

#### **FAIRBORN, OHIO**

#### AUGUST 13, 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.

## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Human beings seem always to be attracted to excitement, noise and furor. We may say that we love peace and quiet, but regardless of the amount of bad news on the evening newscast, the ratings are there. It is a good thing to be excited about faith and the Church. It is a better thing to realize that God is not always in the wind or the earthquake or the fire. God is often the tiny whisper that can always be perceived in the background. Is our faith all furor? Or do we reject the Church because there is too little or too much excitement?

We often practice our faith in "loud" ways. We are present in the "wind" of church politics. We are active in the "earthquakes" of school closings or parish mergers. Are we, however, present in the quiet sounds? Do we use our time, talent and treasure to provide a constant setting? When Jesus walked on the water, it was the surrounding sea that was troubled. We can be anchors of peace in troubled seas, or we can be part of the storm.

**This Sunday the readings are:** (1) 1 Kings 19, 9.11-13 (2) Romans 9, 1-5 (3) Matthew 14, 22-33. **Year A Next Sunday the readings will be:** (1) Isaiah 56, 1.6-7 (2) Romans 11, 13-15; 29-32 (3) Matthew 15, 21-28. **Year A** 

## Masses For The Week

 SAT: 4:00PM Jean Lorenzetti, off: Robert Lorenzetti
 SUN: 8:30AM For the Parish
 MON: 9:00AM (Special Intentions) David & Marie Stapleton & Children 7:00PM Neil Kessel, off: Ron & Yong Kessel Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Vigil
 TUE: 9:00AM Pauline Porcello, off: Dolores Dulaney Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Day
 SAT: 4:00PM Marvin & Kathy Cook 60th Wedding Anniversary
 SUN: 8:30AM For the Parish

## STEWARDSHIP/ FINANCE

#### **Collections for August 6, 2023**

Regular Collection & loose cash & envelopes Capital Improvement Donations Total collections for August 6, 2023 Church Renovation Project

\$12,231.00 \$148,864.95

\$12,061.00

\$170.00

Total Donations and Pledges as of August 6, 2023

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 accents donations of stock A tay deduction for a

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,

I look forward to seeing you at our festival at St. Brigid this afternoon. Please plan to bring the family for the fun. Times are in this bulletin.

This Tuesday is the Solemnity of the Assumption, a Holy Day of Obligation. Besides Sunday, the highlight of my week will be joining you in worshiping God in Holy Mass this Tuesday (or Monday evening) as we honor the New Ark of the New Covenant, in the person of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There are probably millions of first-class relics of thousands of saints in churches around the world. Some people have claimed to have first-class relics of Mary's hair, but I have never heard anyone claim to have any other body parts. Since Jesus is God, he deserves an uncorrupted ark as his vessel for coming into this world. Because she is that vessel, God assumed her into Heaven. See you on the solemnity! Mass times are in this bulletin.

Now that the special August election is past us, we look forward to the opportunity of our Christian witness in November. The referendum on the November ballot to change Ohio's constitution by a popular vote of the people makes us all de facto legislators. Our task is to uphold the dignity of the human person by voting NO and encourage others to do the same. Visit <u>ohiocathconf.org/</u> <u>protect-ohio</u> for more information and why a yes vote would be a grave moral evil and attack on the dignity of the human person.

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

God bless,

Fr. Bedel

## REST IN PEACE

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** all our parishioners, relatives, and friends who have died, especially, Brian Shea, husband of Lynn Shea.



## 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 9 of the Any3 Things podcast is now live! The new Director of Administration.

Brian Sticka, joins Fr. Ambrose to talk about his role for the family of parishes, low-gluten hosts, and the upcoming parish festival at St. Brigid. Listen on any of your favorite podcast apps, or click here: https://www.podbean.com/eas/pb-vshqf -1474e31



#### 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 15 after Mass.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST & SEPTEMBER ARE READY



Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Sacristans and Ushers

The new Ministers Schedule for August & September are in the sacristy. It will be mailed

this week. If you have any questions please call the parish office. Thanks for your continued involvement in this ministry. Please pick up a schedule today.

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

Thanks! 😳

#### 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

#### THE MHC MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEKEND



Stop by and visit the MHC Hospitality Usher/Greeter Table this weekend in the gathering space to find out more about what a wonderful ministry this is. We need you!!!

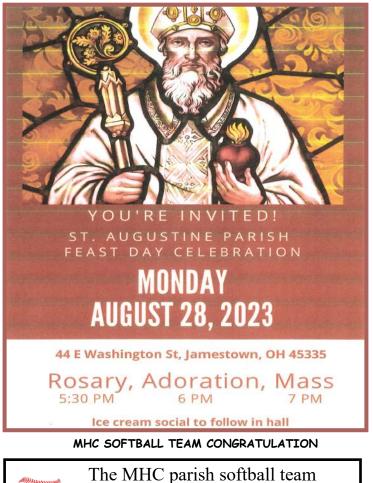
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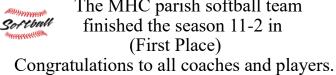
AUGUST 13, 2023

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HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE	
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9:00AM	Sacred Heart
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6:00PM	St. Paul
7:00PM	St. Luke
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#### ST AUGUSTINE FEAST DAY CELEBRATION







SCHEDULE Tournament Date: August 15 time TBD

## PRAYER CHAIN



After many requests Mary, Help of Christians has started an **MHC PRAYER CHAIN**. This consists of a group of people who pray individually in their home for special Prayer requests received by fellow parishioners. The power of prayer is tremendous!

If you would like to join our **MHC PRAYER CHAIN** or have a special prayer request, contact Julie at jsewellmhc@gmail.com or call the parish office 937-878-8353.

We can get you signed up through Flocknotes.

#### IDEA FOR THE WEEK HELP SOMEONE THIS WEEK

Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time, and always start with the person nearest you. ~Mother Teresa

## OLIVE WOOD CARVINGS FOR SALE

## Bethlehem Christian Families

### Bethlehem Olive Wood Carvings For Sale In The Bride's Room August 26 & 27 Weekend



Beautifully carved Olive Wood religious items, such as Nativity Scenes, Crucifixes, and more at MHC Saturday, August 26, and Sunday,

August 27. Please take time to stop in the Bride's Room and look at the carvings available for your purchase.

#### Labor Day



**Reminder:** The parish office will be closed **Monday, September 4, 2023 for the Labor Day holiday.** There will be **Mass Monday morning at 9:00AM.** 

#### FAIRBORN, OHIO

### FALL CLASSES AT MHC

#### AUGUST 13, 2023



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 Flocknote questions.

Crazy Simple Ways to Sign Up

1. Scan the QR Code

2. Or, text "NE3" to 84576





#### 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.

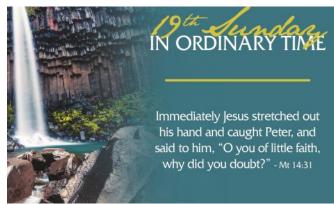
**PSR Catechists:** There will be a **meeting for all PSR Catechists on Sunday, August 20, 2023**, after the 8:30AM Mass (about 9:45AM.) Please bring your ideas to share. Brunch/ Lunch will be provided.

#### THE MHC HOLIDAY BAZAAR



The 53rd MHC Holiday Bazaar will be on Saturday, November 4 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 for this annual event. We may need a few more people this year to help coordinate and chair some of the booths. If you would be interested in helping with a booth please contact Julie Sewell @ 937- 878-8353. We are always happy to receive basket donations that can be raffled. If you have anything that you would like to donate please contact Julie Sewell @937- 878-8353 to make drop off arrangements. Your help would really be appreciated. Bring in your Christmas items starting September 11.

#### NINETEENTH 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

### (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.

## 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: https:// www.facebook.com/fairbornmhcchurch/

## BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES AT MHC

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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.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES

ROSARY SATURDAY AFTERNOON BEFORE MASS

Saturday Afternoon before Mass In

The Church. Please join us @ 3:30PM.

#### 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.

#### ST. BRIGID FESTIVAL THIS WEEKEND JOIN THE FUN



### St. Brigid Festival

August 11-13, 2023 Friday: 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM Saturday: 4:00 PM - 10:00 PM Sunday: Noon - 4:00 PM



#### FAMILY ROSARY MONDAY EVENINGS

**Family Rosary Every** Monday

Please join us this Monday, August 13 @ 6:00PM.

Rosary

#### FAIRBORN, OHIO



**NORTHEAST 3 FAMILY OF PARISHES FALL 2023** 

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

## - WORSHIP & DISCIPLESHIP -

#### ADORATION

4th Mondays | 7-8pm | Mary Help Tuesdays | 9am-6:45pm | St. Luke Tuesdays | 7-8pm | Sacred Heart Fridays | 8:30-9:30am | St. Brigid

## CONFESSION

St. Augustine - Sun. 8am Mary Help - Mon. 8am & Sat. 3pm Sacred Heart - Tues. 7pm St. Paul - Wed. 5pm St. Luke - Thur. 2pm & Sat. 4pm St. Brigid - Fri. 8:30am & Sat. 3:30pm



## BIBLE STUDIES

#### WOMEN OF FAITH - EPHESIANS

"Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance" shows the treasures that await us as adopted sons and daughters in the family of God. Presenter Jeff Cavins explores what Paul's letter to the Ephesians tells us about the nature of the Church-as a body, a household, a mystery, a communion, a bride, and an army.

Begins Tuesday, September 12, 10-11:30am | Kramer Hall at St. Luke | Workbook & online video access - \$35. To register, please call Tom Smith at Jansen Center 937-426-1733 x6301.

#### COME & SEE: GOSPEL OF JOHN

"Rabbi, where are you staying?" Jesus said to them, "Come and see" (John 1:38-39). You are invited to a Catholic Bible Study that delves deeply into the Gospel of John.

Begins Tuesday, September 12, 1-3pm | Kramer Hall at St. Luke | Workbook - \$20

Register by 8/23 with Tom Smith at Jansen Center 937-426-1733 x6301 to receive book before 1st session.

#### MARY HELP BIBLE/FAITH STUDY

Join us for fellowship and formation through various scripture studies and Christian films! Tuesdays 2:30-4:30pm | St Francis Hall at Mary Help of Christians

Led by Denise Wetzel contact Michael Barclay for more information

#### YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The young adults of NE3 and beyond are welcome to join a Bible study with your peers. Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. | Meets in study members' homes. For more information, contact Becca Elrich at belrich@saintlukeparish.org

## - PREPARING FOR SUNDAY MASS -

#### BREVIARY PRAYER BEFORE MASS

To foster a contemplative environment prior to Mass, we pray the readings and prayers from the breviary. Sundays ~11am | St. Paul

#### A SAFE HARBOR (SMALL CHURCH COMMUNITY)

Where the Holy Spirit calls us to go deeper into the upcoming Sunday Mass Readings. Through proclamation, reflection, and prayer grow in your faith and love of God.

Tuesdays, 10am-Noon | West Room in the Jansen Center at St. Luke For more information contact Tom Smith at 937-426-1733, ext. 6301.

#### ST. BRIGID SCRIPTURE STUDY

A Scripture Study of the upcoming Sunday readings. We always get out on time. Tuesdays 6:30-8pm | St. Brigid school library

Contact Mary Jordan at 937-372-4774 or dmj67@att.net for more information. **1ST & 3RD SATURDAY MORNING** 

### MEN OF FAITH FELLOWSHIP GROUP

We gather to sing, pray, read the OT, epistle and gospel reading for Sunday and share our thoughts on how the Word impacts our lives.

1st & 3rd Saturdays, 7:30-9am | St. Francis Hall at Mary Help of Christians

## GO DEEPER AT HOME -THE PREMIER CATHOLIC STREAMING SERVICE

#### FORMED.ORG

Free streaming. Subscription already purchased by the parishes. Contact us if you have difficulty signing in.

#### TUESDAY AFTERNOON

TUESDAY MORNING

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TUESDAY EVENING

SUNDAY MORNINGS

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NORTHEAST 3 **FAMILY OF PARISHES FALL 2023** 

MONDAY EVENING

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

## - GROWING IN YOUR FAITH

#### ST. BRIGID ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Explores various topics such as the Sacraments, the Virgin Mary, apologetics, etc. Begins on Monday nights in October 7-8:30pm | School Lunch Room at St. Brigid.

Snacks and refreshments provided. Contact Susan or Ron Yakkel for more information: 808.497.2531 TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY MORNING

#### THE WILD GOOSE

Following the Wild Goose with Fr. Dave Pivonka. Join us for a deeper understanding of the Holy Spirit and his role in our hearts! Lively group, coffee, refreshments, deep conversation, and profound conversion of heart! Tuesdays after 9am Mass | St. Francis Hall at Mary Help of Christians

Wednesdays after 9am Mass | Parish Center at Sacred Heart. Contact Michael Barclay for both. TUESDAY EVENING

#### SYMBOLON

Discover the big picture of the Catholic faith & grow in confidence explaining your faith. Symbolon offers some of the most trusted Catholic teachers to guide you through the breadth & richness of the Catholic faith. Begins September 12, 6:30-8:30pm | St. Luke's Campus, locations TBA.

To register, please call Tom at 937-426-1733, xt. 6301. The study packet fee is \$25.

#### SAINT MOVIE NIGHTS

Join us for a movie about a saint, devotion, or apparition as well as light snacks and drinks. Second Tuesday of the month, 7pm | St. Luke's campus, location is announced in the bulletin For more information contact Tom Smith at 937-426-1733, ext. 6301.

#### MEN'S MORNING PRAYER GROUP

Wednesday mornings 6:30-7:30am | West Room at St. Luke

#### TRUE DEVOTION TO MARY

Our Blessed Mother, the first disciple to follow Jesus becomes our wonderful teacher. St. Louis de Montfort's book True Devotion of Mary (TDM) holds many treasures helping us to know her well.

Wednesday, September 6, 10:30am-Noon | West Room in the Jansen Center at St. Luke For more information contact Tom Smith at 937-426-1733, ext. 6301.

#### WHAT WE BELIEVE

## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON OR EVENING

"What We Believe: The Beauty of the Catholic Faith" was filmed in Rome, features Jeff Cavins, and is the subject of an awe-inspiring, 10-week study.

Begins Wednesday, September 20 at either 1pm or 7pm | Jansen Center at St. Luke.

To register, please call Tom at 937-426-1733, xt. 6301. The study packet fee is \$30.

#### THAT MAN IS YOU

SATURDAY MORNING & WEDNESDAY EVENING That Man is You! truly accompanies men and their families on the pathway to holiness through fellowship, content, and small groups.

Begins Wednesday, September 13, 6-7:15pm & Saturday, September 16, 7:30-9am | At St. Luke register online at https://admin.paradisusdei.org/

## CONNECT -

#### IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR DETAILS ABOUT:

- Becoming Catholic or returning to the Church
- Getting married or having your marriage recognized in
  Connecting with parish groups such as the Church
- Opportunities not found on this list

- Getting involved leading ministries
- - St. Vincent de Paul, Knights of Columbus, Councils, committees, and commissions, etc.

#### PLEASE REACH OUT TO YOUR PARISH OFFICE OR OUR STAFF LISTED BELOW .

#### DR. JOSH ENGLEFIELD

jenglefield@northeast3parishes.org | 937.426.1733 x6305

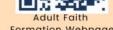
#### SPENCER HARGADON

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#### MICHAEL BARCLAY

mbarclay@mhcparish.org | 937.878.8353

SIGN UP FOR FLOCKNOTE: NE3.FLOCKNOTE.COM



Formation Webpage

- WEDNESDAY MORNING

## TUESDAY EVENING (MONTHLY)

WEDNESDAY MORNING

#### MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH FAIRBORN, OHIO



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 September 1, 2023



\$30 PER TABLE SPACE \$45 PER 10 x 10 BOOTH SPACE \$40 PER 9 x 8 BOOTH SPACE

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 Bottle of Pancake Syrup 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



#### 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 July 2023, we responded to 282 calls for assistance. We assisted 72 families with utilities, medicine, rent/ rent deposits, household goods and furniture. We also provided food for 135 families (304 adults and 217 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).

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT AUGUST 19-20



Volunteers from our parish make small home repairs and do "round-the-house" projects for our seniors, the widowed, the disabled, and single parents. Services are free, but the homeowner pays for the materials. Anyone good at carpentry, plumbing, electrical work, painting, yard work, window washing, gardening, mending and other handy-person jobs or general repairs is invited to use their time and talent in this ministry. We could use a few more Handy Helpers if you have skills that could be put to good use in this important ministry, and join our Handy Helpers Team. Please call the Parish Office @ 937- 878-8353 or stop by the Handy Helpers table next weekend to volunteer or request services sign-up sheets will be on the table.

## 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 19 & 20 WE WILL SPOTLIGHT OUR HANDY HELPER MINISTRY

### ADORATION

Holy Hour and Eucharistic Adoration: You are invited to spend a holy hour of prayer with adoration on the 4th



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. We work most Tuesdays around 8:30AM. Please call Beverly at 937-878-6060 for more information.

## SPEAK LIFE



### 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

# NE3 Family Of Parishes Schools



PLEASE CONSIDER ONE OF THESE AMAZING SCHOOLS IN OUR FAMILY OF PARISHES. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL THE SCHOOL...

