

FAIRBORN, OHIO JULY 23, 2023



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.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"And you taught your people, by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind." Until the fullness of the kingdom the world remains a very strange place to be alive. The greatest good seems to live next door to the greatest evil. Motives in public life seldom, if ever, seem pure. The weeds grow mixed in with the wheat. We must be vigilant so that the great mix of good and evil in the world does not become the mix of good and evil in our lives. When we do a good deed, offer a prayer, perform a work of mercy or kindness, we

must examine our motives. Our contributions to Church or charity should never be a lever for our own control. Our works of mercy must never become mere public relations. It is hard work to keep the prayer, which is our life pure. "The Spirit, too, helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought; but the Spirit himself makes intercession for us in groanings which cannot be expressed in speech." At times we can only groan, but our groanings must become prayers and not just grumblings.

This Sunday the readings are: (1) Wisdom 12, 13.16-19 (2) Romans 8, 26-27 (3) Matthew 13, 24-43. Gather # 1137 Year A Next Sunday the readings will be: (1) Kings 3, 5.7-12 (2) Romans 8, 18-23 (3) Matthew 13, 1-23. Gather # 1140 Year A

Masses For The Week

SAT: 4:00PM Velma Hobbs, off: MHC Choir

SUN: 8:30AM For the Parish

MON: 9:00AM Dorothy Parchinsky, off: Friends of MHC TUE: 9:00AM John Maiorano, off: Ed & Joan Gulbransen

SAT: 4:00PM Erna Posilović, off: Sophie Young

SUN: 8:30AM For the Parish

STEWARDSHIP/ FINANCE

Collections for July 16, 2023

Regular Collection & loose cash & envelopes\$6,317.00Capital Improvement Donations\$30.00Total collections for July 16, 2023\$6,347.00

Church Renovation Project
Total Donations and Pledges as of July 16, 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 gift of appreciated securities to a charity equals its full fair market value.

50TH MHC FESTIVAL THANK YOU!!

THANKS! THANKS! THANKS!

Thanks to all who worked to help make our 2023 Festival weekend a success! The Treasure Trove was truly amazing with such wonderful items donated by our parishioners. Bonnie, Bobbie, Bob and their team spent 100's of hours cleaning, pricing and setting up everything to make the Parish Center transform into a great shopping experience. Rita Lethert stepped in and organized all the books. It looked just like a bookstore of your favorite books. A huge thanks to all of our wonderful bands especially Fr. Ambrose and his band for making our Sunday a spectacular day. The festival happens because of all of YOU... the parishioners and volunteers! For this we owe each and every one of you a huge THANK YOU! Thank you for volunteering your time and energy setting up the parish grounds. Thank you for tirelessly preparing and selling food and beverages. Thank you for running our gaming activities and kids games. Finally, thank you for choosing to come to the festival and spending time with family and friends. Thanks to the awesome youth helping throughout the weekend working the kids tent and snack booth and helping with teardown. You are our future and we are so proud of you! The weekly festival food donations made a huge difference in the food cost and we are so grateful to everyone who donated the food items. The raffle sales were again better than last year. Thanks to our generous parishioners who never cease to amaze us with their undying support.

A big "Thank You" to everyone who helped in any way. You are appreciated. We could not do this without all of you.

MHC RAFFLE WINNERS 2023

Mary Ludwick- \$2,000.00 William Vernon - \$300.00 Mark Halbisen - \$200.00 Congratulations to all our winners!

The date for next year's Festival is July 19-21, 2024.

Hope all of you and more will join us next year. Thanks again for all that you do!

Your Festival Team

Eric and Julie



ANY3 THINGS PODCAST



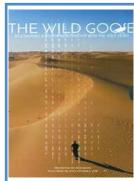
"Fr. Ambrose has just launched a podcast for our family of parishes! Any3 Things will talk about what's going on each week, and highlight different staff and events. Any3 Things **Episode 6** is now live!

David Morand joins Fr.

Ambrose to talk about seminarians living in parishes over the summer, being an altar server, and fostering vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Check it out on all your favorite podcast apps, or click here:

https://www.podbean.com/eas/pb-mmgpa-1459fdf

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, July24 after Mass.

IDEA FOR THE WEEK

If we all do one random act of kindness daily, we just might set the world in the right direction.

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 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.

FAIRBORN, OHIO JULY 23, 2023

MHC 50TH FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS



MODE FECTIVAL DHOTOC NEXT WEEK



From The Pastor's Desk

Fr. Bedel

Beloved in Christ,

This week, we celebrate God's plan for family. Fifty-five years ago, in 1968, St. Pope Paul VI published Humanae Vitae. Because of that, Natural Family Planning Awareness week is July 23-29.

NFP provides a couple with knowledge about themselves and is an invaluable instrument on the toolbelt of marriage. It helps couples make decisions that enhance their marriage, rather than doing things that harm marriages. The below link from our Archdiocese has lots of valuable information, including local NFP instructors:

<u>centerforthenewevangelization.org/</u> <u>marriage-family/natural-family-planning</u>

In Humanae Vitae, the saint predicted societal ills that would come about if the use of contraception became widespread. All of his predictions came true.

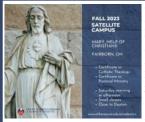
This Wednesday, July 26, we celebrate the Memorial of Sts. Joachim and Anne, the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and grandparents of Jesus. So, this time of year the Archdiocese holds special Masses to celebrate 50th wedding anniversaries of the faithful and issues certificates for these milestone anniversaries.

All of this is important for society because families are the building blocks of society. And marriage is the glue that holds families together. Strong families mean a strong society where people can flourish. Please join me in praying for families of all kinds, especially those who experience loss and difficulty.

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

God bless, *Fr. Bedel*

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 athenaeum.edu/academics 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

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\$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
- 3. Or, visit ne3.flocknote.com



PSR NEWS

PSR News:



Our Parish School of Religion program will begin on Sunday, September 17. We will mail out registration forms to last year's registered families later this summer. If you will be new to our program, please call 937-878-8353 and leave your name and address so we can send

you the information and registration forms.

PSR Catechists: There will be a meeting for all PSR Catechists on Sunday, August 20, 2023, after the 8:30AM Mass (about 9:45AM.) Please bring your ideas to share. Brunch/ Lunch will be provided.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORPORATE COMMUNION

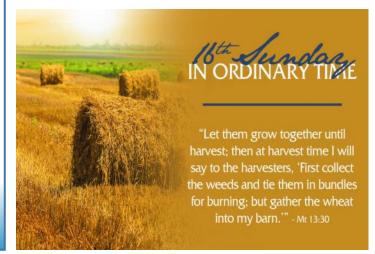


Knights of Columbus Corporate Communion

There will be a gathering of parish Knights of Columbus and their families at the

8:30AM Mass Sunday, July 30, 2023 Knights, their wives and families will sit together to celebrate Mass. *Beginning at* 8:00AM the Knights of Columbus will lead the rosary before Mass. All are invited.

16TH 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 25TH, AUG 1 ST TBA

Tournament Dates: August 8, August 16

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PARISH WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE LINKS

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

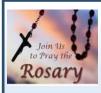
FAMILY ROSARY MONDAY EVENINGS

Family Rosary Every Monday

Please join us this Monday, July 23 @ 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





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



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 Cereal 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. We will be glad to arrange free pick-up. Thanks for your help and support. Quality Rule: If it is okay for your mother-in-law, it is okay to donate.

SVdP Conference Ministry Focus:

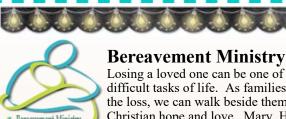
How grateful we are for the eight folks who came forward during our MHC Ministry Spotlight to help bring in-kind and financial donations to Fairborn neighbors who contact our Mary, Help of Christians SVdP Conference for aid: Cathy Kempf, Dave and Marge Lauer, Joe Faller, Terry McCann, Debbie Patrick, Sharon Lyons, and Michael Stock! Thank you!

We are meeting at 7:00PM on Wednesday, July 26 in St. Francis Hall to tour our Food Pantry and furniture staging areas. Following that we will gather in St. Francis Hall to review our operations: 1) following up with Neighbors to determine their need and to offer material, financial assistance, or referral; 2), providing groceries / furniture for families; 3), pledge financial assistance to help with utility bills or rent; and / or, other needs as determined. There are other simple and infrequent tasks like taking donations after Masses on third Sunday weekends, stocking the food pantry, buying milk and other staples as well as bringing Panera Bread donations to the pantry.

All are welcome to join us on this Wednesday, July 26 at St. Francis Hall. Tours will begin shortly after 7:00PM. Expect to spend about an hour of your time with us. Discover how a network of friends dedicated to growing in holiness through personal service, are building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need. For further information please contact: Tom Boland (937)469-3267 or Mary Jo Martin (937) 623-6475.

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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 perform 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

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



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.

> July 29 & 30 we will spotlight our **MHC Rosary Group**

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...

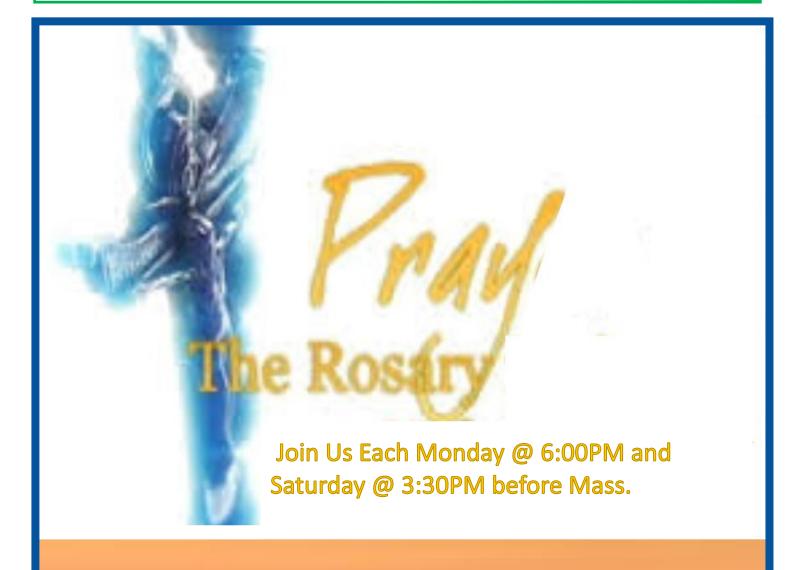
Please help St. Francis Meditation Garden look more inviting and serve by pulling a few weeds in the garden. Any amount of time is welcome. We work most Tuesdays around 8:30AM. Please call Beverly at 937-878-6060 for more information.

THE MHC BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY THIS WEEKEND



Stop by and visit the MHC DEATH TO LIFE Bereavement Ministry Table

this weekend in the gathering space to find out more about what a meaningful ministry this **1S.**



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COME MEET OUR MHC ROSARY GROUP NEXT

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