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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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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

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

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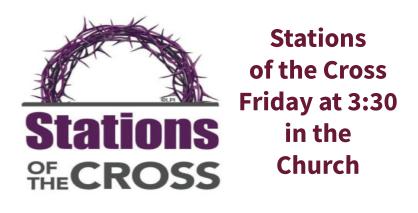
PASTORAL SCENE

Pastoral Scene

St. Michael the Archangel

How did this beautiful and powerful prayer St. Michael the Archangel come to be? On October 13, 1884, Pope Leo XIII received a terrifying vision of what the next hundred years would bring if Satan had free rein over the world. After Pope Leo XIII saw this horrifying vision, he said to those near him, "Oh, what terrible images I have been permitted to see!" Rushing to his office,

This Week's Highlight



he then composed the St. Michael the Archangel Prayer. It would soon be a requirement to recite at the end of all Masses.

Unfortunately, the Second Vatican Council removed this obligation. Still, some Churches recite this powerful prayer at the end of each Mass. We are so blessed to be one of these Churches!

It is important to keep calling upon St. Michael to defend us from all evil attacks from Satan. How do we see its effectiveness? When the prayer was suppressed in 1964, moral distortions more fully entered family and society: pornography, birth control, and the legalization of abortion in many countries, same sex marriage, people mutilating their bodies thinking God created them wrong, etc. These same corruptions (and many more) are still prevalent in our times.

St. Padre Pio, who was in constant attack by Satan (even physically... his fellow monks could hear the noises coming from his room) reminds us, "You will need the help of St. Michael living in this world." In our world where family and our traditional Catholic values are constantly under attack by Satan, we need this special protection. Through the intercession of St. Michael, we can trust in God's very special Archangel to defend us in our daily battles with Satan.

St. Michael the Archangel, pray for us. Molly

STEWARDSHIP FOR FEB 25 2024

Sunday Offering	\$	5,346.88
St. Monica Fund	.\$	505.00
Misc. Special Envelopes	.\$	948 .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, March 3 *3rd Sunday of Lent* 9:00am Frank Restifo 10:45am People of the Parish

Monday, March 4 Lenten Weekday 8:00am Edward Schwallie 8:30am Exposition following mass

Tuesday, March 5 *Lenten Weekday* 8:00am Alice V Golembczyk

Wednesday, March 6 Lenten Weekday 8:00am All Soul Thursday, March 7 Lenten Weekday 8:00am No Mass

Friday, March 8 Lenten Weekday 8:00am Living & deceased of Fr. Marszal Family

Saturday, March 9 Lenten Weekday 4:00pm Iona Billings

Sunday, March 10 4th Sunday of Lent 9:00am Walter & Julia Tabaj 10:45am Patrick & Jenny Ballato



There will be a Divine Mercy Holy Hour this **Sunday, March 3rd at 2:30** pm in Church, with Eucharistic Adoration, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and Benediction. All are Welcome!

Stations of the Cross Friday at 3:30 in the Church



PRAYER

Our sincere sympathy and prayers are extended for the family and friends of:

Donna Uyek

Who were recently buried. May she and all of our dearly departed rest in peace

SUPPORT OUR

Please pray for the Seminarians of the Cleveland Diocese Please join us in praying for the following seminarians this week: Monday: John Scantling Tuesday: Connor Trout Wednesday: Christopher Villarreal Thurs: Benjamin Baratian Friday: Jonathan Green Sat: Andrew Bendahan Sunday: Pray for an Increase in Vocations

Please Pray For the Parishioners Listed Below

Jennie Brikowski, Joanne Reddinger, Baby Zander, Fr. Ted Marszal, Maggie Hojnowski (infant), Anthony Bifro, Gaylene and Lisa Bielawski, Larry Piechowiak, Special Intention, Marianne Toma, Sally Weiskopf, Jerry Perchinske, Madeleine Iglodi

Please call the parish office if you would like to add a name to the prayer list. 216-662-8685

THIS WEEK

Activities CALENDAR

Monday, March 4

4:00pm Spring Sports Practice (g) 4:00pm Walking Class (J) 6:30pm Holy Name Meeting (c) **Tuesday, March 5** 8:45am Confirmation Preparation (F) 4:00pm Spring Sports Practice (g) 6:30pm Parish Council Meeting (F) 7:00pm Western Reserve Coin Club (c)

Wednesday, March 6

3:00pm Fish Fry Prep (c) 4:00pm Spring Sports Practice (g) 6:30pm Series on Catholicism & the Saints (c) 6:30pm Guild Board Meeting (F) 6:30pm G.A. Meeting (+) Thursday, March 7

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Friday, March 8

4:00pm Spring Sports Practice (g) 4:00pm Fish Fry (c) <u>Saturday, March 9</u>

8:30am Men of the Vine (ocu 1&2) 9:00am Syriac Orthodox Church

Sunday, March 10 7:00pm Lenten Mission (+) 7:30pm A.A. Meeting (c)



Guild Board Meeting

Guild Board meeting is this Wednesday, March 6 at 6:30 in the St. Francis Room

Request From the Counting Teams

When preparing your donation envelopes please write the amount you have enclosed on the outside.

Series on Catholicism and the Saints

Will resume this Wednesday at 6:30pm

Please join us for an informative evening to reflect on the history, tradition, and joy of the Catholic Church Wednesdays during Lent. We will be exploring the Church through the Bishop Barron Series on Catholicism Location: Cafeteria Any questions please call Fr John (216-662-8685) Ext 115

\$1,000 Holy Name Monthly Raffle Winners - February

\$500.00 Linda Beechuk Ticket #1376 Seller: Gary Beechuk Captain: Bob Rafal

\$500.00 Pat Lovick Ticket #1467 Seller: Bill Simon Captain: Bill Simon

1771 tickets were sold

Tickets for the June drawing can be purchased from any Holy Name member or in the parish office. The next drawing will be Sunday, **March 24th** after the 10:45 Mass in the Church.

All proceeds are used for parish maintenance

OTHER INFORMATION

Our Calendar Fundraiser

There will be drawings every day in April for a chance to win a prize valued at no less than \$50.00. If you can help by donating cash or gift card(s) towards this year's winnings, please bring your donations to the parish office by March 4th [That's Monday, so hurry, we need to get to the printer.] The calendar will be mailed to parishioners no later than March 12th. May God Bless you abundantly!

LADIES GUILD BAKELESS BAKE SALE

Everyone is invited to participate in this fundraiser. Envelopes for your convenience can be found at the doors of the Church, or you can place any amount you would like to donate in an envelope marked, **"LADIES GUILD BAKELESS BAKE SALE"** and drop it in the Church collection basket, or drop it off at the Parish Office We will be collecting donations through March. We will accept cash or checks made out to "St. Monica Guild." Thank you for your generosity. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact either Kathy Zack 216-650-2158 or

St. Monica Ladies Guild 38th Annual Fashion Show and Luncheon

will be held on Sunday April 21, 2024 at Woodside Event Center at Archangel Michael's, 5025 E. Mill Road (Off Wallings Road and I-77), in Broadview Heights, at 1:00pm. Fashions by Blossoms n Bows Boutique (357 W Aurora Road, Sagamore Hills, Ohio). Plated Dinner includes Woodside Signature Salad, Green Beans Almondine, Rolls, Dessert, Beverage & choice of: Chicken Piccata w/Angel Hair Pasta & Marinara Sauce or Stuffed Shells w/Ricotta Cheese & Marinara Sauce (Gluten Free substitute available). Tickets \$35.00 each. For tickets or more information please contact Marlyn at 216-218-2482 or mpraznik@aol.com

Isabella Guild of Garfield Hts Luncheon

Saturday March 23, 2024 Featuring Entertainment by: Girls with Squirrels "Former members of the Pop Tarts" Knights of Columbus Annex 10806 Granger Rd. Garfield Hts. 44125 Cost \$20 Lunch/Raffles Doors open @ 12 noon For tickets see an Isabella Guild Member or call Marlene at 216-662-6645.



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 Chíldren

Free Will Offering

ST. MONICA GUILD THE GRAPEVINE 2024



Board Meeting: WEDNESDAY, MAR 6 - 6:30 P.M. HAPPY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

Jennings Social: WEDNESDAY, WEDNESDAY, MAR 20 - 2:00 p.m. Membership Meeting: THURSDAY, MAR 21 - 6:30 P.M.

EASTER BLESSINGS

"Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ's victory over death." -Pope Francis

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MANDY CORSI - 216-408-0765

Thank you to everyone who attended the February Meeting. The weather was so mild and glad so many members were able to join us! Thank you to Father Mullee for suggesting Deacon Lou as our guest speaker and sharing information about his ministry, <u>I'm In Ministry</u> and all the good they do! I wanted to share the link with everyone ~<u>I'm In Ministry I Help When Help Is Needed (iminimistry.com)</u> as we ran out of pamphlets at the meeting. Hoping to see everyone at our March 21st Meeting. We will be selecting a Nominating Committee. They will then present a slate of officer nominees at the April meeting. Elections will be held at the May meeting. Please try to attend. Have a wonderful Saint Patrick's Day! God bless everyone, and may you all have a reflective Lenten journey and a very Blessed Easter!

PROGRAM

KATHY ROWINSKI – 216-663-9852

MARLYN PRAZNIK - 216-218-2482

I want to thank Deacon Lou Primozic for his inspiring talk on how his ministry, "I'm in Ministry", provides furniture, food and clothing to the most challenged economically and socially, while at delivery time, shares prayer cards and takes the time to pray with them! He also explained various volunteer opportunities. Check out their website at <u>www.iminministry.com</u>, for information about donations.

Mandy

Please join us on Thursday, March 21st, at 6:30 p.m., when we will welcome Raine Austin and Maria Daniels to perform music for our enjoyment Looking forward to seeing you there! All are welcome!

FASHION SHOW/LUNCHEON



Tickets are available now for the St. Monica Guild Fashion Show/Luncheon on April 21, 2024. Join us as we Celebrate Spring! at Woodside Event Center, 5025 E. Mill Road (off Wallings @ I-77). The ticket price of \$35 includes Woodside's signature salad, green beans almondine, rolls, dessert, regular and decaf coffee and hot or iced tea. You have a choice of Chicken Piccata with Angel Hair Pasta or Stuffed Shells with Ricotta Cheese and Marinara Sauce. A Gluten free substitute can also be pre-ordered. Plus, we have beautiful prizes for you and the opportunity to win any of our basket and cash raffles. Tickets can be purchased at our Guild Meeting or by contacting me at 216-218-2482, mpraznik@aol.com. Get your tickets early for the best table selection! We are setting tables for 8 but can add up to 10 per table if you need it.

BAKELESS BAKE SALE

KATHY ZACK 216-650-2158 / MARYLOU KRAWCZYK 216-407-7152 Our Guild is holding the much-loved Bakeless Bake Sale again this year. Envelopes were passed out at our February meeting as well as placed at the front and back entrances of the church. They will be collected at our March 21st meeting. If more convenient, envelopes can be turned in through the Church collection basket, dropped off at the Parish Office, or given to any Guild Board member. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either one of us. As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

PARLIAMENTARIAN

BETTY JACOB - 216-662-3960

With a new year comes changes, and so it is that time for us to select a Nominating Committee at our March 21st meeting. We will need five (5) eligible members to volunteer to participate on this committee that selects candidates to serve on our Executive Board. Please consider being a part of this very important committee. Please do not hesitate to call me with any questions.

ROSARY CHAIN

CHRISTINE PAYNTER 216-475-4205

A very dear and long-time Guild member, Patrina "Petie" Sigmund (husb. John, deceased), passed away on January 26, 2024. She was a mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. Petie had a beautiful smile, loved talking with people, sold Avon products. She helped with the Fashion Show, making the bows for the baskets. A Guild Memorial Mass will be celebrated for Petie on January 7, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. Please keep Petie's family and all our deceased members in your prayers.

SUNSHINE

BARB OKUROWSKI - 216-406-3731

Thank you for keeping me posted on our members in need of a little sunshine. Don't forget to wear your green on Saint Patrick's Day! Wishing all our members a very Blessed Easter!

TRAVELING MADONNA

RITA STANOWICK 216-662-1513 / ROSEMARY WELICH 216-410-5003 The Traveling Madonna is visiting with Viola Peterre for the month of March. She will travel to the home of Sue Medvetz to visit for the month of April. Please call Rita or Rose if you would like to have our Blessed Mother visit in your home.

JENNINGS SOCIAL

LAURA MUROWSKY - 216-587-2172

There were 35 residents at the February 21, 2024 Jennings Social. Along with playing bingo, there is always a lot of fun, friendship and laughter. Afterwards, we all enjoyed cookies and coffee. Thank you to Sue Kolo, Mary McFeeney, Kathy August and Connie Holub for sharing their afternoon with the residents. The next bingo social will be on March 20, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. If able, please join us.

ST. MONICA FISH FRY

SUE MEDVETZ - 216-662-8257 / 216-924-3804

It's FISH FRY TIME at St. Monica Church. Thank you to all who have volunteered and supported us for the first 2 weeks of fish fry. We are serving Friday, March 1st, 8th, 15th and 22ad, from 4-7p.m. Don't miss an opportunity to come and enjoy a wonderful sit-down dinner and fellowship. Volunteers prep, serve, and clean for 6 weeks! Maybe on your Lenten journey this year you can find time to volunteer a couple hours a week to enjoy the fun, food and fellowship this parish event provides. Give me a call to sign up!



Lisa Bielawski	Mar 1 st	Jean Collova	Mar 2 nd	Ruth Balewski	Mar 8th
Joann Keshock	Mar 13 th	Viola Peterre	Mar 14 th	Betty Svoboda	Mar 15 th
Marianne Toma	Mar 15 th	Karen Greenfield	Mar 20 th	Mary Lu Peterre	Mar 22 nd
Veronica Tabaj	Mar 25 th	Ruth Draganic	Mar 27th		

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO POST AN ARTICLE IN THE GRAPEVINE NEWSLETTER, PLEASE CONTACT SUE MEDVETZ AT (216) 662-8257 OR EMAIL MED VETZ 54791@ATT.NET. ARTICLES MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN MONDAY MARCH 25TH, FOR THE APRIL GRAPEVINE NEWS Editor: Sue Medvetz

Wishing You Joyous Easter Blessings

READINGS & SONGS

Entrance Chant 824 Christ, Be Our Light

First Reading Exodus 20:1-17

In those days, God delivered all these commandments:

"I, the LORD, am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery. You shall not have other gods besides me. You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters beneath the earth; you shall not bow down before them or worship them. For I, the LORD, your God, am a jealous God, inflicting punishment for their fathers' wickedness on the children of those who hate me, down to the third and fourth generation; but bestowing mercy down to the thousandth generation on the children of those who love me and keep my commandments.

"You shall not take the name of the LORD, your God, in vain. For the LORD will not leave unpunished the one who takes his name in vain.

"Remember to keep holy the sabbath day. Six days you may labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD, your God. No work may be done then either by you, or your son or daughter, or your male or female slave, or your beast, or by the alien who lives with you. In six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the LORD has blessed the sabbath day and made it holy.

"Honor your father and your mother, that you may have a long life in the land which the LORD, your God, is giving you.

You shall not kill.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male or female slave, nor his ox or ass, nor anything else that belongs to him."

The Responsorial PsalmPsalm 19:8-11

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul; The decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the command of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eye.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true, all of them just.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

They are more precious than gold, than a heap of purest gold; sweeter also than syrup or honey from the comb.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

READINGS & SONGS

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Brothers and sisters: Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

Gospel John 2:13-25

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, *Zeal for your house will consume me*. At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken.

While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.

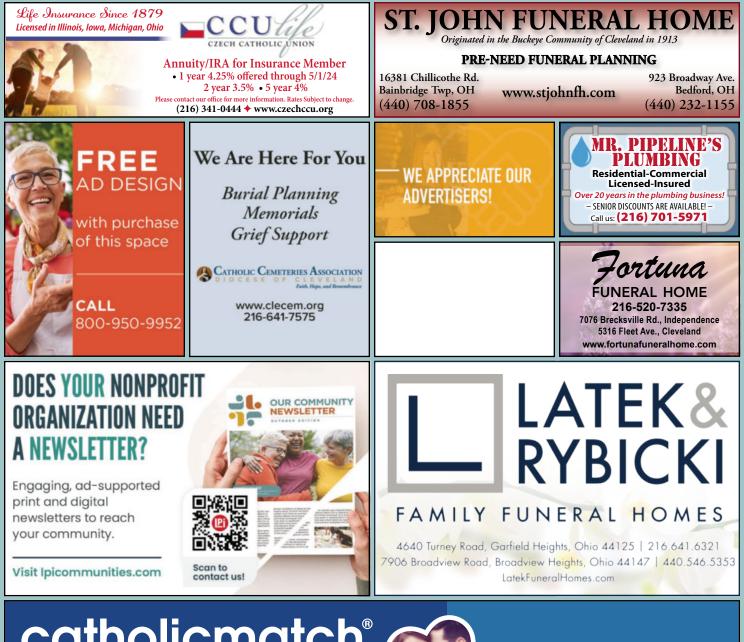
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Offertory Chant 581 You Alone

Communion Chant 836 Panis Angelicus

The Concluding Rites501Take Up Your Cross (ERHALT UNS, HERR)





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