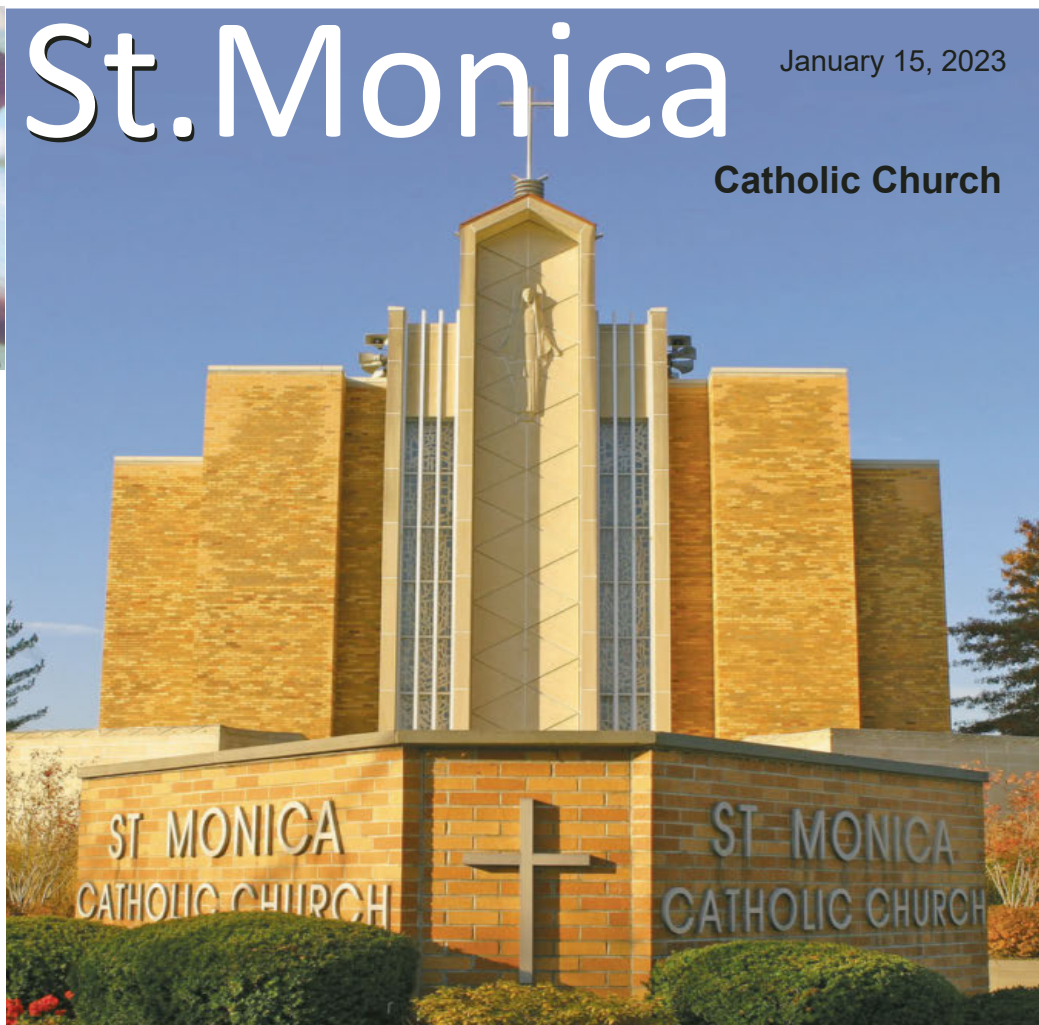




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January 15, 2023

Catholic Church



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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. Haren, **Pastor**

Rev. Theodore Marszal,

Senior Parochial Vicar

Rev. Thomas G. Montavon,

Retired, in Residence

Stan Drozell, **Deacon**

PASTORAL STAFF

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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*

EUCCHARIST 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**

Sunday, January 15

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 Becky Savarda

10:45 People of the Parish

Monday, January 16

Weekday

8:00 Dorothy Hanzlick living & deceased
family members

Tuesday, January 17

St. Anthony, Abbot

8:00 Robert & Olga Mohorcic

Wednesday, January 18

Weekday

8:00 Sylvia Bernarduci

Thursday, January 19

Weekday

8:00 In thanksgiving for Robert Marszal

Friday, January 20

Weekday

8:00 Living & deceased of Andy Fargo Family

Saturday, January 21

St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

4:00 Living & deceased of Betty F. Bennett
Family

Sunday, January 22

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 People of the Parish

10:45 Ernest Malicki

Pastoral Scene

The Measure of a Man

How does one describe the measure of a man – a person and Pastor who has successfully shepherded a parish, influenced your actions, grown your faith, challenged your intellect, stimulated your ability to learn more every day, and one who has touched your heart with his kindness, candor, and integrity? Allow me to try!

The measure of a man, especially Father Thomas Haren, can be seen through the life he leads and in the integrity of his actions. His strength inspirational, his actions right, and his motives unbiased. As I can attest, there is no duplicity in measuring this priest!

The measure of a man can be seen in how parishioners and many others hold him dear, trusting he will never lead them astray. If it isn't the right thing to do, even if the majority see the action as 'popular', Father Haren takes the high road as a minority of one. Truth and justice prevail, even after the action is done.

They say, "the eyes are the windows of one's soul" and that is true for Father Haren. When he stares into your eyes, you see his kindness and love of those he serves – and it is the children who always tell me "He is like Jesus." That is a spirit you can't disguise!

When one measures Father Haren, you see a man who smiles throughout his pain, who embraces the sunshine, who shakes off shadows, and laughs through the rain – both figurative and real. His is a 'John Wayne stance' that has definitely made him a true leader throughout his priesthood.

I have known the measure of a man and priest whom we know as 'Father Haren', and his closest friends call 'Tom'. By all he has been considered what a true friend is like!

I have known the measure of this man and priest. He is one who has touched my heart, strengthened my soul, grown my skills, and been an amazing presence in my life. Like all of you, I am sure the love and joy Father Haren has brought into our lives will never be forgotten.

We all have known the measure of a true man and priest in Father Thomas Haren. He has left invisible footprints on your heart and mine!

Sister Helene



Father John Mullee

On Sunday, January 15th,

Fr. John Mullee

becomes the fourth

Pastor of St. Monica Church.

He follows Fr. Hugh Gallagher,

Fr. Don Oleksiak, and Fr. Thomas Haren.

He was formerly the Pastor of St. Michael
Church in Independence, Ohio.

His first official day will be on

Monday, January 16th.

Please give him a wonderful

"St. Monica Church welcome"

as you do to all the new Priests who come to
serve at our parish.

Fr. Thomas Haren

ActivitiesCALENDAR

Monday, January 16

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

Tuesday, January 17

3:00 p.m. Faculty Meeting (AR)
4:00 p.m. Athletic Practice (g)
6:30 p.m. SVDP Meeting (AR)

Wednesday, January 18

4:00 p.m. Athletic Practice (g)
6:30 p.m. G.A. Meeting (+)

Thursday, January 19

4:00 p.m. Athletic Practice (g)
4:15 p.m. Walking Class (J)
6:30 p.m. Ladies Guild Meeting (c)

Friday, January 20

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

Saturday, January 21

8:30 a.m. Men of the Vine (ocu 1&2)

Sunday, January 22

1:00 p.m. RCIA (F)
6:00 p.m. AA (c)

STEWARDSHIP

January 1, 2023

Sunday Offering.....	\$ 6,353.00
St. Monica Fund.....	\$ 747.00
Misc. Special Envelopes.....	\$ 346.00
New Year's Solemnity of Mary.....	\$ 1,844.00
Christmas.....	\$3,324.00

January 8, 2023

Sunday Offering.....	\$ 4,638.00
St. Monica Fund.....	\$ 671.00
Misc. Special Envelopes.....	\$ 778.00

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:

Ed Mayavsky, Harrison Shepard, Joanne Reddinger, Nina Hubiak, John A. Chesney, Veronica Mayak, Larry Piechowiak, Mike W., Ed Majewski, Lisa Bielawski, Gaylene Bielawski, Carole & Gerald DeLooze, Anthony Lupica, 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.**



Join us after all Masses
next weekend,

January 21st & 22nd
as we welcome
Fr. Mullee.

Coffee & Danish
will be available
in the shrine area behind the screen.

Religion Question of the Week:

Where did John the Baptist do much of his ministry?

Did You Know?

Did you know that the territory of St. Monica Parish was at one time a part of St. Therese Parish?

One Liner

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you". (The Golden Rule)

Answer to This Week's Religion Question:

Where did John the Baptist perform much of his ministry?

Answer:

Down by the Jordan River.

World Mission Sunday

We received a "thank you" from the Diocesan Mission Office for the donations received from the 11/30 collection that was sent to their office.

They are very grateful for your generosity.

The Catholic University of America

This 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 at the University's various research and training initiatives that support diocese and parishes in responding to the most pressing needs of their faithful.

The Catholic Project—an initiative that brings together clergy and laity to address the challenges that the Catholic Church faces in the U.S. by contributing education, formation, research, events, and media, a master's program in Ecclesial Administration and Management, and a credentialing program that prepares recent graduates to serve as campus ministers, are a few examples how the University is serving the Church and nation. Please give generously.

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Our sincere sympathy and prayers are extended to the families and friends of Patricia Doubrava, Frank Gaglione and Sister Francesca Grzeslo who were recently buried. May they and all of our dearly departed, rest in peace.

Thank You from Womankind

Thank you for your recent donation of diapers, wipes, gift cards and cash from your St. Nick Program. The need is great, so your timing was perfect!

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Gratefully
Mary Ann Meitin
Executive Director

SMILE!
IT'S SUNDAY



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REMINDER...

PLEASE BE SURE TO STOP BY THE
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THAT HE DESERVES.

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

Sunday, January 15, 2023

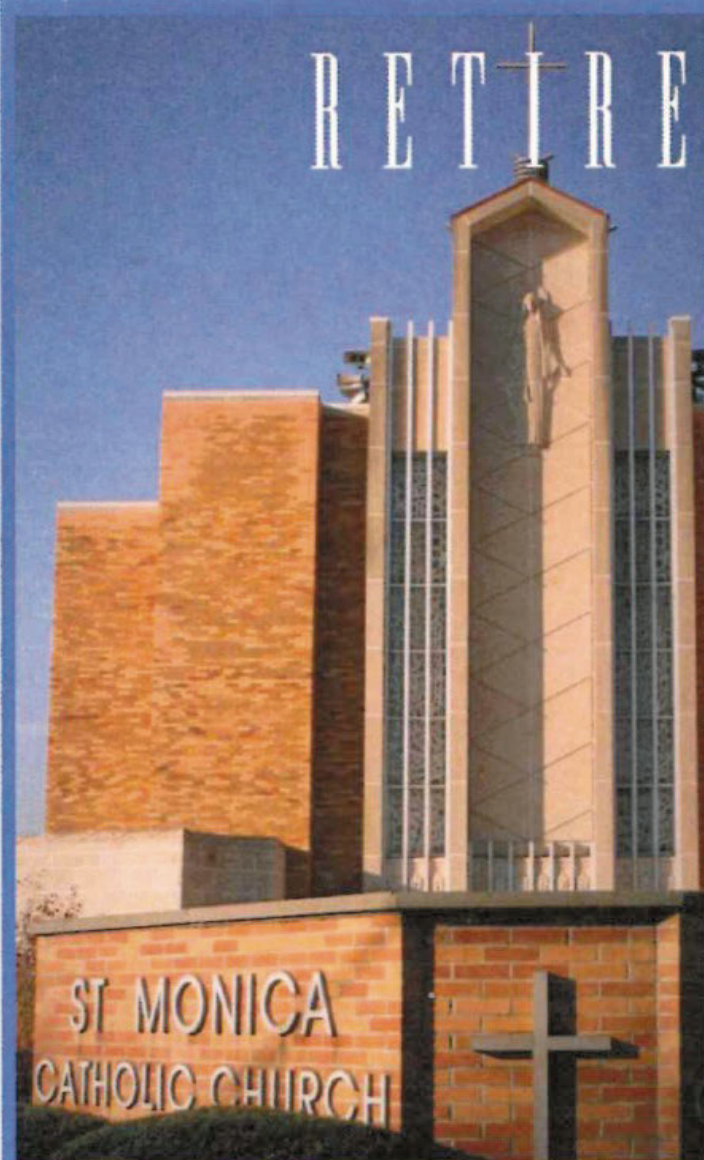
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THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS WEST

For Adults 40 & Over

We're going back to where we started! Join us Monday, Jan. 9 at **Copper Cup (Ironwood Café)** at 680 Dover Center in Westlake.

SPEAKER REVISION!

What do Blessed James Alberione, Venerable Fulton Sheen & Mother Angelica have in common? Bernadette Boguski, Executive Director of AM1260 The Rock will let us know that & more as we also go behind the scenes of this great radio station.

Cost is \$15.00 per person which includes light appetizers & refreshments. Cash Bar is also available. Pay online or at the door. Be sure to RSVP either way. Register in advance at: www.theologyontherocks.wixsite.com/west. Doors open at 6:30pm. Program begins at

AM1260 The Rock will broadcast the "Annual Youth Mass for Life" January 20, 2023, at 10:00 AM.



Happy New Year from AM 1260 Rock!

Please join AM 1260 The Rock as we broadcast the "Annual Youth Mass for Life," live from the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist on Friday, January 20th at 10:00 AM.

Listen via radio, through our website (am1260therock.com), or on our mobile app. Your prayers for LIFE are needed now more than ever for the most vulnerable in our society, the unborn! God Bless You!



Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2022 Fall Campaign of 40 Days for Life. God poured blessings upon the campaign and we know 502 babies, mothers, fathers, and families were spared from abortion, 6 abortion workers experienced conversion, and 12 abortion facilities closed. Praise God! Cumulatively over the 15 years of 40 Days for Life, there have been 22,289 babies spared from abortion, 242 converted abortion workers, and 131 abortion facility closures. Praise God! We look forward to praying with you from February 22 to April 2 in the 2023 Spring Campaign. God bless you and thank you.

John Noall, campaign director - 40 DFL/Cleveland/Bedford Hts/Painesville



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Sunday Grief Support Groups

3rd Sunday of each month

3 pm In-Office

5 pm Virtual Meeting

*Please join us for an hour of sharing, listening, learning,
and healing along your grief journey.*

Your RSVP is greatly appreciated. Please RSVP to rabrums@clecem.org or 216-930-4866.

2023 Meeting Dates

January 15	July 16
February 19	August 20
March 19	September 17
April 16	October 15
May 21	November 19
June 25	December 17

Locations

(Cemetery Offices)

St. Joseph Cemetery, Avon
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All Souls Cemetery, Chardon



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ENTRANCE CHANT 818 Here I Am, Lord

FIRST READING Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

The LORD said to me: You are my servant,
Israel, through whom I show my glory.
Now the LORD has spoken
who formed me as his servant from the womb,
that Jacob may be brought back to him
and Israel gathered to him;
and I am made glorious in the sight of the LORD,
and my God is now my strength!
It is too little, the LORD says, for you to be my servant,
to raise up the tribes of Jacob,
and restore the survivors of Israel;
I will make you a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-10

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

I have waited, waited for the LORD,
and he stooped toward me and heard my cry.
And he put a new song into my mouth,
a hymn to our God.

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Sacrifice or offering you wished not,
but ears open to obedience you gave me.
Holocausts or sin-offerings you sought not;
then said I, "Behold I come."

R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

"In the written scroll it is prescribed for me,
to do your will, O my God, is my delight,
and your law is within my heart!"

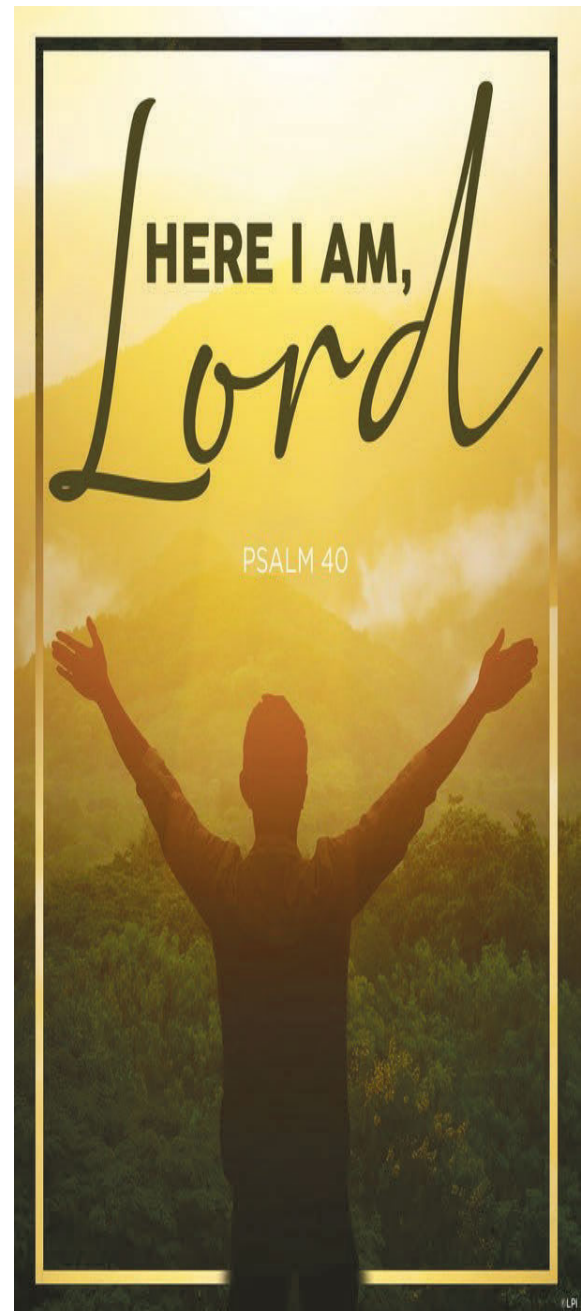
R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

I announced your justice in the vast assembly;
I did not restrain my lips, as you, O LORD, know.

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

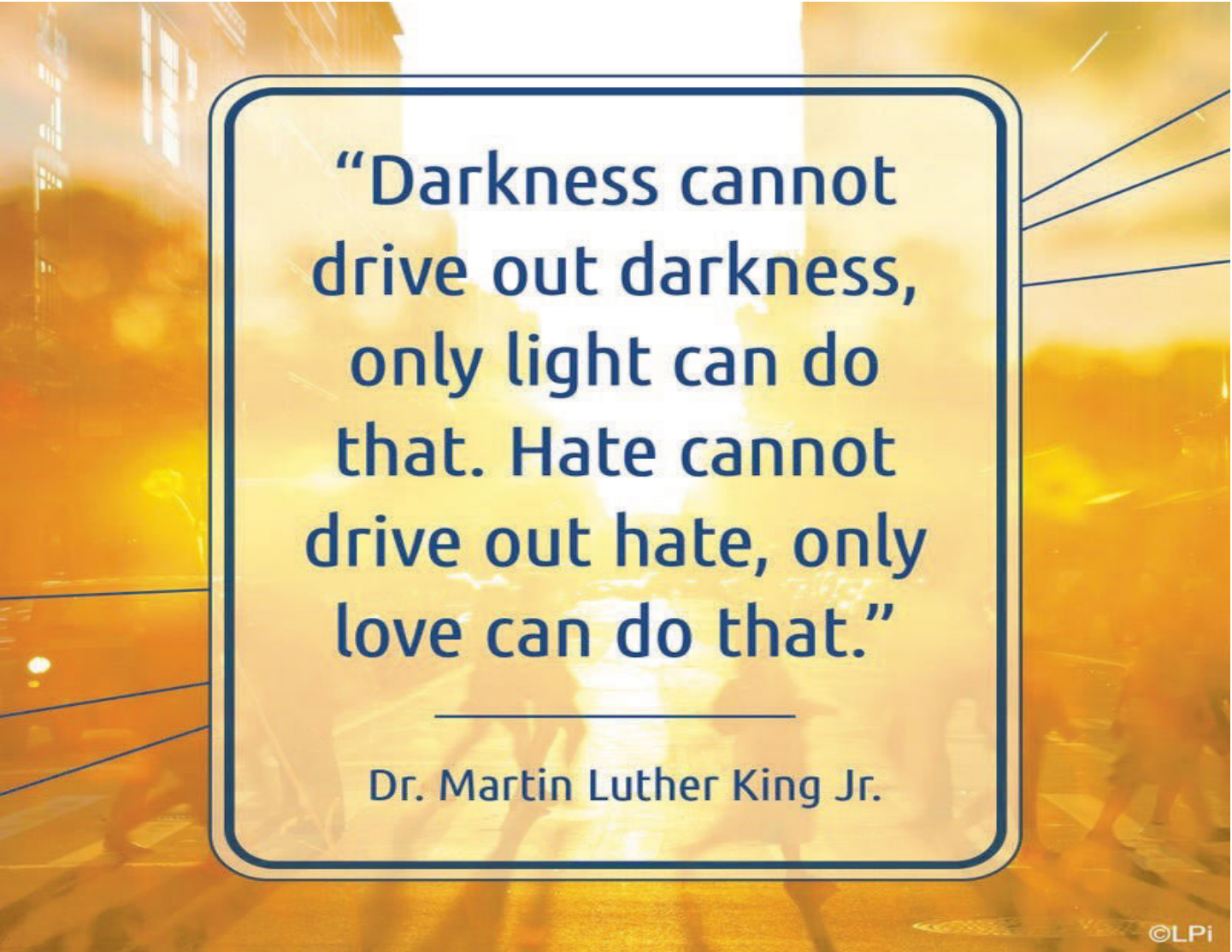
Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, to the church of God that is in Corinth, to you who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy, with all those everywhere who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.



GOSPEL John 1:29-34

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.' I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel." John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

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PRESENTATION AND PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS 516 Baptized in Water**COMMUNION CHANT** 793 One Bread, One Body**FINAL PSALM OR HYMN** 614 How Great Thou Art

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drive out darkness,
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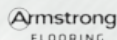
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