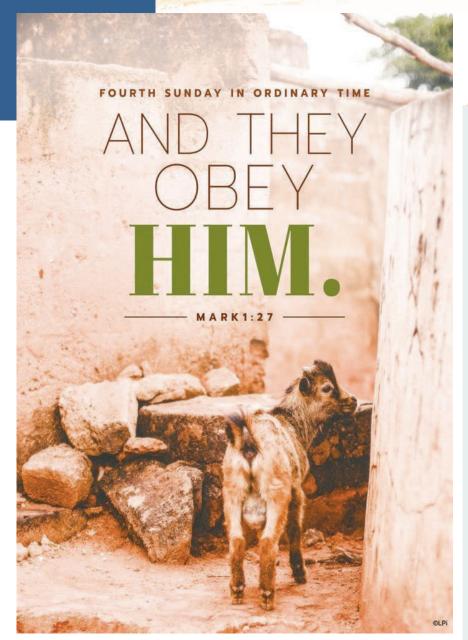
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### Welcome!

#### 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

#### **Parish Clergy**

Rev. John J. Mullee, **Pastor** Rev. Theodore Marszal **Retired, in Residence** Stan Drozell, Deacon

#### **Pastoral Staff**

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#### **Bulletin Announcements**

Email: srjoyce@saintmonicachurch.net by NOON on Friday the week before

#### **Additional Contacts**

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### PASTORAL SCENE

#### Pastoral Scene

### The Gospel for this Sunday reminds us of the power God has over Satan.

"Very few people believe in the devil these days, which suits the devil very well. He is always helping to circulate the news of his own death. The essence of God is existence, and He defines Himself as: 'I am Who am.' The essence of the devil is the lie, and he defines himself as: 'I am who am not.' Satan has very little trouble with those who do not believe in him; they are already on his side."

Venerable Fulton J. Sheen

Lucifer (Satan) was the most beautiful angel ever created. He began to envy God, wanting all of God's power. Lucifer's evil intentions came from the sin of pride which led him to be the fallen angel who constantly tries to lure people away from God. Look at

### This Week's Highlight

#### **Our Calendar Fundraiser**

has been a wonderfully successful event for the past 3 years and we are asking your help in

making year 4 the best year yet!

There will be drawings every day in April for a chance to win. Funds raised through this effort help offset the fall-short between Sunday collections and our weekly parish expenses.

If you are able to help by donating

cash or gift cards towards this year's winnings, please bring your donations to the parish office by March 4th

(no amount is too small!).

The calendar will be assembled and mailed out to parishioners no later than March 12th.

Again, we thank you for your generous spirits and the love you pour out into our parish

community ~ may God bless you abundantly!

the world...there is so much visible evil and most of it comes from that same spirit of envy and pride. We have the free will to choose to be a light of Jesus or an instrument of Satan.

Satan knows each of our personal weaknesses and with every opportunity will tempt us away from Jesus. In our prayer time, it is important to ask Jesus to keep us pure, good, and holy all the days of our lives. Remember that it is Jesus Who casts out evil and Mother Mary Who stands on the head of the snake depriving Satan of all power over us. When we honor Jesus as our AUTHORITY, we experience the triumph He has over ALL EVIL.

"Temptations are the sure sign of divine favor and the fact that you fear them is the clearest proof that you do not yield to them. The more violently the enemy attacks you the more you must abandon yourself to the Lord, confident that He will never allow you to be overcome."

St. Pio of Pietrelcina

May we always keep our hearts focused on our Lord Jesus and Our Mother Mary Who never leave us alone... especially when facing the snares of the devil.

May God bless you all with His Truth... His Truth that sets us free. Molly

### **STEWARDSHIP FOR JAN 21,2024**

 Sunday Offering
 \$ 5,967.70

 St. Monica Fund
 \$ 679.00

 Misc. Special Envelopes
 \$ 262.00

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



### MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, January 28 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**9:00am Chet Balewski
10:45am People of the Parish

### Monday, January 29 Weekday

8:00am Living & deceased Chris & Pat Elliott Family 8:30am Exposition following mass

Tuesday, <mark>January 30</mark> Weekday

8:00am Chet Balewski

Wednesday, January 31 St John Bosco, Priest 8:00am Dolores & John Kucinic Thursday, February 1
Weekday

8:00am Robert "Bob" Kalina

Friday, February 2
Presentation of the Lord

8:00am Living & deceased of Hyland Borkman Family

Saturday, February 3 *Weekday* 

4:00pm Raymond Nadolski

Sunday, February 4

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Fred J. Shisila 10:45am Dennis Woloszynek

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

All Are Welcome



Pray for Catholic Schools

# In Sympathy

Our sincere sympathy and prayers are extended for the family and friends of:
Dolores (Dolly) Kocik.
Who were recently buried.
May she and all of our dearly departed rest in peace

### SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS

Please pray for the
Seminarians of the
Cleveland Diocese
Please join us in praying for
the following seminarians
this week:

Mon: Christopher Cotone
Tuesday: Anthony Donatelli
Wednesday: Jom Hawkins
Thursday: Jeff Lindholm
Friday: James Parisi
Saturday: Brian Peters
Sunday: Pray for Bishop

Gries

### Please Pray For the Parishioners Listed Below

Special Intention, Marianne Toma,
Sally Weiskopf, Jerry Perchinske,
Madeleine Iglodi,

Joan Fischer, Wally Voyten, Joanne Reddinger

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

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### THIS WEEK

### **Activities CALENDAR**

#### Monday, January 29

4:00pm Winter Sports Practice (g) 4:00pm Walking Class (J) 7:00pm Holy Name Board

Meeting (c)

#### **Tuesday, January 30**

4:00pm Winter Sports Practice (g)

#### Wednesday, January 31

4:00pm Winter Sports Practice (g)

6:30pm G.A. Meeting (+)

#### Thursday, February 1

4:00pm Winter Sports Practice (g)

4:00pm Walking Class (J)

5:00pm Set Up Sandwich

Saturday (J)

7:00pm Fish Fry Meeting (c)

#### Friday, February 2

4:00pm Winter Sports Practice (g)

#### Saturday, February 3

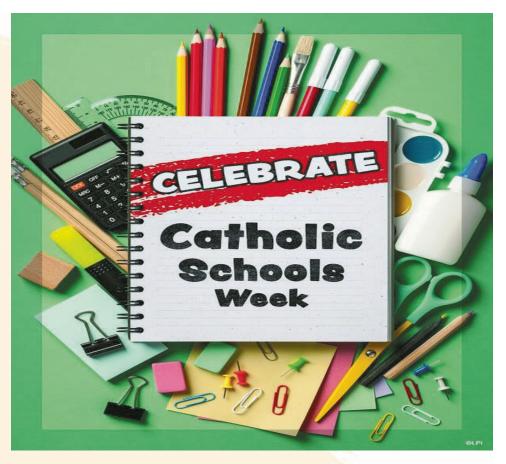
9:00am Sandwich Saturday (J)

#### Sunday, February 4

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

### **Fish Fry Time**

Thursday, February 1st there will be a meeting in the school cafeteria at 7:00pm for all the wonderful people who would like to join the Fish Fry Team.





### **Sandwich Saturday**

Come and join us for a jelly good time next Saturday! February 3rd,



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. Martin of Tours Bible Study—Everyone Invited

Please note date change for February Only. Next Study will be Tuesday, February 6, 2024—Jesus' Saving Mission—Matt Chapters 8-10.

No preregistration needed. We will meet in St. Martin of Tours School at 7:00 pm. All Are Welcome!

### OTHER INFORMATION



Mark your calendars!

As we enter this reflective Season of Lent, please look forward to joining us in the Church on March 10, 11, & 12 as Frank Runyeon from Runyeon Productions will bring to us:

A Journey to Joy.

Sunday, March 10, 7:00 pm Monday, March 11, 7:00 pm Tuesday, March 12, 7:00 pm Tuesday afternoon at 1:00 pm for Children

Free Will Offering

### OTHER INFORMATION

### **Parish Suggestion Box Response**

On behalf of the Parish Council, we want to thank the person who suggested that we get a higher toilet in the altar server's room.

After discussion with our maintenance team, it was concluded that the toilet installed in that

restroom and in all the restrooms in the church are ADA compliant.

Again, thanks for your suggestion.

In Christ Fr John

### There will be an In – Pew Collection for Catholic Charities

the weekend of February 10-11, 2024.
Envelopes will be provided in the pews on that weekend so you will be able to make your pledge or donation at that time.

Catholic Charities serves those in need in the diocese.

Please be generous.



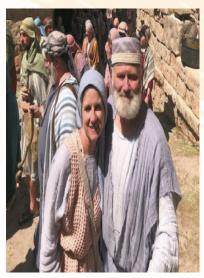
The Grade School Latin Program is a brief introduction to the Latin language and Roman culture.

The course is held on Saturdays from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.

The next session begins on Saturday February 10th and ends on Saturday March 2nd.

The course is FREE!!!

Register online at www.ignatius.edu/grade\_school or call Mr. Joseph Zebrak at 651-0222 ext. 253 or e-mail <a href="mailto:jzebrak@ignatius.edu">jzebrak@ignatius.edu</a> before the course begins.



### THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS WEST

For Adults 40 & Over
Join us Monday, Feb. 12 at Copper Cup (Ironwood Café)
688 Dover Center in Westlake.

The Chosen! Join us as Deacon Will Yoho & his wife Liz discuss the series, the actors, what it is like to be part of the action and the upcoming season!

The cost is \$15.00 per person which includes light appetizers & refreshments. Cash Bar is also available.

Advance tickets are highly recommended as space is limited. Register in advance: <a href="www.theologyontherockswest.com">www.theologyontherockswest.com</a> Doors open at 6:30pm. The program begins at 7pm.

### OTHER INFORMATION

### Garfield Heights Knights of Columbus Wednesday Night Dinners

Wednesday, February 7th Chicken Paprikash Coat \$13.00

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clothing for men, women, and children.
Volunteers are greatly needed while we are open and

during our closed hours to help sort and stock and

help shoppers on Saturdays.

For more information or to

volunteer please contact

St. Augustine Parish Office at (216) 781-5530

or email, outreach@staugustinecleveland.org

Community Closet and Cupboard

Highlights by the Numbers

- ◆ Served 826 in the month of October, 858 in the month of November, and 1040 in the month of December.
- ♦ In the month of October we helped 162 new families,168 during the month of November and in December 210 new customers came to us in need.
- ♦ It takes at least 12-14 volunteers just to open the doors.



### THER INFORMATION



### **January 28th, 2024** 10am - 12pm

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### READINGS & SONGS

**Entrance Chant** 443 Come, Holy Ghost (LAMBILLOTTE)

First Reading Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you from among your own kin; to him you shall listen. This is exactly what you requested of the LORD, your God, at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let us not again hear the voice of the LORD, our God, nor see this great fire any more, lest we die.' And the LORD said to me, 'This was well said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him. Whoever will not listen to my words which he speaks in my name, I myself will make him answer for it. But if a prophet presumes to speak in my name an oracle that I have not commanded him to speak, or speaks in the name of other gods, he shall die."

### The Responsorial Psalm Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9

### R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

### R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

### R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice:
"Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as in the day of Massah in the desert,
Where your fathers tempted me;
they tested me though they had seen my works."

### R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

### **Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties. An unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord. But a married man is anxious about the things of the world, how he may please his wife, and he is divided. An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy in both body and spirit. A married woman, on the other hand, is anxious about the things of the world, how she may please her husband. I am telling you this for your own benefit, not to impose a restraint upon you, but for the sake of propriety and adherence to the Lord without distraction.

### READINGS & SONGS

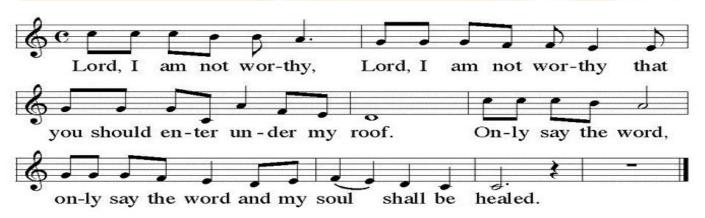
#### Gospel Mark 1:21-28

Then they came to Capernaum, and on the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.

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Offertory Chant 696 In Every Age (Whitaker)

Communion Chant Lord, I Am Not Worthy



Refrain text: Matthew 8:8, Lord, I am not worthy. Words & Music: © 2022, Fr. Joe Menkhaus, Fr. Connor Hetzel, Monica Menkhaus, Max Menkhaus.

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.

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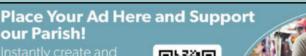
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