THIRTEENTH SUNDAY

Und whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because he is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.

Matthew 10:42

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH

FAIRBORN, OHIO

JULY 2, 2023

WELCOME

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.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sometimes it almost seems as though Jesus tears apart the very center of the love he preaches. Why should we be willing to abandon father or mother, son or daughter, husband or wife to follow the Lord? Aren't these relationships images of the love we are commanded to show to all people? Indeed they are! When we become aware that our baptism into Christ Jesus is indeed a baptism into his death we also become aware of the life we share in his resurrection. Until we place our relationship to the Lord at the center of all relationships those other relationships will never come to eternal life. When we can see the Lord in the faces of those around us we have no shortage of mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers or spouses. When our first question becomes "Can something be done for her (or him)?" We have begun to recognize our connectedness and the full

extent of the family of God. This Sunday the readings are: (1) 2 Kings 4, 8-11; 14-16 (2) Romans 6, 3-4; 8-11 (3) Matthew 10, 37-42. Gather # 1128

Year A Next Sunday the readings will be: (1) Zechariah 9, 9-10 (2) Romans 8, 9.11-13 (3) Matthew 11, 25-30.Gather # 1131 Year A



SAT: 4:00PM Carolyn Livorno, off: Carol Cypher SUN: 8:30AM For the Parish MON: 9:00AM Special Intention of Rob Hightower, off: Rod & Mary Alice Paxson TUE: 9:00AM Earl & Mary Coddington, off: Pat Patton & Family SAT: 4:00PM Ed Snoddy, off: Bob & Beverly Jurick

SUN: 8:30AM For the Parish

STEWARDSHIP/ FINANCE **Collections for June 25, 2023**

Regular Collection & loose cash & envelopes Capital Improvement Donations Total collections for June 25, 2023

\$7.911.98 \$20.00 \$7,931.00

Church Renovation Project Total Donations and Pledges as of June 25, 2023 \$147,984.95

Peter's Pence Collection Total \$2,842.25

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.

This weekend, please join me in welcoming Fr. Lee and Fr. Blenman to the family of parishes as they begin their ministries with us. I look forward to vou getting to know them as they bring the Sacraments and facilitate our encounter with Jesus. We also thank Fr. Jedidiah for his work over the past several months. Congratulations to Bruce Guindon on his retirement! I thank Bruce for his fine work as Business Manager of St. Luke for the past 12 years, especially the year we had together. Bruce's work was essential during the adjustments over the first year of Beacons of Light. Congratulations to Terry Adkins in his retirement as principal of St. Brigid School! We had an excellent year as well. I look forward to working with Heather Ayers, the new principal, as we begin preparation work next week for ‡ an excellent academic year. Welcome Mrs. Ayers! Please see this bulletin for Mass times on Tuesday, July 4th, Independence Day. Holy Mass is the ultimate prayer of thanksgiving as we praise God for the freedoms we enjoy and to pray for those who have served selflessly so we may enjoy them.

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

God bless, Fr. Bedel

WELCOME TO MHC & OUR NE3 FAMILY

A Warm Welcome to Mary, Help of Christians & **Our NE3 Family**

Fr. Patrick Blenman &

Fr. Matthew Lee

We are very glad you are here.

MHC ST. FRANCIS MEDIATION GARDEN PLEASE HELP!!!

WAYS TO HELP MAINTAIN OUR BEAUTIFUL ST. FRANCIS MEDITATION GARDEN!

WATER PLANTS, TREES AND SHRUBS AS NEEDED
WEED BEDS AND PATHS
SWEEP BACK PATIO AND FRONT STEP
SWEEP DRIVEWAY IN FRONT OF GARAGE.
TRIM EVERYTHING AS NEEDED
STAKE GRASSES, PICK UP TRASH
YCLEAR AREA BETWEEN FENCE AND PARKING LOT.



COME SEE US IN THE GATHERING SPACE ON SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JULY 8 & 9 AFTER MASS

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ANY3 THINGS PODCAST

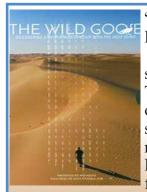


"Fr. Ambrose has just launched a podcast for our family of parishes! Any3 Things will talk about what's going on each week, and highlight different staff and events. Episode 3 of our Any3 Things podcast is now live!

Fr. Jedidiah is our guest this week,

talking about his time with our parishes, the reason why there's voter registration in our churches, and how Beacons of Light has been through the first year. Check it out on the PodBean or Amazon Music apps, or click here: https://www.podbean.com/eas/pb-csq93-1441100

JOIN US FOR "THE WILD GOOSE" SERIES



"The Wild Goose" by Fr. Dave Pivonka. 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! Next session will be Tuesday, July 11after Mass.

JULY 4TH



Reminder: The MHC parish office will be closed Tuesday, July 4th for the holiday. There will be Mass Tuesday Morning at

MHC at 9:00AM.. See our NE3 Schedule for Family Mass Times on July 4.

8:00AM	St. Brigid
8:30AM	St. Luke
9:00AM	Mary, Help of Christians

Have a Happy and Blessed 4th of July!

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS





RCIA for our Family of Parishes! CHRISTIAN INITIATION "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations baptizing them." There are people in our community right now discerning the call to follow Jesus and enter the Church. Please help us by praying for them. If you know anyone who is considering becoming

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Catholic, has never been baptized, or who never received their sacraments as a young person, please encourage them to contact Spencer Hargadon at (937) 426-1733 or

shargadon@saintlukeparish.org. Catholics interested in supporting those exploring Catholicism are also welcome.

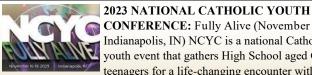
THE MHC COMMUNITY GARDEN GROWS AND HARVESTS CROPS TO SUPPORT THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL AND FISH FOOD PANTRIES.



Stop by the MHC Parish Garden Table this weekend in the gathering space to find out more about what an awesome ministry this is and all the work they do.

Saint Fiacre Patron Saint of Gardeners

YOUTH OPPORTUNITY



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.

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT NEXT WEEKEND

The St. Francis Meditation Garden



The St. Francis meditation Garden is a welcoming place to see, enjoy and pray among the wonders of God's Creation. The garden is entered by the gate near the garage of St. Francis Hall and is open year-round from sunrise to sunset. The garden was planted in May of 2006 by Scarf's Landscaping and Nursery and has mostly native plants, trees and shrubs. The garden has color all year. Spring bulbs, redbuds, shrubs and perennials are all colorful. Summer coneflower and black-eyed Susan's provide a riot of color. In fall the leaves and sedum are a vivid color. Winter interest is in the coneflower from which the birds eat the seeds. Grasses and evergreens never lose their green. There are four statues/ sculptures in the garden. The St. Joseph statue was moved from the rectory backyard to the garden in the summer of 2007. Our Lady of the Skies and Angel statues were donated by parishioners. Bob Coats, a local artist, was commissioned to design and create the St. Francis sculpture which is the center piece of the garden. The garden was blessed and the St. Francis sculpture was put in place in July of 2008. The St. Francis Meditation Garden is cared for by volunteers from the parish We can always use more help. If you are interested please contact Beverly @937-878-6060.

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.

On July 8 & 9 we will spotlight our beautiful St. Francis Meditation Garden.

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, July 24

ST. FRANCIS MEDITATION GARDEN



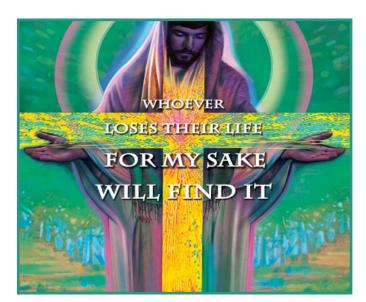
Enjoy God's Creation!

As the weather is 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.

Help Is Needed...

Please help St. Francis Meditation Garden look more inviting and serve by pulling a few weeds in the garden. Any amount of time is welcome. We work most Tuesdays around 8:30AM. Please call Beverly at 937-878-6060 for more information.



JULY 4TH

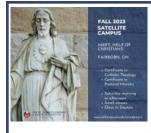


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FALL CLASSES AT MHC



This fall, you can study Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology right here in the Dayton area. The satellite campus is moving to Mary, Help of Christians Parish in Fairborn starting this fall. The semester begins August 26, with certificates available in Catholic Theology and Pastoral Ministry. Saturday courses are

perfect for working adults. You can take a class for credit or simply audit for your own edification. Online options are also available for distance learners. The Northern Satellite Campus will be offering Introduction to the Old Testament, Pastoral Communication, Catechism of the Catholic Church, and Basic Doctrine this fall. Visit <u>athenaeum.edu/academics</u> to learn more or sign up today.



MOUNT ST. MARY'S SEMINARY & SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

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 5:00PM. 24 games. Packages start at

\$13.00 (12 faces). 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.

Updates and more information call @ 937-878-2909.

Flocknote Join Today



Flocknote, a popular communication tool widely-used by Catholic churches for instant messaging, is coming to our family of parishes. Flocknote focuses on simplicity and letting parishioners choose the information they want to receive via email, text message, or both. Flocknote requires

no password and no accounts, just an email or phone number. An easy scan QR code and a simple text-to-join keyword will be in the bulletins for signup days. **Need help please contact the parish office with any**

Crazy Simple Ways to Sign Up

1. Scan the QR Code

2. Or, text "NE3" to 84576





TWO WEEKS

THE 50th MHC 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, 0:00-11:00PM; Sunday, 1:00-6:00PM.

FESTIVAL COLD FOOD DROP OFF COMING SOON



Cold Food Week Coming Soon

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. For your information The week of July 8th & 9th will be a Cold or Frozen item week we will be asking for Cold items. You may bring your items to the Parish Center on July 8th & 9th before Mass from 3:00PM- 4:00PM and after Mass 9:30AM— 10:30AM we will be at the Parish Center to meet you and

put your items in refrigerator or freezer. We will give you a list of items needed in this weeks bulletin.

SIGN UP TO WORK YOUR FAVORITE BOOTH



Sign-up to work your favorite booth at the Festival. Sign-up sheets are on Festival table and in the bulletin. **We need you!!!**

BEACONS OF LIGHT



BEACONS OF LIGHT Our NE-3 Family of Parishes continues to work towards bringing our six parishes together as one. Information about the work ahead is available on the Pathways website

(<u>https://www.pathway.catholicaoc.org</u>) All are invited to learn more about the process, to better understand the work being done in our Family, and to learn how you can contribute.

MHC SOFTBALL TEAM, COME OUT AND CHEER THEM ON



The MHC parish softball team is 6-2 (First Place) Come out and cheer them on. Games are played at Fairfield Park located behind Jeff Schmitt GMC.

SCHEDULE TUESDAY, JULY 11TH @ 7:15pm Field #2 TUESDAY, JULY 18 TH , JULY 25 TH , AUG 1 ST TBA Tournament Dates: August 8, August 16

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PARISH WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE LINKS

Visit the parish website at: <u>www.mhcparish.org</u>



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

FAMILY ROSARY MONDAY EVENINGS

Family Rosary Every Monday Please join us this Monday, July 3 @ 6:00PM.





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



SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

Sponsor of the Week

Dr. Cynthia Dull, D.D.S. 1056 North Broad St. Fairborn, OH 45324 Phone: 937-879-1953

We'd like to call your attention to this week's "Sponsor of the Week" Cynthia A. Dull, D. D. S.,

1056 N. Broad St., 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.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES

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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 @ 937-878-8353 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.

DON'T WAIT TO BE HAPPY



"So thinking about this whole being happy thing, feeling like people get lost when they think of happiness as a destination.... We're always thinking that someday we'll be happy; we'll get that car or that job or

that special person in our lives that will fix everything. But happiness is a mood, and it's a condition, not a destination. It's like being tired or hungry, it's not permanent. It comes and goes, and that's okay. And if more people thought of it that way, they'd find happiness more often..."

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 Papal States of America 2-4 and Fr. Ambrose's Band; Adam Unbound 4-6. Sunday. Raffle, the ever popular Treasure Trove and Lots of Fun!! RAFFLE TICKETS GET YOURS TODAY: They are located on the Festival Tickets table in the church gathering space.

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. No drop-offs after 5:00PM. 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. No drop-offs after 5:00PM 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

English and Spanish

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

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.

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.



Any Laundry Soap!!

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.

FROM THE ARCHIVES OF MHC GREEN



Earth Tips By MHC Green

Houseplants Purify Your Home Air

Through photosynthesis houseplants convert the carbon dioxide we exhale into fresh oxygen and they can also remove toxins from the air we breathe. One NASA experiment in 1989, found that indoor plants can scrub the air of cancer causing volatile organic compounds like formaldehyde and benzene. Later research has found that soil microorganisms in potted plants also

play a part in cleaning indoor air. Some plants that are easy care, colorful and safe around children and pets are: Christmas cactus,

African violets, baby rubber plants, Swedish ivy, prayer plants and parlor palm. Enjoy these colorful, easy care, nontoxic plants as you make your home air cleaner.



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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.

