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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office is open 8:00 am—5:00 pm. Monday - Thursday and 8:00 am— Noon on Friday

MASSES: 7 days a week Saturday: 4:00 p.m. Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Monday-Friday: 8:00a.m.

Bulletin Announcements due to srjoyce@saintmonicachurch.net by NOON on Friday

PARISH CLERGY

Rev. Thomas A. <u>Haren</u>, **Pastor** Rev. Theodore <u>Marszal</u>, **Senior Parochial Vicar** Rev. Thomas G. <u>Montavon</u>, **Retired**, **in Residence** Stan <u>Drozell</u>, **Deacon**

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St. Monica September 25, 2022

Catholic Church



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.

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

<u>Sunday, September 25</u> Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 People of the Parish10:45 William Winslow & Mary Bollinger

<u>Monday, September 26</u> Weekday

8:00 All Souls

Tuesday, September 27

St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

8:00 Nancy Bialkowski

<u>Wednesday, September 28</u> Weekday

8:00 James Baroni, Anthony & Josephine Russo, Edward & Elizabeth Baroni

<u>Thursday, September 29</u> Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

8:00 Helen & Chester Basiewicz

<u>Friday, September 30</u> St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00 Living & deceased Alex & Patrice Adams Family

<u>Saturday, October 1</u> St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

4:00 People of the Parish

<u>Sunday, October 2</u> Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 Walter & Ann Stepamik10:45 Marge Netzband

Know Someone Who is Homebound

Ask them if they would like to receive communion on the First Friday of each month. If they would ask them to call the Parish Office (216) 662-8685 and they will be added to the list.

Pastoral Scene

SOAR

Safety-Ownership-Achievements-Success

We welcome 457 students to our 2022-2023 school year! Both of our campuses are off to a strong start and we look forward to an exciting year ahead! Our theme for this school year is SOAR - Safety-Ownership-Achievements-Success! Together, our students and staff will work on lessons and projects that will help them SOAR through the school year!

We began our year with many updates and improvements! This summer every classroom was furnished with air conditioner and air purifier units. All hallways, restrooms, and common areas were equipped with air filtering units as well. We are confident the new air purification systems will keep our students and staff healthy this year!

Additional cameras have also been installed at both campuses. We have a total of 20 cameras at the main campus and Early Learning Center. Additional door locks that secure into the floor have also been added to all doors at both campuses for added safety measures. Safety drills are conducted monthly to ensure our students and staff are prepared for any emergency situations.

New math, ELA, science, and social studies curricula were purchased last year and this year. All students in grades K-8 have a Chromebook and each classroom has been enhanced with new Activpanels. Additional tutors have been hired to help individualize learning in the classroom. These new programs and equipment help keep our students engaged in their learning! As many schools are experiencing learning loss during the pandemic our students have shown growth. We attribute this to the stellar teaching and support provided by our teachers and staff!

Our faith has always been at the forefront of why we do what we do. We are excited to continue our weekly school Mass and prayer services throughout the year. We are excited to add Praise Days to our faith formation experiences this year. Students will engage in several retreat days that encourage them to share their faith with one another. Hospitality Weekends at St. Martin of Tours and St. Monica Parishes will continue to occur monthly. Students are excited to greet parishioners and share a gift with them! We encourage parishioners to get to know our students before and after Mass.

May God continue to bless us as we move into our 11th year at St. Benedict Catholic School! We are grateful for your continued support, prayers, and encouragement!

> God is Good, All the Time! Mrs. Lisa Oriti

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*Activities*CALENDAR

Monday, September 26

3:15 p.m. Catholic War Veterans Auxiliary (AR)
4:15 p.m. Walking Class (J)
4:00 p.m. Volleyball Practice (g)
5:30 p.m. Confirmation Session (F)
7:00 p.m. Holy Name Board Meeting (F)
Tuesday, September 27
4:00 p.m. Volleyball Practice (g)
Wednesday, September 28
4:00 p.m. Volleyball Practice (g)
6:30 p.m. G.A. Meeting (p)
Thursday, September 29
2:30 p.m. Confirmation Session (F)

3:15 p.m. Confirmation Session (F)
4:00 p.m. Volleyball Practice (g)
4:15 p.m. Walking Class (J)
6:00 p.m. Set Up Sandwich Saturday (J)
7:00 p.m. Ward 7 Block Watch (p)

Friday, September 30

4:00 p.m. Volleyball Practice (g) 6:00 Set Up Sandwich Saturday (J)

Saturday, October 1

9:00 a.m. Sandwich Saturday (J) 2:00 p.m. Baptish Bible Study (p) 6:00 p.m. 250 Club Dinner (c)

Catholic Communication Campaign

Today we take up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps CCC engage and build Catholic communities in the United States and around the world using the internet, television, radio, and print media, Half the funds we collect remain here in the Diocese of Cleveland to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the Gospel message. Support the collection today!

To learn more. Visit *www.usccb.org/ccc*



Our sincere sympathy and prayers are extended to the families and friends of Carol Perhach, David Smilth and Richard Krawczyk who were recently buried. May they and all of our dearly departed, rest in peace.

STEWARDSHIP

September 18, 2022

Sunday Offering\$	4,925.00
St. Monica Fund\$	240.00
Misc. Special Envelopes\$	

We Share Collections – August 2022

Sunday's..... \$7,060.50 St. Monica Fund..... \$751.00

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.

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

Joanne Reddinger, Stanley Faiken, Veronica Mayak. Anthony Lupica, Greg Conte, John A Chesney, Carol Hardon, Special Intention, Dr Jacob Mathew, Martin & Marie Hobbs, Mady & Dru Gibson, Kyle Leanza, Donna Bogucki, Bill Paluscsak, Harrison Shepherd, Nina Hubiak



The names will remain in the bulletin for two months. 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.

Religion Question of the Week:

What are the three Theological Virtues? (Answer on page 4)

Did You Know?

Did you know that the Financial Budget for St. Monica Parish for the year 2022—2023 is \$695,590?

One Liner

"Some of God's greatest gifts are not things, but opportunities".

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St. Monica Holy Name Society

Message from St. Monica Holy Name Society President.

As summer draws to an end, September saw our society resume its regular monthly meetings. Our next meeting will be October 2nd in the school cafeteria at 7pm. There will be a rosary recited at 6:30pm before the meeting.

During the summer break, our members helped beautify the church grounds by spreading many cubic yards of mulch to the flower beds. I for one, think the church has never looked as nice as it does now. One of our fall projects will be the much needed painting of the basement walls in the parish office.

Our 250 club continues to be as popular as ever with our parishioners as we will be resuming our 250Club Banquet Dinner in the fall. Also, please continue to support our \$1000 Monthly Raffle. It is the backbone of our societies ability to help fund many improvements around our parish. Thank you all for your participation.

Our Memorial Brick program at the parish shrine is still accepting orders, and will soon be placing an engraving order. Please consider purchasing a brick for your Family Name or to remember a lost loved one. This will be the last chance to get a brick placed until the spring of 2023.

Change continues at St. Monica Church as we see our Dearly Beloved Father Haren begin his retirement in January of 2023. I would like to be the first to wish him the best in the future, enjoying his retirement and his continued service to the Catholic Church.

St. Monica Church will be celebrating our 70th Anniversary this weekend as a parish during a celebratory dinner and social event. Our Holy Name Society will be supporting the event by help selling raffle tickets/side boards and basket of cheer. It will be interesting to see some of the memorabilia items that have been saved, I myself have a LP record the St. Monica Church produced *For Betsy*. I would like to find out more about it.

Thank you for all you do to help support our parish.

Paul Lysobey, President, HNS, 330-467-9328.

Catholic War Veterans Auxiliary meeting will be held on Monday Sept. 26th at 3:15 pm in the Augustine Room at St. Benedict School. Hope to see you there

Good Samaritan Fund

The Good Samaritan Fund is put in place to help our parishioners who might have some special needs, or who might be in need for some scholarship aid for their children to attending a Catholic School. If your family may want some help from this Fund, please call the parish office for an application.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule



Any special requests for *November/December/ January* schedules needs to be turned into the Parish Office no later than Friday, October 7th.

Please remember that this will include Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years so please make note of what you would like. We appreciate your help with this request. Thank you.

Memorial Bricks

The Holy Name Society will be placing a memorial brick order at the end of September. Bricks are available for \$50.00. If you are interested in buying a brick, please fill out the order form and return it to the parish office or drop it in the Sunday collection basket. Order forms are available in the parish office



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Interested in helping but do not have a lot of time available? Our Sandwich Saturday ministry is looking for people to deliver our Peanut Butter & Jelly sandwiches to their destination each month. One month to St. Ignatius and the other month to Front Steps Housing. For more information, please contact Sue Shepka at the Parish Office. Thank you in advance for your help.





5629 State Road, Parma, Ohio 44134 www.jesuitretreatcenter.org cmcmanus@jesuitretreatcenter.org The Word Alive: Living the Gospel of John A Virtual Program. Mondays, 7:00—8:30

October 3, 10,17, and 24 Presented by Michael Reiling

This program will draw people into a deeper communion with The Word, which was the divine life in Jesus and is the same life in us. Cost \$30.



From September 28 – November 6 you are invited to join with other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You are also invited to stand and peace-fully pray anytime between 7 am to 7 pm during the 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside **Preterm** - 12000 Shaker Blvd, Cleveland, 44120 or **Planned Parenthood** - 25350 Rockside Rd, Bedford Hts, 44146, or **Family Planning** – 54 South State St, Painesville, 44077.

Join us at the Kickoff Rally at St. John Vianney on Monday, September 26 at 7pm. Our Keynote Speaker is Peter Range. Please contact John Noall at <u>clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com</u> or 216-245-9744 for more information.

WEBSITES:

www.40daysforlife.com/cleveland www.40daysforlife.com/painesville www.40daysforlife.com/bedfordheights

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U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Alert

The United States Health and Human Services is proposing a change that would endanger All Catholic Hospitals and All Catholic Medical Employees in Hospitals. They are considering to amend Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex to include "sexual orientation and gender identity". This would force Catholic hospitals to perform genital mutilation surgery on men and women, and to use puberty blockers on children. These procedures are contrary to our religious beliefs. It could also force Catholic doctors and nurses to work in these procedures or lose their jobs. We have until October 3rd to comment on this proposed rule change.

Please write your objection to this affront of religious liberty to: U.S. Department of Human Services, Office of Civil Rights, Attn: 1557 NPRM (RIN 0945-AA17, Hubert H. Humphrey Bldg., Rm. 509F, 200 Independence Ave. S.W., Washington DC 20201



Zelie's Home Recruitment

Zelie's Home for homeless pregnant women and babies is looking for women to serve our residents.

Zelie'sHome

We hire in partnership with NDMVA, AmeriCorps, and offer a stipend and benefits. Part-time and Full-time positions are available and paid hours include weeknights, weekends, and overnights.

More info at zelieshome.org/americorps



Join us every Thursday at 6:00 pm in Church as we pray the Rosary.

All are invited.





Society of St. Vincent de Paul Annual Blanket Sunday October 8-9, 2022



The weekend of October 8-9 marks the 36th Annual Blanket Sunday Collection to

aid the poor. This collection is sponsored by the Diocesan St. Vincent de Paul Society. Due to sanitary concerns and lack of storage space, we will gratefully accept your financial donation and do shopping for you, making your money go even further with bulk purchases of blankets and othe items needed by the homeless and disadvantaged. SO please "blanket" someone foe the winter—and give yourself a warm feeling! You may also donate online at **www.svdpcle.org**

Isabella Guild of Garfield Hts. Invites you to join us:

Rivers Casino Trip Tuesday October 25, 2022 Cost: \$40 Rebate \$20 Food voucher \$5 Depart: Knights of Columbus Lot 8:30 am 10806 Granger Rd. Garfield Hts. 44125 Payment Due: October 1, 2022.

For information: Cathy Kraine (440)838-5743 or Marlene Kuczmarski (216)662-6645

PSR

The St. Martin—St. Monica Parish Schools of Religion starts with an Opening Mass and Parent Meeting on Monday, September 26, at 6:30 pm at Saint Martin of Tours. There is still time to sign up your child if you have already done so. Registration and forms will also be available in the vestibule the day of the Opening Mass and Parent Meeting.

D ENTRANCE CHANT 609 For the Beauty of the Earth

FIRST READING Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Thus says the LORD the God of hosts: Woe to the complacent in Zion! Lying upon beds of ivory, stretched comfortably on their couches, they eat lambs taken from the flock, and calves from the stall! Improvising to the music of the harp, like David, they devise their own accompaniment. They drink wine from bowls and anoint themselves with the best oils; yet they are not made ill by the collapse of Joseph! Therefore, now they shall be the first to go into exile, and their wanton revelry shall be done away with.

R. (1b) Praise the Lord, my soul!

Blessed is he who keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets captives free.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

The LORD gives sight to the blind; the LORD raises up those who were bowed down. The LORD loves the just; the LORD protects strangers.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

The fatherless and the widow he sustains, but the way of the wicked he thwarts. The LORD shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, through all generations. Alleluia.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

SECOND READING 1 Timothy 6:11-16

But you, man of God, pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. Compete well for the faith. Lay hold of eternal life, to which you were called when you made the noble confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you before God, who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus, who gave testimony under Pontius Pilate for the noble confession, to keep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ that the blessed and only ruler will make manifest at the proper time, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, and whom no human being has seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal power. Amen.

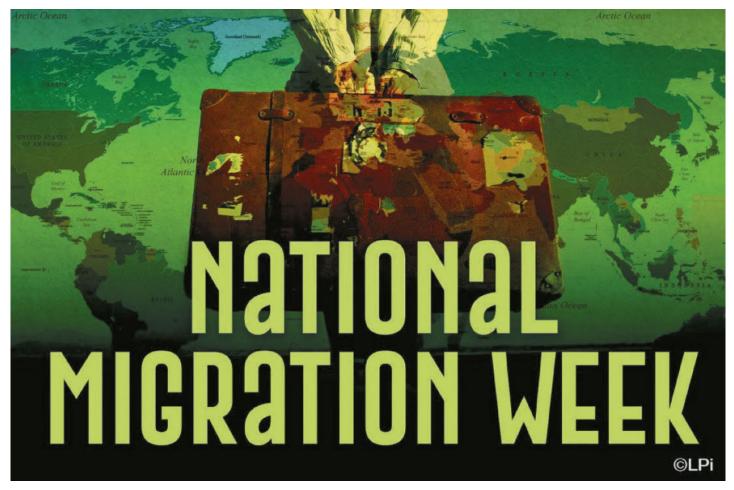
GOSPEL Luke 16:19-31

Jesus said to the Pharisees: "There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day. And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even used to come and lick his sores. When the poor man died, he was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried, and from the netherworld, where he was in torment, he raised his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he cried out, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am suffering torment in these flames.' Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established to prevent anyone from crossing who might wish to go from our side to yours or from your side to ours.' He said, 'Then I beg you, father, send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they too come to this place of torment.' But Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them.' He said, 'Oh no, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' Then Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.'''

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