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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office is open 8:00 am—5:00 pm. Mon., Tues. & Thurs & 8:00 am— Noon on Wed. & Fri.

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 srjoyce@saintmonicachurch.net by NOON on Friday

PARISH CLERGY

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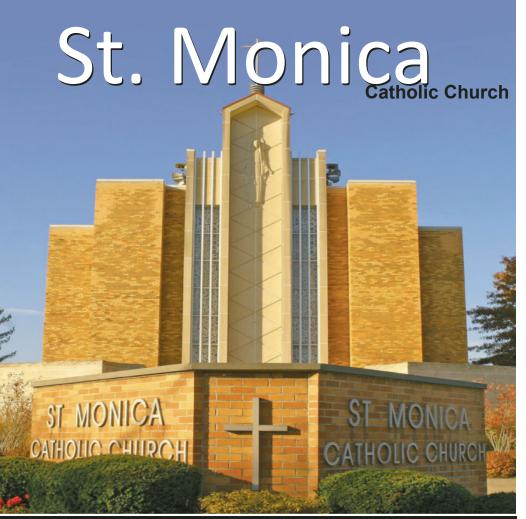
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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: We, the parish of St. Monica, work to create a Christlike family, welcoming all people where one encounters a loving God, by serving the spiritual, educational and social needs of the community.

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.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



LITURGY SCHEDULE Monday–Friday 8:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 23 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 Henry, JoAnn & Tom Murowsky 10:45 People of the Parish

<u>Monday, January 24</u> Saint Francis de Sales 8:00 Living & deceased members of Larry Vittori's Family

Tuesday, January 25 Conversion of St Paul, Apostle 8:00 Marlene Hummell

Wednesday, January 26 Saints Timothy & Titus, Bishop 8:00 Deceased members of Lottie Hunt's Family

Thursday, January 27 Weekday 8:00 Raymond Bosela Jr.

Friday, January 28 Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church 8:00 Father Jerome Lukachinsky

Saturday, January 28

Weekday 3:15 Confessions 4:00 Livinf & deceased members of Chris and Pat Elliott Family

Sunday, January 23 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 People of the Parish 10:45 Dorothy Perchinske

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



Allen Yakich, Charles Seufert, Patricia Votava, Michael Walker, Marianne Toma, Anthony Lupica, Madison Jacob, Mike Wyrzykowski, Jan Angus, Larry Piechowiak, Toni Oden, ,

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 families and friends of all who have recently died. May they and all of the dearly departed, rest in peace.

THINGS THAT DON'T BELONG We all have things in our lives that don't belong there. Maybe it's the poor way we allow someone to

Pastoral Scene

treat us, maybe it's a habitual sin, maybe it's a pattern of thought or attitude that traps us in a cycle of regret, anger, or an inability to forgive. Jesus has bold words for us today: "Take these out of here." When we hear the story of the Cleansing of the Temple, it can be easy to look down on the animal-sellers and money-changers. However, they set up shop in the Temple for a very practical purpose. People needed to buy animals to sacrifice, they were going to sacrifice them in the Temple. Very convenient, successful marketplace! For many of us, the negative influences in our lives don't come out of nowhere. We might have considered them guite practical and reasonable initially. We wanted to keep the peace, so we allowed someone to talk to us disrespectfully. A person hurt us deeply and we weren't prepared to let go of our resentment right away. Over time, these can fester and corrupt our inner life in a way we didn't expect. The response of Jesus is a strong one. "He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area." God wants to be whole, healthy human beings. He knows how destructive it is for our souls to be caught up sin – our own sin and those of others. God's love for us is startlingly fierce.

If we've allowed into our lives things that don't belong, let today be the day we ask Jesus to clear them out. It's not always easy or pretty, but it's necessary for our hearts to function the way they were made. God will turn our tables if we ask Him to.

Deacon Stan



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Are You Ready for a New Series?

Have you ever said, "I really wish I could" but realized that the rules in place prohibited doing so? The new series of articles is an attempt to do so without violating any restrictions. My greatest gift from God is my religious vocation, but the second gift God bestowed is my love of teaching the Catholic faith and delving into the Scriptures. After all, the Scriptures **are** the inspired word of God! Nevertheless, there are times when God's words are difficult to understand. I hope in this series to explore the unfamiliar vocabulary we hear (or read) in the Bible and make the richness of the text more understandable.

What we read or hear only has meaning if we understand the vocabulary being used because our brain has stored this information somewhere in our neurons. Since I do not preach nor think a vocabulary lesson would be allowed before Mass, consider this new series a journey in exploring the vocabulary of Scripture. YOU are gifted learners, and I am a surprisingly good teacher, so we just may be a match! Here is an example of what this series would contain.

During the first week after *Epiphany* (which means the revealing, manifestation, or appearance of a divine figure) the story of Hannah, the mother of Samuel, is read. Hannah was childless, and at a feast in the Temple in Shiloh prayed for a child, promising that if it was a son, she would dedicate him to the LORD. Scripture says, "the LORD remembered Hannah" and she bore a son whom she named Samuel (which means 'the one requested from God'.

Three years after Samuel's birth, Hannah and Elkanah, her husband, traveled to Shiloh to dedicate Samuel to the Lord. They offered sacrifice – a bull, a skin of wine, and an **ephah of flour**. Not knowing what an 'ephah' was I researched it. An '**ephah'** is an ancient Hebrew dry measure equivalent to a bushel. I then charmed a worker at West Side Market out of a bushel basket, filled the basket with bags of flour, and weighted it. An 'ephah' weighs approximately 35 pounds.

The new series will 'unveil' the definition of unfamiliar terms that influence ones understanding of Scriptural passages, (both Old and New), as well as the what and why of events, reasons prophets wrote what they wrote, sensitive timelines for biblical events, and important vocabulary.

Like any teacher, I understand this initiative may fly or crash! Please let me know what you think and feel free to ask questions that can be answered in this series. (And, NO, I do not think there will be a Jeopardy category on Scriptural Terms, but you never know!)

Venturing out into fresh territory --Sister Helene

Join us every Thursday at 6:00 pm in



Church as we pray the Rosary. All are invited.

CWV Post 1812 Auxiliary

DUE TO THE RECENT SPREADING OF COVID-19 SO RAPIDLY, OUR JANUARY 24TH MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED. STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY. HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Your President, Johanna Oros

Masks During Communion and Social Distancing

Because of the recent spike in the ongoing Covid Pandemic, Bishop Malesic has mandated that all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion must wear masks while distributing the Blessed Sacrament. It is still strongly suggested that those in the Assembly where masks inside the Church building. In addition, we ask you to continue showing care and concern for others by keeping safe distance from those around you while inside the building. Thank you for your ongoing cooperation.

COFFEE & DONUT SOCIAL

Coffee & Donut Social will be this Sunday, after the 9:00AM mass. Hosting will be members from St. Vincent DePaul Society.



Religion Question of the Week

Who was the founder of the St. Vincent de Paul Society? (Answer on page 4)

Did You Know?

Did you know that there are 185 parishes in the Diocese of Cleveland?

One Liner

"With God all things are possible". (Motto of the State of Ohio)

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ActivitiesCALENDAR STEWARDSH <u>MONDAY, January 24</u> 3:15 Catholic War Veterans Auxiliary (AR) 4:00 p.m. Athletic Practice (g) **January 16, 2022** 4:15 p.m. Walking Group (J) **TUESDAY, January 25** Sunday Offering......\$ 6,056.00 4:00 p.m. Athletic Practice (g) WEDNESDAY, January 26 St. Monica Fund.....\$ 345.00 3:00 p.m. Living Stations Practice (+) Misc. Special Envelopes.....\$ 694.00 4:00 p.m. Athletic Practice (g) 7:00 p.m. G.A. Mtg. (+) Catholic University.....\$ 234.00 THURSDAY, January 27 3:00 p.m. Living Stations Practice (+) Please continue to mail in your donations, 4:00 p.m. Athletic Practice (g) 4:15 p.m. Walking Group (J) donate online or drop off at the office. You can also drop your donation in the baskets in church. 7:00 Ward 7 Block Watch (AR) Thank you for your continued support. 7:00 GD.H.N. Meeting (J) FRIDAY, January 28 Collection for the Church in Latin America 4:00 p.m. Athletic Practice (g) SATURDAY, January 29 This weekend we take up the Collection for the 11:00 a.m. Reconciliation & 1st Communion Prep (F) Church in Latin America! Many people in Latin SUNDAY, January 30 American and the Caribbean do not have access to church programs and ministries because a rising secular culture, rugged rural terrain, and Garfield Heights Knights of Columbus a shortage of ministers. Your generosity ena-Wednesday Night Dinners: January bles our brothers and sisters in Latin America Reservations by Sunday, January 23....8PM and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Wednesday, January 26– Beef Tips Church and grow closed to Christ. Please be \$10.00 per dinner generous in the special collection! To learn Prepared by Lori's Custom Catering ---phone 216-662-2277 --- MAILBOX #3 **Dinner Consists of:** Encounter Beef Tips with mushrooms, over noodles, He was incidentally there - a passerby and a victim of cir-

Tossed Salad and Roll and butter. **EVERYTHING IS PACKAGED - PRE-ORDER ONLY** Curbside Pickup- Ready to heat -

NO BAKERY-SERVING TIME 4-6 PM

Pickup at 10806 Granger Road—CLUB 4130 Please leave your complete name, phone number and number of dinners you will be picking up. Please no changes day of. Thank you for your continued patron-age. If someone else is picking up - leave their name also.

Answer to This Week's Religion Question

Who is the founder of the St. Vincent de Paul Society?

Answer: This Society was founded in Paris by the French scholar, Frederick Ozanam in 1833.

and he helped Jesus carry his cross. Whenever YOU are the individual Caught up in duties not of your own choosing or not in

cumstance. Unfortunately, he was at the wrong place at the

wrong time. By being where he was, he was guilty by asso-

Yes, helping someone was giving service, but it was a ser-

vice that he felt was unwanted, unpleasant, and a service

he experienced as unfairness and bad luck. Yet, this work was, ironically, the most significant work he would do in his

Without ever planning anything such as this, he would be

remembered in perpetuity. His name was Simon of Cyrene

ciation with a condemned criminal.

- your job description
- Whose plans can be sacrificed because everyone else is seen as more important

Whose life is disrupted by unwanted circumstances YOU join him.

Purely earthly accidents often make us responsible for what is divine. Thy conscript us to our real work - helping Simon of Cyrene to carry the cross of Jesus.

lifetime.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, which consisted of men, women, and those children old enough to understand. Standing at one end of the open place that was before the Water Gate, he read out of the book from daybreak till midday, in the presence of the men, the women, and those children old enough to understand; and all the people listened attentively to the book of the law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the occasion. He opened the scroll so that all the people might see it - for he was standing higher up than any of the people —; and, as he opened it, all the people rose. Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people, their hands raised high, answered, "Amen, amen!" Then they bowed down and prostrated themselves before the LORD, their faces to the ground. Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read. Then Nehemiah, that is, His Excellency, and Ezra the priest-scribe and the Levites who were instructing the people said to all the people: "Today is holy to the LORD your God. Do not He said further: "Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared; for today is holy to our LORD. Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength!"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 19:8-10, 15 Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul; The decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.

The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The command of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eye.

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; The ordinances of the LORD are true, all of them just.

Let the words of my mouth and the thought of my heart find favor before you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Brothers and sisters: As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. Now the body is not a single part, but many. If a foot should say, "Because I am not a hand I do not belong to the body, "it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. Or if an ear should say, "Because I am not an eye I do not belong to the body, "it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God placed the parts, each one of them, in the body as he intended. If they were all one part, where would the body be? But as it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I do not need you, "nor again the head to the feet, "I do not need you." Indeed, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are all the more necessary, and those parts of the body that we consider less honorable we surround with greater honor, and our less presentable parts are treated with greater propriety, whereas our more presentable parts do not need this. But God has so constructed the body as to give greater honor to a part that is without it, so that there may be no division in the body, but that the parts may have the same concern for one another. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy. Now you are Christ's body, and individually parts of it. Some people God has designated in the church to be, first, apostles; second, prophets; third, teachers; then, mighty deeds; then gifts of healing, assistance, administration, and varieties of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work mighty deeds? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?

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GOSPEL Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received. Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all. He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord. Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

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(JOURNEYSONGS)

ENTRANCE CHANT 659 Open My Eyes

- 1. Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face. Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.
- 2. Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice. Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.
- 3. Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love like you. Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love.
- 4. I live within you. Deep in your heart, O Love. I live within you. Rest now in me.

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PRESENTATION AND PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS 665 Center of My Life

O Lord, you are the center of my life: I will always praise you, I will always serve you, I will always keep you in my sight.

- 1. Keep me safe, O God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord, "You are my God. My happiness lies in you alone; my happiness lies in you alone."
- I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

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COMMUNION CHANT 784 Pan de Vida

Pan de Vida, cuerpo del Señor, cup of blessing, blood of Christ the Lord. At this table the last shall be first. Poder es server, porque Dios es amor.

- 1. We are the dwelling of God, fragile and wounded and weak. We are the body of Christ, called to be the compassion of God.
- You call me Teacher and Lord; I, who have washed your feet. So you must do as I do, so the greatest must become the least.
- 3. There is no Jew or Greek; there is no slave or free; there is no woman or man; only heirs of the promise of God.

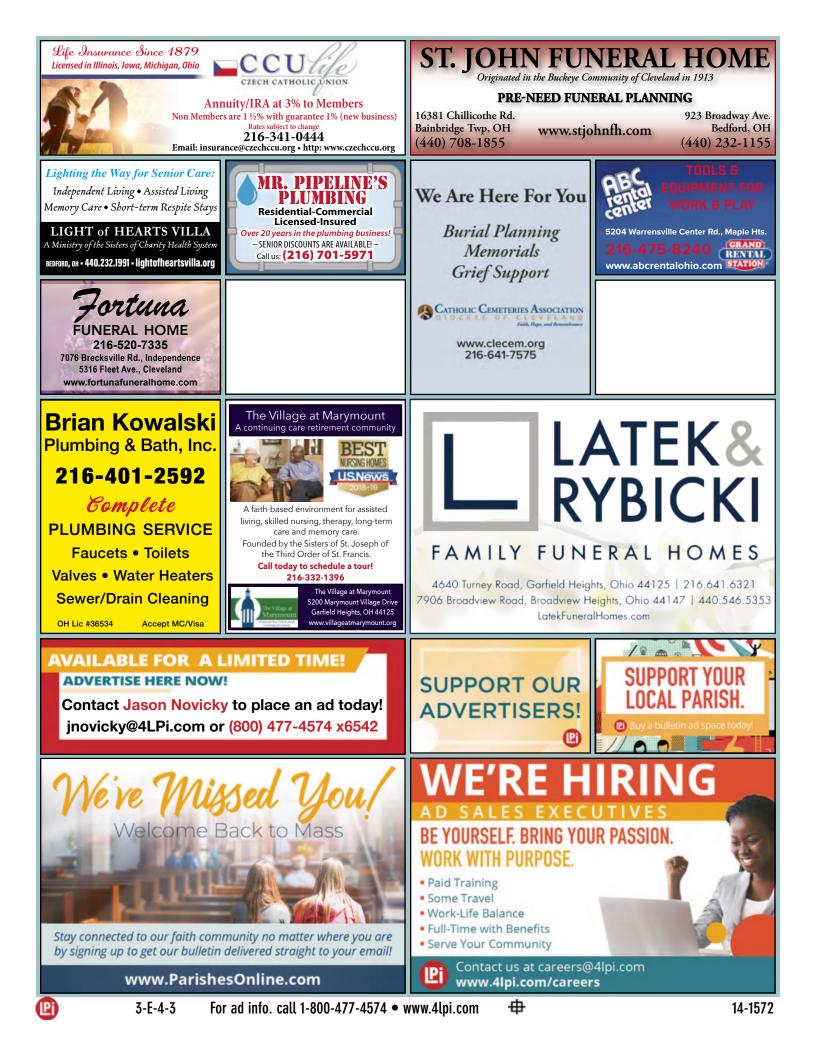
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FINAL PSALM OR HYMN 614 How Great Thou Art

- 1. O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder Consider all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, They pow'r throughout the universe displayed;
- When through the woods and forest glades I wander, And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; How great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; How great thou art, how great thou art!

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