is arranged so everyone is at a safe distance. Participants are requested to RSVP so we can plan appropriate social distancing at each location. It is required that participants wear protective facial coverings. **To RSVP or for questions, please contact Rhonda at 216-930-4866.**

Garfield Heights Knights of Columbus Wednesday Night Dinners:

January 13 -- Chicken Parmesan -Reservations by Sunday January 10 ... 8PM

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"A Closer Walk With Thee" – CCA Monthly Grief Support E-Newsletter:

Don't forget to subscribe to the Catholic Cemeteries Association's monthly grief support e-newsletter, "A Closer Walk with Thee". This e-newsletter is emailed the first Tuesday of each month to any family/individual who has expressed an interest in our bereavement programs. To subscribe to this valued grief support resource, visit [the Bereavement page on our website](#) and click the brown signup box on the right side, contact **Rhonda** at 216-930-4866. You can also click this link and go directly to the signup <https://bit.ly/ccabereavementbulletin>.

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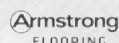
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