

# TWENTIETH SUNDAY

*in Ordinary Time*



*And* behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon."

Matthew 15:22



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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The pet care industry in America is a multi-billion dollar a year enterprise. We care for our pets. We love our pets. And that is a good thing. In our nation the dogs eat much more than “the leavings that fall from their masters’ tables.” It is not a good thing, however, that we recognize our pets while failing to recognize our sisters and brothers. “My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.” All peoples are part of our family. To fail to be good stewards of the “family resources” is to fail to “Observe what is right, do what is just....”

**This Sunday the readings are:** (1) Isaiah 56, 1.6-7 (2) Romans 11, 13-15; 29-32 (3) Matthew 15, 21-28 **Year A (Gather 1149)**

**Next Sunday the readings will be:** (1) Isaiah 22, 15.19-23 (2) Romans 11, 33-36 (3) Matthew 16, 13-20. **Year A (Gather 1152)**



- SAT: 4:00PM** Marvin & Kathy Cook, 60th Wedding Anniversary
- SUN: 8:30AM** For the Parish
- MON: 9:00AM** Ray Minnick, off: Mary McClellan
- TUE: 9:00AM** Frank & Ida Spence, off: George & Shirley Spence
- SAT: 4:00PM** Mercedes Kapfhamer, off: Carol Cypher
- SUN: 8:30AM** For the Parish

**STEWARDSHIP/ FINANCE**

**Collections for August 13, 2023**

Regular Collection & loose cash & envelopes	\$10,507.00
Capital Improvement Donations	\$70.00
<b>Total collections for August 13, 2023</b>	<b>\$10,577.00</b>
<b>Church Renovation Project</b>	
<b>Total Donations and Pledges as of August 13, 2023</b>	<b>\$149,044.95</b>

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,**

With the start of school this week, we keep the children of our two schools and their teachers in our prayers. Our schools are the largest ministries of St. Luke and St. Brigid parishes; and every ministry of every parish exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Moreover, all of our parishes have excellent catechetical programs.

In infant baptism, parents promise to be the first and best teachers of the Faith to their children. We take seriously the responsibility of partnering with parents in this monumental task. For this same reason, we have religious in-service programs for teachers and a retreat for catechists in the coming week. May the Lord Jesus bless us as we make, mold and mission disciples after his own heart.

Please plan to join me in a 54-day Novena of Prayer which begins on Sept. 15, the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows. Some groups of people who are greatly misled will spend millions of dollars in Ohio between now and election day on Nov. 7 trying to get us to pass an amendment to our state's constitution to enshrine the “right” for big people to kill little people just because they are unwanted and in the womb. Please see Archbishop Schnurr's letter in this bulletin. There are also links at [catholicaoc.org](http://catholicaoc.org) and [ohiocathconf.org](http://ohiocathconf.org) with other details.

May the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who stayed by her Son as he died on the cross, come to the throne of God and convert the hearts of the people of our state. Archbishop Schnurr reminds us our task is “to pray earnestly for the defeat of this extreme amendment; to educate ourselves and our families and friends about the dangers of the proposed amendment; and to vote NO on Nov. 7.”

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

*Fr. Bedel*

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### ANY3 THINGS PODCAST



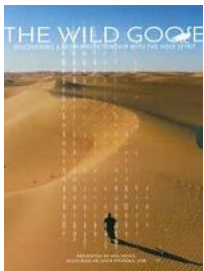
"Fr. Ambrose has launched a podcast for our family of parishes! Any3 Things will talk about what's going on each week, and highlight different staff and events. Episode 10 of our Any3 Things podcast is now live! Seminarian Alex Parra

joins the program to talk about seminarian internships, ongoing formation for priests, and lay pastoral ministry classes. Listen on any of your favorite podcast apps, or click here:

<https://www.podbean.com/eas/pb-fkv5x-147e12b>



### 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 22 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 was mailed last 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 have not received it.

*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](mailto:shargadon@saintlukeparish.org). Catholics interested in supporting those exploring Catholicism are also welcome.

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES



Catholic Charities USA

Catholic Charities USA is assisting with relief efforts following the devastating wildfires which struck parts of the island of Maui, Hawaii, on August 8 and 9. Anyone wishing to make a financial contribution to these relief efforts may do so by visiting [www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/?form=hawaii23](http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/?form=hawaii23). Let us pray for all those affected by this disaster and for those assisting with recovery and rebuilding efforts.

### 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@mhcparrish.org](mailto:mbarclay@mhcparrish.org). More information at: <https://youtu.be/ymGPT9fmDV>

**ARCHDIOCESE OF  
CINCINNATI**

Office of the Archbishop

archbishop@catholicaoc.org

513.263.6612

August 12, 2023

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On November 7, 2023, Ohioans will have the opportunity to demonstrate how our state views the sacredness of life and the dignity of women. On the November ballot will be a proposed amendment (deceptively named “The Right to Reproductive Freedom with Protections for Health and Safety”) to the Ohio Constitution that would enshrine the “right” to take the lives of innocent children in the womb while harming women and families in the process.

An expectant mother of any age can face many challenges, including lack of support from the father, financial strains, concerns about her own health and that of her child, and pressures from family and friends. Every woman, regardless of circumstances, should be able to depend upon a community of support. That is why Catholic social service agencies, in collaboration with many other faith-based and secular organizations, assist pregnant women in need with material resources and personal accompaniment, both during pregnancy and after their child is born.

By contrast, the proposed amendment does none of that. If enacted, it would amend the Constitution of Ohio to effectively:

- ***Put women at risk.*** This amendment would enable elimination of some of the most basic, fundamental safety regulations on abortion clinics, including the current requirement for an abortion to be performed by a licensed physician.
- ***Threaten parental rights.*** The vague language in the amendment opens the door to anyone under 18 having an abortion, or even beginning cross-sex hormone treatment, without parental consent or notification.
- ***Allow abortion through 9 months of pregnancy.*** The amendment provides caveats such that a healthy, fully-formed infant in the womb who otherwise could be delivered with no issues would still be a candidate for a surgical dismemberment abortion.

We must reject this extraordinary and dangerous attempt to radically reshape Ohio through a constitutional amendment that does nothing to aid women or promote life.

The amendment’s supporters will claim that its passage is necessary to preserve medical treatment for women who experience miscarriages or ectopic pregnancies. This is not true. No Ohio laws – or the laws of any U.S. state, for that matter – prevent such treatment. Hospitals, including Catholic hospitals, and physicians have always provided comprehensive miscarriage care, and will continue to do so regardless of the outcome of this vote.

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**RADIATE CHRIST**

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Some may insist that the Catholic Church should not be involved in politics. However, the defense of life and care for women compels our participation in this critical moral issue. As Catholics, we are morally obliged to uphold the dignity of life of all vulnerable humans – immigrants, the poor, preborn children. We cannot remain silent on a direct ballot question like the one in November. The Church must not remain on the sidelines when confronted with such a clear threat to human life and dignity and the primacy of the family.

Ohio does not need a constitutional amendment that only perpetuates violence and a culture of death. I urge Catholics and all people of goodwill to pray earnestly for the defeat of this extreme amendment; to educate yourselves and your family and friends about the dangers of the proposed amendment; and to vote NO on November 7. Beyond that, we must continue our commitment to caring for women, children and families.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary, mother of our Lord and Savior, and St. Joseph, protector of the family, intercede for Ohio and its families in the weeks ahead.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Dennis M. Schnurr  
Archbishop of Cincinnati


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RADIATE CHRIST

ST AUGUSTINE FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

PRAYER CHAIN



YOU'RE INVITED!  
ST. AUGUSTINE PARISH  
FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

**MONDAY**  
**AUGUST 28, 2023**

44 E Washington St, Jamestown, OH 45335

Rosary, Adoration, Mass  
5:30 PM          6 PM          7 PM

Ice cream social to follow in hall



## 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 homes 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](mailto:jsewellmhc@gmail.com) or call the parish office 937-878-8353. We can get you signed up through Flocknotes.

THE MHC MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEKEND




Stop by and visit the MHC Handy Helpers Table this weekend in the gathering space to find out more about this ministry. We need you!!!

Special Second Collection August 26 & 27

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An amendment to the Ohio state constitution is being proposed and will be on the ballot this November which, if passed, will enshrine the right to take the lives of innocent children in the womb while harming women and families in the process. As we continue our efforts to assist pregnant women in need with material resources and personal accompaniment, it is also paramount that we inform people of the ways this amendment would put women at risk, threaten parental rights, and allow abortion through nine months of pregnancy. We will be taking up a second collection on Aug. 26 and 27 at all of our NE3 Family of Parishes. Proceeds from this collection will be divided such that half of the monies raised will benefit pregnancy care centers and agencies across the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and half would fund efforts to inform Ohioans on the need to reject the deadly amendment. Prayerfully consider joining others in donating to this second collection.

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.**

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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**BURCHAM TOBIAS**  
FUNERAL HOME

*We'd like to call your attention to this week's "Sponsor of the Week"*  
**Burcham - Tobias Funeral Home,**  
119 East Main St., Fairborn.

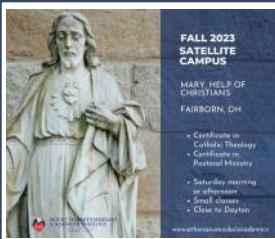
We would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their continued support of our weekly bulletin.

**THANK YOU:** This bulletin is furnished to the Parish without charge. The advertisements that appear, completely defray all publishing costs with which the church would otherwise be burdened.

**Please patronize these sponsors as a thank you for their kind generosity.**

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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](http://athenaeum.edu/academics) to learn more or sign up today.



MOUNT ST. MARY'S SEMINARY & SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

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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 active in 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 are available below.

**Need help please contact the parish office with any Flocknote questions.**

### 3 Crazy Simple Ways to Sign Up

1. Scan the QR Code
2. Or, text "NE3" to 84576
3. Or, visit [ne3.flocknote.com](http://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 this 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.

## DIVORCE CARE



Do you need Christian-based healing from going through separation or divorce's emotional challenges? This might be a very difficult time for you right now. You should not have to feel isolated or cut off from the Catholic Church. Let us help you @ our fall 13-week support group Thursday evenings, 6:30-8:30 pm from Sept. 7 to Dec. 7; St. Francis of Assisi Campus, 6245 Wilmington Pike, Centerville. For more information, contact Marcelle Toma at (937) 312-1157 (Not a texting number) or [mtoma@woh.rr.com](mailto:mtoma@woh.rr.com)

## 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://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.

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## PARISH WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE LINKS

Visit the parish website at: [www.mhccparish.org](http://www.mhccparish.org)



Visit our Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/fairbornmhccchurch/>

## OLIVE WOOD CARVINGS FOR SALE

**Bethlehem Christian Families**



**Bethlehem Olive Wood Carvings For Sale In The Bride's Room August 26 & 27 Weekend.** Please take time to stop in the Bride's Room and look at the beautiful carvings available for your purchase.

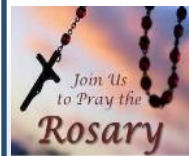
## FAMILY ROSARY MONDAY EVENINGS

**Family Rosary Every Monday**

Please join us this Monday, August 21 @ 6:00PM.



## ROSARY SATURDAY AFTERNOON BEFORE MASS



**Rosary**

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

## BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES

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The next Baptismal Preparation Class for parents seeking baptism for young children is 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 this class.

## FROM THE MHC GREEN ARCHIVES

### Earth Tips By



### MHC Green

### POLLINATORS: BEES, BIRDS AND BUTTERFLIES

In our current fragile environment, the need for food production is essential for keeping the world's population fed. According to National Geographic, one third of the food consumed by humans is a result of pollinators doing their job on our farms and in our backyard gardens.

Thus, we should offer these pollinators plants that attract them. Consider the space and type of plant that suits your garden. It is helpful to select plants that bloom at various times across the growing season.

The following list will help you get started: Calendula, Pincushion, Bachelor Buttons, Marigold, Salvia, Nasturtium, Lavender, Cosmos, Verbena, Borage, Anise Hyssop, Heliotrope, Yarrow, Oregano, Sunflowers, Coneflowers, Zinnia, Blazing Meadow Star, Penstemon, Aster, Goldenrod, Bee Balm.



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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

#### MASS TIMES



### - 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.

#### TUESDAY MORNING

#### 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.

#### TUESDAY AFTERNOON

#### MARY HELP BIBLE/FAITH STUDY

Join us for fellowship and formation through various scripture studies and Christian films!

Tuesdays 2:00-4:00 pm | St Francis Hall at Mary Help of Christians

Led by Denise Wetzel contact Michael Barclay for more information

#### TUESDAY AFTERNOON

#### 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](mailto:belrich@saintlukeparish.org)

#### TUESDAY EVENING

### - 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

#### SUNDAY MORNINGS

#### 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.

#### TUESDAY MORNING

#### 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](mailto:dmj67@att.net) for more information.

#### TUESDAY EVENING

#### 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

#### 1ST & 3RD SATURDAY MORNING

### - GO DEEPER AT HOME -

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



## 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

### CALLING *all* CRAFTERS

November 3 & 4

Friday 10:00-7:00  
Saturday 10:00-4:00

### Snowflake Craft Bazaar

Sacred Heart Church, New Carlisle, OH

\$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](mailto: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.

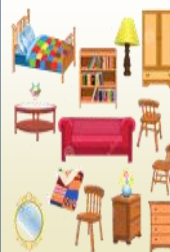
### Your Favorite Dish Soap Any Brand

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.



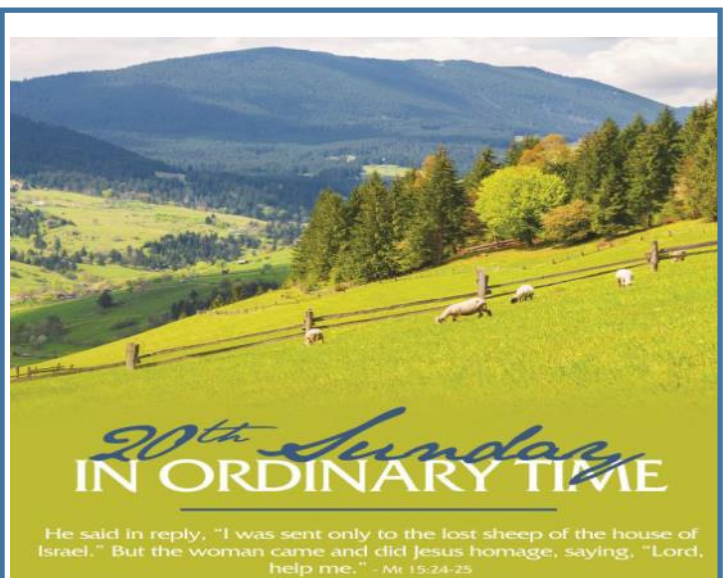
St. Vincent de Paul collects monetary donations at the doors after Mass on the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of every month. Look for baskets at each of the doors marked for St. Vincent dePaul. St. Vincent volunteers will be holding the baskets.

### 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.

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### STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT AUGUST 26-27

#### Mary, Help of Christians Choir

Music Ministry

Kristen Kosey, Music Director 937-457-5286 or [kkkosey1@aol.com](mailto:kkkosey1@aol.com) or [Musicdirector@mhcparish.org](mailto:Musicdirector@mhcparish.org)

Do you sing at Mass? Do you chant the responses? Sing the hymns? Or, at the very least, do you come to Mass and listen to everyone else singing around you? Then you already participate in our music ministry! Our ministry is one that everyone shares when we come together for Mass, and your voice is just as important as any choir member's. After all, "singing is one of the primary ways that the assembly of the faithful participates actively in the Liturgy" (*Sing to the Lord*, no. 26). However, if you have a particular gift for singing, we always welcome new members to the choir. Our choir members come from a wide range of musical backgrounds – no special training is required. We rehearse on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:00PM in the Church. In addition to singing at weekly Mass, we also perform a few special programs each year. A Taize-inspired prayer service during Advent and Lent. On Christmas Eve we present a special prelude or program before the 4:00PM Mass. Whether you decide to come join us in the choir loft or sing from the pews, you are participating in music ministry with those around you – and we're glad you come to Mass and sing with us!

MHC Choir - Mass 4:00PM Saturday  
Mass 8:30AM Sunday

### 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 are presenting a series of

these ministry's 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 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 where these ministries are being highlighted.

**AUGUST 26 & 27 WE WILL SPOTLIGHT OUR  
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### 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.



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