# St.Monica January 1, 2023

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2023!

#### **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. Haren, Pastor Rev. Theodore Marszal, Senior Parochial Vicar Rev. Thomas G. Montavon, **Retired, in Residence** Stan Drozell, Deacon

## PASTORAL STAFF

Sister Helene Skrzyniarz SSJ-TOSF, Parish Catechetical Leader srhelene@saintmonicachurch.net

Molly Grunau, Director of **Liturgy and Music** 

Diane O'Neill, Business Mgr

Susan Shepka, Office Mgr

Joseph Ungarsky Pastoral Council Chairman

Bill Simon **Finance Council Chairman** Bob Soeder, Web Master



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

## Sunday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God, The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord

9:00 George Kaczmarek10:45 Veronica & Thomas Kvosnok

<u>Monday, January 2</u> Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church

8:00 Antonio Carriero

<u>Tuesday, January 3</u> Christmas Weekday

8:00 Helen Bykiewicz

<u>Wednesday, January 4</u> USA, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

8:00 James Svarovsky

<u>Thursday, January 5</u> USA, St John Neumann, Bishop

8:00 Michael D. King

<u>First Friday, January 6</u> Christmas Weekday

8:00 Living & Deceased Cheryl & Michael Hanzlick Family

<u>Saturday, January 7</u> Christmas Weekday

4:00 People of the Parish

<u>Sunday, January 8</u> The Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 Joseph & Marie Ungarsky & Frances & Paul Svoboda
10:45 Frank & Henrietta Pellettiere

## **Religion Question of the Week:**

Under which title of the Blessed Virgin do we celebrate the Feast day on January 1<sup>st</sup>?

#### **Did You Know?**

Did you know that the first Mass celebrated for St. Monica Parish was at Maple Leaf School?

#### One Liner

"God is good all the time. All the time God is good".

## **Pastoral Scene**

**Reflection Article for the New Year** 

Today, the Church celebrates Mary, the Mother of God. It is also the Octave day of Christmas and Prayer for World Peace. New beginnings are important for all of us, whether old or not so old.

The common denominator is CHANGE. If we are honest with ourselves, we always change. As the Parish of St. Monica, we will have a big change with Fr. Tom Haren retiring and a new pastor, appointed by our bishop, in the person of Father John Mullee, arrives in the middle of January.

I have been with Father Haren since June, 2014. We have worked well together. I was close to his uncle, Msgr. Basil Haren when I lived at the Cathedral.

Now with the New Year, we all will move forward. I personally will miss living and working with Fr. Haren. I am thankful that I have had this opportunity and I say to the LORD, THANK YOU.

In the same breath, I look forward to our new Pastor arriving with his gifts and talents which will be a continuing work of the Holy Spirit here at the Parish of St. Monica. May we continue to pray for our Parish and know that God's abiding grace, through the intercession of St. Monica, will bless our resolve to serve Him with hope and joy.

Fr. Ted Marszal



Our sincere sympathy and prayers are extended to the families and friends of **Geraldine Klinkowicz** and all who have recently died. May they and all of the dearly departed, rest in peace.

#### **January 1, 2023**

# **Activities**CALENDAR

### Monday, January 2

7:00 p.m. Coin Club Meeting (AR)

## Tuesday, January 3

4:00 p.m. Athletic Practice (g)6:00 p.m. PTU Monthly Meeting (c 1&2)6:30 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting (F)

#### Wednesday, January 4

4:00 p.m. Athletic Practice (g)6:30 p.m. Ladies Guild Board Meeting (F)6:30 p.m. GA Meeting (+)

## Thursday, January 5

4:00 p.m. Athletic Practice (g) 4:15 p.m. Walking Class (J)

### Friday, January 6

4:00 p.m. Athletic Practice (g)

#### Saturday, January 7

9:00 a.m. Sandwich Saturday (J)

#### Sunday, January 8

1:00 p.m. RCIA (F) 2:30 p.m. Divine Mercy Holy Hour (+) 8:00 p.m. AA (c)

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

#### \$500.00

Ticket #0099 Seller: Ted Eles Captain: Will Skladany

#### \$500.00

Ticket #1329 Seller: Ben Welich Captain: Ben Welich

#### tickets were sold: 1694

Tickets for the June drawing can be purchased from any Holy Name member or in the parish office. The next drawing will be Sunday, January 29 after the 10:45 Mass in the Church. All proceeds are used for parish maintenance

# STEWARDSHIP

#### December 18, 2022

Sunday Offering	\$ 6.731.00
St. Monica Fund	
Misc. Special Envelopes.	\$ 3,020.00

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:

John A. Chesney, Veronica Mayak, Larry Piechowiak, Mike W., Ed Majewski, Lisa Bielawski, Gaylene Bielawski, Veronica Mayak, Joanne Reddinger, Carole & Gerald DeLooze, Anthony Lupica, Gabriel Malcolm, Francis Lahman

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.



## <u>Sandwich</u> <u>Saturday</u>



Join us Saturday January 7, beginning at 9:00 am

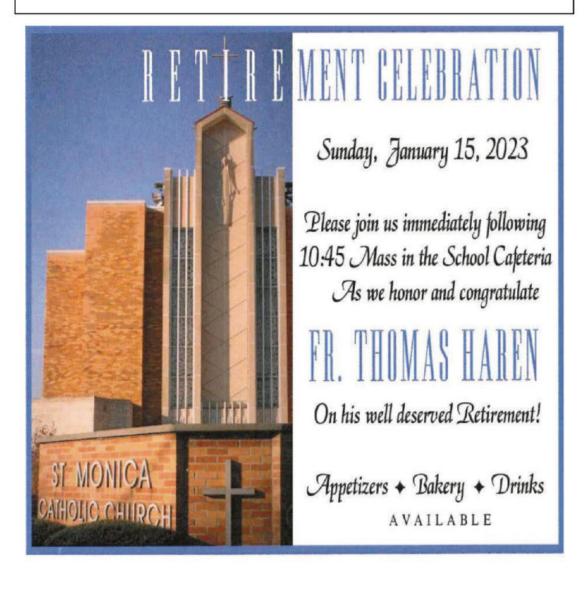
in the lower level of the Parish Office. This month, sandwiches are delivered to St. Ignatius for their ministry to the homeless. Any questions, call the Parish Office 216-662-8685.

All are invited to join the fun.

# The time has come!

We all know that you cannot stop time, so it is bittersweet we send this out.

Please plan on attending as we acknowledge all Fr. Haren has done for us these past  $17\frac{1}{2}$  years.



### **January 1, 2023**

**Answer to This Week's Religion Question:** Under which title of the Blessed Virgin do we celebrate the Feast on January 1<sup>st</sup>?

Answer: Mary, The Holy Mother of God

## Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Any special requests for the *February/March/April* 



schedule needs to be turned into the Parish Office no later than Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. Also, if you have not updated your information,

Please turn in a new data input form as the information that is currently in the program is from 2015.

We appreciate your help with this request.



## How the Canon of the New Testament was Approved

Although the Bible does not give any set of criteria that were used to determine which books were to be considered Scripture or how the determination was made, we do know that the following criteria used, most likely would have included the following:

#### 1. Prophetic Authorship

For a book to be considered canonical, it must have been written by a prophet or apostle or by one who had a special relationship to such (Mark to Peter, Luke to Paul). Only those who had witnessed the events or had recorded eyewitness testimony could have their writings considered as Holy Scripture.

## 2. Witness of the Holy Spirit:

The Holy Spirit also inspired the people in understanding which books belonged in the canon and which did not. The Spirit did not reveal a list of inspired books but left their recognition to a historical process in which the Spirit was active. God's people learned as God worked in their hearts.

## 3. Acceptance by the Church:

All twenty-seven books in our present canon were recognized by all the churches of the West. After the Damasine Council of Rome in A.D. 332 and the third Council of Carthage in A.D. 397 the question of the Canon was closed in the West. The first council that accepted the present canon of the New Testament may have been the Synod of Hippo Regius in North Africa (393). However, the formation of a list books for the Canon had already been formulated in 140 A.D.

## 4. Final Approval and Inclusion in the Holy Scriptures:

All twenty-seven books in our present canon were recognized by the Church very early. After the Damasine Council of Rome in A.D. 332 and the third Council of Carthage in A.D. 397 the question of the Canon was closed in the West and by the year 500 the whole Greek-speaking church had also accepted all the books in our present New Testament.

We have the promise of Jesus that His disciples would be given total recall by the Holy Spirit of the things He said and did. These same disciples either wrote the New Testament books or had input into which works were accepted as Scripture. Any book that claimed canonical status yet diverted from the truth of the life of Christ, would have been rejected by Jesus' own disciples who were, eyewitnesses to the New Testament events. The acceptance of these inspired Scriptural writings by God's people was an important criterion for a book to be considered canonical.

Through the Eyes of the Researcher – Sister Helene

ENTRANCE CHANT 484 O Sanctissima

FIRST READING Numbers 6:22-27

The LORD said to Moses: "Speak to Aaron and his sons and tell them: This is how you shall bless the Israelites. Say to them:

The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace!

So shall they invoke my name upon the Israelites, and I will bless them."

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Psalm 67:2-3, 5-6, 8

#### R. May God bless us in his mercy.

May God have pity on us and bless us; may he let his face shine upon us. So may your way be known upon earth; among all nations, your salvation.

#### R. May God bless us in his mercy.

May the nations be glad and exult because you rule the peoples in equity; the nations on the earth you guide.

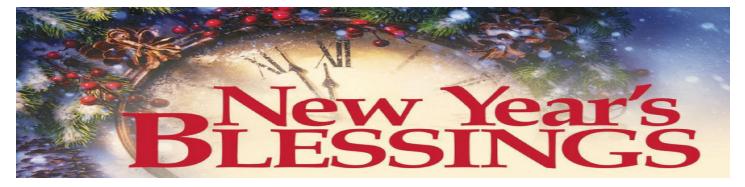
#### R. May God bless us in his mercy

May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you! May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear him!

#### R. May God bless us in his mercy.

#### SECOND READING Galatians 4:4-7

Brothers and sisters: When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to ransom those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. As proof that you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then also an heir, through God.



GOSPEL Luke 2:16-21

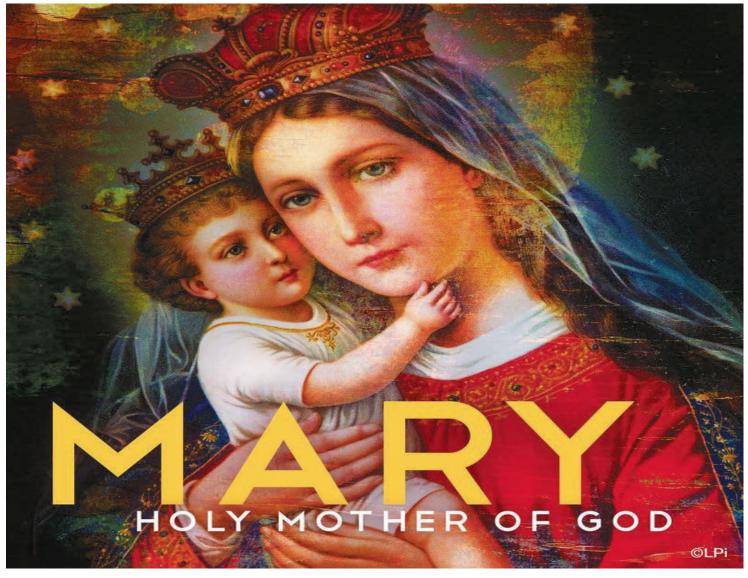
The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them. When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

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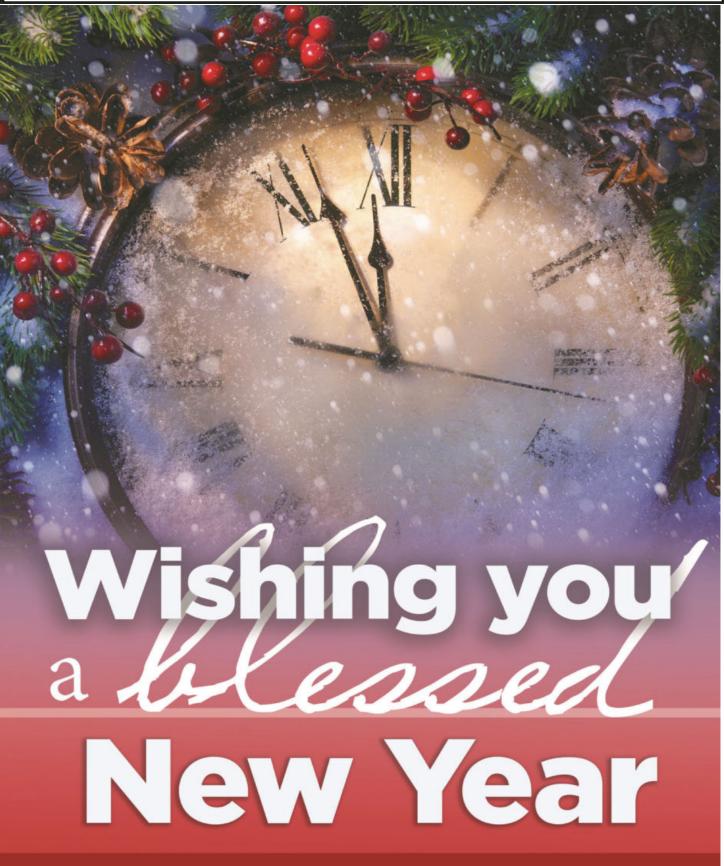
#### PRESENTATION AND PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS 481 Hail Mary: Gentle Woman

**COMMUNION CHANT** 310 Away in a Manger

FINAL PSALM OR HYMN 498 Hail, Holy Queen



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# THE GRAPEVINE 2023



Board Meeting: WEDNESDAY, JAN. 4 - 6:30 p.m. Jennings Social: WEDNESDAY, JAN. 18 - 2:00 p.m. Membership Meeting: THURSDAY, JAN. 19 - 6:30 p.m.

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### SUE KOLO - 216-536-7680 / 330-467-5972

Happy New Year Everyone! This January is not only the beginning of a new year, but, a year of new beginnings. After fifteen years, the Guild will have a new Moderator when Fr. Haren retires. I have sent a letter inviting our new pastor, Fr. Mullee, to be our next Moderator. As of this writing, I have not yet heard whether he will accept our invitation. But be assured, as soon as I know, I will let you know.

I think it was fitting that our traditional December Christmas Party and Bunko Game was also Fr. Haren's Retirement/Farewell Party. I think we all know how much he enjoys playing Bunko. This time he actually took home a few gifts! Thank you all for contributing those lottery tickets to his prize bag. I'm sure he enjoyed all the scratch-offs. Hope he won something! I know Father was very touched by and appreciative of the Guild's \$200 donation to LifeWorks Ohio in his honor, and by the Memorial Brick placed at The Lady of Fatima Shrine to honor him as Guild Moderator. Fr. Haren is a wonderful example of how you spread the Love of God through word and deed. Good luck and God Bless You, Father, as you start this new chapter of your life called Retirement. I believe I speak for all the ladies when I say we will miss you and come back to visit any time.

May God give us all Peace in the New Year!

Sue

#### PROGRAM

#### DIANE HOJNOWSKI - 440-232-2962

Thank you to all our generous members who made our Bunko/Christmas Party a huge success. I hope everyone enjoyed themselves. I know Fr. Haren enjoyed his surprise Bunko gift. I hope he wins something big with his scratchoff tickets. Welcome to our two newest members, Sister Joyce and Deb Rowinski! At our first meeting of 2023, <u>please join us on Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m.</u> for a fun evening as we play another one of our favorites-Bingo! <u>Remember to wear your most comfy clothes</u>. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a very Healthy and Happy New Year!

#### FASHION SHOW/LUNCHEON

#### MARLYN PRAZNIK - 216-218-2482

<sup>\*</sup>Plans are moving along for celebrating our **37th Annual Fashion Show/Luncheon on April 23, 2023, at Birchwood Banquet & Party Center in Walton Hills.** <u>Blossoms n Bows Boutique in Sagamore Hills will be providing our</u> <u>fashions.</u> **Our theme this year is "Spring Greenery Celebration--We're Sprouting the Green!"** in honor of all things green (like Arbor Day, growth, healing... and cash!)

 Please remember us during this season of gift giving and donate your new or never used items for the basket raffles. We need "new" gifts, gift cards/gift certificates that will not expire until after April 2023. Some suggestions would be children's toys, games, personal care items, gardening items, pet items, just to name a few. Donations can be brought to our membership meeting, dropped at the parish office, or call Marlyn Praznik (216-218-2482) to make arrangements for pick up or drop off.



#### PARLIAMENTARIAN

#### BETTY JACOB - 216-218-5667

With a new year comes changes, and so it is that time for us to begin thinking about selecting a Nominating Committee. This process will take place at our March meeting, wherein 5 eligible members volunteer to participate on this committee. As March is not too far away, please start thinking of being a part of this very important committee. Please do not hesitate to call me with any questions.

#### SUNSHINE

#### BARB OKUROWSKI - 216-406-3731

Thank you for keeping me posted on our members and/or their families in need of a little sunshine. Wishing you a

#### TRAVELING MADONNA

#### RITA STANOWICK 216-662-1513 / ROSEMARY WELICH 216-410-5003

The Traveling Madonna visited with **Rita Stanowick in December**. She will be visiting in the home of **Fran Arko b for the month of January**, and continue Her travels to the home of **Jane Dahlhausen for the month of February**. If you would like to schedule a visit to your home, **please call Rita Stanowick or Rosemary Welich**.

#### ROSARY CHAIN

#### CHRISTINE PAYNTER 216-475-4205

I will ask all of you to pray for the members we have lost in 2022. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

#### JENNINGS SOCIAL

#### SUE KOLO - 216-536-7680 / 330-467-5972

As I reported last month, the December Social was moved back to Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>, which was after the Grapevine deadline for articles. Therefore, I will report on the December and January Socials in the February Grapevine. If
 you would like to come and join us, our next visit will be on Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. You will need to have been vaccinated for Covid-19 and wear a mask while you are there. Come to the main the entrance to sign in. Hope you can join us.

## JANUARY 🥗 BIRTHDAYS

Betty Halasz	Jan. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Linda Mayausky	Jan. 9th	Fran Arko	Jan. 12 <sup>th</sup>
Kristen Medvetz	Jan. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Christine Paynter	Jan. 14th	Barb Looby	Jan. 14th
Dawn Ziman	Jan. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Shirley Smith	Jan. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Ruth Misischia	Jan. 21 <sup>st</sup>
Patricia Cordell	Jan. 21st	Geraldine Golem	Jan. 27th	Diana Kolodzies	Jan. 27th

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"CHEERS TO A GRACIOUS NEW YEAR. MAY WE UPHOLD THE FULLNESS OF GOD'S GRACE, GOODNESS, AND GOODWILL."

LAILAH GIFTY AKITA

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