



Welcome to all who celebrate the Mass with us today. May God's grace and peace fill us all so that we can serve one another in unity and love.

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY



God is One. We also pray and strive for "unity and peace." If we are to know unity and peace when we find it, we must first learn to seek it in our lives. As human beings we are physical, psychological and spiritual. We have treasures from the physical world. We have talents, which bolster our own and others' emotional

lives. We have time enough for love because God is love and God lives forever. When we focus our lives, we realize that the unity and peace that we seek is not physical sleep or escape from emotional exhaustion, but the resting of our spirit with the Lord. God creates and gives us life. God redeems and ransoms us from death. God sanctifies and sustains us. Praise to the Holy Trinity.

This Sunday the readings are: (1) Exodus 34: 4-6, 8-9 (2) 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13 (3) John 3:16-18.**Year A**

Next Sunday the readings will be: (1) Deuteronomy 8: 2-3, 14 -16 (2) 1 Corinthians 10: 16-17 (3) John 6: 51-58. Year A



SAT: 4:00 PM Frank Bohte, off: Carol Cypher

SUN: 8:30AM For the Parish

MON: 9:00AM John Maiorano, off: JC & Mary Lou Kelly TUE: 9:00AM Dorothy Parchinsky, off: Carol Cypher

SAT: 4:00PM Ken & Rita Normand 60th Wedding Anniversary

(June 15)

SUN: 8:30AM For the Parish

STEWARDSHIP/ FINANCE Collections for May 28, 2023

Regular Collection & loose cash & envelopes\$6,160.34Capital Improvement Donations\$150.00Total collections for May 28, 2023\$6,310.34

Church Renovation Project
Total Donations and Pledges as of May 28, 2023 \$147,259.95

THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY

PLEASE REMEMBER MHC IN YOUR WILL

When considering which charities to include in your will or trust, we hope you will remember **Mary**, **Help of Christians**.

The parish gratefully accepts donations of stock. A tax deduction for a gift of appreciated securities to a charity equals its full fair market value.



From The Pastor's Desk

Fr. Bedel

Beloved in Christ,

Thank you for your hospitality and generosity toward the Little Sisters of Mary Immaculate of Gulu this weekend as they made their scheduled mission appeal. If you want to make a contribution sometime this week, you can make checks payable to our respective parishes. Again, the monies are sent to the Archdiocese, who will then send 90% to the Little Sisters and 10% to other missionary groups who could not make an appeal.

The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, with the Feast of the Sacred Heart falling on June 16th. Recall the flame in the image of the Sacred Heart, which is pierced and surrounded by thorns. That flame reminds us of the burning love Jesus has for us. This is the highest form of love, which means willing the good of the other, and which we are called to have for each other. We Christians contrast this true love with counterfeit versions of love we see in the culture this time of year, which are not focused on the good of the other. In the pattern of Jesus, who gave himself that we may have life abundantly, we have to opportunity to ask how we can make a gift of self for the good of the other. And the ultimate good is communion with God Himself.

Thanks for your prayers. Be assured of my daily prayers for you.

God bless,

Fr. Bedel

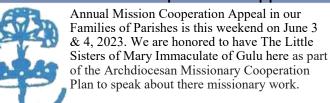
EXTRAORDINARY MINSTER TRAINING FOR MINISTERS



The Archdiocese requires all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion both those who help distribute at Mass, and those who take Communion to the sick - to be recommissioned every year. We will recommission all of our Extraordinary

Ministers at every parish in our family at our Masses on the feast of Corpus Christi, June 10th and 11th. We will have two training sessions for any new Extraordinary Ministers, or any current ones who want a refresher and an opportunity to pray together: 7:00PM on Tuesday, June 6th at St. Brigid. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Ambrose.

Annual Mission Cooperation Appeal



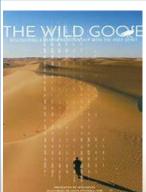
The Little Sisters of Mary Immaculate of Gulu (LSMIG) is an indigenous Congregation of

Catholic Sisters founded in 1936 in the Archdiocese of Gulu in Northern Uganda (East Africa).

If you are able, please place your donation in the second collection basket. We will have a special envelope on the tables at the doors marked for the ANNUAL MISSION COLLECTION at all the Masses this weekend June 3 & 4.

Your separate check should be written out to Mary, Help of Christians Parish and marked for the missions in the memo. We consolidate the donations and write one check for the Annual Mission Cooperation Appeal.

JOIN US FOR "THE WILD GOOSE" SERIES



"The Wild Goose" by Fr.
Dave Pivonka with Michael
Barclay.

On June 20, as a continuation of the well-received video series "The Mass" by Bishop Robert Barron, Michael Barclay will be showing "The Wild Goose." This high quality video series on the Holy Spirit will run for seven

weeks after Tuesday morning Mass in St. Francis Hall. This series promises to free our hearts, minds and lives to live more boldly in the Holy Spirit! Please join us!

IDEA FOR THE WEEK

Take a walk and pray the Rosary! It can change your Life!!!

NE3 VBS ST. LUKE'S

Into the desert we go for

2023 Vacation Bible School!

Join us for adventurous stories, high energy games, unforgettable music, crafty activities and fun with old and new friends!



EVENT DETAILS

June 12-16, 2023 9:00 - 11:30 AM (M T Th F) 5:30 - 7:30 PM (W) Family Night Location: St. Luke Church

PARTICIPATE

For children born before 9/30/2019 through 5th grade in '22/'23 schoolyear. Cost is \$10/child with \$20/family (max)

VOLUNTEER

Youth who have completed 6th grade through high school may be a team member.

Adults are also needed as team members. Together, we'll be Movin' with Moses!

CONTACT

Forms available at www.saintlukeparish.org Questions: (937) 426-1733 ext 306 or mpyper@saintlukeparish.org

YOUTH OPPORTUNITY



2023 NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH

CONFERENCE: Fully Alive (November 16-18, Indianapolis, IN) NCYC is a national Catholic youth event that gathers High School aged Catholic teenagers

for a life-changing encounter with Christ. At NCYC, teens pray, build community, learn more about their faith, and are empowered to live out their faith. Our team of speakers and artists will help our teens reflect on how they, too, are made in the image and likeness of God and are called to be Fully Alive in his presence. If interested in attending, please contact Michael at mbarclay@mhcparish.org. More information at: https://youtu.be/ymGPT9fmDV

DISABLED AND WHEELCHAIR SEATING



DISABLED AND WHEELCHAIR SEATING...Available in the left front section of the church.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JUNE & JULY ARE READY



Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Sacristans and

The new Ministers Schedule for June & July is in the sacristy this weekend. It will also be mailed this week. If you have any questions please call the parish office. Thanks for your

continued involvement in this ministry.

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date and time please call and find a sub.

Thanks! ⊙

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CERTIFICATES AND GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY MASS



Married couples celebrating a

significant wedding anniversary Silver 25th, 40th Golden 50th, 60th, 70th or 75th during 2023 You are invited to request a congratulatory certificate from Archbishop Schnurr. You should contact the parish office @ 937-878-8353 no later

than June 12, 2023. For "golden" couples, there will also be a Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass on Saturday, August 5, 2023 at St. Paul, Englewood/ North Dayton at 4:30PM. Celebrant: Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr. Certificates will be sent to those who contact the parish office with their information.

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHTS







Mary, Help of Christians has more than 50 ministries that meet the diverse needs of its members and the community. Over the next few months

we will highlight a series of those ministry profiles. These Ministry Spotlights highlight the wide variety of opportunities to serve and be served at Mary Help. Our hope is that somewhere in these 50-plus ministries is one that's just right for you! A Ministry Spotlight is a celebration of the work of the Church. It is a time to learn about the programs, ministries and services of the parish, as well as an opportunity for all parishioners to consider their God given talents and gifts and to discern how those gifts can be of service to others.

Now is the time for you to reflect upon your gifts and how they might be of service to the community. This can help you grow in your relationship with God and with each other, for we are all called to be good stewards of our lives. Highlighting the ministries and activities of the parish on will help all of us witness the vast treasures of gifts and talents within our faith community. We have all been gifted by God, so as to use our gifts for the good of the others. Please pray to discern your gifts and talents and how you might use them for the common good. Watch for a table in the gathering space that each ministry is highlighted. Starting on June 24 & 25.

ADORATION

Holy Hour and Eucharistic Adoration:



You are invited to spend a holy hour of prayer with adoration on the 4th Monday each month from 7:00-8:00PM in the church. Welcome!

Join us Monday, June 26.

ST. FRANCIS MEDITATION GARDEN



Enjoy God's Creation!

As the weather gets warmer all are invited to

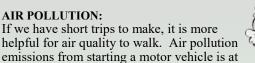
spend some quiet time or private prayer in our St. Francis Meditation Garden! The garden is open from dawn to dusk. The entrance is near the St. Francis Hall garage door. Check out our beautiful garden.

FROM THE ARCHIVES OF MHC GREEN EARTH TIPS

Earth Tips By MHC Green

Let's Go Walking

Walking is good for health and also protects our environment in the areas listed below:



NOISE POLLUTION:

its greatest at that point.

Noise levels in congested traffic areas provide a huge and serious noise pollution atmosphere. Most urban areas have hospitals, schools, churches and community buildings on main thoroughfares with little buffering or soundproofing.



CLIMATE CHANGE:

The creation of greenhouse gas emission from motor vehicles contributes a large impact to global warming. With rising numbers of these vehicles, the effect is

only going to increase the damage to our delicate environment situation.

ECONOMIC SAVINGS:

Of course, if one walks you eliminate the expenses associated with use of an auto.



SPONSOR OF THE WEEK



Sponsor of the Week We'd like to call your attention to this week's "Sponsor of the Week." Western Medicine Family Physicians Inc., Jacob T. Dean, M.D., 7790 Dayton Rd., Suite B, Fairborn.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their continued support of our weekly bulletin.

THANK YOU: This bulletin is furnished to the Parish without charge. The advertisements that appear, completely defray all publishing costs with which the church would otherwise be burdened. Please patronize these sponsors as a thank you for their kind generosity.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO



The Fairborn Knights of Columbus has BINGO every Wednesday night in the Parish Center. Doors open at 5:00PM and Instants start selling at

5:30PM. Early Bird Games start at 6:15PM and regular games start at 7:00PM. Packages start at \$13.00 (12 faces). Last series of the night is a \$1000 cover all in 50 numbers or less, 51 numbers for \$750 and then played out for \$500. (Prize reduced if under 80 players) A portion of the profit is donated back to our parish. For more information or if you would like to volunteer to work one night a month call Eric Rogalinski @ 937- 657-6958.

MHC CEMETERY LOTS

MHC Cemetery Lots



Just a reminder that Mary, Help of Christians has a section in the Fairfield Cemetery here in Fairborn. Heading

southwest on Broad Street, turn right on Clover Street at Goodyear and proceed; you will find our section in that first area on your left. Each lot is \$400. Please feel free to call the parish office @ 937-878-8353 if you have an interest.

SAVE THE DATE

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 50th MHC Pall SH FESTIVAL

July 14-16, 2023.

This Year The Festival Is The Third Weekend In July. Mark your calendars.

We will have Great Food, Rides, Games, Cash Prizes, and Lots of Fun!!

We look forward to your undying support once again! Look for more information to come.

Please call Eric Rogalinski @ 937- 657-6958 or Julie Sewell @937- 878-8353 if you have any questions regarding Festival or wish to volunteer for anything.

Hours are: Friday, 6:00-11:00PM; Saturday, 2:00-11:00PM;

Sunday, 1:00-6:00PM.

FESTIVAL BOOTH DONATIONS

To help defray some of the ever rising food expenses. We are asking for donations of specific food items needed for our Festival Booths. Some of the booths use specific brand name items so please get that specific item. Each week we will have different items that are needed.

Week Eight Chips, Pretzels and Cheddar Cheese

Mikesells Groovy **Tostitos Original Restaurant Style Chip** Small Individual Bags of Lays Classic Mix Individual Bags Super Pretzels Cheddar Cheese #10 Can















We will continue to need lots of pop and water for each booth.

Thank you in advance for your support to making this Festival a huge success. You can drop off your items at the Parish Office or in the Church gathering space on left side by bride's room door we will have a blue bin marked Festival Booth Food.

If we receive more food items than we need after the Festival all extra food will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul.

NE3 Confession & Devotional Opportunities

MH– Mary Help, SH– Sacred Heart, STA– St. Augustine, STB– St. Brigid, STL– St. Luke

	Confession	Adoration	Rosary
SUN	8:00 am (STA)		8:00 am (MH) (5th Sunday's) 8:40 am (STA) 10:00 am (SH) (1st Sunday's)
MON	8:00 am (MH)	7:00 pm (MH) (4 th Monday's)	8:00 am (STL) 6:00 pm (MH)
TUE	7:00 pm (SH)	9:00 am (STL) (ends 6:30 pm) 7:00 pm (SH)	8:00 am (STL)
WED	10:00 am/ 5:45 pm (STP)		8:00 am (STL)
THU	2:00 pm (STL)		8:00 am (STL) 9:30 am (SH)
FRI	8:30 am (STB)	8:30 am (STB) (ends 4:00 pm, 1 st Friday's)	8:00 am (STL)
SAT	3:00 pm (MH) 3:30 pm (STB) 4:00 pm (STL)		3:30 pm (MH)

FORMED



The Eucharistic Revival is a national movement to renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

FORMED is proud to accompany the USCCB as we reinvigorate the Church in her understanding of and love for Our Lord in this sacrament. Learn what the Church teaches about this precious gift and why it is pivotal to your spiritual journey through the resources found on FORMED! Visit: https://https://watch.formed.org/eucharist or scan the QR code. (To sign up free, visit: https://signup.formed.org and enter Mary Help of

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PARISH WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE LINKS

Visit the parish website at: www.mhcparish.org



Visit our Facebook page at: https://www.facebook.com/fairbornmhcchurch/

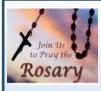
FAMILY ROSARY MONDAY EVENINGS

Family Rosary Every Monday

Please join us this Monday, June 5 @ 6:00PM.



ROSARY SATURDAY AFTERNOON BEFORE MASS



Rosary
Saturday Afternoon before Mass In
The Church. Please join us @ 3:30PM.

CHILDREN'S GAME TENT

The Children's Game Tent



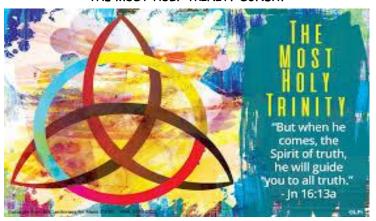
Marianne Bishop will be calling families to volunteer to help run the children's games. Parents, children, siblings and grandparents can help by volunteering for a few hours or more during the weekend. This is a way the children can participate and take ownership

in supporting their parish! Volunteers are welcome to bring a friend with them to help. A permission slip will be required if the friend is not a member of MHC Parish or if the parent will be dropping off the child and not staying. (Mrs. Bishop will have the permission slip you will need for the parent to fill out). Parents are encouraged to signup as well! Not only does it support our parish but there are many benefits to volunteering! *The children are learning lessons in responsibility, accountability and leadership.* This is a really fun for everyone and the volunteer youth are the future of our great Catholic church community! Thank you for your consideration! No amount of time you can spare is too small. Mrs. Bishop will accommodate your schedule. Please call Marianne Bishop @ 937- 879-5679.

SPEAK LIFE



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY



BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES AT MHC

The next two Baptismal Preparation Classes for parents seeking baptism for young children are being held on Sunday, July 9, 2023 at 9:45AM and Sunday, September 10, 2023 at 9:45AM in the Church. Please call the parish office @ 878-8353 to advise us if you will be attending one of these classes.

ATTENTION HOME GARDENERS



"First Fruits Covenant" Attention Home Gardeners

Hopefully you are starting to harvest some of your vegetables. If so, please consider bringing the "first fruits" from your garden to church

each Sunday between now and the end of the growing season. Your produce will support the St. Vincent DePaul Society's food pantry. Just place the produce in the blue plastic tub on the right side by Usher Room in the back of church.

SERVER TRAINING



Server Training

Training for new and veteran altar servers will be on Sunday, June 25, 2023 after the 8:30AM Mass in the church. This will be the first of 3 training sessions to prepare our

youth for serving. Parish youth 4th grade and up are encouraged to train as altar servers. If you would like this training for your child please call the rectory office @ 937-878-8353. Please consider this very important ministry.

MHC 2023 50th Festival

Our annual Festival is a major fundraiser and very important for the parish. This is our 50th year which is so awesome!!! The dates are July 14-16, 2023. Festival Hours will be Fri, July 14 6:00PM-11:00PM; Sat, July 15 2:00PM-11:00PM; Sun, July 16 1:00PM-6:00PM. We will have Great Delicious Food, Rides, Entertainment, Featuring: The Fries Band on Friday, The Hathaway's on Saturday and Fr. Ambrose's Band on Sunday. Raffle, the ever popular Treasure Trove and Lots of Fun!!

RAFFLE TICKETS ARE HERE:

They are located on the Festival Tickets table in the church gathering space this weekend. Tickets will also be available at all doors. No searching required—just "grab & take". Each envelope will contain 10 books of tickets and a letter explaining the raffle process.. There are open-stock tickets available for those of you who love to sell more than we provide in the envelope. If you only wish to take a few of the open-stock tickets to sell or buy, there are also separate raffle letters on the table that you may take.

Please fill out tickets and drop in the "Raffle Return" box in the Church Gathering Space! You can stop by the Parish Office to drop off tickets too.

Please support the raffle and the festival—you make the festival a huge success every year!

***We will also be offering MHC Tee Shirts to purchase at this years Festival. See sign up on the Festival Table.

BINGO There will be "split the pot" Bingo on FRIDAY, 6:00PM-10:00PM, SATURDAY, 5:00PM-9:00PM, and SUNDAY, 3:00PM-6:00PM in the air-conditioned, non-smoking Parish Center Hall.

TREASURE TROVE: Donations: Drop off hours @ the Parish Center by Mary statue will be Monday—Friday from 10:00AM—3:00PM starting **Monday, May 1.** Workers are needed to help sort and price items before the festival. Used books may be dropped off at the same place and hours as Treasure Trove. There will be a cart marked **"Books".**

QUESTIONS: Please call Eric Rogalinski @ 937-657-6958 or Julie Sewell @ 937-878-8353 if you have any questions regarding Festival or wish to volunteer for anything. New to the parish? Please contact us if interested in joining our team. We thank all of you in advance for your support! There are many different jobs to do. If you could just give us an hour we could use your help. NO time is too small. "Many hands make light work." Watch the bulletin for more information. A big "Thank You" to everyone who has helped in 49 years of festivals. You are appreciated!



Sacred Heart Corner

ADORATION & CONFESSION

Join us at Sacred Heart Tuesday

Evening for Adoration & Confession.

7:00-8:00 pm

PATRIOTIC ROSARY

All are welcome to join us
Thursdays at 9:30AM

Blessed Sacrament Chapel in the Church

DAILY DEVOTIONS

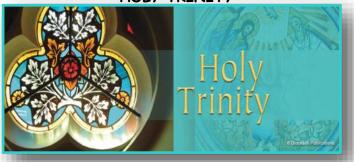
Sacred Heart Church is open 7:00AM to 7:00PM for your daily devotions.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS

Join us at Sacred Heart 9:00 am for

First Friday Mass July 7, 2023

HOLY TRINITY



ST VINCENT DE PAUL



Food Donations for St. Vincent de Paul.

It has been requested that we put an item or two in the bulletin each week that St. Vincent de Paul could use to help defray some of the ever rising food expenses. Each week we will have different items that are needed. You can still bring any

items that you would like as well.

Peanut Butter Any Brand



You can drop off your items at the in the Church gathering space on right side by usher's room door we will have a blue bin marked Food.



St. Vincent de Paul collects monetary donations at the doors after Mass on the 3rd weekend of every month. Look for baskets at each of the doors marked for St. Vincent dePaul. St. Vincent volunteers will be holding the baskets.



St. Vincent de Paul Furniture Needed

We are looking for furniture, the need is surprisingly high. Couches, beds/mattresses, tables and chairs. Please contact Dave at 937-825-3576. Please, items need to be in good condition. Thanks for your help and support.

Quality Rule: If it is okay for your mother-in-law, it is okay to donate.

JOY CLUB



Add JOY to your life this Spring!

All adult parishioners and friends are invited to attend JOY Club.

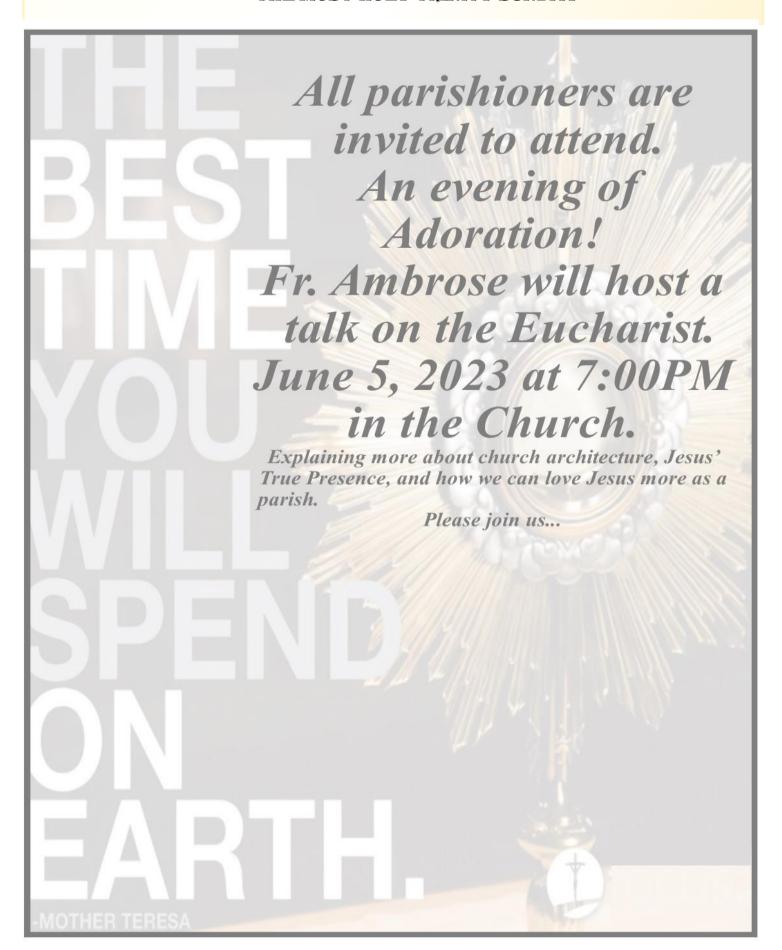
JOY Club Special Event which will be on Monday, June 12 at 1:00PM in St. Francis Hall.

JOY Club meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays from

September through June from 1:00PM-3:00PM. Come to enJOY an afternoon of cards, games or bingo along with fellowship and refreshments with your fellow parishioners and friends. Come feel the JOY!

MASS TIMES * SATURDAY, JUNE 3	PARISH *	PRESIDER *		
8:00AM	St. Brigid	Fr. Bedel		
4:00PM	Mary, Help of Christians	Fr. Ambrose		
4:30PM	St. Brigid	Fr. Holloran		
5:30PM	St. Luke	Fr. Tritle		
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SUNDAY, JUNE 4 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY				
8:00AM	St. Luke	Fr. Tritle		
8:30AM	Mary, Help of Christians	Fr. Holloran		
9:00AM	St. Augustine	Fr. Ambrose		
9:30AM	St. Brigid	Fr. Bedel		
10:00AM	St. Luke	Fr. Tritle		
10:30AM	Sacred Heart-English	Fr. Holloran		
11:15AM	St. Paul	Fr. Fr. Bedel		
12:00PM	Sacred Heart-Spanish	Fr. Fr. Ambrose		
MONDAY, JUNE 5				
8:30AM	St. Luke	Fr. Holloran		
9:00AM	Mary, Help of Christians	Fr. Ambrose		
TUESDAY, JUNE 6				
8:00AM	St. Brigid	Fr. Charlie		
8:30AM	St. Luke	Fr. Bedel		
9:00AM	Mary, Help of Christians	Fr. Ambrose		
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7				
8:00AM	St. Brigid	Fr. Holloran		
8:30AM	St. Luke	Fr. Bedel		
9:00AM	Sacred Heart	Fr. Hughes		
6:00PM	St. Paul	Fr. Ambrose		
THURSDAY, JUNE 8				
8:00AM	St. Brigid	Fr. Holloran		
8:30AM	St. Luke	Fr. Bedel		
8:30AM	St. Paul	Fr. Ambrose		
9:00AM	Sacred Heart	Fr. Hughes		
FRIDAY, JUNE 9				
8:00AM	St. Brigid	Fr. Holloran		
8:30AM	St. Luke	Fr. Bedel		
8:30AM	St. Paul	Fr. Tritle		
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8:00AM	St. Brigid	Fr. Tritle		
10:30AM	St. Luke	Fr. Bedel		
4:00PM	Mary, Help of Christians	Fr. Holloran		
4:30PM	St. Brigid	Fr. Ambrose		
5:30PM	St. Luke	Fr. Bedel		
SUNDAY, JUNE 11 MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)				
8:00AM	St. Luke	Fr. Ambrose		
8:30AM	Mary, Help of Christians	Fr. Hughes		
9:00AM	St. Augustine	Fr. Holloran		
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Catholic Social Teaching













Catholic Social Teaching

As Catholics view the world and all of its needs, we can look to seven key principles recognized by the Church to guide us in responding to those around us. We will look at a general overview of the Principles of Catholic Social Teaching in this issue. In later editions, we'll examine the individual principles in greater detail.

Jesus is the example of how we should treat one another. He did not view the poor as less valuable or as problems. He gave us the command to love one another. In the Beatitudes, we are instructed to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, and welcome the stranger. Inspired by the love and example of Jesus, we have these guidelines to help us:

The Seven Principles of Catholic Social Teaching

- -Life and Dignity of the Human Person
- -Call to Family, Community, and Participation
- -Rights and Responsibilities
- -Option for the Poor and Vulnerable
- -The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers
- -Solidarity
- -Care for God's Creation

Our parish has many ways to get involved with Social Justice issues. The Social Actions Committee meets every other month in St. Francis Hall at 7:30 P.M. Our next meeting is May 10. For more information contact Jeanne Duell at duelljeanne@gmail.com.

St Vincent de Paul is another organization that puts the Beatitudes in action. Meetings are the first Wednesday of the month at St. Francis Hall at 7:00 P.M. Contact Tom Boland at tjb45324@gmail.com.

Caring for our environment, learning ways to be good stewards and teaching others to grow in appreciation for our natural world are the focus of the work done by MHC Green. If you are interested in learning more, contact Bob Jurick at bobjurick3@gmail.com.

Jeanne Duell









Respect For Food

Recent emphasis on the Eucharist reflects a fundamental respect of the Christian community for food. Here are two ways we Christians show respect for food and two ways we as Christians "disrespect" food. As Catholic Christians we are obligated to ask "How would Jesus respond to the following?"

Respect #1: Feeding the Fairborn community with healthy food. MHC's food garden has been growing abundant vegetables for over 25 years. They are provided to

both the St Vincent DePaul and Fairborn FISH food pantries. Many of our parishioners both volunteer at the pantries and deliver the food to the food insecure members of our community. MHC parishioners also bring produce from their gardens to weekend masses as part of the "First Fruits Covenant."

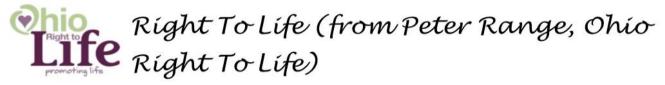
Disrespect #1: Participating in, or watching, pie throwing and "Who can eat the most?" contests Can you imagine how people in refugee camps or food insecure urban communities feel about this disrespect? "Even the dogs eat the crumbs from the table" Matthew 15:27.

Respect #2: Supporting local growers by purchasing their food at farmers markets, farm stands or farm markets – or by subscribing to Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) – or by frequenting restaurants and grocery stores that advertise local food. "Local food" is defined by the Greater Dayton Partners for the Environment (PFE) as food grown in the Great Miami River and Little Miami River watersheds.

Disrespect #2: Wasting food! In the United States food waste in 30-40% of the food supply. Having food on your plate taken away at a restaurant can be a sign of disrespect. Almost every restaurant has carryout containers - and you can reduce your ecological footprint by using your own reusable containers. At home, food waste can reduced by starting with smaller portions. Given the food obesity epidemic in our country, "seconds" are an enabler. Another major contributor is congestion in our refrigerators and freezers. An orderly refrigerator is a joy!







On Tuesday, February 21, 2023 the abortion lobby released their ballot initiative's language to enshrine abortion into Ohio's constitution. The language would allow for abortion with no restrictions and possibly remove all pro-life regulations currently enacted. This includes:

- 1. Eliminate Parental Consent
- 2. Eliminate the 24 hour waiting period
- 3. Eliminate the Down Syndrome Nondiscrimination Act
- 4. Allow late term abortions on demand
- 5. Allow chemical abortions on demand and over the counter purchase of the drugs without a doctor involved
- 6. Eliminate health and safety standards for abortion clinics

How you can help: BE SURE YOU DO NOT SIGN A PETITION FOR THE AMENDMENT

Pray: Daily, commit to pray at 7:14 a.m. and 7:14 p.m. in the spirit of 2 Chronicles 7:14 which states: "If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

Volunteer: Visit http://www.ohiolife.org or your local pro-life organization and sign up to help us defend the Constitution and preborn children in our state.

Donate: To compete in a state like Ohio we will need to raise millions of dollars for the campaign and paid advertising. Consider donating at http://www.ohiolife.org donate or your favorite pro-life organization. Educate: Start locally by informing your pastor, priest and church about the upcoming ballot initiative. Recruit volunteers to http://www.ohiolife.org help in the cause!

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