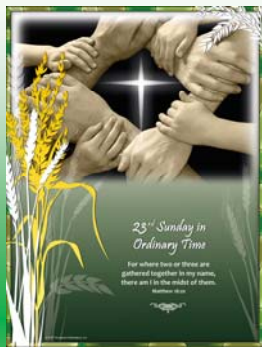




Welcome to all who celebrate the Mass with us today. May God's grace and peace fill us all so that we can serve one another in unity and love.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



We would prefer to measure our lives by our successes. It is more rewarding to talk about the fish you caught than the "one that got away," no matter how large the "one that got away" was. The Lord, though, seems to be only concerned with our "time in service" than with the outcome of that service. This has advantages and disadvantages. If we could build our spiritual credentials with a few successes – a particularly holy lent, a consistent prayer time or a well-celebrated Mass with great singing and participation – we might be able to rest more easily. Ezekiel is reminded that when God says "speak," one

speaks – regardless of whether anyone is listening. Jesus tells his disciples to "try and try again" to reach those who are at fault. Some may never listen to the Word – that is their problem. We are called upon to speak and go on speaking. Failure comes to us only if others fail to hear – not if they fail to listen.

This Sunday the readings are: (1) Ezekiel 33, 7-9
(2) Romans 13, 8-10 (3) Matthew 18, 15-20. (Gather # 1158 Year A)
Next Sunday the readings will be: (1) Sirach 27:30-28:7
(2) Romans 14, 7-9 (3) Matthew 18, 21-35. (Gather # 1161 Year A)



MASSES For The Week

SAT: 4:00PM Lucille B. Porter, off: Pat Hicks
SUN: 11:15AM For the Parish
MON: 9:00AM Andrew Parchinsky, off: Dorothy Parchinsky
TUE: 8:30AM The Roberts Family Special Intentions
SAT: 4:00PM Billie Russell, off: Carolyn Marth
SUN: 11:15AM For the Parish

STEWARDSHIP

Collections for September 03, 2017

Regular Collection & loose cash (198 envelopes)	\$11,291.00
Children's (0 envelopes)	\$0.00
Capital Improvement Donations (14 envelopes)	\$192.00
Total collections for September 03, 2017	\$11,483.00

**THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY
PLEASE REMEMBER MHC IN YOUR WILL**

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.

Welcome to New Member!

We would like to welcome our new parishioner who joined us in August: From Fairborn– Robert Newcombe. Welcome to Mary, Help of Christians!

Visit the parish web site at: www.mhccparish.com



The MHC Holiday Bazaar is scheduled for Saturday, November 4 and Sunday, November 5 and is fast approaching. 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 @ 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 Rita Bland @ 864-1010 or Julie Sewell @ 878-8353 to make arrangements. Your help would really be appreciated.

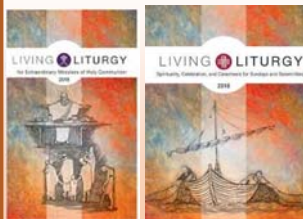
Second Collection This Weekend



On September 9 & 10 weekend, we will have a Second Collection to **Support Our Brothers and Sisters in Texas**. Join the Church in being a visible witness to the healing presence of Jesus alive in the world. Whether your donation is large or small, let

us also be sure those suffering feel the power of our prayer to sustain them in the difficult days ahead. **We will take up a special second collection at all the Masses September 9 & 10. Your separate check should be written out to Mary, Help of Christians Parish and marked for Texas in the memo.**

Living Liturgy Order



Anyone wishing to order a **Living Liturgy** or a **Living Liturgy for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** book for the next liturgical year can call Julie @ 878-8353 before October 31.



ENCOUNTERING THE MYSTERY: An Overview of Eucharistic Theology Sunday Mornings 10:00 - 11:00AM in St. Francis Hall COMING IN OCTOBER

All adult parishioners are invited to grow in their understanding and love for the Eucharist by participating in this educational DVD series being offered this fall and winter from 10:00 - 11:00AM in St. Francis Hall beginning on October 8. We will explore the many aspects of this wondrous sacrament. These will include some considerations of the New Testament origins of Eucharistic practices and belief, consideration of how Eucharistic rituals and thinking developed over the centuries, some glimpses on the challenges and struggles in articulating appropriate theologies of the Eucharist in different ages and different contexts and consideration of the basic teachings about the Eucharist as an experience of real presence and of sacrifice. Come and learn more about the gift and mystery of the Eucharist we treasure so deeply.

TWENTY- THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PSR News: Our Parish School of Religion program will begin on Sunday, September 17. We have mailed out registration forms to last year's registered families. If you will be new to our program, please call 878-7325 and leave your name and address so we can send you the information and registration forms. **First Eucharist information is included in the registration packets.**

PSR News

We will celebrate Catechetical Sunday next Saturday, September 16, 2017 at the 4:00PM Mass. Mark your calendars

Parents: In accordance to Archdiocesan policy 2102.02 (Every child/youth should participate in some form of religious education recognized/approved by the parish). PSR (Parish School of Religion) registration packets will be sent to all parish children not currently known to be attending Catholic schools later this summer. Parents wishing to home school their children in the faith are to note Archdiocesan policy 2106.02 (Families who choose home-based religious education should follow the Archdiocesan guidelines for catechesis and sacrament preparation. See *Guidelines for Home-Based Religious Education*). To prevent problems when Sacramental preparation and celebrations occur, these parents should contact the Director of Religious Education to register their children with the Archdiocese and parish as home-schooled, order appropriate materials to be used, and set up the guidelines for an appropriate curriculum. Please call Molly @ 878-7325.

Are you grieving the death of a loved one?

Mary, Help of Christians has a grief support group to care for people on their bereavement journey in a Christ centered environment. This is an opportunity for individuals to share their personal experience of grief with other bereaved persons who understand their pain. If you are interested, our monthly meeting is the 3rd Tuesday of each month, 10:00AM – Noon in St. Francis Hall. Call Molly Hynes Collinsworth @ 878-7325 or email @ mollymhc@gmail.com for more information. **Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 19, 2017.**

"Be still and know that I am God..." Psalm 46

CENTERING PRAYER GROUP is open to all parishioners. Centering Prayer is silent prayer that emphasizes prayer as a personal relationship with God and as a movement beyond conversation to communion with God. The focus of Centering Prayer is the deepening of our relationship with the living Christ. We often gather after morning Mass on Mondays and Tuesdays for a 20 minute period of centering prayer. We meet on the 4th Tuesday of every month in St. Francis Hall from 7:00-8:30PM for prayer and continuing education. Please call Pat Scanlon at 878-0461 for more information. Next meeting will be on **Tuesday, October 24, 2017. No Meeting In September.**

MHC EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

4TH MONDAY EACH MONTH, EVENINGS

All are invited to come and spend some quiet moments with our Lord on the 4th Monday evening each month from 7:00-8:00PM in the church. What a wonderful opportunity to pray. For more information call Pat Scanlon @ 878-0461 or Carolyn Marth @ 308-4639. **Monday, September 25, 2017.**

THE DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA WILL HOLD AN OPEN

MEETING on Monday, September 11, 2017 at 7:00 PM. In St. Francis Hall. Any Catholic women interested in learning more about the Daughters of Isabella are welcome to join us. If you have any questions please call Annie Milliron @ 937-409-5299 or Mary Alice Paxson @ (937) 878-3816.



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 5:30PM. Early Bird Games start at 6:15PM and regular games start at 7:00PM. Packages start at \$12.00 (12 faces). Last series of the night is a \$1000 cover all in 50 numbers or less, 51 numbers for \$750 and then played out for \$500. (Prize reduced if under 80 players) 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 @ 657-6958.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES

The next two Baptismal Preparation Classes for parents seeking baptism for young children are being held this Sunday, September 10, 2017 at 12:30PM and Sunday, November 12, 2017 at 12:30PM in the Church. Please call the parish office @ 878-8353 to advise us if you will be attending one of these classes.



MUSIC MINISTRY: Music Ministry News:

We welcome new members! Come and share your talents and help us to create a vibrant music ministry at our parish. Seasoned instrumentalists are welcome. Don't be shy, contact our music director Julian Calvin, for an informal audition julian.calvin1@gmail.com or call 878-8092. We rehearse on most Tuesdays from 6:30PM-8:30PM. It is very important that choir members attend rehearsals and warm ups. Your commitment is greatly appreciated. **WHY WE SING AT MASS**

"God has bestowed upon His people the gift of song. God dwells within each human person, in the place where music takes its source. Indeed, God, the Giver of song, is present whenever His people sing His praises." **"SING TO THE LORD: MUSIC IN DIVINE WORSHIP"**

Family Rosary Rally



Sunday, October 8, 2017 at Immaculate Conception Church, 2300 Smithville Road. Fr. Ethan Moore, will be the President. Prelude Music at 2:00PM followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Live Rosary Benediction at 2:30PM.

Parish Satellite Library Something New

A large number of books from the Parish Library have been relocated to the Usher's Room/ Satellite Library in the church. This move will make it more convenient for parishioners to select reading material. Access to this collection can be made online at www.mhcparish.com and click on



religious library. Come and check it out! We are open during PSR and Saturdays and Sundays after Mass.

The Archdiocesan Office for Marriage & Family Life has gifted Mary, Help of Christian with the book, Primal Loss: the Now-Adult Children of Divorce Speak. This book addresses the wounds suffered by children of divorce. It further, explores the role of Jesus Christ and His Church in healing these wounds.

Mary, Help of Christians parish satellite library has the book available to check out. For more information call Carol Maiorano @ 340-6084.

To see all the wonderful books available go to <http://mhc.libib.com/i/mary-help-of-christians-library>



The Loving Memory section on the back of our weekly bulletin will allow you to honor a deceased loved one by including them in the "In loving Memory" section. If interested please clip and fill in this slip.

You can put the slip in the collection or mail it to the parish. You will be billed by Diocesan Publications, the bulletin publisher. If interested, please call the parish office, or you may contact **Mark Mazza** directly for pricing at [513-392-6768](tel:513-392-6768) or mmazza@diocesan.com.

Thank you for your support.

Mary, Help of Christians Church # 389
Fairborn, Oh.

Loved One's Name: _____

Your Name: _____

Billing Address: _____

(make checks payable to Diocesan Publications)

Phone number: _____

Divorce Support Ministry

If you are a Catholic who is newly divorced or separated, you may be going through a very difficult time right now. You should not have to feel isolated or cut off from the Catholic Church. Your Church is here to offer the support and ministry you need and deserve. There are two excellent Catholic-Sponsored divorce-recovery support groups in the local area to help men and women heal from this life trauma. Both groups feature nationally recognized experts on divorce through professional video input and small group discussions. There are such recovery topics as anger, loneliness, new relationships, annulments, etc.

CATHOLIC-SPONSORED DIVORCE CARE

13 weeks, held on Thursday evenings, 7:00PM-9:00PM from **September 7 to December 7** at **St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 6245**

Wilmington Pike, Centerville, OH. Cost: is \$25 per person. Scholarships are available. For more information, or to register, call Marcelle Toma at (937) 312-1157 or mtoma@woh.rr.com

CATHOLIC DIVORCE SURVIVAL Guide

12 weeks, held on Monday evenings, 7-8:30PM from **August 28 to November 20** in the "Candle Room" of **St. Christopher's Church in Vandalia.** Cost: is \$25 per person. Register Online at:

<https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=670e37> - Questions: Call Noreen Wendeln at Family & Respect Life Office (937) 222-0227.

Is There Anyone Sick Among You?

If you are going to the hospital; if someone in your family is in the hospital; or if you know of a parishioner in the hospital, please call the parish office and let us know! Due to privacy rules the hospitals no longer call us unless specifically requested by the patient. Also, if you know of a parishioner that is sick or homebound for an extended period, please call the Rectory Office @ 878-8353.

National Day of Remembrance This Saturday:



The 5th Annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children will be this Saturday, September 9, 2017. The Daughters of Isabella, Marian Circle 911 and Knights of Columbus Council 3724 will be participating again this year by holding a prayer service at our own Memorial for the Unborn after the 4:00PM Mass which is in front of the statue of Mary at the far end of MHC Parish Center. Please join with us in saying a Pro-Life Rosary at our nationally listed site dedicated to the memory of aborted children. After the service, plan to attend the parish dinner sponsored

by the K of C being held in the Parish Center Hall. All families and individuals are invited to participate in this special event. Unite in the fellowship while having a good meal.

K of C Parish Dinner This Saturday, September 9, 2017



September 9th marks the start of our third series of Parish Dinners. We'll be starting this year the same way we did last, with one of our most popular entrees, roast chicken, green beans, buttered parsley potatoes, salad and a special surprise dessert.

You get all this for just \$10 for adults \$5 for children. We'll be serving in the Parish Center right after the 4:00 Mass. Come and join your fellow Knights and Parishioners for some good food and even better company.

What is the Handy Helpers Ministry? Volunteers from our parish make small home repairs and do "round-the-house" projects for elderly, disabled, and single parents. Materials are the responsibility of the homeowner, but the labor is free. (For those in need, St. Vincent de Paul and other donations may provide some materials.) Among the services that may be done are yard work, painting, carpentry, minor electrical work, general repairs, window washing, gardening, mending and other handy-person jobs. For more information or to request the services of a handy-helper, please call the Parish Office @ 878-8353. If you have skills that could be put to good use in this ministry, you are invited to call and join our "Handy Helpers."

Add JOY to your life this fall!

All adult parishioners and friends are invited to attend JOY Club which will resume meeting on Monday, September 11th at 1:00PM in St. Francis Hall. **JOY Club** meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays from September through June from 1:00PM-3:00PM. Come to **enJOY** an afternoon of cards, games or bingo along with fellowship and refreshments with your fellow parishioners and friends. Watch the bulletin for more information. Come feel the **JOY!**

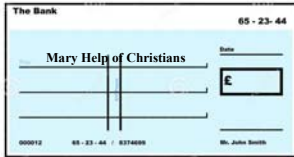


DISABLED AND WHEELCHAIR SEATING...Available in the left front section of the church.

St. Vincent de Paul collects monetary donations at the doors after Mass on the 3rd weekend of every month.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Offering Option



Many of our parishioners have their offerings to our parish set up as “automatic” checks from their banking institution. We receive a check from their banking institution at set times and for set amounts, as

predetermined by the parishioner. This type of giving saves the parishioner from writing manual checks and also does not cost the parish anything. The automatic checks are posted to our parishioner’s donation record, just as if a manual check had been written. **If you think you might be interested in this option for your support of the parish, please ask your bank to help you set this up.**

Most online offering programs typically charge the parish a 4%-5% fee off the top. If we used that type of program, an offering of \$50.00 would yield about \$47.50. Instead, we avoid this fee by receiving automatic checks, as described above. Thanks to all our parishioners for your generosity throughout the year!

About our Scrip Program:



Thanks to everyone who purchased gift cards from our MHC Scrip Program during this past fiscal year. The Scrip Program was able to transfer \$2,200 in profits to the parish during the course of the fiscal year. We appreciate all of our “shoppers” who made this a successful program

here at our parish. Special thanks go to Judy McCoy and Myra Limbach for heading up this program, and also to all of our scrip volunteers, for their “time and talent” each week!

D of I Gourmet Dinner

The D of I gourmet dinner on September 17th will begin at 4:00PM in St. Francis Hall with Appetizers and Drinks. Reservations are required. Please see the larger ad in this bulletin for details.

Have You Lost Any Belongings at Church? If you lose an item inside the church, please check our Lost and Found Box in the Bride’s Room, located on the left side of the gathering area as you enter the church. Unclaimed items are periodically donated to charity.

St. Vincent de Paul Furniture

We are looking for a few good couches and beds/mattresses to help our neighbors in need. Please contact Bill & Jane Doorley @ 879-5848 or 902-5393.

Altar Rosary Society luncheon and meeting will be Tuesday, September 12th at 12:00PM in the Coffee and Donut Room, following our bazaar workshop that will start at 10:00AM. We are busy getting booths stocked for the bazaar in November. Please join us. New friends are always welcome. **Bring a brown bag lunch; drinks and dessert will be provided.** For transportation or information, please call Rita Bland @ 864-1010.

Altar Rosary Society Bazaar Workshop Starting

We will be starting Bazaar Workshops Tuesday, September 12, 2017. Please join us from 10:00AM-12:00PM. All donations are gladly accepted and appreciated. Bring a bag lunch and join the fun!!!!

A HUGE THANK YOU to the youth and all who helped with the success of the Children's Game Tent!! The Children's Game Tent Committee had the pleasure of working with such an outstanding caliber of individuals! The parishioners of Mary, Help of Christians can be proud of the



volunteer time given by our youth. If anyone is in need of documentation for volunteer hours for the time donated to this event, please feel free to contact Marianne Bishop 879-5679 or Parish Office.

MHC Green meets on Tuesday, September 12 at 7:00PM in St. Francis Hall Green Room



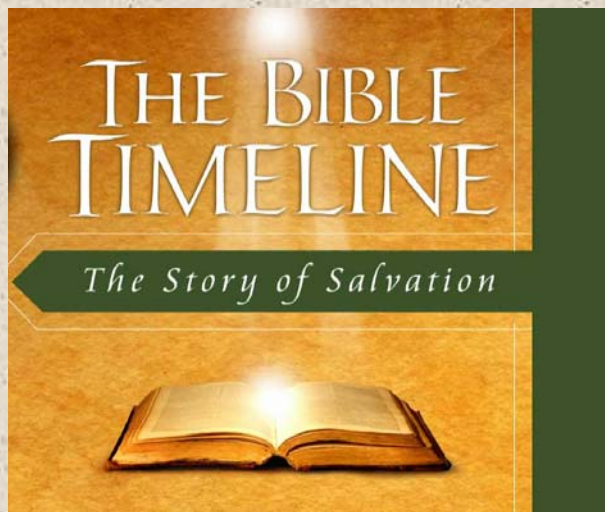
MHC Green, our environmental justice ministry. We meet this Tuesday evening starting September 12. If you are interested in gardening, healthy nutrition, landscaping, recycling, energy reduction, spiritual growth via interaction with the natural world, etc. please join us. Our meetings all start and end with prayer and include Faith Formation on our environmental heritage. Check the bulletin for Earth Tips by MHC Green each month for helpful and informational ideas.

Fairborn Knights of Columbus and FYI



Family and Youth Initiatives, in partnership with Fairborn Knights of Columbus and Tecumseh Schools are collecting water to be taken to Texas for those in need. The goal is 5000 cases of water. This is a huge goal, but not impossible. Please help us with our goal by donating a case or more of water, and bring them to any FYI offices. If the office is not open in Fairborn, please leave on the ramp in the back of the office and it will be collected daily. On October 13 Bob Holder of Holder Oil will take the water to Texas and the cases will be distributed by churches to those in need. Please help us meet this enormous goal and help our brothers and sisters in Texas. Thank you for your help in this mission.

THE BIBLE TIME LINE CONTINUES !!



Our Adult Faith-Formation Series *The Bible Timeline: God's Plan for our Salvation* continues this Wednesday evening at 7:00PM.

Join us on Wednesday evening, September 13 in St. Francis Hall. This week's session

focuses on Genesis, Chapters 1-3. We were created in God's image. What does that mean exactly? God created Adam and Eve on the sixth day and on the seventh day it was a day of rest already. Wow! What had Adam and Eve done to need a day of rest? Have you ever thought to yourself, "Boy, I wish that when God created us He made it so we could never disobey Him"? What can we do when sin stalks us as it did Adam and Eve?

COME JOIN US THIS WEEK FOR THIS MOST INTERESTING SERIES. This program is not just for adults. Bring your teenagers. If you have any questions, please call Joe Hand @ (937) 329-0912 or Molly Hynes Collinsworth, DRE @ 878-7325.

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Offering Envelopes: Did you know, if you drop your MHC offering envelope into the collection basket at any other Catholic church in the area you might attend, they will return those envelopes and offerings to us? Likewise, we will return any other church's envelopes/offerings to those parishes if placed in our collection basket.



To all our parishioners: please do use your envelopes for your offerings, as this makes it easier for our money count teams to count the collection. Thank you!

If you have not yet registered at our parish, we invite you to become a member by picking up a registration form found in the bin on the wall near the church front doors. Your completed form can be dropped in the collection basket, or mailed to the parish office, or brought in to the parish office. We look forward to meeting you!

GROWING CLOSER TO GOD THROUGH SPIRITUAL DIRECTION



Spiritual Direction is really not about being "directed," it is about being encouraged to draw closer to God. In spiritual direction you reflect deeply on the experiences of your daily life. You may come to realize how God's spirit is truly with you every day and everywhere. You discover that God has been waiting for you to seek this closer relationship. A person may come to spiritual direction for many reasons, including to: find encouragement and affirmation; share struggles, losses or disappointments; integrate spirituality into your daily life; grow in relationship with God, self, others and creation. After completing a two year training in spiritual direction I am offering to journey with you as you deepen your relationship with God. This involves confidential, one-on-one sessions, usually once a month for an hour. For more information or to make an appointment call Pat Scanlon @ 878-0461 or 572-2530.

A Gourmet Dinner

Featuring Recipes & Culinary Expertise of Award Winning Chef

Katy Paxson

Sunday, September 17, 2017

PRESENTED BY DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

Dinner Starts: 4:00 PM

With

Appetizers and Drinks

In

(MHC St. Francis Hall)

Dinner

(Mary Help of Christians Parish Center)

Strawberry Spinach Salad

Baby spinach tossed in a cider vinaigrette topped with feta cheese, diced apples, English cucumbers, toasted almonds, and fresh strawberries.

Chipotle Rubbed Flank Steak

Sweet Potato Noodle Bowl

Sweet potatoes, spiraled into the shape of linguine noodles, sautéed with kale, corn, red onions, and bell peppers and tossed in a light pineapple sauce.

A seared and sliced smoked chipotle pepper dry rubbed flank steak (non spicy available)

All topped with chimichurri sauce, cilantro and lime juice pesto.

Desserts

(MHC St. Francis Hall)

\$15.00 Per Person

RSVP: By Monday, September 11, 2017

Mary Alice Paxson @ 937- 878-3816 or Alice Smith @ 937- 864-1217

Please specify if you will bring an appetizer or dessert at time of RSVP.

EVERY KID IS ONE CARING ADULT AWAY FROM A SUCCESS STORY



Children are our future and as parents we worry about bringing them up in the world today. On September 26 youth and adults, parents and teachers, grandparents and

businessmen are invited to attend a free event featuring teen behavior specialist and acclaimed speaker, Josh Shipp. He will be speaking in Tipp City at Ginghamburg Church from 6:30-8:30PM. Admission is without charge, but reservations are recommended as the tickets will go fast. Registration can also be done by calling FYI @ 937-845-0403 and leaving a message, if necessary, with your name, address, phone number, and email. **Go to the FYI website for registration information** www.fyiohio.org.

Have you ever wondered what the Catholic Church believes about certain topics?

Have you ever wished to know more about faith? Now you can learn from the comfort of home or even when you're on the go. Just go online to www.formed.org scroll down to *Does your parish already have formed?* and enter the code: **J72WK2.(must be all CAPS)**. Then hit *submit..* Fill out personal login information... From this point forward, "Login" using your personal account. Explore the site and you will be pleasantly surprised at the volume of movies, faith formation and e-books available at no cost to you. It's some of the best Catholic content all in one place and just a click away.

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