

February 28, 2021

Second
Sunday
of Lent

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office is open
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MASSES: 7 days a week
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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, February 28

Second Sunday in Lent

9:00 People of the Parish

10:45 Mary Attinato

Monday, March 1

Lenten Weekday

8:00 Theodore J. Marszal

6:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/w confessions

Tuesday, March 2

Lenten Weekday

8:00 Dan Smolik

Wednesday, March 3

Lenten Weekday

8:00 Josephine Seme

Thursday, March 4

Lenten Weekday

8:00 John Spirka

Friday, March 5

Lenten Weekday

8:00 Margaret Hoprich

3:30 Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 6

Lenten Weekday

3:15 Confession

4:00 Alice V. Golembczyk & Carol Ann Marrone

Sunday, March 7

Third Sunday in Lent

9:00 Raymond Nadolski

10:45 People of the Parish

Pastoral Scene

A Moment of Prayer

This Sunday the Church places before us a moment of prayer in the life of Jesus and his Apostles. During a time of prayer on the mountain, Jesus is transfigured in such a way that his clothes are described as “dazzling white”. Peter, James and John witness this moment in prayer. Added to the prayer experience is the presence of Elijah and Moses who seem to be conversing with Jesus. Finally a voice is heard: “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.” After this moment comes the experience of continuing their ordinary life.

This moment of prayer in the life of Jesus is recorded in the Gospel of Matthew, Mark and Luke with a reference in the first letter of Peter. Each of the sacred authors place this moment of divine insight to not only prepare us for his passion and death but to show us the wonder of prayer as it brings us in union with God.

The experience shared today is important in our personal lives. Many times “dryness” in prayer seems to take over our relation with God. The fullness of Jesus’ prayer is also contrasted to the Agony in the Garden when he waits for the coming passion and ultimate death on the cross. Here again, in the total picture which is presented to us, we see the experience in the life of Christ is often found in our own struggle of faith.

Returning to the Transfiguration moment, Moses and Elijah are found present with Jesus as reminders that Jesus was the fulfillment of all that was promised to Moses and all that was promised by the prophets (Elijah).

May this second week of Lent be focused on knowing that God is truly present in our lives whether in joy or in sorrow.

Father Ted Marszal



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

Kimberly and Brie’anah Hill, Johnnie, Carol, Barb, Judy Watters, Philph-Michael Lockhart, Larry & Lorna Piechowiak, Concetta Rimmel, John Spadaro, Michael Wyrzykowski, Carol &

Gerald DeLooze, Special Intention, Alexandria Romanowski, Patricia Chesney, Vivian Budd, Baby Harrison Justin, Bill Paluscak, 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: **Deacon Carl Varga, Rev. Thomas Hagedorn, Carol Caputo and Irene Zack.** May they and all our faithful departed, rest in peace.



The next Baptism class will be held on **Tuesday, March 9th 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.

Lenten Rice Bowls

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we will not be physically distributing Lenten Rice Bowls this year. HOWEVER if you wish to donate to this fund, please visit our parish website <http://saintmonicachurch.net> and click on the Lenten Rice Bowl link or you may place your check or cash offering in an envelope marked "Rice Bowl" and it will be forwarded. Thank you for your continued generosity.



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

The Ladies of the St. Monica Guild will be conducting our annual **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 a small way we can still try to raise much needed funds to help support St. Monica Church. We are not able to pass out the usual envelopes for you to use this year, but we are hoping you will participate by just placing anything 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 if you are so inclined. 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 help.

Sandwich Saturday

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



2021 Bringing America Back to Life Convention--
March 12th & 13th
Eucharistic Adoration for "Bringing America Back to Life Convention"

In accord with the "Bringing America Back to Life Convention" which will be held this year in Independence, St. Michael Church will make the Blessed Sacrament available for prayer and adoration following a Mass for Life celebrated by Bishop Martin Amos on Thursday March 11th at 5:30 pm. The Blessed Sacrament will then be exposed on the main altar of the Church from 6:30 pm that evening until 10:00 pm on Saturday, March 13th, when the Convention ends.

Respect for the gift of life, given to us by God, is of utmost importance today in our American culture. There are many threats to the dignity of human life that can be protected most notably through prayer. We are looking for volunteers to spend just "one hour" before the Blessed Sacrament during the 44 hours of the Convention. If you are able to volunteer please go to : volunteersignup.org/3M7KR and register. Your prayers can do much to advance the Respect For Life in our country.

God bless you. Fr. Thomas Haren

Lent – What’s Missing This Year

For over sixteen years, Fridays during Lent were a special occasion for community growth. This was accomplished through our Annual Lenten Fish Fry.

This event was begun when Sr. Dorothy was a Pastoral Minister at our parish. At this time she recruited some volunteers, and called this organization the "Meal Ministry". After the first Lenten Fish Fry, other "Meal Events" became a part of our parish social event schedule. After Sr. Dorothy went to another assignment, the Meal Ministry was taken over by Tom and Chris Machar, and they recruited many people for this organization.

As time went on, the annual Fish Fry became part of the way St. Monica Church celebrated the Season of Lent. Over the years women, men, children, teenagers, and people from all walks of life volunteered to work at the parish Lenten Fish Fry. It was a marvelous experience seeing so many people from our community coming to provide meals for the Fridays of Lent. Also it was exciting to see so many persons from all over the neighborhood and beyond coming to St. Monica's for the Fish Fry. We gave them all a "hearty welcome" to our parish. Over the years the management of this event has changed, but the mission continued. Our parish was able to provide a place during Lent to gather together and become an extended community.

Lent- what is missing this year – the Fish Fry. But as the pandemic seems to be on the wain at this time, we hope to renew this wonderful event next year. But until then, even if we can't get together for our Fish Fry, we are still the same parish we always have been, and we will continue to make people feel welcome at St. Monica Church.

Fr. Thomas Haren

PARISH ACTIVITIES

MONDAY, March 1

4:15 p.m. Walking Group
6:30 p.m. Eucharistic Exposition w/ Confessions (+)
7:00 p.m. HNS Board Mtg. (F)

TUESDAY, March 2

4:15 p.m. Walking Group

WEDNESDAY, March 3

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

THURSDAY, March 4

4:15 p.m. Walking Group
6:00 p.m. Rosary (+)
7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council Mtg (+)

FRIDAY, March 5

12:00 Set up Sandwich Saturday
3:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross (+)

SATURDAY, March 6

9:00 a.m. Sandwich Saturday (J)
12:00 p.m. RCIA
4:00 p.m. Mass

SUNDAY, March 7

9:00 a.m. Mass (+)
10:45 a.m. Mass (+)

Stewardship Offertory Collections

February 21, 2021

Table with 2 columns: Collection Name and Amount. Rows include Regular Offertory (\$4,883.00), St. Monica Fund (\$772.00), Misc specials (\$132.00), and Black & Indian Missions (\$982.00).

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Annual Black and Indian Mission Collection. Your prayerful support enables people to come to know Jesus Christ in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities all over the U.S.A.

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 still struggle from former communist rule.

Please continue to mail in your donations, donate online or drop off at the office. You can also drop your donation in the baskets in church. Thank you for your continued support.

CALENDAR FUNDRAISER

Letters have now been mailed. You should receive 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 has a designated prize assigned to it and each day a name will be drawn and the winner will be notified. 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 \$50.00 value, with some days being more!



Please call Angie & Bill Noyes at (216) 912-8679 for any questions.

Religion Question of the Week

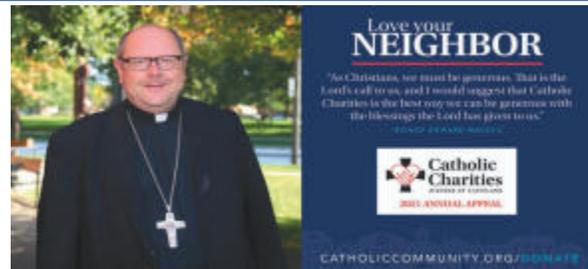
What do we call the outer garment that is worn at Mass by the Priest? (Answer on page 5)

Did You Know?

Did you know that the statues of Mary and Joseph that are in the shrine area of our Church were originally located in the front of the Church when it was located in the present School Gymnasium?

One Liner

"The heart of education is the education of the heart".



The 2021 Catholic Charities Appeal is underway with an in-pew commitment process taking place this weekend. The Catholic Charities Annual Appeal represents the chance for all Catholics to make a significant pledge, payable in installments, to Catholic Charities in order to support its mission of a society stand stands united in its support of the "least among us." Many parishioners have received a letter from Bishop Malesic requesting their support. If you have not received this letter, please respond to the in-pew commitment process. If you have received the letter, please respond to that. There is a box on the in-pew envelope to indicate that you responded by mail.

Your support of the 2021 Appeal helps us to carry out the mission that Jesus entrusted to us: I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Please consider a gift that will change the lives of the 400,000 who are served each year in North-east Ohio. Please pray for the success of the Appeal, which provides for essential programs and services in need throughout all eight counties of the Diocese of Cleveland.

**ATTENTION PARISHIONERS:
We Need Your Help!**

The Diocese of Cleveland was given a unique opportunity by way of a grant from the Catholic Leadership Institute to participate in a pilot program that will result in a multitude of benefits for the parishes of our diocese.

The Catholic Leadership Institute provides bishops, priests, religious, deacons, and lay persons in the Roman Catholic Church with world-class, pastoral leadership formation and consulting services that strengthen their confidence and competence in ministry, enabling them to articulate a vision for their local church, to call forth the gifts of those they lead, and to create more vibrant faith communities rooted in Jesus Christ.

How can you help?

We are asking all of our parishioners to participate in a survey regarding the strengths and needs of our parish. This survey has several purposes. It will...

- Allow our parishioners to reflect upon their spiritual growth and discipleship;
- Identify the ways in which the parish effectively supports that growth and look at opportunities to support that growth more in the future;
- Provide valuable input to help pastors and parish leaders make decisions and plan effectively;
- Help pastors and parish leaders have a sense of where to focus their evangelization efforts.

The deadline for completion is Monday, March 22nd. The survey should take you between 10-15 minutes to complete. Please note that your responses are kept confidential. Your parish and Catholic Leadership Institute will not have access to individual survey responses.

A link to the survey site can be found on our parish website <http://saintmonicachurch.net> and click on the Parish Survey Link. Those who do not have access to a computer can pick up a paper copy of the survey at the parish office.

Thank you again for your participation in this important initiative! Fr. Thomas Haren

Answer to This Week's Religion Question

What do we call the outer garment that is worn by the Priest at Mass?

Answer:
The Chasuble.

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All Saints Federal Credit Union is running a Balance Transfer Promotion, which applies to new and existing accounts! Transfer any credit card debt that you have onto an All Saints FCU Visa Credit Card at 2.99% APR for 24 months. This promotion runs from **February 1, 2021, through April 30, 2021.** Visit or call any of our three branch locations at 216-524-0414, 216-587-0631, or 440-888-3663; for hours, addresses, phone numbers, and additional information, please visit our website at www.allsaintsfcu.com.



**HOLY CROSS CEMETERY –
Pre-Planning Seminar**

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour pre-planning seminar on Saturday, March 13, 2021, at 1 p.m. Please join us to learn more about your Catholic burial options, including options for cremated remains. Attendees will receive a personal reference guide and savings certificate. We kindly ask that you RSVP to this event to prepare for proper social distancing. Attendees are required to wear a facial covering throughout the seminar. Holy Cross Cemetery – 14609 Brookpark Rd., Brook Park RSVP 216/641-7575 ext. 3

**Hospice of the Western Reserve
Virtual Volunteer Training**

Are you looking for a way to help individuals in your community? Are you willing to engage with homebound patients and families by phone or by mail? Consider becoming a Hospice of the Western Reserve Volunteer. We are also in need of Dietary Assistance at our Westlake Facility, Veterans Serving Veterans, Attorney, and Notary Volunteers. Two virtual training series are held every month for new volunteers. Trainings in March are scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 16, 18, 23, and 25 from 9 am – noon or Saturdays, March 20 and 27 from 9 am – 4 pm. For more information, contact us at 216-255-9090 or fill out an online application at hospicewr.org/ volunteer. Volunteers who complete virtual training will be able to provide in-person visits when it is deemed safe.

Lenten Schedule - 2021

Stations of the Cross

**Fridays - Mar. 5 and Mar. 19
at 3:30PM in Church**

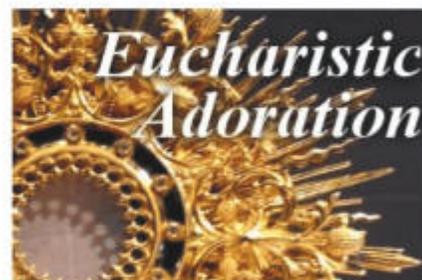


Mary's Way of the Cross

**Fridays - Feb. 26, Mar. 12 and Mar. 26
at 3:30PM in Church.**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament With Confessions

**Mondays - Mar., Mar. 8, Mar. 15
and Mar. 22 at 6:30pm**



Confessions

**Saturdays - 3:15pm (Except on Easter Vigil),
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