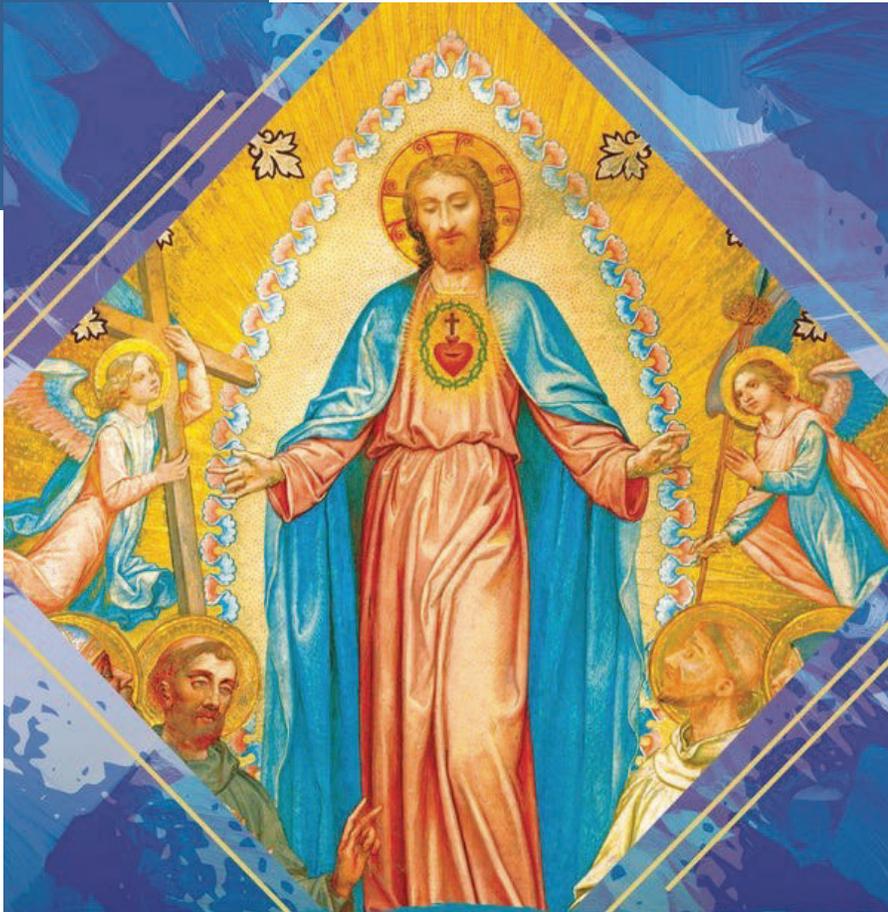


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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the
least brothers of mine, you did for me." - Mt 25:38-40

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OUR MISSION

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.

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Welcome!

Masses

Saturday | 4:00pm
Sunday | 9:00 and 10:45am
Monday - Friday | 8:00am

Confession

Saturday | 3:15pm

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday | 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Friday | 8:00 am - Noon
Saturday & Sunday | Closed

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Rev. John J. Mullee, **Pastor**
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Stan Drozell, Deacon

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by NOON on Friday the week before

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Pastoral Scene

Vulnerability is Love

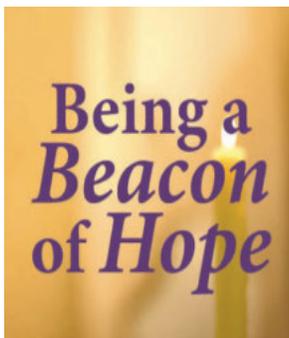
It's not unreasonable to think that if God wanted to make a statement he could do so in a very dramatic way. After all, he spoke through a burning bush that didn't actually burn, parted the Red Sea, sent manna to the Israelites from the sky, cured lepers, healed the sick and cast out demons. All of that is pretty dramatic stuff, and they made statements! Now, Jesus hangs dying on a cross. He has been referred to as a king. Considering all of the miracles Jesus did in his short time on earth, isn't one more in order? If Jesus came down off of the cross, defied death, and parted the waters of suffering and death, onlookers, believers and unbelievers alike, would take notice. It would prove who God is and show us what God wants us to do. Or would it?

Great spiritual masters remind us not to focus on miracles or consolations received from God. They can distract us. Doing anything other than what Jesus did would distract humanity as well, misplacing our focus. It's not about a miracle, at least not the dramatic kind people are eager to see. It's about something more profound. It all goes back to where it began for the earthly Jesus. God becomes one with humanity in Jesus Christ. All that goes into being human is holy and blessed, and that becomes a place where God is born, again and again. God, through Jesus, tells us to hold firm to all of the experiences of being human, the joys and the wonders, the disappointments and the failures.

Pastoral Scene continued on page 6

This Week's Highlight

"Being a Beacon of Hope" Program



Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card, a letter will be mailed to you with a personalized Commitment Card.

Each and every one of you is a vital member of our parish community and we want to hear from you!

This is an opportunity to **reflect upon and renew** your sacrificial commitment to support the mission of St. Monica Church.

For those who are able – there is an opportunity to make a one-time gift to the parish.

If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

For those of you who would prefer to fill out your Commitment Card online, please visit the parish website at www.saintmonicachurch.net.

OR

Scan this QR code with your smartphone to fill out your Commitment Card online.



STEWARDSHIP FOR NOV 12, 2023

Sunday Offering	\$ 6,090.19
St. Monica Fund.....	\$ 336.00
Misc. Special Envelopes.....	\$ 242.00

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 note our average weekly expenses are \$13,546.00



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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 26

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

9:00am People of the Parish

10:45am Roberta and Joseph Virzi, Sr.

Monday, November 27

Weekday

8:00am Sophie & Bob Panko

8:30am Exposition following mass

Tuesday, November 28

Weekday

8:00am Bernice & Roger Augustine

Wednesday, November 29

Weekday

8:00am Jo Lea

Thursday, November 30

St. Andrew, Apostle

8:00am Living & deceased members of the Barnes & O'Neill Families

Friday, December 1

Weekday

8:00am April Rutherford

Saturday, December 2

Weekday

4:00pm People of the Parish

Sunday, December 3

1st Sunday of Advent

9:00am Richard J. Lenczewski

10:45am William J. Gadomski

SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS

Please pray for the Seminarians of the Cleveland Diocese

Please join us in praying for the following seminarians this week:

Mon: Arthur Bordenschatz

Tuesday: Charles Cairnie

Wednesday: Noah Furin

Thursday: Jeremy Shafer

Friday: Sean Homcy

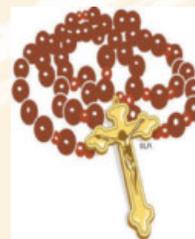
Saturday: Alexander Krukemeyer

Sunday: *Pray for all Parish Priest*

Pray for
An End to
Human
Trafficking

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

All are invited.



Please Pray For the Parishioners Listed Below

Maryann DiEgidio, Lisa Bielawski, Gaylene Bielawski,
Ron Smith Jr., Nikki Avalon, Annie Runyeon,
Anthony Lupica, Teadan Maynard (infant),
Tommie Ferrante, Betty Jacob, John A. Chesney,
Madeline Iglodi, Joanne Reddinger, Katie Medvetz,

Please call the parish office if you would like to add a name to this list.

If you have a special intention you would like remembered in prayer, please call Lillian Naptune (216)662-5464

THIS WEEK

Activities CALENDAR

Monday, November 27

4:00pm Winter Sports Practice (g)
4:00pm Walking Class (J)
7:00pm H.N. Board Meeting (c)

Tuesday, November 28

1:00pm Our Father's Daughters (F)
4:00pm Winter Sports Practice (g)

Wednesday, November 29

4:00pm Winter Sports Practice (g)
6:30pm G.A. Meeting (+)

Thursday, November 30

4:00pm Winter Spots Practice (g)
4:00 pm Walking Class (J)
5:00pm Set up Sandwich
Saturday (J)

Friday, December 1

3:00pm Set up Breakfast with
Santa (c, g)
5:00pm Set up for Sandwich
Saturday (J)
7:00pm Ward 7 Block Watch
Meeting (cmr)

Saturday, December 2

9:00am PTU Breakfast with
Santa (c, g)
9:00am Sandwich Saturday (J)

Sunday, December 3

7:30 pm A.A. Meeting (c)

Coats for Kids

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Will be collecting monetary donations
for "Coats for Kids" the weekends of
December 2nd & 3rd and
December 9th and 10th.

The Garfield Heights Ward 7 Block Watch,

sponsored by

Councilwoman Jenn Newrones,
will meet Thursday,

November 30th at 7:00 PM in
the **CAFETERIA** of
St. Benedict School.

All are welcome to come and
meet our new
Councilwoman.

For more information contact
Gail, 216-662-9213.



Sandwich Saturday

**Come and join us
at the
next Sandwich Saturday!**



**Saturday, December 2nd, at 9:00am in
the Parish Office.**

**All are invited to come and
join the fun.**

**Supplies needed: Jam/Jelly,
Sandwich Baggies, gloves & round
disposable tablecloths.**

St. Nicholas Gift Giving 2023

The St. Monica St. Nicholas Christmas Gift Sharing Program will be held again this year. The program is a sharing of Christmas gifts with those who are less fortunate and unable to buy gifts for their children and other family members. **Tags identifying the age, gender and type of suggested gift can be obtained in the vestibule starting next weekend December 2nd/3rd and December 9th/10th** Please return to Church the wrapped gifts with the tags securely attached the weekend of **December 16th / 17th .**



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OTHER INFORMATION

Join us for an Expectant Mothers Blessing

**During all masses
December 9th and 10th.**

The Most Important Person on earth is a mother.
She cannot claim the honor of having built
Notre Dame Cathedral.
She need not.

She has built something more magnificent than
any cathedral - a dwelling for an immortal soul,
the tiny perfection of her baby's body...
The angels have not been blessed with such a
grace.

They cannot share in God's creative miracle to
bring new saints to Heaven.
Only a human mother can.

Mothers are closer to God the Creator than any
other creature; God joins forces with mothers
in performing this act of creation.

What on God's good earth is more glorious
than this: to be a mother?

Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty



Garfield Heights Knights of Columbus Wednesday Night Dinners

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God's lesson is found in Jesus' vulnerability. It is only when we are vulnerable that we learn how to love. When Jesus breathed his last, God's unconditional and tender love was realized. Jesus always had a soft spot for the weak, lost, vulnerable, and broken. God wants us to come to Him freely, not because we have witnessed some fantastic display of prowess. God desires that we find Him through who we are, as our hearts and souls direct. This will mean that our love is authentic as it will be born of the heartache, pain, and turmoil that are a part of life. The fragments of our lives need to be made whole. Our fragmented king, Jesus Christ, is the only one who can help put the pieces together.

Deacon Stan

OTHER INFORMATION



Catholic Bishops of Ohio Statement on Passing of Issue 1

Today is a tragic day for women, children, and families in Ohio. We mourn that the dignity of human life remains concealed by the duplicity of a culture of death. Though this is a day of sorrow, we are never without hope. St. Paul tells us that it is in hope that we were saved and, “if we hope for what we do not see, we wait with endurance.”

Asking for God’s protection and mercy, we must look ahead. Despite the obstacles this amendment presents, the Catholic Church in Ohio will continue to work for policies that defend the most vulnerable, strengthen the child-parent relationship, and support women in need. As we pray for the conversion of minds and hearts to the gospel of life, we recommit ourselves to defending children in the womb and supporting women in need. The Catholic Church and faithful will never grow weary in our mission to help women and families flourish through ministries such as Walking with Moms in Need and other local organizations that provide material and spiritual support and through advocacy with policymakers.

We, the Catholic Bishops of Ohio, are grateful to the Catholic faithful, clergy, and all people of goodwill whose actions in this campaign demonstrated our commitment to honoring and upholding the dignity of life. Your sacrifices prove that the Church will never abandon her mission to support human life. We will persevere in this mission until every preborn child is protected, every pregnant woman is supported, and every human life receives respect, dignity, and justice.

With you in Christ Jesus,

The Most Rev. Dennis M. Schnurr
Archdiocese of Cincinnati

The Most Rev. Paul J. Bradley
Diocese of Steubenville

The Most Rev. Edward C. Malesic
Diocese of Cleveland

The Most Rev. David J. Bonnar
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Entrance Chant 461 Crown Him with Many Crowns

First Reading Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, so will I tend my sheep. I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark. I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord GOD. The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy, shepherding them rightly.

As for you, my sheep, says the Lord GOD, I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats.

The Responsorial Psalm Psalm 23:1-3, 5-6

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In verdant pastures he gives me repose.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul.
He guides me in right paths
for his name's sake.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You spread the table before me
in the sight of my foes;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Only goodness and kindness follow me
all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
for years to come.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.

READINGS & SONGS

Gospel Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.' Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

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Offertory Chant 467 Jesus the Lord

Communion Chant Lord, I Am Not Worth

Lord, I am not wor-thy, Lord, I am not wor-thy that
you should en-ter un-der my roof. On-ly say the word,
on-ly say the word and my soul shall be healed.

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Gathered at the altar of our God and King, we present ourselves. We are wounded sinners in need of grace; you restore our health.

As we eat your flesh sacrificed for us, we are made strong. As we drink your blood poured out for us, we are washed clean.

Body, blood, and soul and divinity, You give as gift to us. Now we become You whom we receive; In You we place our trust.

You took upon Yourself our humanity, You humbled Yourself. You give us a share in Your divinity; In You we find our help.

Unless you eat the flesh of the son of Man and drink of His blood, You do not share life within you; So come and thirst no more.

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Sacrificial Lamb of this great feast, grant us peace.

The Concluding Rites 614 How Great Thou Art

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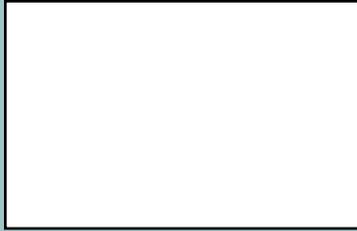
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