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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**

PASTORAL STAFF

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

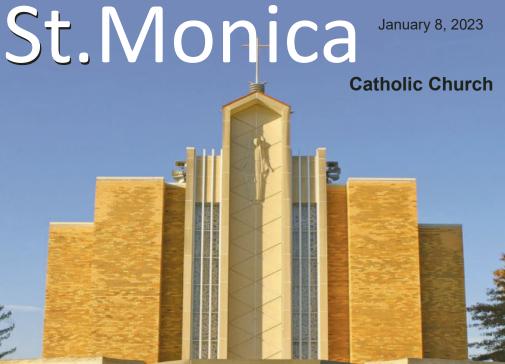
Molly Grunau, Director of Liturgy and Music

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.

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

9:00 Joseph & Marie Ungarsky & Frances & Paul Svoboda 10:45 Frank & Henrietta Pellettiere Monday, January 9 The Baptism of the Lord 8:00 Joan Billings, MD Tuesday, January 10 Weekday 8:00 Thomas Cundall Wednesday, January 11 Weekdau 8:00 Mary Picone Thursday, January 12 Weekday 8:00 Diane Fargo Friday, January 13 Weekday 8:00 Ann Spirka Saturday, January 14 Weekday 4:00 Alphonse & Alice Prusinski Sunday, January 15 9:00 Becky Savarda 10:45 People of the Parish



There will be a Divine Mercy Holy Hour **This Sunday at 2:30** p.m. in Church. All are Invited!

Jesus, courage of martyrs Jesus, light of confessors Jesus, purity of virgins Jesus, crown of all saints

"Are you troubled? Think but of Jesus – speak but the name of Jesus, the clouds disperse and peace descends anew from heaven. Have you fallen into sin? So that you fear death? ..invoke the name of Jesus and you will soon feel life returning. No obduracy of the soul, no weakness, no coldness of heart can resist this holy name – there is no heart which will not soften and open in tears at this holy name." St. Bernard of Clairvaux Have a blessed New Year, Molly

Pastoral Scene

Most Holy Name of Jesus

The month of January is dedicated to the Most Holy Name of Jesus. As we begin the New Year, what a wonderful opportunity it is to honor God by asking for His guidance in resolving to do only His Holy Will.

It is very important and powerful to call upon the name of Jesus throughout our day. By doing so, we are reminded and rerouted to trust that God is in control and we are to ask for the strength to carry out His Holy Will. Below are some beautiful names we can reflect upon when praying to our Heavenly Father. They come from the Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus.

God our Father in heaven God the Son Redeemer of the world God the Holy Spirit Holy Trinity, one God Jesus, Son of the living God Jesus, splendor of the Father Jesus, brightness of everlasting light Jesus, king of glory Jesus, dawn of justice Jesus, Son of the Virgin Mary Jesus, worthy of our love Jesus, worthy of our wonder Jesus, mighty God Jesus, father of the world to come Jesus, prince of peace Jesus, all-powerful Jesus, pattern of patience Jesus, model of obedience Jesus, gentle and humble of heart Jesus, lover of chastity Jesus, lover of us all Jesus, God of peace Jesus, author of life Jesus, model of goodness Jesus, seeker of souls Jesus, our God Jesus, our refuge Jesus, father of the poor Jesus, treasure of the faithful Jesus, Good Shepherd Jesus, the true light Jesus, eternal wisdom Jesus, infinite goodness Jesus, our way and our life Jesus, king of patriarchs Jesus, teacher of apostles Jesus, master of evangelists

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Activities CALENDAR

Monday, January 9 4:00 p.m. Athletic Practice (g) 4:15 p.m. Walking Class (J) 7:00 p.m. Finance Council Meeting (F) **Tuesday, January 10** 1:30 p.m. Senior Meeting (J) 4:00 p.m. Athletic Practice (g) 6:30 p.m. Baptism Class (F) Wednesday, January 11 4:00 p.m. Athletic Practice (g) 6:30 p.m. GA Meetings (+) Thursday, January 12 4:00 p.m. Athletic Practice (g) 4:15 p.m. Walking Class (J) Friday, January 13 4:00 Athletic Practice (g) Saturday, January 14 8:30 a.m. Men of the Vine (ocu 1&2) Sunday, January 15 1:00 p.m. RCIA (F) 7:30 p.m. A.A. (c)

St. Monica Senior Club

Our January meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 10th at 2:00 p.m. in the St Joseph Room of the Parish office.



Coffer and Donuts will be served NEW Members are always welcome



The "Beige Envelopes" for the Good Samaritan Fund will be discontinued for the time being from your monthly envelopes. The Good Samaritan Fund is used to help parishioners who are in need, or who need help with their Catholic School Tuition. Due to your generosity, this Fund is in great shape for the near future. We thank all who have contributed during the past months.

STEWARDSHIP

December 25, 2022

Sunday Offering	\$ 4,540.00
St. Monica Fund	\$ 576.00
Misc. Special Envelopes	\$ 412.00
Christmas Collection	\$ 14,246.00

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, Carole & Gerald DeLooze, Anthony Lupica, Francis Lahman, Harrison Shephard, Stan Falken,

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 names attributed to the Magi who visited Jesus?

Did You Know? Did you know that there are 34 children in St. Benedict's Preschool, and 16 children in St. Benedict's Day Care program? (Both are located at the St. Martin of Tours Campus). **One Liner**

"Jesus is the reason for the Season".



Our sincere sympathy and prayers are extended to the families and friends of Antionette Stybel and Nicholas Deininger who were recently buried. May they and all of our dearly departed, rest in peace.

Answer to This Week's Religion Question:

What the names attributed to the Magi who visited Jesus?

Answer:

Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar.

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We Give Catholic

Thank you to our generous donors, who contributed to the We Give Catholic day. We raised a total of \$1130.00, which will go towards the purchase of the outside electric sign.

Collection for The Catholic University of America.

Next weekend the diocese will be taking up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Catholic University is a national research university with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs in the heart of Washington D.C.

By giving to the collection, you are supporting future Catholic leaders, both religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional, faith-rooted education and the University's various research and training initiatives that support dioceses and parishes in responding to the most pressing needs of their faithful.

Visit www.futurecatholicleaders.igivecatholictogather.org to learn more

Dear St. Monica Catholic Church,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$594.75 to Zelie's Home. Your love and investment in Zelie's Home is palpable through your thoughtful donorship.

I have been blessed to serve pregnant and parenting women and their children in Cleveland for more than eleven years and, therefore, people frequently ask me "Why do you continue to serve after all these years?" My answer is consistent, simple and related to this quote: "We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promises." - inspired by St. Oscar Romero

The moms at Zelies Home are ripe for learning, growth and love. Every day I have the honor and privilege of experiencing seeds being planted within the ground of their lives. Your donation makes it possible for Zelie's Home to plant seeds, create learning opportunities and give unconditional love.

We are incredibly grateful for your support and generosity. Please know that your love has made a difference in the lives of the mons and babies we serve. Thank You!

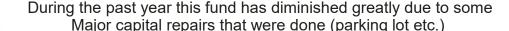


With heartfelt gratitude Erin Hathaway Executive Director, Zelie's Home

St. Monica Church Improvement Fund

The St. Monica Church Improvement Fund- yellow envelopes- is used for capital repairs, and for the maintenance of our parish buildings and grounds.

Over the years your donations to this fund have been a great help to our parish.





We thank those who have been contributing, and we ask all of our parishioners for their continued support of this monthly collection.



ENTRANCE CHANT 328 The First Nowell

FIRST READING Isaiah 60:1-6

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses.

Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son; He shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more. May he rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

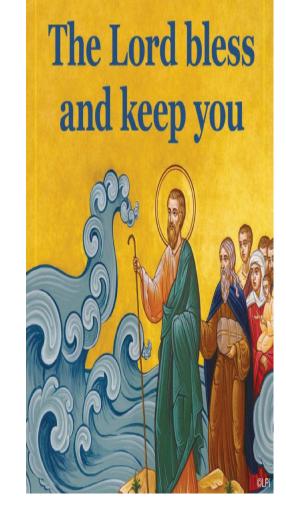
R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts; the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute. All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him. He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.



SECOND READING Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

GOSPEL Matthew 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet:

And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah,

are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;

since from you shall come a ruler,

who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

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COMMUNION CHANT 330 What Child Is This

FINAL PSALM OR HYMN 313 Hark! the Herald Angels Sing





