15thSunday in Ordinary Time

He spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow." *Matthew 13:3*

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH

FAIRBORN, OHIO

JULY 16, 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.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"You haven't seen anything yet!" "I consider the sufferings of the present to be as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed in us." Ours is a God of great bounty. His many gifts (especially the gift of his Word) spread out over the world like so much seed. What becomes of the seed that falls into our lives is our business, but we do well to remember that God's will is an effective will. God's word "shall not return to me void, but

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shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it." If we cultivate God's gifts in our lives, then we shall be ready for the harvest. If we fail to be good stewards, we are to be counted with the weeds. With our time, with our treasure, with our talents, let us yield a hundred - or sixty - or thirty-fold. **This Sunday the readings are**: (1) Isaiah 55, 10-11 (2) Romans 8, 18-23 (3) Matthew 13, 1-23. Gather # 1134 Year A **Next Sunday the readings will be**: (1) Wisdom 12, 13.16-19 (2) Romans 8, 26-27 (3) Matthew 13, 24-43.Gather # 1137 Year A



	John & Agnes Takacs, off: Ed & Joan Gulbransen
SUN: 8:30AM	For the Parish
MON: 9:00AM	Linda Minnick, off: Mary McClellan
TUE: 9:00AM	Special Intention of Samantha Hightower, off: Rod &
	Mary Alice Paxson
SAT: 4:00PM	Velma Hobbs, off: MHC Choir
SUN: 8:30AM	For the Parish

STEWARDSHIP/ FINANCE

Collections for July 9, 2023 Regular Collection & loose cash & envelopes Capital Improvement Donations Total collections for **July 9, 2023**

\$9,927.00 \$121.00 **\$10,048.00**

Church Renovation Project Total Donations and Pledges as of July 9, 2023 \$148,469.95

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

The parish gratefully accepts donations of stock. A fax 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,

I look forward to seeing you at our festival at Mary, Help of Christians this afternoon!

In the second half of this week, I will do my continuing education at our seminary in a workshop on Sacred Music. Please keep the participants in prayer as we enter into the mysteries of the sacred liturgy and learn more about that integral connection between divine worship and music.

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

God bless, *Fr. Bedel*

> COME HEAR FR. AMBROSE AND HIS BAND 4-6 SUNDAY



MHC FESTIVAL THIS WEEKEND COME ENJOY!



50th MHC Festival, 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 Food, Rides, Cash Prizes, and Lots of Fun!!

ATTENTION: We will have an ATM Machine at the Festival again this year for your convenience. We will NOT take any checks during the Festival.

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.

VENDORS: Check out our wonderful vendors in the **air-conditioned**, non-smoking Parish Center Hall.

PIE & BAKED GOODS DONATIONS

We will still be accepting these donations through Saturday and Sunday A drop off table will be set up to accept your donations in Parish Center near the kitchen marked Baked Goods. Your donations are used in the Baked Goods booth. This booth provide a generous income to the festival. **THANK YOU in advance for your generosity!**

TREASURE TROVE & USED BOOKS COME SHOP Thank you for your donations. Hours are Saturday, July 15 from 10:00AM– 10:00PM and Sunday, July 16 from 1:00-6:00PM.

FESTIVAL TEAR DOWN Festival tear down must happen quickly, beginning at 6:00PM Monday, July 17. We must have all the booths under the tents removed prior to Tent Company arriving on Tuesday morning to remove the tents. If you can help, please bring a ³/₄-inch open-end, boxed-end or socket wrench (if you have them). Leather gloves are also a wise choice. Beverages will be provided.

WE ARE TRULY GRATEFUL FOR EVERYONE'S SUPPORT! YOU MAKE THIS FESTIVAL HAPPEN AND ITS SUCCESS IS BECAUSE OF YOU!! *Eric Rogalinski and Julie Sewell - Festival Team.*

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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. Any3 Things Episode 5 is now live! Michael

Barclay joins Fr. Ambrose this week to talk about religious education, funerals, and the upcoming National Catholic Youth Conference. Check it out on all your favorite podcast apps, or click here: <u>https://www.podbean.com/eas/pb-xb3v8-14526be</u>

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, July18 after Mass.

MANY THANKS DON DUNN

Thanks Thanks!!!



We would like to thank Don Dunn, for making and donating a beautiful handmade oak blanket/quilt chest for the MHC Holiday Bazaar again this year. We are very blessed to have such talented and generous people to help. Thank you so very much. You

may purchase raffle tickets for the this gorgeous Bazaar Chest at this years 50th Festival July 14-16. The 53nd MHC Holiday Bazaar will be on Saturday, November 4 and Sunday, November 5.

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 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.



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 <u>mbarclay@mhcparish.org</u>. More information at: <u>https://youtu.be/</u> ymGPT9fmDV

DISABLED AND WHEELCHAIR SEATING



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

JULY 16, 2023

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT NEXT WEEKEND



Mary, Help of Christians Ministry Spotlight

Losing a loved one can be one of the most difficult tasks of life. As families grieve the loss, we can walk beside them, offering Christian hope and love. Mary, Help of Christians offers several ways to do this. Bereavement ministers

serve at the funeral as sacristans, readers, Eucharistic Ministers, gift bearers or greeters. Bereavement ministers performs a number of tasks and hold various responsibilities vital to helping bereaved church members

deal with their loss while they pass through the stages of grief. Understanding the duties of the bereavement ministry will help you determine if, in the unfortunate event of a loss, you would benefit from its aid. We can use more bereavement ministers to help at funeral masses.

If you feel God calling you to bereavement ministry and/or would like more information, please check out the Ministry Spotlight next weekend Saturday & Sunday, July 22 & 23. Bereavement Misters will be in the Gathering space to answer any questions.

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.

This week we will take a break for the Festival July 22 & 23 we will return with our Bereavement Ministry.

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.

MHC BAZAAR QUILT THANKS

Thanks Thanks!!!

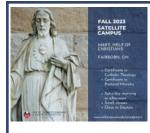


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and Sunday, November 5 continuing our 50 year tradition of our Holiday Bazaar being held on the first weekend in November. Please mark your calendars. More information coming soon. You may purchase raffle tickets for the this gorgeous Bazaar quilt at this years 50th Festival July 14-16.

FAIRBORN, OHIO

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. NO BINGO JULY 12 DO TO FESTIVAL SET - UP

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

3. Or, visit ne3.flocknote.com



50TH MHC FESTIVAL THIS WEEKEND



PLEASE JOIN THE FUN!!! 50th MHC Festival, July 14-16, 2022 This Weekend!!! Festival Hours are Fri, 6:00PM-11:00PM; Sat, 2:00PM-11:00PM; Sun, 1:00PM-6:00PM. We have Great Food, Rides, Bands, Cash Prizes, and Lots of Fun!!

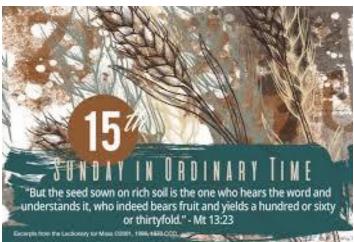
FOOD DONATION THANK YOU



Thank You Thank You Thank You

For all the wonderful food donations and more for this years festival. It has made a huge difference.

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 18 TH , JULY 25 TH , AUG 1 ST TBA Tournament Dates: August 8, August 16

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

Christians/ Fairborn *FORMED* provides the very best Catholic content from more than 60 organizations to help parishes, families and individuals explore their faith anywhere.



PARISH WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE LINKS

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



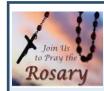
Visit our Facebook page at: <u>https://</u> www.facebook.com/fairbornmhcchurch/

FAMILY ROSARY MONDAY EVENINGS

Family Rosary Every Monday Please join us this Monday, July 17 @ 6:00PM.



ROSARY SATURDAY AFTERNOON BEFORE MASS



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

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES AT MHC

The next Baptismal Preparation Class for parents seeking baptism for young children are being held on 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.

SPEAK LIFE



WELCOME TO OUR NE3 FAMILY

Father Matthew Lee



In the 14 years since or dination, I was vicar of the Northwest 6 Family of Parishes after being pastor of the four Catholic churches in Champaign County for five years, having been parochial vicar there for four years. During this time, I was also parochial administrator of St. Mary of the Woods, Russells Point, for two years. Other pastoral assignments include St. Maximilian Kolbe in Butler County and the Petersburg Parishes in Auglaize and Shelby Counties. Before seminary, I spent 12 years of active duty with the U.S. Air Force as a software engineer and network administrator. It was during this time that my vocation took shape, and a critical part of discernment was Eucharistic adoration. While my patron saint is St. Matthew the Apostle, I have a special devotion to St. John Bosco and St. Dominic Savio. In my leisure time, I enjoy practical sewing.

Father Patrick Blenman Coming from a family of six, I grew up in Sidney, Ohio, and



attended Holy Angels Church. My parents were attentive to bringing us up in the Catholic faith; I was homeschooled until I transferred to Lehman Catholic High School. There, I was involved in choir, band, and other student organizations while also an active altar server at Holy Angels. I distinctly remember my first thoughts about priesthood. I was 12 and at the Youth and Family Encounter Conference in Atlanta, run by the Legionaries of Christ. Watching the priests process out of the closing Mass, I thought "It might be cool to be a priest," and from that moment, this thought and the Lord's movement in my life kept coming back, no matter how hard I tried to suppress it. A few months later, I opened up about this desire to Father Matthew Van

Smoorenburg, LC, on my first Legionaries' retreat. I learned to lay this desire before Our Lord in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, to strive for virtue, and to nurture this call. I began to live my life for Jesus Christ. I have been blessed by many mentors, parents, family, and many of my parish's priests, especially: Father Patrick McMullen, Father Matthew Van Smoorenburg, LC, Father Daniel Schmitmeyer, Father Jason Bedel, Father Daniel Hess, and Father Shawn Landenwitch. I most look forward to being an instrument of God's grace and mission to the world's people in celebrating the Sacraments. Favorite devotions that help guide and strengthen me include the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Divine Mercy with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, the Rosary and Lectio Divina. I enjoy camping, hiking, watching movies, smoking my pipe and hanging out with friends. Amid our world's great turmoil, it is more important than ever to spread Jesus Christ's message and strive for holiness. Many struggles and questions in our lives and world are only overcome and answered through Jesus Christ. My work as a priest is to serve this Church instituted by Christ, which includes helping you, the people of God, to grow in holiness and relationship with Jesus Christ. Let us pray for one another as we share this hopeful Gospel message to our families, friends, and communities.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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 August 4, 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.

Your Favorite Mac & Cheese 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.



St. Vincent de Paul Thank You

St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank the parishioners for their generosity that enabled us to provide monetary and food donations.

During the month of June 2023, we responded to 289 calls for assistance. We assisted 76 families with utilities, medicine, rent/ rent deposits, household goods and furniture. We also provided food for 130 families (303 adults and 238 children). Your generosity regarding financial and in-kind donations enables us to continue this work and for this, we are very grateful. Thank you! We are not able to provide this assistance without your committed, generous and faithful support! Contact Tom Boland (937-469-3267) or Mary Jo Martin (937-623-6475).

JULY 16, 2023

Mary, Help of Christians 50th Festival 2023





Friday, July 14, 7:30–10:30PM A Festival Tradition "The Fries Band"



Saturday, July 15, 6:00–10:00PM A Festival Favorite "The Hathaways"



Sunday, July 16, 2:00–6:00PM "Papal States of America" "Adam Unb<u>o</u>und" Our own Fr. Ambrose

MHC Festival 2023

Hugh Garage Sale

Treasure Trove/ Books

RAFFLE TICKETS SOLD: IN THE PARISH CENTER AT RAFFLE TICKETS TABLE

DELICIOUS BAKED GOODS INSIDE THE PARISH CENTER

CHECK OUT OUR WONDERFUL VENDORS *Serendipity By Sarah *Silk Bloomers, Flowers & Crafts *Tupperware *Pampered Chef *Cathy's Crafts

In The Air Conditioned Parish Center All Weekend



