

OCTOBER 13, 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

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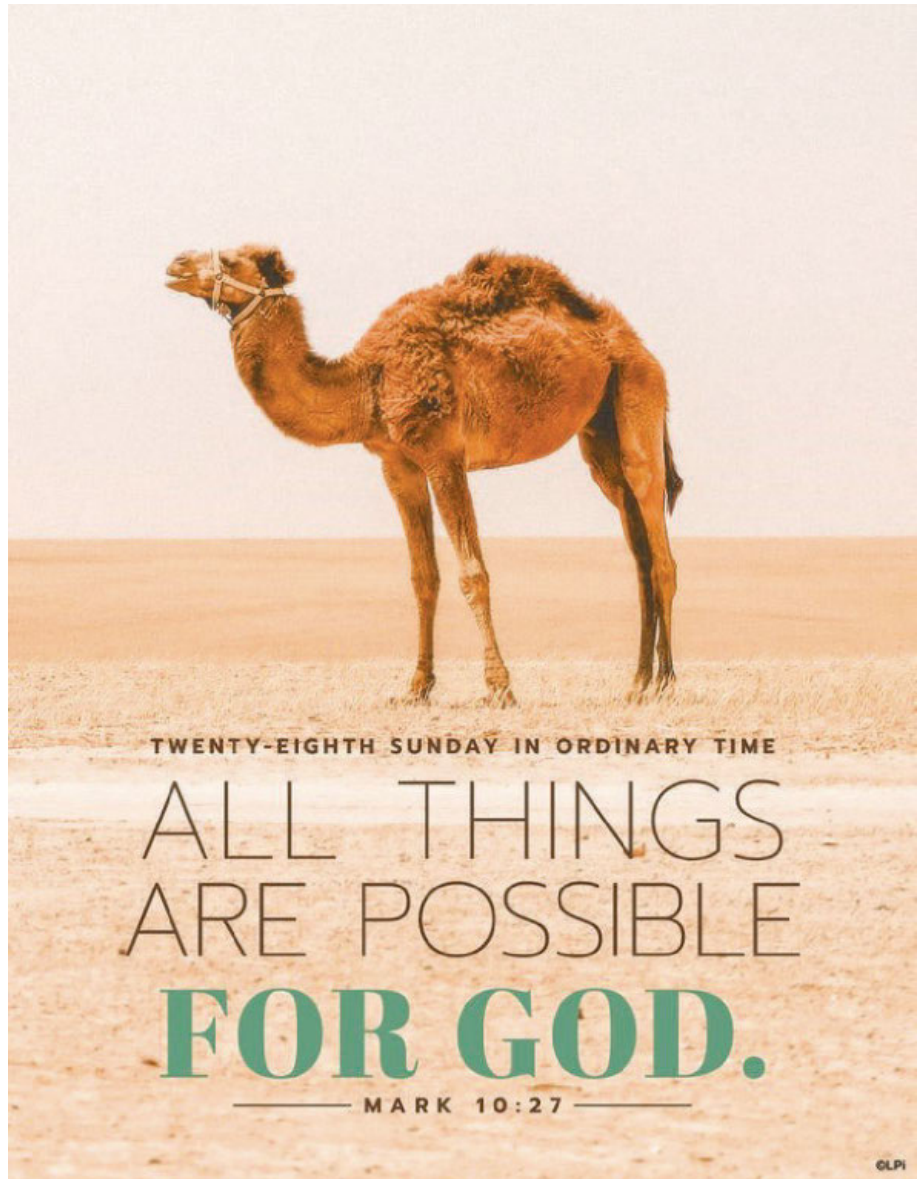
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OUR MISSION

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

Pastoral Scene

What Is A Miracle?

We hear some of the most profound and soul provoking words this weekend in the passage from the Gospel of Mark:

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples,

"How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!"

The disciples were amazed at his words.

So Jesus again said to them in reply,

"Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!

It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle

than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves,

"Then who can be saved?"

Jesus looked at them and said,

"For human beings it is impossible, but not for God.

All things are possible for God."

For God, all things are possible. I ask this question. What is a miracle? Do you believe in miracles? For me, and for all of humanity, this we should hold true, that life is a miracle. I cried when I saw the picture of my niece Sarah, holding the picture of her third child, **Lillian Ann**, who was born on the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This small bundle of joy, which started as a tiny embryo in the womb, is a truth that no one can and should deny- With God all things are possible!! Not only this month, but every day of our lives, we are called to live the Gospel in our standing up for the sanctity of human life, from conception to natural death.

I want to thank all our ministries in our parish and our diocese- Who hold this to be true- the sanctity of human life. It is so glaring evident, in the current state of our country and world, that every human being on this planet needs to hear this from the depth of their souls.

Eternal thanks for all our ministries, as they continue to share their gifts in being Christ for others.

May the Lady of our Perpetual Help -Pray for Us
St Monica- Pray for Us

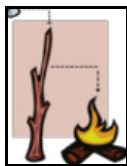
Fr John

This Week's Highlight

Saint Monica's Parish Council
will be hosting a
WEINER ROAST AND SMORE'S GALORE!

Please join us on
Saturday, October 19, 2024 - 6pm-8pm.
In the Pavilion

ALL FOOD AND BEVERAGES WILL
BE PROVIDED.



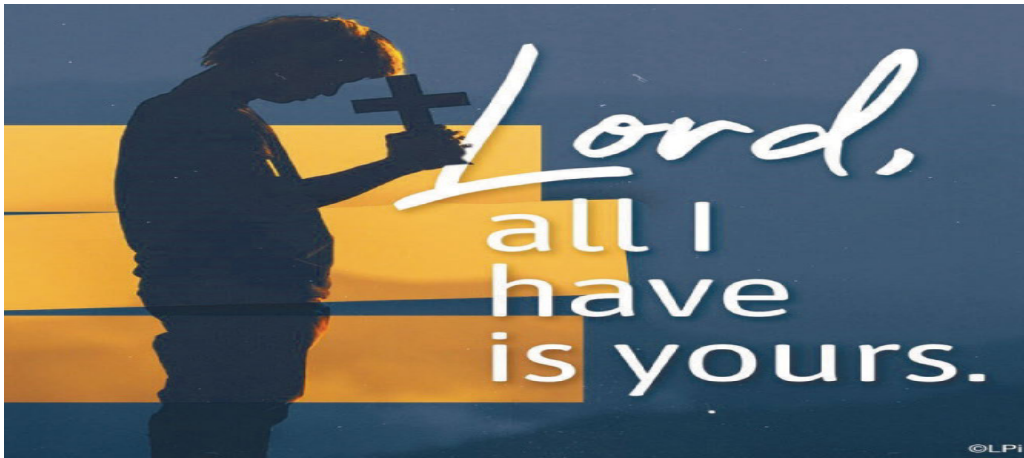
Old Fashioned Sing-A-Long and
Ghostly Tales told around the fire.
Plenty of fun for all!

STEWARDSHIP FOR OCT 6, 2024

Sunday Offering	\$ 6,112.40
St. Monica Fund.....	\$ 1,269.00
Misc. Special Envelopes.....	\$ 212.00

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



Our sincere sympathy and prayers are extended for the family and friends of:
Frances Galeti
Who was recently buried.
May she and all of our dearly departed rest in peace.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 13
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00am People of the Parish
10:45am Living & deceased of
Marge Burrows Family

Monday, October 14
Weekday
8:00am Rose Heineman
8:30am Exposition following mass

Tuesday, October 15
St Theresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church
8:00am All Souls

Wednesday, October 16
Weekday
8:00am James Helinski

Thursday, October 17
St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr
8:00am Anna & Omer Hollkamp

Friday, October 18
St Luke, Evangelist
8:00am Jean & Joe Dottore

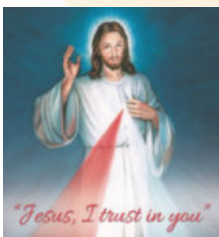
Saturday, October 19
Sts John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests & Companions, Martyrs
4:00pm John & Helen Rudy

Sunday, October 20
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00am Rose Heineman
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: Dc Kyle Rosser
Tuesday: Dc Travis Seagraves
Wed: Cameron Galla
Thurs: Luke Liptak
Friday: Dominic Mellino
Sat: Adam Osbourne
Sunday: *Pray for International Peace Negotiators*



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

**Pray
For
Peace**

Please Pray For the Parishioners Listed Below

Marilyn, Alex Chamberlin, Joan Chamberlin, Ron Brzoska,
Gaylene Bielowski, Lisa Bielawski, Williams Family,
Madeleine Iglodi, Vivian Budd, Dorothy Hanzlick,
Szentendrey Family, Johnson Family, Davis Family,
Beck Family, Doreen Nottingham, Carol K, Barb Govang,
Ray Stachowiak, Joanne Reddinger

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, October 14

3:00pm Athletic Practice (bf & g)

4:15pm Walking Class (J)

Tuesday, October 15

3:00pm Athletic Practice (bf & g)

6:30pm SVDP Meeting (F)

Wednesday, October 16

3:00pm Athletic Practice (bf & g)

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

Thursday, October 17

3:00pm Athletic Practice (bf & g)

4:15pm Walking Class (J)

6:30pm Ladies Guild Meeting (c)

Friday, October 18

3:00pm Athletic Practice (bf & g)

Saturday, October 19

2:15pm OCIA (F)

Sunday, October 20

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

Today is Blanket Sunday

THANK YOU! Thank you for your financial donations to our Blanket Sunday collection. The St. Vincent dePaul Society will make your money go further with bulk purchases for use in our metropolitan area. Please use the special Blanket Sunday envelopes located in the pews for your gift. You may also donate at www.svdppcle.org

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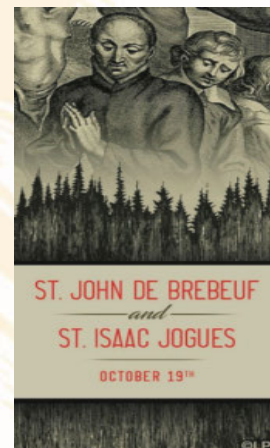
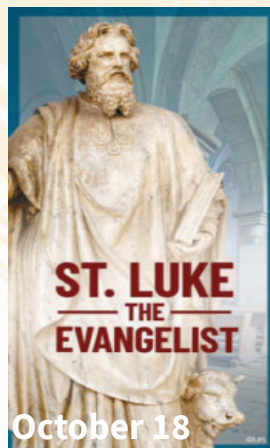
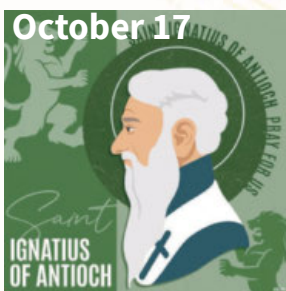
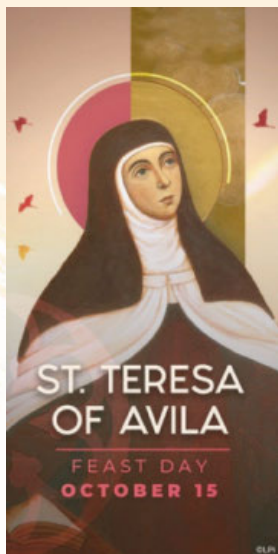
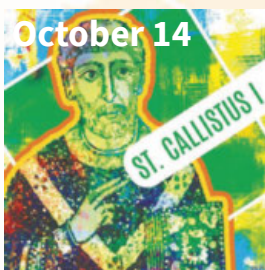


Liam John Lupo



Ladies Guild

This month's meeting is
Thursday, October 17th
at 6:30pm
in the
School Cafeteria



Womankind

Oktoberfest

Friday, October 25, 2024 • 6:00 pm—10:00 pm

The Society of the Donauschwaben
(German-American Cultural Center)
7370 Columbia Road • Olmsted Twp, OH 44138

Appetizers & Bar Open 6 at:00 pm
Buffet Dinner 7:00 pm

Casual Attire — Traditional German Food
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Evening will include: 50/50 Raffle, Baskets,
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on Saturday, Nov. 30

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Disaster Relief

Catholic Charities USA, the official domestic disaster relief agency of the Catholic Church in the United States, is currently providing support and assistance to its Diocesan Catholic Charities member agencies throughout the regions that are being impacted by Hurricane Helene. Catholic Charities USA is accepting donations via this form to provide humanitarian relief to those in need through the good work of Catholic

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the Catholic Tradition of responsible citizenship, we are morally obligated to participate in political life and to make choices based on a properly formed conscience, voting for the candidates who best support the moral teachings of our Catholic faith. As you prepare to cast your ballot for the upcoming November election, I ask that you pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit and educate yourself on the candidates' positions on the critical issues that will affect us all, both now and in the future.

Before we are members of any political party, we must be faithful followers of Jesus, who told us "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" (John 3:35). So, it is incumbent on us who are believers to live our Catholic faith outside the walls of our Churches, putting Christ at the center of our public lives as citizens. Our consciences must be well informed through prayer and fidelity to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Then we must vote our consciences, which I urge you to do, so that your Catholic faith will impact the moral and social fabric of our society.

In the *Introductory Note to Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, the document issued by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to help guide us on our political responsibilities, we bishops again said that the defense of unborn life remains our pre-eminent priority because abortion is a direct attack on the most vulnerable among us. We also recognize that other grave threats to the life and dignity of the human person include euthanasia, gun violence, terrorism, the death penalty, human trafficking, the redefinition of marriage and gender, threats to religious freedom, lack of justice for the poor, the suffering of migrants and refugees, racism, and the lack of care for our common home. All these issues must be considered when voting for the person who will best represent us, placing the interests of the most vulnerable first among others.

At a time when our nation is so polarized by partisanship and ideology, and the issues are so serious and complex, it is of the utmost importance that we persevere in hope, remembering the words found in the Book of Micah, who said, "You have been told, O mortal, what is good, and what the Lord requires of you: Only to do justice and love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8).

For those looking for more information on faithful citizenship, both the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Catholic Conference of Ohio (which outlines topics specific to our state) offer extensive materials and resources to provide guidance.

OTHER INFORMATION

Bishop's letter continued

Please join me in praying for all those who are running for office in the upcoming election. May the Lord inspire and guide them to lift up the dignity of all persons they will serve if chosen by the electorate. May the Lord guide us in these important decisions at this critical time in our history, heal our divisions, and unite us one nation, under God.

May God bless you and those you love.

Your brother in Christ,



Most Reverend Edward C. Malesic, JCL
Bishop of Cleveland

Society of St. Vincent De Paul St. Monica Conference Who We Are

At St. Monica Parish, St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) has been in existence since 1980 to help bring God's love to the poor. At this time, thirteen members are actively involved in the Society's charitable works. Did you know there are still two active, original members from the first meeting in 1980? In the past several years, our St. Monica SVDP has made many home visits; provided financial assistance of about \$45,000.00; provided over 1,800 bags of food; passed out countless Christmas gifts; and many other charitable services to those in need.

How can you help grow your faith while helping others? Our operating funds come from St. Monica Parish through your donations in the Poor Boxes at Church entrances, your contributions in the quarterly SVDP envelopes found in your Church envelope packets, and from generous monetary and food donations from the many organizations and individuals in our parish. Our parishioners and our organizations enable us to help others and to keep our food pantry open to all in need. 100% of your donations are used to help others. We do not have any overhead or operating expenses. Everything you give goes to those less fortunate. Did you know we serve around 70 families a month? Today, we are experiencing dwindling funds due to the increase in families needing help. Right now we have had to reduce our budget costs to \$1,000.00 a month to feed and serve others. Yes, we receive food from the Greater Cleveland Food Bank, but that costs an average of \$450.00 a month. Our SVDP needs to keep growing and your help and continued generosity can truly be an example of faith in action. Remember to pray for those in need. We want to thank you and ask God's special blessings to all of you who help keep the St. Vincent de Paul Ministry alive and well in our parish.

Did you know we have a food donation drawer behind the screen behind the altar? Or that you can drop off food donations at the parish office? Or that the poor boxes at the entrances of the Church go directly to help our community? Or that your St. Vincent DePaul quarterly envelopes are utilized directly to families in our St. Monica Parish boundaries?

Remember to keep praying for our St. Monica families who may be struggling during these difficult times. We can only help others with your assistance. We thank you and ask God's special blessings to all of you who help keep the St. Vincent de Paul Ministry alive and well in our parish.

OTHER INFORMATION



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The Entrance Chant 566 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

The First Reading Wisdom 7:7-11

I prayed, and prudence was given me;
I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me.
I preferred her to scepter and throne,
and deemed riches nothing in comparison with her,
nor did I liken any priceless gem to her;
because all gold, in view of her, is a little sand,
and before her, silver is to be accounted mire.
Beyond health and comeliness I loved her,
and I chose to have her rather than the light,
because the splendor of her never yields to sleep.
Yet all good things together came to me in her company,
and countless riches at her hands.

The Responsorial Psalm Psalm 90:12-17

R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Teach us to number our days aright,
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Return, O LORD! How long?
Have pity on your servants!

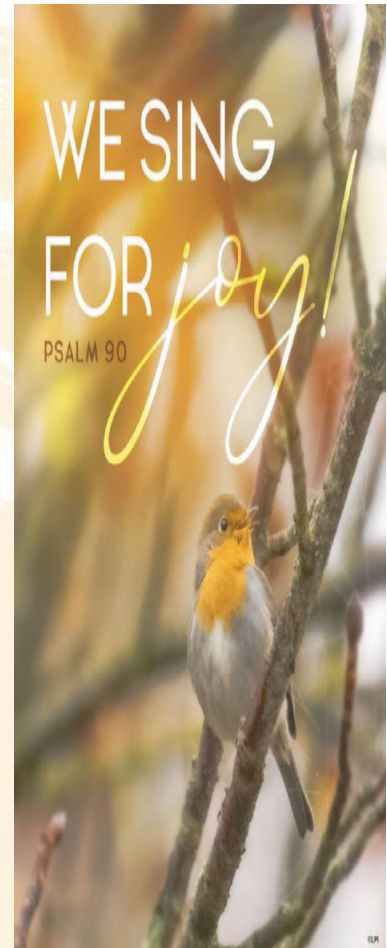
R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,
that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days.
Make us glad, for the days when you afflicted us,
for the years when we saw evil.

R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Let your work be seen by your servants
and your glory by their children;
and may the gracious care of the LORD our God be ours;
prosper the work of our hands for us!
Prosper the work of our hands!

R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!



READINGS & SONGS

The Second Reading Hebrews 4:12-13

Brothers and sisters: Indeed the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart. No creature is concealed from him, but everything is naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must render an account.

The Gospel Mark 10:17-30

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up, knelt down before him, and asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus answered him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You shall not kill; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; you shall not defraud; honor your father and your mother." He replied and said to him, "Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him, "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." At that statement his face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" The disciples were amazed at his words. So Jesus again said to them in reply, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." Peter began to say to him, "We have given up everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Amen, I say to you, there is no one who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not receive a hundred times more now in this present age: houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and eternal life in the age to come."

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The Communion Chant 665 Center of My Life

The Concluding Rites 484 O Sanctissima



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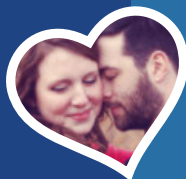


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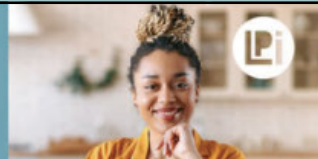
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