

MAY 12, 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

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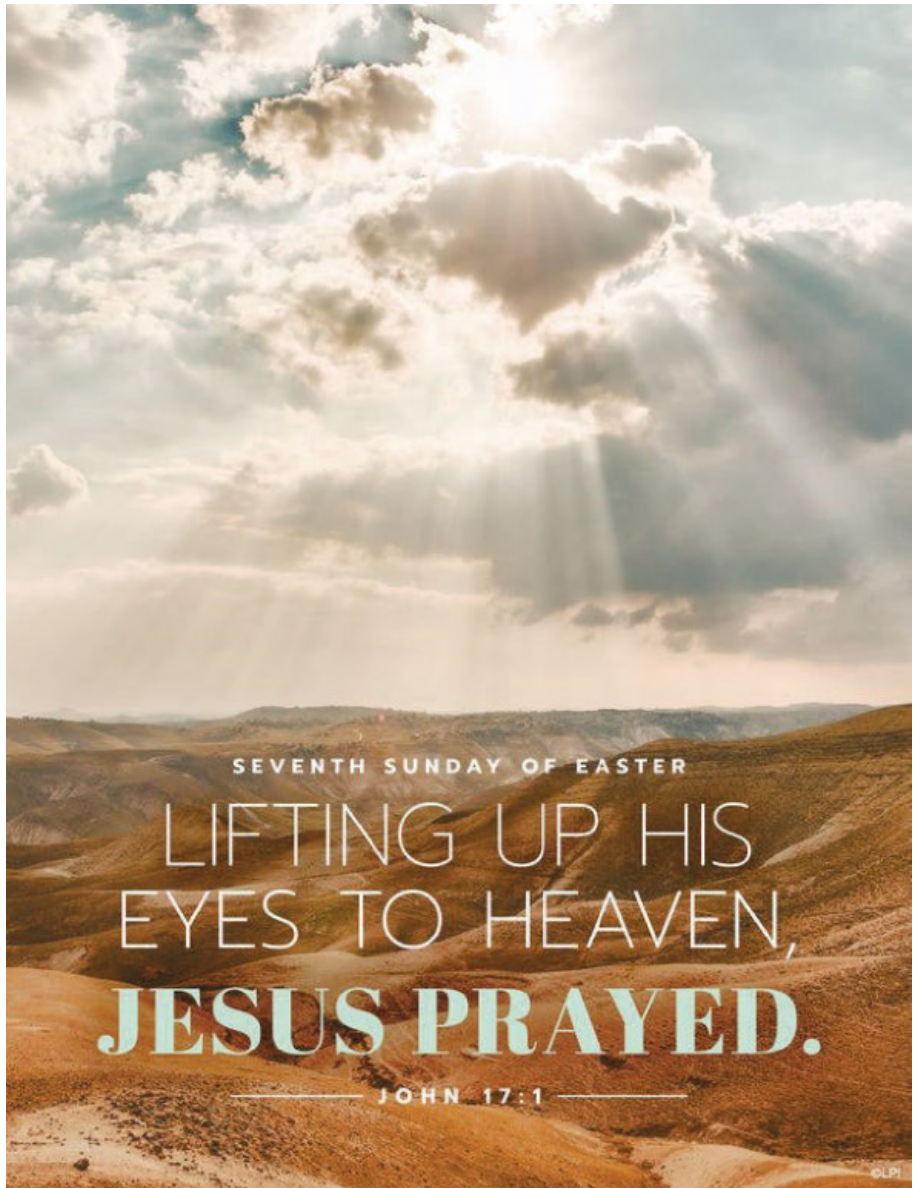
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We, the parish of St. Monica, work to create a Christlike family, welcoming all people where one encounters a loving God, by serving the spiritual, educational and social needs of the community.

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Pastoral Scene

Ascension

“The Ascension of Christ is the assurance of our own ascension into heaven after the Last Judgment. Not yet ascended in body, we nevertheless enjoy the ascension of our minds in union with Him. We find our true home in heaven. It is to heaven that we look expectantly for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ to save us; He will form this humbled body of ours anew, modeling it into the image of His glorified body, so effective is His power to make all things obey Him.” Venerable Fulton J. Sheen

Jesus’ Ascension into Heaven reminds us to keep our hearts and minds focused on Him. We should always strive to live a holy life and help bring others to the truth and goodness of Jesus. It can be discouraging to see so much evil present in our world. But if we notice, evil is losing more and more of its power to hide. It can feel overwhelming to see all the evil that is happening now. We place our faith and hope in Jesus. We strive to keep our focus on Jesus and how He overcame ALL evil, by praying to the Father in Heaven. It is so comforting to know that we can look to Jesus and His Mother to help lead us to Heaven. Jesus wants us, also, to go to His Mother for Her guidance, protection, and intercession! Her foot crushes the head of the serpent, keeping us protected and strengthened from Satan’s attacks. Jesus and Mother desire us to get to Heaven... more than we do!

“Do not be troubled or weighed down with grief. Do not fear any illness or vexation, anxiety or pain. Am I not here who am your Mother? Are you not under My shadow and protection? Am I not your fountain of life? Are you not in the folds of My mantle? In the crossing of My arms? Is there anything else you need?” Our Lady of Guadalupe

A mother’s gift of life is a bountiful blessing. In her efforts, she guides and prays for her children no matter what their age is and helps them keep their hearts focused on the ways of Heaven. Our very own St. Monica never ceased to pray for her abusive husband and lost son. Her intercession gives us hope for those lost souls who are in need of God and His truths. As we pray for our mothers’ souls who have gone before us, we ask for their intercession to help us follow the Divine Will which is to get to Heaven. How beautiful the women are that have chosen life and what a gift they have found in their children.

May we also remember to pray for the mothers who have lost their children. Jesus, please heal these women who are in need of Your loving presence in their hearts.

Mother of God, pray for us ALL.
Molly

This Week’s Highlight

Flowers for Mary

May we honor our Blessed Mother in a very special way during the month of May! There are empty vases on the Mary altar (located by the Choir area) in which we invite our parishioners to help bring beautiful flowers to fill this sacred space. You can bring your flowers from your yard or buy them at the local flower shops! Thank you for being a very special part of honoring our Mother.

“Love our Lady and make Her loved; always recite the Rosary and recite it as often as possible.” Saint Padre Pio

STEWARDSHIP FOR MAY 5, 2024

Sunday Offering	\$ 7,641.25
St. Monica Fund.....	\$ 584.00
Misc. Special Envelopes.....	\$ 100.00

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 for the family and friends of:
 Gerald S. Sibits, Sr.
 Who was recently buried.
 May she and all of our dearly departed rest in peace.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 12

The Ascension of the Lord

9:00am Edward & Agnes Ostrosky

10:45am Lottie Hunt

Monday, May 13

Easter Weekday

8:00am Living & deceased of Ezra
 & Michele Hanzlick Family

8:30am Exposition following mass

Tuesday, May 14

St Matthias, Apostle

8:00am Margaret Hantz

Wednesday, May 15

Easter Weekday

8:00am Veronica Chervenak

Thursday, May 16

Easter Weekday

No Morning Mass

Friday, May 17

Easter Weekday

8:00am Eva M Kisley

Saturday, May 18

Easter Weekday

4:00pm Ruth Winter

Sunday, May 19

Pentecost Sunday

9:00am Adeline Klosowski

10:45am People of the Parish

SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS

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

Wed: Dc Kevin Bertleff

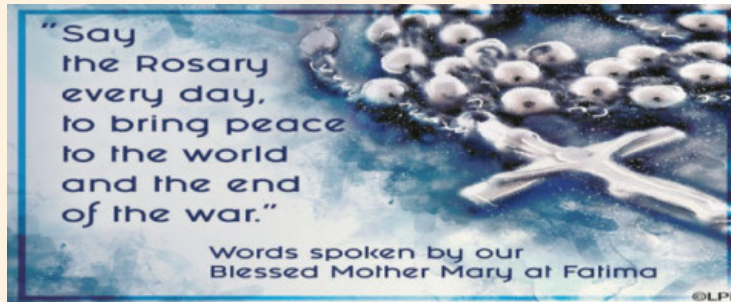
Thurs: Dc Michael Garvin

Friday: Dc William Wainio

Sat: Christopher Villarreal

Sunday: *Pray for the Newly Ordained Priest*

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

Joan Chamberlin, Sheldon Stein, Dorothy Hanzlick,
 Sally Weiskopf, Danny Weiskopf,
 Agnes Ungarsky, Jeff Machado, Joanne Reddinger,
 Annie Runyeon, 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, May 13

4:00pm Spring Sports Practice (g)
4:00pm Walking Class (J)

Tuesday, May 14

1:00pm Women's Faith Study (F)
2:00pm Senior Meeting (J)
4:00pm Spring Sports Practice (g)

Wednesday, May 15

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

Thursday, May 16

4:00pm Spring Sports Practice (g)
4:00pm Walking Class (J)
6:30pm Gild Meeting (c)

Friday, May 17

4:00pm Sprint Sports Practice

Sunday, May 19

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

Guild Meeting

The May Guild Meeting will be this Thursday, May 16th at 6:30pm in the School Cafeteria.

Join us for our May Crowning and roseroy.

All are Welcome

Senior Meeting

This month's Senior Meeting will be Tuesday, May 14th at 2:00pm in the St. Joseph Room.

All are welcome to join us for bingo, and refreshments.

Party at the Pavilion Volunteers

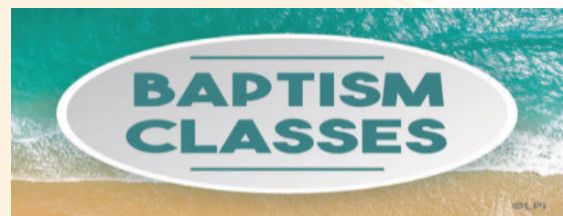
Planning for this year's two Party at the Pavilion gatherings is in full swing. Join us in the fun and volunteer to help out. If you have helped in the past we look forward to your return, new friends are always welcome to join the fun. Yes, we work hard but it's a good fun work, because we are together making new friends.

Interested in joining us please call
Joyce Mileti 216-587-4034 or
Sister Joyce at 216-978-3005



Final April Calendar Winner

Tuesday, April 30 **Barb Bykiewicz**
Three Giant Eagle gift cards
\$30, \$25 and \$10.
Total Value \$65



The next Baptism class will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at 6:30 pm in the Parish Office. If you would like to have your child Baptized, please call the Parish Office to register. 216-662-8685.



Trinity High School

is hiring van drivers for the 2024-25 school year.

Drivers start at \$15.00 per hour and work mornings from 6:15 am until around 10:00 am and in the afternoon from 1:15 pm until around 4:30 pm Monday through Friday during the school year.

You do not need a CDL for this position! Please call or email Jenn Newrones (216-581-5753 or newronesj@ths.org) for more information.

Zelie's Home Recruitment Bulletin Announcement

Zelie's Home is Hiring! Zelie's Home, a home for homeless pregnant and parenting women, is hiring for AmeriCorps positions. We need full and part time staff. Bi-weekly stipend and benefits provided. Flexible scheduling includes daytime, evening, overnight and week-end hours. This is a wonderful opportunity for a gap year experience after college! For more information visit zelieshome.org/ameriCorps or contact Sr. Kate Hine at kate@zelieshome.org.

Proper Disposal of American Flags



The St. Monica Holy Name Society will be collecting used American Flags for proper disposal. The collection will be until the end of May.

The collection box will be located in the located at the Rockside Road entrance of the church and the rear entrance of the church

2024 St. Monica Fish Fry Report

Once again we would like to *THANK* all of our tireless workers, including the many Trinity High School students who showed up each week for our annual fish fries. We averaged over 40 volunteers to serve 1952 dinners during those 6 weeks. We also **THANK ALL** who supported us each week by coming down and enjoying the great food that was prepared.

We used the following quantity's for all of these dinners:

- 56 cases of Breaded Cod
- 21 cases of Salmon
- 12 cases Breaded Shrimp
- 11 cases French Fries
- 12 gallons Tarter Sauce
- 5 gallons Shrimp Sauce
- 200 lbs Cole Slaw
- 210 lbs Chopped Cabbage
- 140 lbs Diced Onions
- 75 lbs Soft Cheese
- 40 lbs Cheddar Cheese
- 72 lbs Butter
- 24 cases Pierogi's
- 3000 Cookies
- 18 Sheet Cakes



The financial numbers are:

\$32,088.65 receipts

\$17,847.04 expense

\$14,241.22 profit

THANK YOU!



CONFIRMATION

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Rejoice, Rejoice! The Church has Grown!

It is with great joy that we congratulate the following newly Confirmed Candidates from Saint Monica Parish and Saint Benedict School:

Sarah “Dymphna” Harper

Anderson “Wolfgang” Harper

Jillian “Rosalia” Jindra

Joseph “Luke” Krah

Madelyn “Lea” Kwiathowski

Randy “Daniel” Lacey

Emma “Pia” McGuinnis

Andrea “Guadalupe” Rodrigues Soto

Addison “Diane” Stoltz

Paige “Catherine” Stoltz

**As Jesus did, May they grow in wisdom and grace
before God and all others.**

The St. Monica Summer Series Presents:



Party at the Pavilion



2024

Thursday, June 13th - The SweetTarts

Thursday, July 11th - Joey Tomsick Orchestra

June 13th



July 11th



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**Deadline for Patron Ads is Monday, May 20, 2024
We appreciate your help and support.**

OTHER INFORMATION

International Order of Alhambra

The International Order of Alhambra is a fraternal organization of Catholic men and women founded in 1904 dedicated to assisting persons that are intellectually disabled or handicapped, particularly children. Within our Cleveland Diocese is the Cleveland chapter known as the Carmona Caravan, organized in 1948. In 2023 they celebrated their 75th year anniversary of quietly serving the Cleveland diocese, its children with special needs, & the non-profit agencies that serve them. Catholic Charities Disability Services & Ministries has worked closely with the Carmona Caravan and is grateful for their many years of support. They meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is May 14th at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Garfield Hts, 10806 Granger Road. Anyone interested in our service to children with special needs are invited to come to a meeting. To contact the Carmona Caravan, its calendar of events, & for more information on the founding, history, mission of Alhambra visit carmonacaravan.org.

THE FEST

Sunday, August 4, 2024

Noon - 10:00 pm • Wickliffe, Ohio



Instruments of Peace!

Join us this summer on Sunday, August 4, 2024 for The FEST. It's a perfect day of faith, family and fun – all for FREE. This year's theme for FEST 2024 is, Instruments of Peace. Come and enjoy the best national bands: **Caleb and John, Cochren & Co.; We the Kingdom, and on their 20th anniversary tour – Casting Crowns.**

There will also be plenty of crafts, activities and displays to help all of us reflect on the vision of the Kingdom of God – a Kingdom of Peace and Mercy for all of God's people. **The highlight of The FEST is a beautiful outdoor Mass at 8 pm with Bishop Malesic and Bishop Woost. Check out all the details by going to: www.theFEST.us**

Mark your calendars and invite your family and friends to join you at The FEST – faith, family and fun – all for FREE.



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8.4.24

Entrance Chant 429 Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for “the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

When they had gathered together they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” He answered them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.”

The Responsorial Psalm Psalm 47:2-3, 6-9

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All you peoples, clap your hands,
shout to God with cries of gladness,
For the LORD, the Most High, the awesome,
is the great king over all the earth.

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy;
the LORD, amid trumpet blasts.
Sing praise to God, sing praise;
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

For king of all the earth is God;
sing hymns of praise.
God reigns over the nations,
God sits upon his holy throne.

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

READINGS & SONGS

Second Reading Ephesians 4:1-13

Brothers and sisters, I, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore, it says:

He ascended on high and took prisoners captive;
he gave gifts to men.

What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended into the lower regions of the earth? The one who descended is also the one who ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.

And he gave some as apostles, others as prophets, others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers, to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of faith and knowledge of the Son of God, to mature to manhood, to the extent of the full stature of Christ.

Gospel Mark 16:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents with their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

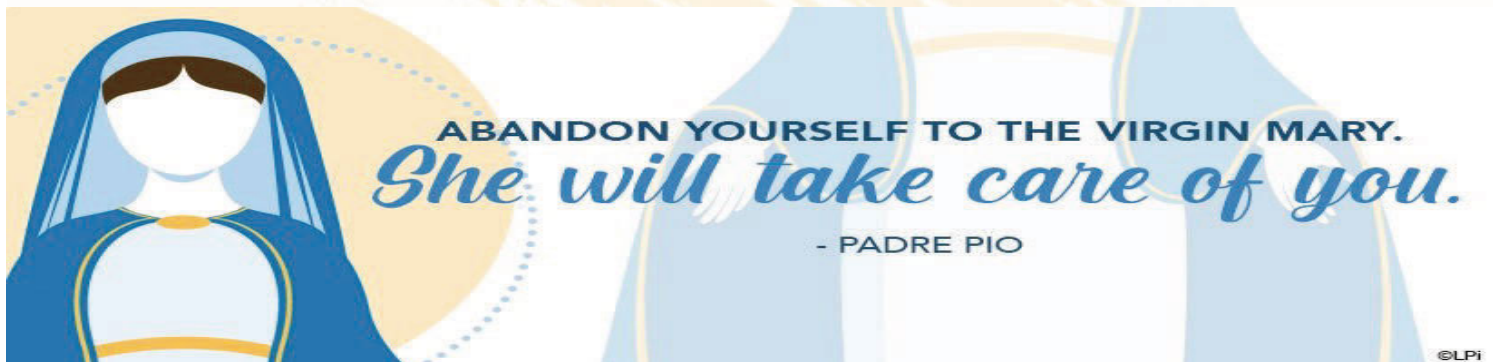
So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.

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Offertory Chant 481 Hail Mary: Gentle Woman

Communion Chant 836 Panis Angelicus

The Concluding Rites 566 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name



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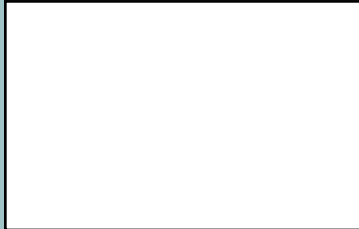
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