

TO SERVE AS HE SERVED + TO LIVE AS HE LIVED + TO LOVE AS HE LOVED

“YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD, YOUR GOD, TO THE TEST.”

LUKE 4:12



# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

Saint Monica is a welcoming Catholic faith community. Proclaiming the power of the Word of God, we join together in the celebration of the Eucharist and all Sacraments. We aim to follow Jesus Christ:

To Serve as He Served +  
To Live as He Lived + To Love as He Loved

## WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday—Friday at 8:30 a.m.  
Mon, Tues, Wed —6:00 p.m.  
Thursday—7:00 p.m. in Polish

## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Sat 4:00 p.m.—English | 6:00 p.m.—Polish  
Sun 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. | Polish at 12:30 p.m.

## ROSARY AND DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Prayed weekdays after the 8:30 a.m. Mass

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursdays: 9:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 6, 2022

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# ST. MONICA PARISH

Rev. Greg Lorens, Pastor



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Saturday—Closed  
Sunday—Closed

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## SACRAMENTS

### Anointing of the Sick

The special grace of this Sacrament offers the Lord's healing strength, peace and courage to anyone who is seriously or chronically ill, hospitalized or about to undergo surgery. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to have someone anointed.

### Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated twice a month: the first and third Saturday of the month at 11:00 a.m. (some exceptions due to Holy Days and liturgical celebrations). Please call the Parish Office to register for the program and to set a date for the Baptism.

### Marriage

Archdiocese of Chicago guidelines for marriage preparation ask that a minimum of six months be set aside for preparation for marriage. No firm date for a wedding will be set until the conclusion of the couple's first meeting with the parish minister. At least one of the engaged persons (or their parents) must be a registered and active parishioner of St. Monica. No Sunday weddings are scheduled.

### Ministry to the Sick/Homebound

If you or a family member are in a local hospital or are homebound and would like to have a visit from a priest, please call the Parish Office to make arrangements. Ministers of Care are also available to bring Communion to those who are confined at home and are unable to attend Mass, either temporarily or on a continual basis. Please call the Parish Office to schedule a visit.

### Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday from 3:00 to 3:45 p.m. For individual confession, please call or e-mail the parish secretary.



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# MASSES

FOR THE WEEK

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## MONDAY, March 7, 2022

8:30 A.M. — † Stanley Latocho, Jr.  
6:00 P.M. — Thanksgiving for intercess. of St. Jude Thaddeus  
† Dolores C. Cruz  
† Leonilo S. Cruz, Jr.

## TUESDAY, March 8, 2022

8:30 A.M. — † George Robaczewski, Sr.  
† Connie Closa  
6:00 P.M. — † Zofia & Helena Kenar

## WEDNESDAY, March 9, 2022

8:30 A.M. — People of St. Monica Parish  
6:00 P.M. — † Romeo Nanto

## THURSDAY, March 10, 2022

8:30 A.M. — † Anette Niebrzydowski  
7:00 P.M. — *Mass in Polish*

## FRIDAY, March 11, 2022

8:30 A.M. — Healing & God's bless. for Heidi Kadano  
† Zofia, Wojciech & Józef Kenar  
5:30 P.M. — Stations of the Cross  
6:30 P.M. — Droga Krzyżowa

## SATURDAY, March 12, 2022

4:00 P.M. — † Eugene & Elaine Gniadek  
† Glordenia SanBuenaventura  
† Glora Cruz  
6:00 P.M. — † Janina Kocat  
† Danuta Dybisz  
† Józef Podsada

## SUNDAY, March 13, 2022

9:00 A.M. — Thanksgiving for God's Blessings  
† Byron D. Tull  
† Diana Lentini  
† Sphie Latocha  
† Lucille Giannini  
11:00 A.M. — God's bless. for the Olmos Family  
† Tom, Bill & Lucy Shields  
† Zofia, Wojciech & Andrzej Kenar  
† Glordenia SanBuenaventura  
12:30 P.M. — † Mark Wilczek  
1:30 P.M. — Gorzkie Żale



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# WELCOME TO

OUR PARISH:

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KATELYN REED  
MANUEL CAJIGAS  
THE LECZAK FAMILY  
THE SCHULTZ FAMILY

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## SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN NEED

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Arnott Family	Richard Gonsiorek	Mary McManamon
Herb Bass	Monica Gathman	Beverly M. Millonzi
Sharon Bass	Roberta Gols	Janina Petryszak
Frank Bielnik	Guliana Iacuello	Dcn. Ed Podgorski
Cindy Boulahanis	Bogumita Jedut	Augie Sansone
Louise Bruno	Richard Kosior	Tim Sheehan
Jo Buscemi	Dorothy Madaj	Bernadette Schmidt
Mary A. Costantini	Jennifer Matthews	Steve Skubski
Joanna Duda	Ruth Miner	Helen Strzalka
Eugene Dunaj	Molly Morris	Joseph Szczap
Veronica Dorado	Matt O'Callaghan	Laura Wysocki
Mary Lu Forte	Cathy O'Hara	Barry Womack

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## PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE

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### US Army

Eric Ambriz  
James Ambriz  
Kurt Beyer  
Tom Bobek  
Daniel Clark  
Michael G. Dobija  
Justin Elazegui  
Walter Fernandez  
Robert Gullett  
Andrew Kupinski  
Jesus O. Lebron  
Conner Mahoney  
Jack Maksymec  
Erik Malenock  
Andrew Perez  
Julio Rios  
Michael Rivera  
Andrew Thomas  
Christopher Walsh  
Michael Zadlo



### US Army Reserve

Jason Adamczyk  
Roman Gronke  
Keith Maslon

### US Army Guard

Christine Ambriz  
Kelly Moritz

### US Air Force

Michael Brimie  
Zachary Muldoon  
Matt Olken  
Michael Rice  
Anthony Villalpando  
Laurel Walsh  
Kevin Valdez  
Harlee Piszczek

### US Marines

Vincent Bertucci  
Gage Cygnar  
Lukas Czynczyk  
Dominic Davila  
Caitlen Ferrarell  
Benjamin Juhasz  
Mathew Lynn  
Kevin McNeela  
Steven Meyer  
Kevin Rasmussen  
Christopher Ryan

### US Navy

Jeremy Bloom  
Justin Chovanec  
Daniel Jarosz  
Shane Laskero  
Clay Presny  
Riley Schoen  
Steven Stancy  
Richard Whitman  
Nick Whitman

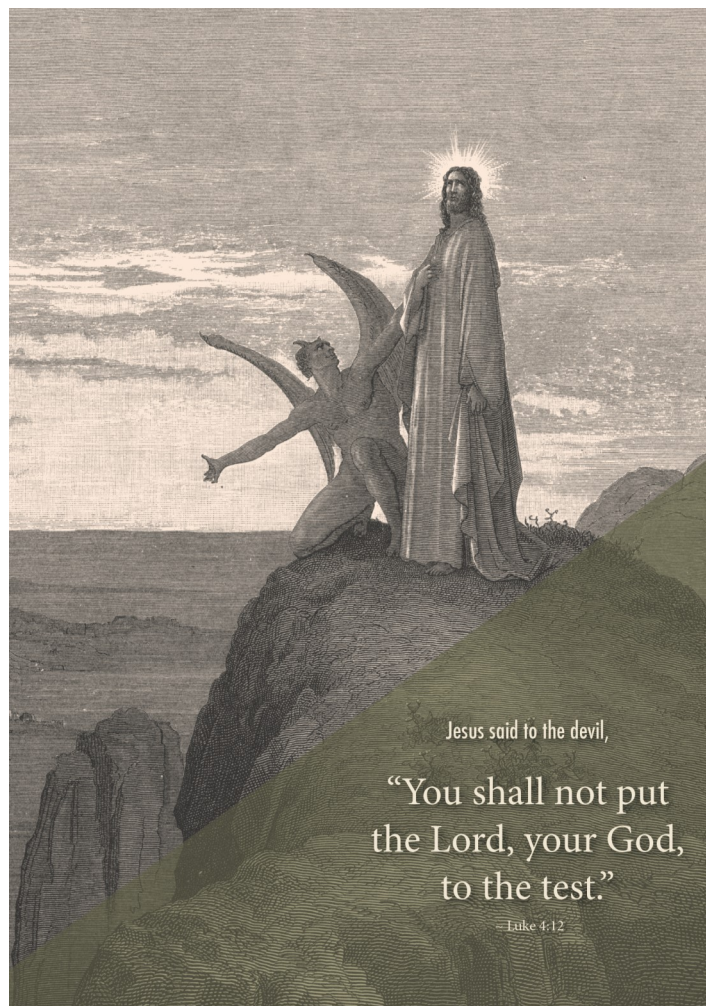
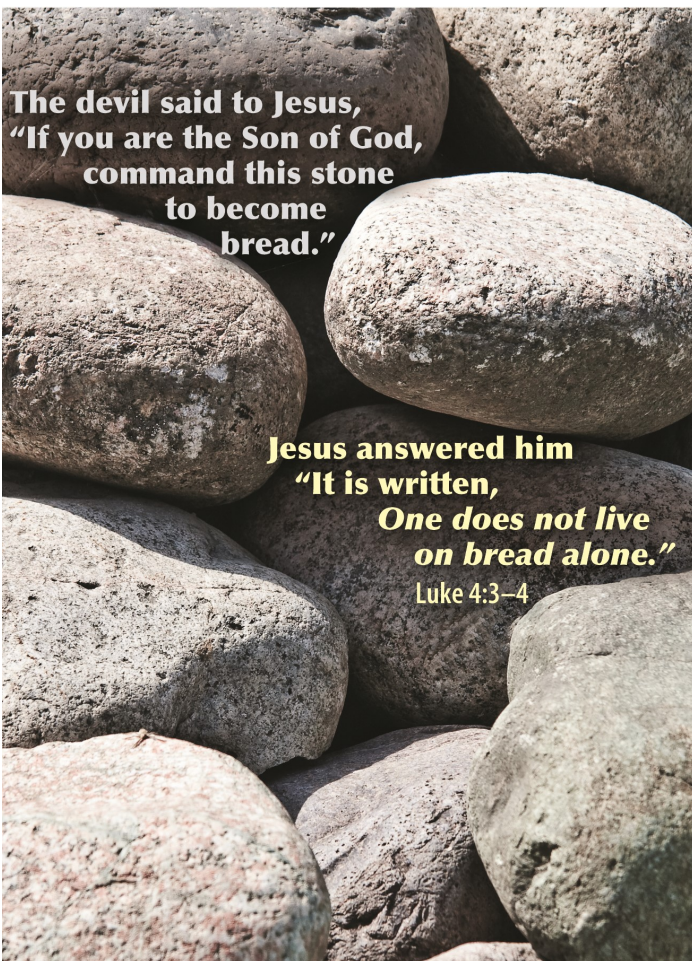
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## IN THE DESERT

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Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, and then the devil tested him. Moses and the Israelites had been in the desert for forty years before being led to the land of milk and honey. There were times when they called out to God, sure that, as Saint Paul wrote to the Romans, “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” We sometimes spend time in the desert as well. Not a literal desert most of the time, but a desert in which it seems difficult to perceive God’s presence, times when we face difficulty and are tempted to leave God’s ways behind. On this First Sunday of Lent, Jesus shows us what to do in these moments: stand firm and trust in God.

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## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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Grant, almighty God,  
through the yearly observances of holy Lent,  
that we may grow in understanding  
of the riches hidden in Christ  
and by worthy conduct pursue their effects.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.



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## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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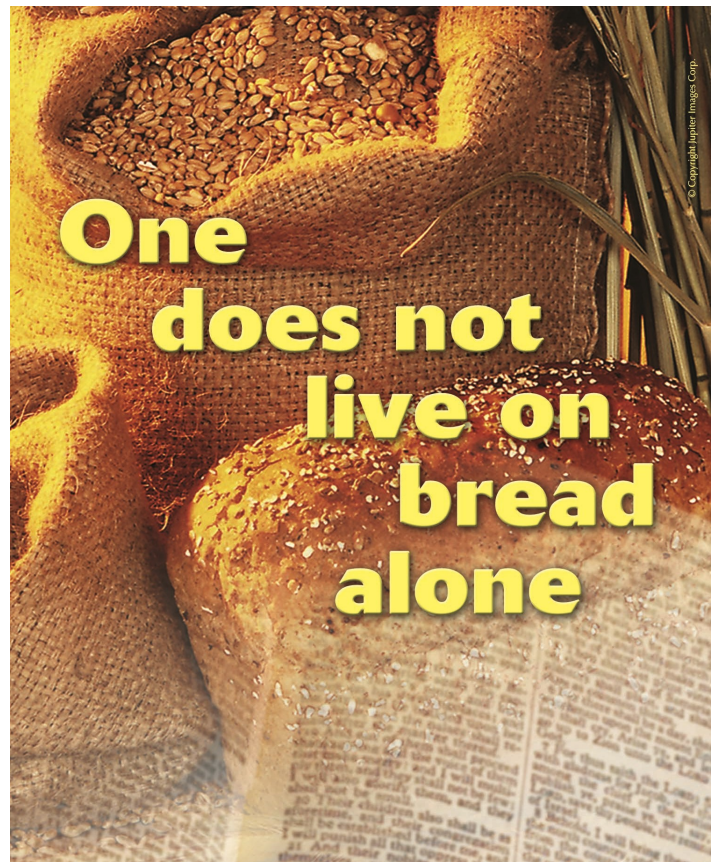
Face it, the last couple of years have worn us all down. Sometimes we don't know how to pray, or we don't seem to find the words we want. It is easy to falter and waver. Lent is a time to get back to the basics. There is much hope and strength in our readings as we begin our Lenten journey. The letter to the Romans tells us today that "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved," and this is an idea we hear throughout the scriptures. Psalm 91 shows us exactly how to cry for help, "Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble." In Deuteronomy, Moses teaches the people to bring their firstfruit offerings to God, and put their faith and trust in God, and Jesus teaches us in today's Gospel that we find our life in the word of God.

### GOOD ZEAL AND TEMPTATIONS

In the chapter of Luke preceding today's Gospel, Jesus was baptized in the Jordan and began his adult ministry. Immediately afterward he was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tested. While this might seem almost surreal as we imagine the devil taking Jesus from place to place, it is really much more simple and common than that. For many of us, as we strive to live our lives, we deal with many temptations. Sometimes it is a matter of having the zeal and desire, but not the practical experience or knowledge to carry out a goal. Other times, we are afraid to ask for the assistance that we need to carry a project through to completion. Or we might think that we deserve more, or that our results should be happening more quickly. Our egos can be destructive.

### KNOWING YOUR TOUCHSTONES

When Jesus found himself tested by the devil, he was given several different scenarios. The devil brought up situations that he knew could specifically test Jesus, but similar situations would test any of us. Physical hunger is a real need, and many of us might yearn for success, or better paying jobs, or power, or the like. The difference is that when Jesus was tempted, he had some strong "touchstones" to hold onto, secure answers to lead him. He went to simple, basic scriptures that he could call upon in his time of need. For many, one of those basics would be Jeremiah, "I know the plans I have in mind for you—plans for peace and not disaster." For another it might be the Beatitudes or the twenty-third Psalm. Whatever it may be, have ready those touchstones, those "go to" prayers or phrases that you can hold onto during the times when you are sorely tested in your life. Let those stones be your firm foundation.





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## 2022 Fish Fry Dine In and To Go Menu

4:30 to 7:00 Fridays, March 4, 11, 18, 25 & April 1, 8  
Beyenka Hall St. Monica Parish

**Cod Dinner** – 2 pieces of battered fried cod served with French fries, coleslaw, bread and butter, and tartar sauce - **\$12.00 adult** and **\$10.00 child** (12 and under - 1 piece of fish).

**Catfish Dinner** – 2 pieces of battered fried catfish served with French fries, coleslaw, bread and butter, and tartar sauce - **\$14.00 adult** and **\$12.00 child** (12 and under - 1 piece of fish).

**Shrimp Dinner** – ½ lb. breaded popcorn shrimp served with French fries, coleslaw, bread and butter, and cocktail sauce-**\$12.00 adult and child.**

**Tilapia Dinner** – 1 piece baked tilapia served with boiled potatoes, coleslaw, bread and butter, and lemon slice - **\$12.00 adult and child.**

**Pasta Dinner** in marinara sauce served with bread and butter - **\$9.00 adult** and **\$7.00 child** (smaller portion).

### **On the Side**

**Cheese Pizza** by the slice - **\$3**

**Soup of the Day** by the bowl - **\$4**

**Cod, Tilapia, or Catfish piece** - **\$4.00** for each piece

**½ lb. Shrimp basket with cocktail sauce**- **\$6**

**French fries or boiled potatoes** - **\$3**

**Mozzarella Cheese Sticks (6) with marinara sauce**- **\$4.00**

**Beverage (Coke, Diet, Sprite, or Water)** - **\$1**

**Coffee included with all meals**

**Dessert** - **\$1**

**For take-out orders, call Roberta (773)-774-0471**  
**Call from 4:00 to 7 PM Fridays during Lent**

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST. MONICA ACADEMY

# CARNIVAL GALA

SAT  
MAY  
14  
6:00 PM

Save the Date

FEATURING  
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DANCING ★ GAMES  
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Sponsored by the St. Monica Pastoral Council,  
in fellowship with our faith community,  
please join as we reflect on  
the Sunday Gospel Readings for Lent 2022

Gather weekly at 2:00 pm  
in the church foyer, Beginning Sunday,  
February 27, in preparation for  
Ash Wednesday  
Through Sunday, April 10, Palm Sunday,  
in preparation for Holy Week  
Video Series, Meditation,  
Prayer and Group Discussions.

All are welcome and materials and journals  
will be provided at No Cost and can be  
picked up in the back of church on  
February 19 and 20 after all the masses.

For questions or to RSVP,  
please call (708) 287-0805



## ST. MONICA MEN'S OPEN VOLLEYBALL

Men's open volleyball every  
Monday night, 8-10:00 PM in  
the school gym. Come hang  
with the guys and have a great time. A 40+  
year parish tradition. A great father and son  
environment too. You must be 18 or older to  
play or 16 and older with a playing father.  
Just show up. There's no cost.

For more information

email: [mensvolleyball@stmonica.us](mailto:mensvolleyball@stmonica.us).

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# GORZKIE ŻALE

## CZEŚĆ PIERWSZA

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Gorzkie żale przybywajcie,  
Serca nasze przenikajcie.  
Rozpłyńcie się, me źrenice,  
Toczcie smutnych łez krynice.  
Słońce, gwiazdy omdlewają,  
Żałobą się pokrywają.  
Płaczą rzewnie Aniołowie,  
A któż żalność ich wypowie?  
Opoki się twarde krają,  
Z grobów umarli powstają.  
Cóż jest, pytam, co się dzieje?  
Wszystko stworzenie truchleje!  
Na ból męki Chrystusowej  
Żal przejmuję bez wymowy.  
Uderz, Jezu, bez odwłoki  
W twarde serc naszych opoki!  
Jezu mój, we krwi ran swoich  
Obmyj duszę z grzechów moich!  
Upał serca swego chłódzę,  
Gdy w przepaść męki Twej wchodzę.

Żal duszę ściska, serce boleść czuje,  
Gdy słodki Jezus na śmierć się gotuje;  
Kłęczy w Ogrójcu, gdy krwawy pot leje,  
Me serce mdleje.  
Pana świętości uczeń zły całuje,  
Żołnierz okrutny powrozmi krępuje!  
Jezus tym więzom dla nas się poddaje,  
Na śmierć wydaje.  
Bije, popycha tłum nieposkromiony,  
Nielitościwie z tej i owej strony,  
Za włosy targa: znosi w cierpliwości  
Król z wysokości.  
Zsiniate przedtem krwią zachodzą usta,  
Gdy zbrojną żołnierz rękawicą chlusta;  
Wnet się zmieniło w płaczące wzdychanie  
Serca kochanie.  
Oby się serce we łzy rozplątało,  
Że Cię, mój Jezu, sprośnie obrażało!  
Żal mi, ach, żal mi ciężkich moich złości  
Dla Twej miłości!

Jezu, na zabicie okrutne,  
Cichy Baranku od wrogów szukany,  
**Jezu mój kochany!**

Jezu, za trzydzieści srebrników  
Od niewdzięcznego ucznia zaprzędany  
Jezu, w ciężkim smutku żalnością,  
Jakoś sam wyznał, przed śmiercią nękany,  
Jezu, na modlitwie w Ogrójcu  
Strumieniem potu krwawego zalany,  
Jezu, całowaniem zdradliwym  
Od niegodnego Judasza wydany,  
Jezu, powrozami grubymi  
Od swawolnego żołdactwa związany,  
Jezu, od pospólstwa zelżywie  
Przed Annaszowym sądem znieważany,  
Jezu, przez ulice sromotnie  
Przed sąd Kajfasza za włosy targany,  
Jezu, od Malchusa srogiego  
Ręką zbrodniczą wypoliczkowany,  
Jezu, od fałszywych dwóch świadków  
Za zwodziciela niesłusznie podany,

**Bądź pozdrowiony, bądź pochwalony,  
Dla nas zelżony i poharbiony.  
Bądź uwielbiony! Bądź wystawiony!  
Boże nieskończony!**

Ach! Ja Matka tak żalosa!  
Boleść mnie ściska nieznośna.  
Miecz me serce przenika.  
Czemuś, Matko ukochana,  
Ciężko na sercu stroskana?  
Czemu wszystka truchlejesz?  
Co mię pytasz? Wszystkam w mdłości,  
Mówić nie mogę z żalności,  
Krew mi serce zalewa.  
Powiedz mi, o Panno moja,  
Czemu blednieje twarz Twoja?  
Czemu gorzkie łzy lejesz?  
Widzę, że Syn ukochany  
W Ogrójcu cały zalany  
Potu krwawym potokiem.  
O Matko, źródło miłości,  
Niech czuję gwałt Twej żalności!  
Dozwól mi z sobą płakać.



# ŚPIEWNIK

I NIEDZIELA POSTU

## **Panie, przebacz nam!**

Ojczy, zapomnij nam!  
Zapomnij nam nasze winy,  
Przywołaj, kiedy zbłądzimy!  
Ojczy, zapomnij nam!

Panie, przyjmij nas!  
Ojczy, przygarnij nas!  
I w swej ojcowskiej miłości,  
Ku naszej schył się słabości!  
Ojczy, przygarnij nas!

PSALM:

**„Bądź ze mną, Panie, w moim utrapieniu.”**

O Panie, Ty nam dajesz Ciało swe i Krew.  
Do Ciebie więc idziemy wciąż radosną nucąc pieśń:

***Ty jesteś Bogiem wiernym na wieczny czas.***

Przez dar Twojego Chleba, dobry Boże nasz.  
Rodzinę bratnią czynisz z nas, miłować uczysz nas.

To Twoje miłowanie dało wolność nam.  
Chwalimy święte Imię Boga, jak uczyłeś nas.

Tyś nam wyznaczył drogę,  
wiodącą na Twój szlak.  
Idziemy więc, by radość nieść tam, gdzie jej  
światu brak.

## **Ja wiem, w kogo ja wierze**

stałością duszy mej.  
Mój Pan w tym Sakramencie,  
pełen potęgi swej.  
To Ten, co zstąpił z nieba,  
co życie za mnie dał  
i pod postacią chleba  
pozostać z nami chciał.

Ja wiem, w kim mam nadzieję,  
gdy słabnie ducha moc.  
To Ten, przed którym światło  
pali się dzień i noc.  
On moim szczęściem w życiu,  
On Światłem w śmierci dniu,  
rozprasza mroki grzechu  
w tym Tabernakulum.

Ja wiem, kogo miłuję,  
nad wszelki świata dar.  
Kto pojął duszę moją,  
kto zna miłości żar.  
To Król nad wszystkie króle,  
potężny, dobry Pan,  
co karmi dusze głodne  
Ciałem i Krwią swych ran.

***Duszo Chrystusowa, uświęć mnie.  
Ciało Chrystusowe, zbaw mnie,  
Krwi Chrystusowa, napój mnie.  
Wodo z boku Chrystusowego, obmyj mnie.  
Męko Chrystusowa, pokrzep mnie.  
O dobry Jezu, wysłuchaj mnie.  
W ranach swoich ukryj mnie.  
Nie dopuść mi oddalić się od Ciebie.  
Od złego ducha broń mnie.  
W godzinę śmierci wezwij mnie.  
I każ mi przyjść do siebie,  
Abym z świętymi Twymi chwalił Cię,  
Na wieki wieków. Amen.***

## **Z dawna Polski Tyś Królową – Maryjo**

Ty, za nami przemów słowo – Maryjo  
Ociemniałym podaj rękę  
Niewytrwałym skracaj mękę  
Twe Królestwo weź w porękę—Maryjo.

Gdyś pod krzyżem Syna stała – Maryjo  
Tyleś matko wycierpiąta – Maryjo  
Przez Twego Syna konanie  
Uproś sercom zmartwychwstanie  
W ojców wierze daj wytrwanie—Maryjo.

# SUNDAY

## COLLECTION

### FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>

#### SUNDAY MASSES

ENVELOPES (Registered Parishioners)	\$ 4,790.10
LOOSE (Visiting/ Unregistered Parishioners)	\$ 2,507.82
<b>SUNDAY MASSES TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 7,297.92</b>

Electronic Giving (online)	\$ 670.00
Mailed Envelopes	\$ 1,878.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 2.00
<b>Grand Total This Week</b>	<b>\$ 9,847.92</b>

St. Monica Academy	\$ 105.00
Facility Maintenance Fund	\$ 333.00
Initial Offering	\$ 10.00
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	\$ 13.00
Annual Catholic Appeal	\$ 825.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 20.00
Latin America	\$ 2.00
Weekly Difference (\$ 9,200.00 Budgeted)	\$ <b>+ 647.92</b>
Year-to-Date Difference	\$ <b>+19,730.39</b>
Actual Weekly Collection-to-Date	\$ 323,330.39
Year-to-Date Goal	\$ 303,600.00

### MONTHLY COLLECTIONS SCHEDULE

<b>MARCH</b>	March, 2	Ash Wednesday	Central & East Europe
	March, 6	Regular Sunday Collection	Facility Maintenance
	March, 13	Regular Sunday Collection	St. Monica Academy
	March, 20	Regular Sunday Collection	_____
	March, 27	Regular Sunday Collection	Reply

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— Romans 10:8



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