

APRIL 28, 2024



St. Monica CHURCH

WELCOME

Masses

Saturday | 4:00pm

Sunday | 9:00 and 10:45am

Mon - Fri | 8:00am

No Mass on Thursday

Confession

Saturday | 3:15pm

Parish Office Hours

Mon - Thurs | 8:00am - 5:00pm

Friday | 8:00am - Noon

Saturday & Sunday | Closed

Parish Clergy

Pastor | Rev. John J. Mullee

Retired, In Residence

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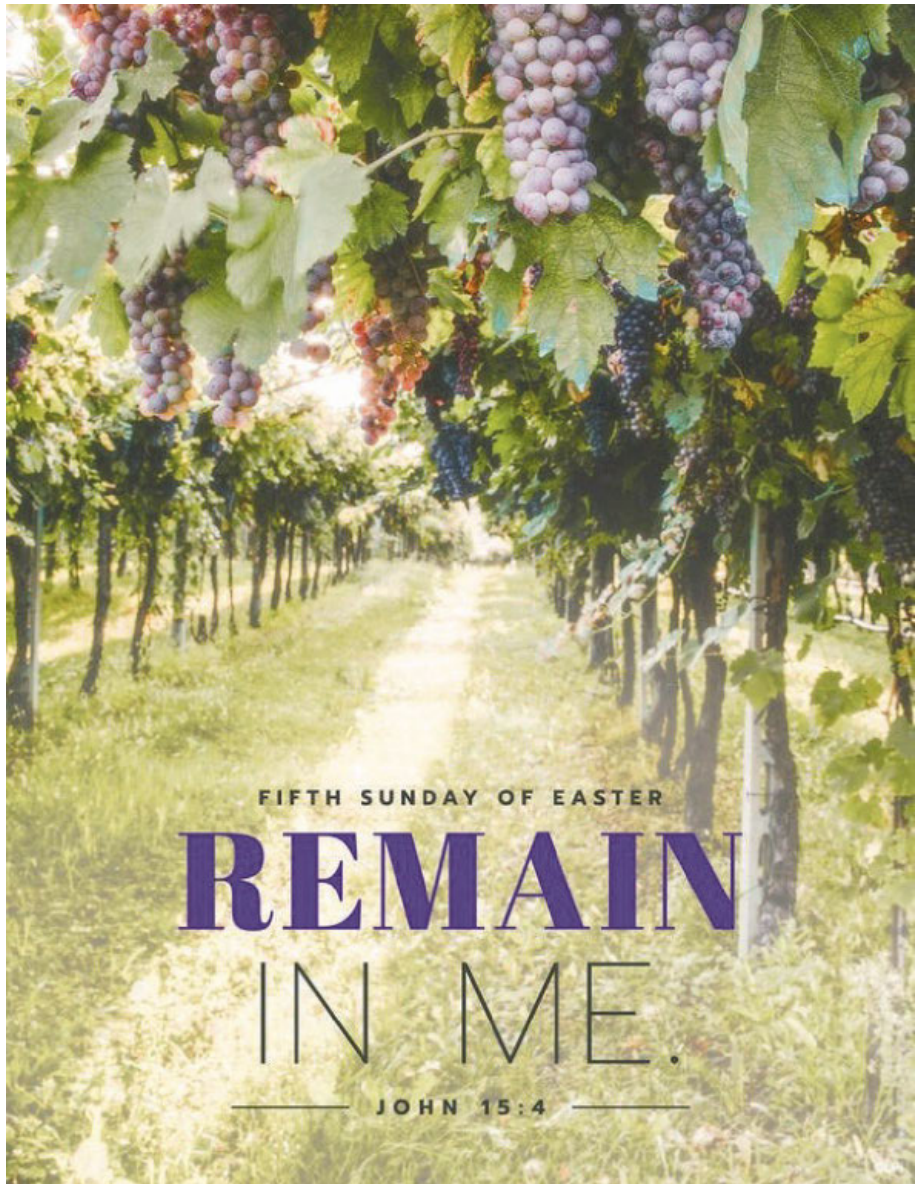
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OUR MISSION

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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Pastoral Scene

Why do we call Jesus the Good Shepherd

Most of us have never seen or met a shepherd in 'real life'. As a result, it is not unusual when children and adults ask me to clarify that title. I must confess, that I never met a shepherd, although I have seen shepherds caring for their small flocks on farms in Connecticut and Maine.

Being a shepherd is not an easy task because sheep are not the brightest of animals. If left alone, they will wander off, and in a rain-storm, they just stand there rather than searching for cover. As a result, the shepherd is crucial to preserving the safety of the flock. As I reflected on the Scriptures for this article, I saw why Jesus is called the Good Shepherd, and we are termed His flock.

Shepherds are smart individuals who have to be in three places at the same time to control their flock and keep them safe. The first task of a shepherd is leading the sheep by walking in front of his flock and having them follow his lead. Jesus, as the Good Shepherd led His apostles and disciples by providing them with a vision and explaining what that vision meant. That was especially important to his special band when Jesus' explanations clarified the parables.

Shepherds are in the midst of their sheep, and wear "their smell". A shepherd checks on his sheep by walking through the flock as they are on the move. Jesus was the first to practice "the ministry of presence". A good leader in any initiative has to show up in the flock rather than watch from a distance. He or she manifests the statement, "I'm here!" Jesus is most often pictured 'among the people' rather than as a bystander and was always present to those He led!

Last, but not least, shepherds also walk behind their flocks to help any sheep that is struggling to keep up. This was one of the greatest charisms of Jesus – He was there for those considered 'sinners' and 'outcasts'. Think about the Samaritan woman at the well, the man born blind, Matthew the tax collector, and those society excluded from society. It is the job of the shepherd to recognize potential problems and intervene early before they become worse. Often, we are the cause of our own problems. Never be afraid to call on Jesus, the Good Shepherd, to keep you safe in His flock.

Not the Best Sheep – Sister Helene

This Week's Highlight



Holy Half Hour

Join us every Monday
after the 8:00am
mass for Exposition.

STEWARDSHIP FOR APRIL 21, 2024

These numbers will be in
next week's bulletin

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 for the family and friends of: Diane Hofmann, Dale Dziak, Nina Hubiak, Gloria Fifolt, and Anthony Holub who were recently buried. May she and all of our dearly departed rest in peace.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 28

5th Sunday of Easter

9:00am People of the Parish

10:45am Allen Yakich

Monday, April 29

St Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

8:00am Geraldine Cubbal

8:30am Exposition following mass

Tuesday, April 30

Easter Weekday

8:00am David & Lillian Mosinski

Wednesday, May 1

Easter Weekday

8:00am David Grzybowski

Thursday, May 2

St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

No Morning Mass

Friday, May 3

Sts Philip & James, Apostles

8:00am Living & deceased

Members of Judy Rose Family

Saturday, May 4

Easter Weekday

4:00pm Dorothy Godomski

Sunday, May 5

6th Sunday of Easter

9:00am People of the Parish

10:45am James Mullee

SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS

Please pray for the Seminarians of the Cleveland Diocese

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

Monday: Sean Homcy

Tues: Alexander Krukemeyer

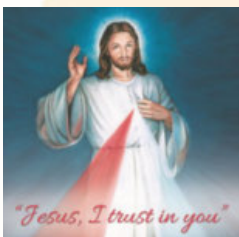
Wednesday: Daniel LaPolla

Thurs: Billy Reed

Friday: Joseph Rohan

Sat: Joshua Stecz

Sunday: *Pray for Pope Francis*



There will be a Divine Mercy Holy Hour Sunday May 5th at 2:30PM in Church with Eucharistic Adoration, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and Benediction. All are welcome!

Please Pray For the Parishioners Listed Below

Sheldon Stein, Dorothy Hanzlick, Sally Weiskopf, Danny Weiskopf, Agnes Ungarsky, Jeff Machado, Joanne Reddinger, Baby Zander, Fr. Ted Marszal, Annie Runyeon, Anthony Bifro, Maggie Hojnowski (infant), Gaylene and Lisa Bielawski, Marianne Toma

*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, April 29

- 3:30pm CWVA Meeting (F)
- 4:00pm Spring Sports Practice (g)
- 4:00pm Walking Class (J)
- 7:00pm Holy Name Board Mtg (c)

Tuesday, April 30

- 4:00pm Spring Sports Practice (g)

Wednesday, May 1

- 4:00pm Spring Sports Practice (g)
- 6:30pm Guild Board Meeting (F)
- 6:30pm G.A. Meeting (+)

Thursday, May 2

- 4:00pm Spring Sports Practice (g)
- 4:00pm Walking Class (J)
- 5:00pm Set up Sandwich
Saturday (J)

Friday, May 3

- 8:00am Set Up Sandwich
Saturday (J)
- 4:00pm Spring Sports Practice (g)

Saturday, May 4

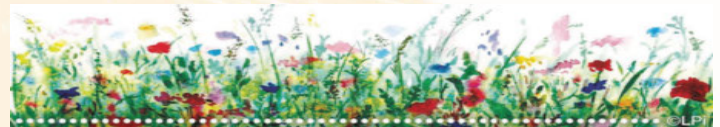
- 9:00am Sandwich Saturday (J)
- 12:00pm Zelig's Home (p)

Sunday, May 5

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

Guild Board Meeting

The May Board Meeting is this Wednesday at 6:30 pm in the St. Francis Room



April Calendar Winners

- Tuesday, April 16th **Jane Hook**
Macy's gift card \$25 & Target gift card \$25
Total Value \$50
- Wednesday, April 17th **Ronnie Motke**
Starbuck's \$25 gift card, Dunkin \$10 gift card
Starbuck's & Dunkin coffee \$22
Total Value \$57
- Thursday, April 18th **Brandon Jacob**
Wilson Feed Mill gift card \$100, Bird Feeders \$75. Total Value \$175
- Friday, April 19th **Mr & Mrs Harnocz**
Winking Lizard gift card and basket.
Total Value \$100
- Saturday, April 20th **Kathy Wendling**
Cleveland Zoo \$50 gift card, East of Chicago Pizza \$20 gift card, Romito's Pizza \$25 gift card . Total Value \$95
- Sunday, April 21st **Kathleen Russo**
J.C.Penney \$25 gift card & Kohl's \$25 gift card, Total Value \$50
- Monday, April 22nd **Nancy Fitch**
Akron Zoo \$100 gift card, Restaurant Variety pack \$72, (Culver's 4 single-scoops \$12, Slyman's \$20, Outback Bloomin' Onion \$20 & Darden \$20) Total Value \$172

Carnation Sale

In honor of Mother's Day
May 11th and 12th

The Ladies Guild will be selling carnations before and after all the Masses,
Due to flower price increase,
the cost
is \$2 per flower
or 3 for \$5.

Say it with flowers!

And THANK YOU for supporting our Guild.

Entrance Chant 403 Christ, the Lord, Is Risen Today (LLANFAIR)

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus. He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem, and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord. He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists, but they tried to kill him. And when the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him on his way to Tarsus.

The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

The Responsorial Psalm Psalm 22:26-37, 28, 30, 31-32

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

I will fulfill my vows before those who fear the LORD.

The lowly shall eat their fill;

they who seek the LORD shall praise him:

"May your hearts live forever!"

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

All the ends of the earth

shall remember and turn to the LORD;

all the families of the nations

shall bow down before him.

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

To him alone shall bow down

all who sleep in the earth;

before him shall bend

all who go down into the dust.

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

And to him my soul shall live;

my descendants shall serve him.

Let the coming generation be told of the LORD

that they may proclaim to a people yet to be born

the justice he has shown.

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

READINGS & SONGS

Second Reading 1 John 3:18-24

Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.

Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts before him in whatever our hearts condemn, for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

Gospel John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

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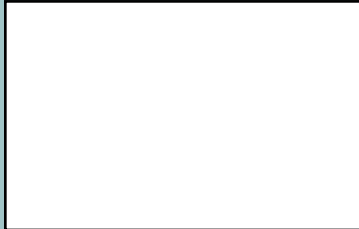
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