

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY *in Ordinary Time*



*A*gain, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away.

Matthew 13:47-48



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.

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“Okay, so you’ve always wanted your own genie in a lamp to grant your three wishes. Let’s say you walk out of the room just now and there it is! What is it you really want? The truly remarkable thing about human beings is that they usually ask for something they already have – sometimes, in fact, for something they have too much of already. King Solomon played it safe. He might have asked for wealth for himself

or for his people, but wealth attracts thieves, and the wealth might have been taken away. He might have asked for political power, but there is always a danger of coup or revolution. Solomon asked for wisdom, which gave him skill in the marketplace and in the affairs of the nation. He died a wealthy man and a king. “We know that God makes all things work together for the good of those who love him...” The pearl of the greatest price, the treasure of greatest value, is best offered us when our wish and our prayer is now and everywhere “Your will be done.”

This Sunday the readings are: (1) Kings 3, 5.7-12 (2) Romans 8, 28-30 (3) Matthew 13, 44-52. **Year A**
Next Sunday the readings will be: : (1) Isaiah 55, 1-3 (2) Romans 8, 35.37-39 (3) Matthew 14, 13-21. **Year A**



Masses For The Week

SAT: 4:00PM Erna Posilović, off: Sophie Young
SUN: 8:30AM For the Parish
MON: 9:00AM Melissa White, off: Gerald & Linda Hoke
TUE: 9:00AM Velma Hobbs, off: Teri Hobbs & Family
SAT: 4:00PM Janet Carchedi, off: Mr. & Mrs. Baci Carpico
SUN: 8:30AM For the Parish

STEWARDSHIP/ FINANCE

Collections for July 23, 2023

Regular Collection & loose cash & envelopes	\$6,107.00
Capital Improvement Donations	\$65.00
Total collections for July 23, 2023	\$6,172.00

Church Renovation Project

Total Donations and Pledges as of July 23, 2023	\$148,524.95
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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,

Looking way ahead to November 7th, there will likely be a proposed Ohio Constitutional Amendment on the ballot to enshrine the right to kill unborn children in Ohio’s Constitution. Smart people who analyze such things say the deliberate wording of the amendment would also cause parents to lose consent for their children receiving mutilating treatments to their bodies. The bishops of Ohio have reminded us: “As Catholics, we cannot remain on the sidelines when confronted with such a clear threat to human life.” For these reasons, we are reminded to register to vote in order to fulfill our civic duty and vote NO in November. We will hear more about this over the next couple of months. Please see ohiocathconf.org/protect-ohio for more information including a link to Project Rachel for those who seek healing from the effects of past abortions. May they experience the healing touch of Jesus...

Looking a little ahead to August 8th, next week, a special election will take place in Ohio to vote on Issue 1, which asks voters if Ohio should "Require that any proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Ohio receive the approval of at least 60 percent of eligible voters on the proposed amendment." Following is a statement from our bishops:

“The bishops of Ohio are not taking a position on this issue because it does not contain any direct moral content. While pastors and parish workers should also remain publicly neutral on this issue, it is important to give non-partisan information intended to help the voter understand what is at stake. It is therefore acceptable to pass along this information: Issue 1 will increase the threshold required for any proposed amendment to the Constitution of Ohio from a simple majority vote to at least a 60% majority vote in order to pass. Therefore, a “yes” vote on issue 1 will make it more difficult to pass any future amendment to the Constitution of Ohio, including this November’s ballot initiative seeking an abortion rights constitutional amendment that expands and enshrines abortion at the expense of protections of preborn children and women. A “no” vote on issue 1 will maintain the current threshold, making it easier to pass an amendment to Ohio’s constitution, including the one coming this November on the abortion expansion amendment.”

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

God bless,
Fr. Bedel

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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 7** is now live!

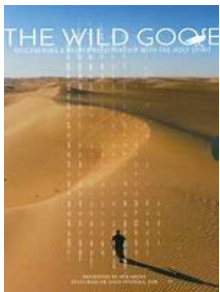
Our new parochial vicar Fr. Patrick Blenman joins the podcast

to talk about his assignment with us, moving the tabernacle at St. Luke, and how we priests try to have good fraternity amongst ourselves. Check it out on all your favorite podcast apps, or click here:

<https://www.podbean.com/eas/pb-csq93-1441100>



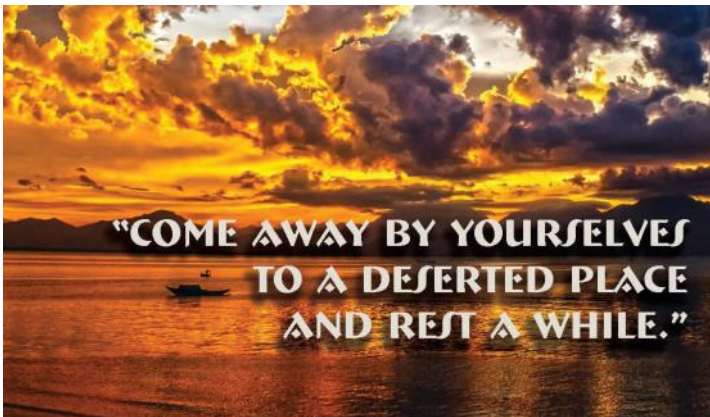
JOIN US FOR "THE WILD GOOSE" SERIES



"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, August 1 after Mass.

IDEA FOR THE WEEK REST A WHILE AND LISTEN



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.

MASSES HOLY DAY

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:



Tuesday, August 15, is the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There will be a Vigil Mass Monday Evening, August 14 at 7:00PM and a Holy Day Mass Tuesday, August 15, at 9:00AM. The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday.

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



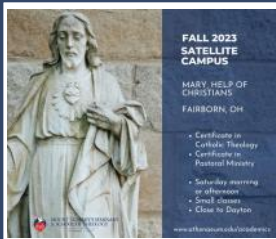
DISABLED AND WHEELCHAIR SEATING... Available in the left front section of the church.

MORE MHC 50TH FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS



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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 athenaeum.edu/academics to learn more or sign up today.



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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**

3 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.

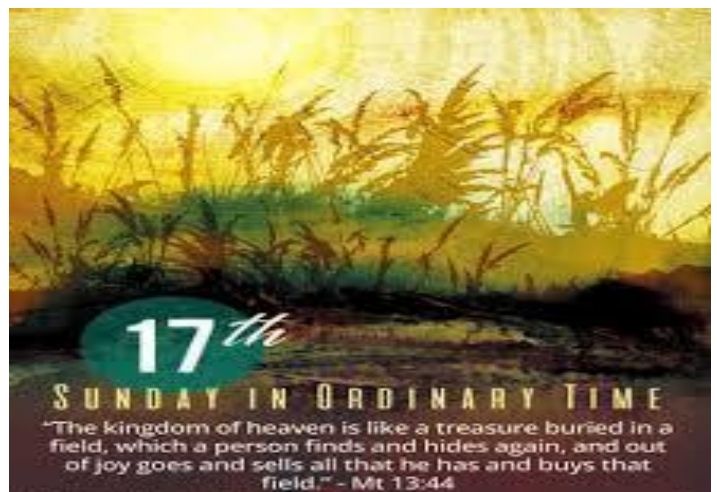
PSR Catechists: There will be a **meeting for all PSR Catechists on Sunday, August 20, 2023**, after the 8:30AM Mass (about 9:45AM.) Please bring your ideas to share. Brunch/ Lunch will be provided.

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.

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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

(<https://www.pathway.catholicaoc.org>) 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.

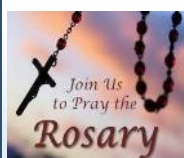
FAMILY ROSARY MONDAY EVENINGS

Family Rosary Every Monday

Please join us this Monday, July 31 @ 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.

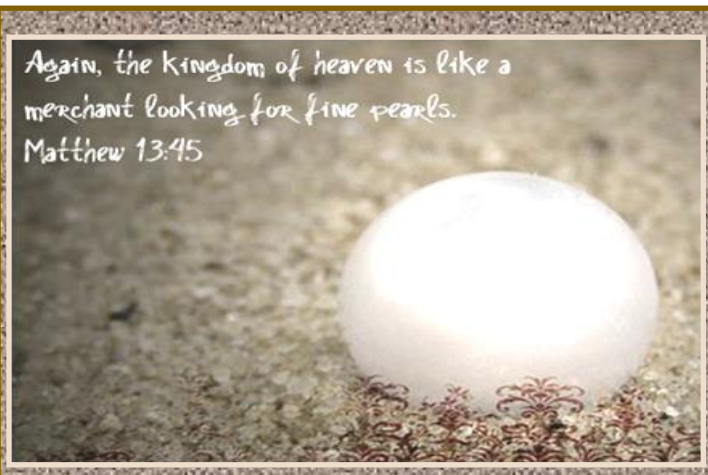
ATTENTION HOME GARDENERS



“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



MHC SOFTBALL TEAM, COME OUT AND CHEER THEM ON



The MHC parish softball team is 10-2 (First Place) Come out and cheer them on. Games are played at Fairfield Park located behind Jeff Schmitt GMC.

SCHEDULE

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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://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

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WELCOME TO THE MARY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS 50th 1973 - 2023 ANNUAL FESTIVAL



STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT AUGUST 12 & 13




**Mary, Help of Christians
Ministry Spotlight**

USHERS

USHERS/HOSPITALITY/ GREETERS
 Scheduler - Julie Sewell 937-878-8353/Trainers - John Whittemore,
 Mark Halbisen, Luann Dannelly -4:00PM
 Larry Bogemann - 8:30AM

The ministry of ushering is a crucial part of worship because it is one of the most visible ministries in the church. Each of the Saturday and Sunday Mass Ushers are responsible for welcoming parishioners into the church among other duties. The job description of a church usher describes how the individual serves the church through hospitality, courtesy, and educating visitors. Volunteers (families, adults/youth, male/female) are always needed and are most welcome. We are in need of Usher's. If you would be interested, please call the parish office to schedule training.

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.

**AUGUST 12 & 13 WE WILL SPOTLIGHT OUR
MHC USHERS/HOSPITALITY/ GREETERS**

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, August 28

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. 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 MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEKEND IS OUR ROSARY GROUP



Stop by and visit the MHC Rosary Group Table this weekend in the gathering space to find out more about what a powerful ministry this is.

MHC TEE SHIRTS AVAILABLE



We have a few MHC Tee Shirts still available to purchase. Please call Eric Rogalinski or the parish office to place your order. If you need to pick up a shirt that you already ordered they are available at the Parish Office.

Small-X Large \$10.00 XX-Large-XXX Large \$15.00



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

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November 3 & 4

Friday 10:00-7:00
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Now Accepting Applications
Contact: snowflake@sacredheartnc.net

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.



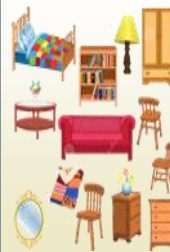
Your Favorite Tooth Paste Any Brand

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.

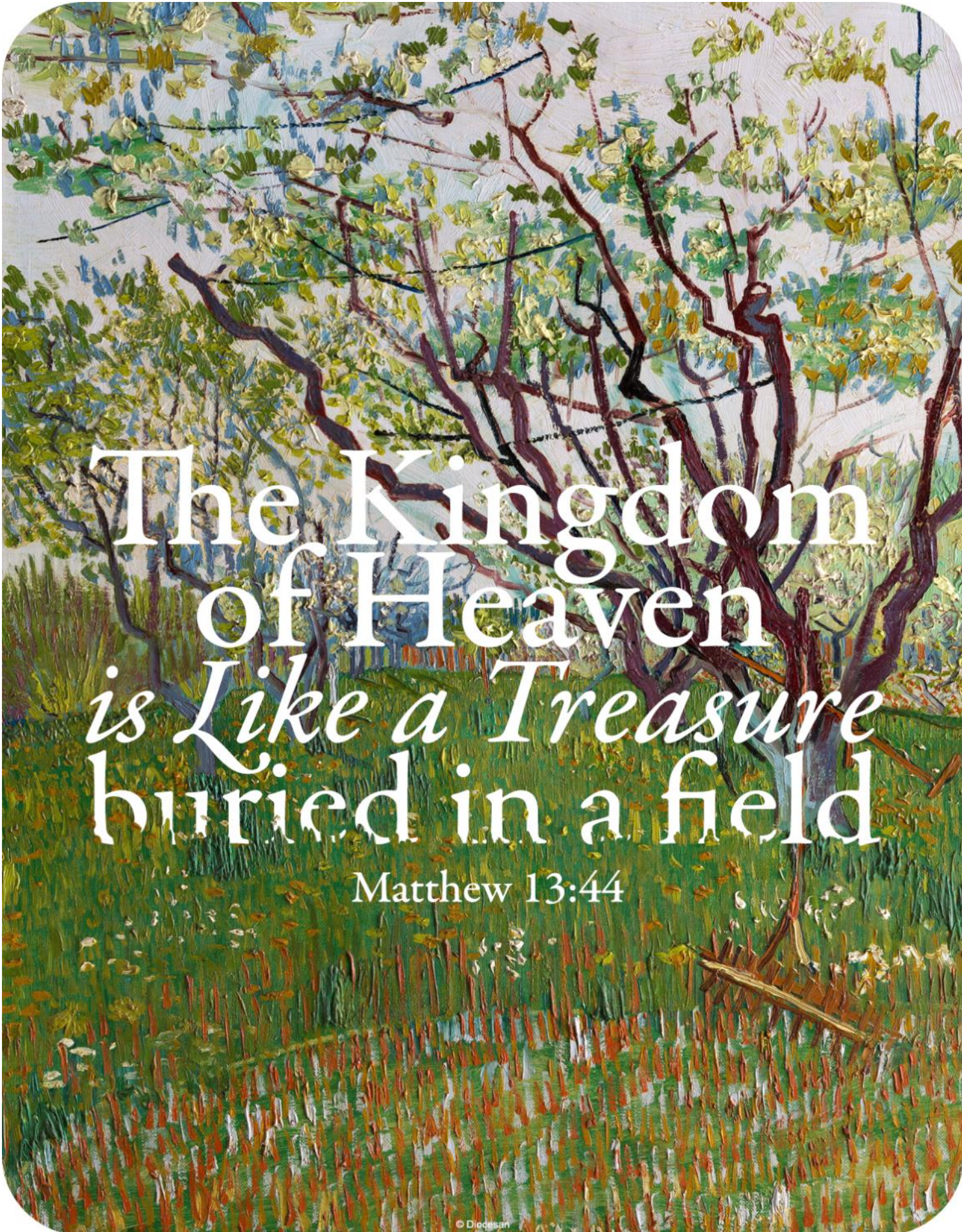
SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

Sponsor of the Week



We'd like to call your attention to this week's "Sponsor of the Week Carpet Consultants, 3666 Miamisburg-Centerville Road" 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.**

The background is a detailed painting of a rural landscape. In the foreground, there is a field of tall grasses and wildflowers, rendered with visible brushstrokes in shades of green, yellow, and brown. A wooden fence runs across the lower right portion of the field. In the middle ground, several trees with dark, gnarled trunks and dense green foliage stand against a light, overcast sky. The overall style is impressionistic, with a focus on light and color.


The Kingdom
of Heaven
is Like a Treasure
buried in a field

Matthew 13:44



Pray
The Rosary

Join Us Each Monday @ 6:00PM and
Saturday @ 3:30PM before Mass.



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