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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

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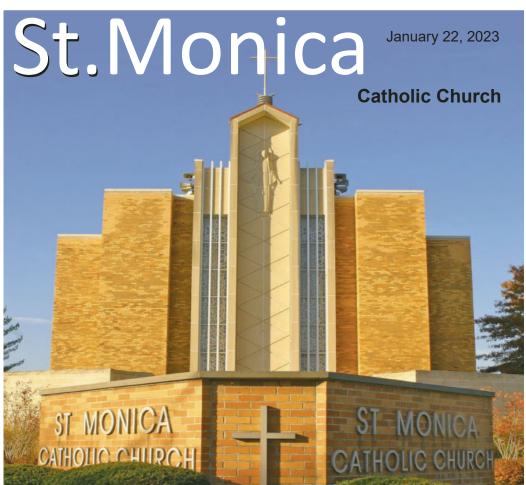
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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: We, the parish of St. Monica, work to create a Christlike family, welcoming all people where one encounters a loving God, by serving the spiritual, educational and social needs of the community.

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.



LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 22 Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

9:00 People of the Parish 10:45 Ernest Malicki

Monday, January 23 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

8:00 Mary Pieone

Tuesday, January 24 St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:00 William Presby

Wednesday, January 25 The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

8:00 Joe Nero

Thursday, January 26
St. Timothy & St. Titus, Bishops

8:00 Michael & Rose Kraynak

<u>Friday, January 27</u> *Weekday*

8:00 Gary Cooper

Saturday, January 28

St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church

4:00 People of the Parish

Sunday, January 29

9:00 Joselena DeLuca

10:45 Living & deceased Chris & Pat Elliott Family

Pastoral Scene continued

same questions while undergoing his 'test' before crucifixion. The answer to these questions and others like them will define the kind of spirt we will hand-over to God At the end of our lives in both the final test and the legacy of memories we leave behind.

Take some time to walk 'a stone's throw' away to look at your life. It will help you live each day with less fear, with less guilt, with more joy, and with more love for God and others.

A Stone's Throw Away – Sister Helene

Pastoral Scene

A Stone's Throw Away

Did you ever have a phrase, a melody, a commercial, or an idea that keeps coming back at the most inopportune moments? It is often a 'something" that you want to explore or understand better but you may be a bit afraid to do so. Luks' lien from the Passion of Jesus (22:41) is one of those for me. It reads: --"And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw and knelt down and prayed."

How far is a 'stones' throw" your might ask. Well, it's a distance far away enough in a place where no one can reach you. It is a place where you are totally alone, -- either physically or psychologically – from anyone else. A 'stone's throw' is an inner aloneness even in the mist of a group of other people.

The last week of June, I was blest to be on a silent retreat with nineteen other retreatants at Loyola Retreat House in Green, Ohio. We took silence seriously, not only during the four one-hour conferences each day, but also during meals and at our free time when conversation might be conducted. Six days of not using technology, walking five or more mils daily, prayer, reading, and focusing on the LORD was healing. A positive 'stone's throw away' for sure. But that distance is not always my 'real life' experience. Perhaps that is true for you as well.

A 'stone's throw away' puts us utterly alone in many ways. It is easy to believe in love when we feel loved, to be kind to others when they are kind to us, when we feel God's presence strongly (as I did on retreat), and when all things in life align. The difficulty comes when we find ourselves as Jesus did in the Garden of Gethsemane, surrounded by misunderstanding, hatred abandonment, and facing his death.

As I prayed about the 'stone's throw's' in my life, I focused on the following questions: Can I: Forgive someone who is hurting me because that person believes that I am the problem? Trust someone when his or her response is betrayal? Believe in the goodness of others when I don't see it? Or Continue to pray when everything Inside of me believes that God is not listening? I am very sure that Jesus struggled with these

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**** Activities CALENDAR

Monday, January 23

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

Tuesday, January 24

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

Wednesday, January 25

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

Thursday, January 26

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

7:00 p.m. Ward 7 Block Watch (AR)

7:00 p.m. D.H.N. Meeting (J)

Friday, January 27

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

Sunday, January 29

1:00 p.m. RCIA (F) 7:30 p.m. A.A. (c)



Our sincere sympathy and prayers are extended to the families and friends of Henry Kiel and Donald Harter who were recently buried.

May they and all of our dearly departed, rest in peace.

STEWARDSHIP

January, 15 2022

Sunday Offering\$5	.621 .00
St. Monica Fund\$	320.00
Misc. Special Envelopes\$	448.00

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:

Casey Wright, Ed Mayausky, 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.



From February 22 – April 2 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 peacefully 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 Our Lady of Mount Carmel gym, 29850 Euclid Ave, Wickliffe, 44092. The Keynote Speaker is Sr. Dierdre Byrne. Please contact John Noall at clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com or 216-245-9744 for more information.

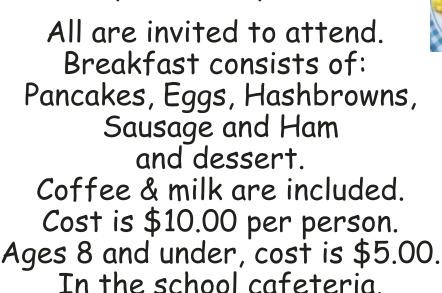
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Call 330-305-9963 or email www.GreatMarriagesOhio.org to apply.

Ward 7 Block Watch

The Garfield Heights Ward 7 Block Watch, sponsored by Councilman Tom Vaughn, will meet Thursday, January 26th at 7: PM in the St. Augustine room of St. Benedict School.

Nonperishable food items for the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry would be appreciated.

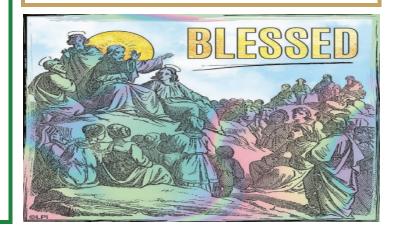
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St. Benedict Catholic School Future Poets of America

Congratulations to sixteen of our eighth graders, who will have their original poems published in **Celebration of Young Poets.**



In English, under the direction of Mrs. Donna Przybojewski, the students needed to write an original 20 line poem expressing feelings about growing up or the feelings of a toy watching them drift away from childhood.

The notification from "Poetic Power" stated: "The teachers and students of your school should feel honored as only the top 50% of the entries submitted from across the nation are invited to be published! Publishing the accepted poetry from our contest creates a record of what is important to today's students. Without this publication, the entries that reflect the unique creativity and talent of the youth today would be lost forever."

Congratulations to the following eighth graders:

Tre'Ana Williams Jeremiah Kreiger Kortnie Church Sanaa Brooks

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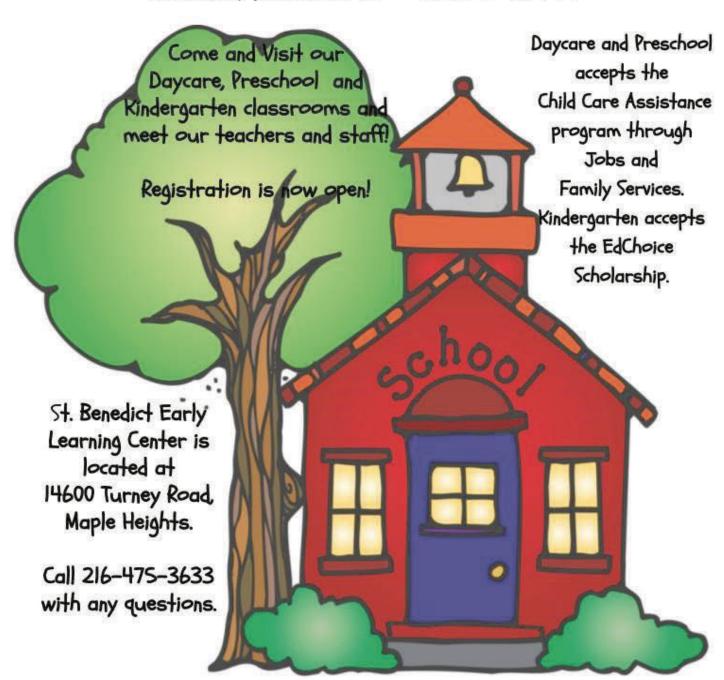


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February 2023 - Jesuit Retreat Center Programs & Retreats

4-Week Ignatian Retreat: Weeks #3-4: Everyday Life, Ignatian Spirituality, Spiritual Exercises.

Wednesdays, 7:00pm - 8:30pm. February 15, 22, March 1, 8, 15. *Presented by Fr. Paul O'Connor, SJ.* Join us in a four-week, everyday life journey of Ignatian Spirituality through "Week #3" and "Week #4" of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. The Exercises are mediations, prayers, and contemplative practices developed by St. Ignatius and structured into four "weeks" or movements. Cost \$220.

Ancient Practices for a Modern World: Part II - Lent.

Monday, February 20, 8:30am - 3:30pm. *Presented by Bill Hobbs*. As we prepare for Lent, come spend a day learning (or relearning) some ancient prayer practices to enhance your observance of the season. In this retreat, you will be introduced to four practices – Creativity, Visio Divina, Praying in Nature and the Jesus Prayer/Praying with Beads. Each of these practices is deeply rooted in the Christian contemplative tradition and can serve as a way to deepen your relationship with God. Cost: \$40.

February Morning Prayer for Women.

Monday, February 20, 9:30am - 11:00am. Women from all walks of life are invited to pray together and learn more about the beauty of prayer. Led by Sr. Mary Ann Flannery, S.C., this prayer group will refresh your spirit and help you find strength in regular prayer habits. Just bring your Bible and come as you are! Coffee and pastry are included. Free Will Offering (walk-ins welcome, registration not required).

February Sabbath Days - a Personal Retreat Day.

Tuesday, February 21, 8:30am - 3:30pm. Come and spend a day of renewal and prayer at the Jesuit Retreat Center. You will have access to the wonderful spaces both inside and outside the retreat center. We'll set aside one of our small group/spiritual direction rooms for your personal use. We'll provide a nutritious and simple lunch, along with endless coffee or tea. You are welcome here... Cost: \$50

Lent: Ignatian Reflection & Luncheon: Encounter Lent, Deepen your Prayer, Ignatian Spirituality.

Monday, February 27, 10:30am - 12:30pm. Join us for a Lenten experience of prayer, reflection, Ignatian Spirituality, and a luncheon. Our presenter, Fr. Paul O'Connor, S.J., the Director of Mission & Identity at JRC Parma, guides us through a Lenten encounter using gifts of Ignatian Spirituality, prayer, a presentation, silent reflection, a sharing of graces, and a luncheon. Early registration is recommended. Cost: \$40

Cinema & Conversation: East of the Mountains.

Monday, February 27, 7:00pm - 9:00pm. After the movie, there will be time for conversation and questions. Free Will Offering (walk-ins welcome, registration not required).

.ENTRANCE CHANT 824 Christ, Be our Light

FIRST READING Isaiah 8:23–9:3

First the Lord degraded the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali; but in the end he has glorified the seaward road, the land west of the Jordan, the District of the Gentiles.

Anguish has taken wing, dispelled is darkness: for there is no gloom where but now there was distress. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone.

You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing, as they rejoice before you as at the harvest, as people make merry when dividing spoils. For the yoke that burdened them, the pole on their shoulder, and the rod of their taskmaster you have smashed, as on the day of Midian.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear?
The LORD is my life's refuge; of whom should I be afraid?

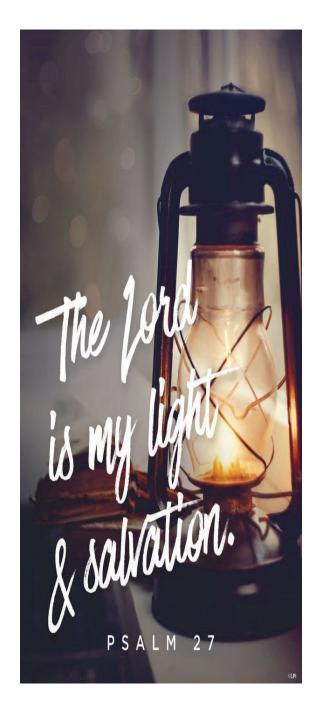
R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

One thing I ask of the LORD; this I seek: To dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, That I may gaze on the loveliness of the LORD and contemplate his temple.

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD in the land of the living.
Wait for the LORD with courage; be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.



SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree in what you say, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and in the same purpose. For it has been reported to me about you, my brothers and sisters, by Chloe's people, that there are rivalries among you. I mean that each of you is saying, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with the wisdom of human eloquence, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its meaning.

GOSPEL Matthew 4:12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,

the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan,

Galilee of the Gentiles,

the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light,

on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death

light has arisen.

From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him. He walked along from there and saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him. He went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people.

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