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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
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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.

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: 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.

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.

ANOINTING 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*

EUCHARIST 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 31

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 Joseph & Richard Modlinski

10:45 People of the Parish

Monday, February 1

Weekday

8:00 Joseph Medvetz

Tuesday, February 2

The Presentation of the Lord

8:00 Ray Nadolski

Wednesday, February 3

Weekday

8:00 Rosario Restifo

Thursday, February 4

Weekday

8:00 Living & deceased members of Ray and Terri Hanzlick Family

Friday, February 5

Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

8:00 Dennis Woloszynek

Saturday, February 6

Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

3:15 Confession

4:00 Stanley Schrembeck

Sunday, February 7

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 People of the Parish

10:45 Living & deceased members of Hyland Borkman Family



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

Diane Stoltz, Philph-Michael Lockhart, Larry & Lorna Piechowiak, Concetta Rimmel, Edward Neptune, John Spadaro, William, Aubrey Rae, Janet Roppel, Michael Wyrzykowski, James Gorman, Carol DeLooze, Special Intention, Alexandria Romanowski, Jeri Grzybowski, Patricia Chesney, Vivian Budd, Baby 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:
Dolores Matovich and Margaret Nose. May they and all our faithful departed, rest in peace.

Pastoral Scene

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

When God Whispers

“You don’t need to shout. My hearing works just fine.” Are you a parent that has used that one on your kids? I’m not sure at what age they realize that the volume of their voice doesn’t correlate to the likelihood of receiving a favorable reply --- it might be sometime in the teenage years, when the talking slows down altogether.

But I’ve got to admit, it would be nice if God always gave us a loud and dramatic sign when He wanted something – the booming voice and the torn-open heavens (“This is my beloved Son!”) really get the message across. Sometimes I find myself envious of the Apostles, who were able to witness such things in person.

The fact of the matter is, in the year 2021, God is more likely to speak in a whisper than in a shout. The prophet Isaiah forewarns that Christ himself will not be noisemaker – for all his preaching, he will not cry out or shout to bring forth justice to the nations. His way is altogether different than that.

We are not the Apostles, and we do not have the privilege of seeing the Holy Spirit descend on Christ like a dove. But here’s the good news: God doesn’t need to shout. Our spiritual hearing works just fine. We just have to be listening.

Let’s wake up each morning ready to hear God’s whispers throughout the day. Let’s make a conscious effort to invite those whispers into our hearts, where they can become a catalyst for grace in this world.

Deacon Stan

A Lenten Reflection for all Liturgical Ministers

will take place on Monday, February 22, 2021 at 7:00PM. There will be three options for attendance. You may attend **in person**, by **livestream** or through **Zoom.com**.

Whether you have been active or not during the COVID crisis all are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Because of Zoom time restrictions, this will be an abbreviated gathering - lasting about 40 minutes.

For more details as well as Zoom and Livestream instructions, visit our website: <http://saintmonicachurch.net>

Respect For Life Update

On Thursday evening, January 28th through Friday morning, January 29th, all Catholics are invited to join those who are attending "All Night Vigils" to pray for and end to abortion. We will be celebrating a Mass on Thursday morning at 8:00 am to pray for this intention. As I mentioned last week in the bulletin, so far over 60,000,000 children have endured this cruel fate in America alone. Our prayers at this Mass also include praying for those who have procured abortions, many of whom suffer much regret over the loss of their child. We will also pray for the success of Zelies' Home which is located on our own parish grounds, and for Womankind, located in Garfield Heights. Both of these facilities do so much to help mothers who are in difficulties bringing their child into this world. Our prayers are the most powerful force to bring an end to the abortion mentality in our country. Please take some time to pray on January 28 – 29th.

Fr. Thomas Haren



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

Vatican Modifies Distribution of Ashes

The Congregation for Divine Worship releases a note laying out the procedures priests around the world are to follow for the distribution of ashes at the start of Lent.



By Vatican News (January 12, 2021)

The health situation caused by Covid-19 continues to force changes on daily life, which are also reflected in the Church's sphere. Ahead of the beginning of Lent, on Wednesday, 17 February, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments has published a note detailing how Catholic priests are to distribute ashes.

Instructions

After blessing the ashes and sprinkling them with holy water in silence, the priest addresses those present, reciting once the formula found in the Roman Missal: "Repent, and believe in the Gospel" or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return".

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

Prayer to St. Jude for the Sick

St. Jude, you witnessed Jesus healing many who were sick. Bless all those afflicted with illness or injury.



Help them draw hope from the strength Jesus has always given people as He shares His healing love with us. Help them to remember the peace of God's love and that it never ends.

Touch their souls with your peace.

St. Jude, I also long for healing. Please bring my prayers to Jesus, so that I may grow in how I can serve Him ever faithfully. Amen

Religion Question of the Week

Where was Moses buried?

Did You Know?

Did you know that St. Monica Church is 200 feet long?

One Liner

"It is much easier to get old than to get wiser".

PARISH ACTIVITIES

MONDAY, February 1

4:15 p.m. Walking Group

TUESDAY, February 2

4:15 p.m. Walking Group

WEDNESDAY, February 3

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

THURSDAY, February 4

4:15 p.m. Walking Group

6:00 p.m. Rosary (+)

7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council Mtg (+)

FRIDAY, February 5

12:00 p.m. Set up Sandwich Saturday (J)

SATURDAY, February 6

9:00 a.m. Sandwich Saturday

12:00 p.m. RCIA

4:00 p.m. Mass

SUNDAY, February 7

9:00 a.m. Mass (+)

10:45 a.m. Mass (+)

Stewardship Offertory Collections

January 24, 2021

Regular Offertory.....	\$ 3,841.00
St. Monica Fund.....	\$ 360.00
Latin America (El Salvador).....	\$ 221.00

Collection for the Church in Latin America

Thank you for your generous support last week for the Collection for the Church in Latin America. This collection will be used to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean, so they in turn can share the Good News with others.

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

Check Your Junk Mail

Every Tuesday at about 10AM, our parish emails our parish update via Constant Contact. So far we have over 425 subscribers. A small number of emails have bounced back to us - or have remained unopened. If you've already subscribed and have not received our email updates, one of several things may be occurring:

1. Check your Junk Mail and Spam folders. Since these updates are sent out in bulk, your email service may be redirecting our communications away from your In-box. Please be sure to adjust your settings to allow us through.
2. Some people have registered with us using email addresses from their places of employment. In this case the email gets "kicked back" to us. Please check with the administrator of your company email for setting adjustments or permissions.
3. We may have an incorrect email address for you. When submitting an email address to our office, please print clearly and accurately. Many times, an underscore _ can be mistaken for a dash - or visa versa. Another common problem is differentiating the numeral one with a lower case L.

If you haven't as yet subscribed to our Constant Contact, it's easy! Just go to our parish website <http://saintmonicachurch.net>, click on the "Sign up to receive Parish Weekly Update via Constant Contact" link and then follow the instructions.

CALENDAR FUNDRAISER

In order to help raise much needed monies to make up for the shortfall in our budget caused by the pandemic we are excited to announce a new church fundraiser!



In a few weeks you will be receiving a letter and calendar for the month of April with prizes listed for each day of the month. We are asking you to buy and or sell these calendars for the cost of **\$25.00 each**. Each day of the month will have a designated prize assigned to it and each day a name will be drawn and the winner will be notified of that day's prize. Once your name gets picked it will go back into the drawing for additional chances to win again! For \$25.00 you will get 30 chances to win a daily prize worth a \$25.00 value, with some days being more!

If anyone would like to donate cash or gift cards of any amount to help keep the cost down that would be greatly appreciated! Please call **Angie & Bill Noyes at (216) 912-8679** for more information.

Sandwich Saturday



The next Sandwich Saturday will be held on Saturday, February 6th at 9:00 am in the Parish Office. Please call the office to register. Mask must be worn.

Answer to This Week's Religion Question

Where was Moses buried?

Answer:

Moses was buried in the valley of Moab, but no one knows where.

St. Ignatius Grade School Latin and French Programs:

The Grade School Latin Program is a brief introduction to the Latin language and Roman culture for young men in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. The course is held on Saturdays from 1:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m. The next session begins on Saturday, February 13th and ends on Saturday, March 6th. The course is **FREE!!!** Register online at www.ignatius.edu/grade_school. Appropriate COVID guidelines which include wearing masks and social distancing will be in place to ensure a safe learning environment. If any questions, please call **Mr. Joseph Zebrak** at 651-0222, ext. 253 or email jzebrak@ignatius.edu

The Grade School French Program is a brief introduction to the French language and Francophone culture. The course is held on Saturdays from 12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. The next session begins on February 13th and ends on Saturday, March 6th. The course is **FREE!!!** Register online at www.ignatius.edu/grade_school. Appropriate COVID guidelines which include wearing masks and social distancing will be in place to ensure a safe learning environment. If any questions, please call **Ms. Elisa Bredendiek** at 651-0222, ext. 253 or email ebredendiek@ignatius.edu

Homemade Cloth Masks for Sale

There are still a supply of the cloth face masks, by Sr. Helene, for sale in the Parish Office. All proceeds donated to the Parish. Cost is \$5.00 per mask.



DO choose masks that



Have two or more layers of washable, breathable fabric



Completely cover your nose and mouth



Fit snugly against the sides of your face and don't have gaps

Catholic Cemeteries Association Monthly Sunday Grief Support February 21st:

Catholic Cemeteries Association continues with our free monthly in-office grief support groups on February 21st with limited seating for social distancing. We offer a comfortable, private, and safe environment where you are free to explore your grief. Meetings are open discussion format, surrounding a monthly topic or whatever is on your heart. They do not build off each other so you can stop in any month and fit right in. If you are not yet able to talk about your grief, come and listen and be in the presence of those who understand. The February topic is "Experiencing God's Loving Embrace". We meet the 3rd Sunday of every month from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at six 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).

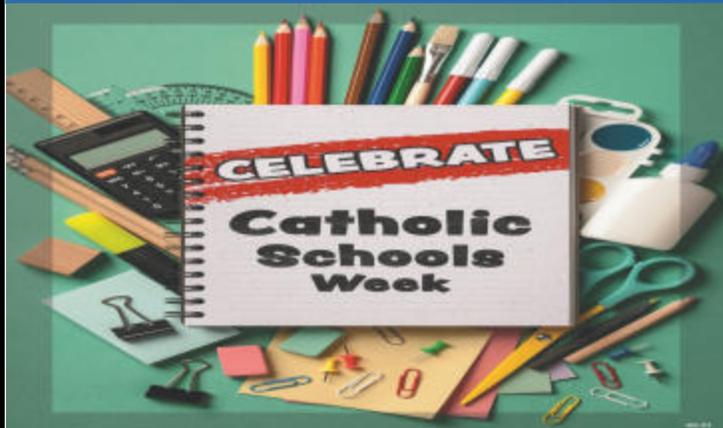
Meeting sites are sanitized and seating is arranged so everyone is at a safe distance. Participants are asked to RSVP so we can plan appropriate social distancing at each location. We require all in attendance to wear protective facial coverings. To RSVP or for questions, please contact Rhonda at rabrams@clecem.org or 216-930-4866.

Garfield Heights Knights of Columbus Wednesday Night Dinners:

February 10 -- Pork & Sauerkraut
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Please leave your complete name, phone number and number of dinners you will be picking up. We will need your phone number in case we need to contact you due to an unfortunate situation that we may need to cancel due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Please no changes day of. Thank you for your continued patronage.
If someone else is picking up - leave their name also.



The Season of Lent 2021

St. Monica Church



Ash Wednesday (February 17, 2021)

Mass and Distribution of Ashes:
6:30am, 9:00am, 7:00pm.



1st Sunday of Lent (February 21, 2021)

10:45am Sunday Mass celebrated by
The Most Reverend Edward C. Malesic,
Bishop of Cleveland.



Liturgical Ministers Evening of Recollection

Monday, February 22, 2021 at 7:00pm.

In-Person, Livestream, & Zoom.com

Info: <http://saintmonicachurch.net/LiturgicalMinisters.html>



Stations of the Cross

Every Friday in Lent

February 19^h through March 25, 2021 at 3:30pm



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions

Mondays - March 1st through March 29th at 6:30pm

Wednesday - March 31st at 6:30pm

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