



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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



So often our lives seem to hold to the injunction "Don't just do something, stand there!" But the call of Christ is a call to action. To turn away from wickedness means to continually turn toward the good. To turn from good to evil is to turn from life to death, and death is the same no matter how long one has been alive. When our Father asks us to go out into the vineyard to work, we should say, "yes" only if we fully intend to work. "Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you." They have

said "yes" to slavery to the will of God, and have become his children as well as his servants.

This Sunday the readings are: (1) Ezekiel 18, 25-28
(2) Philippians 2, 1-11 (3) Matthew 21, 28-32. **(Gather # 1167 Year A)**

Next Sunday the readings will be: (1) Isaiah 5, 1-7
(2) Philippians 4, 6-9 (3) Matthew 21, 33-43. **(Gather # 1170 Year A)**



MASSES For The Week

SAT: 4:00PM Charles Flick, off: the Flick Family
SUN: 11:15AM For the Parish
MON: 9:00AM Judy Lee, off: Cal & Alice Smith
TUE: 8:30AM Abe Abdoo, off: Susie Abdoo
SAT: 4:00PM Carlos Donohoe, off: Margaret (Peggy) Donohoe
SUN: 11:15AM For the Parish

STEWARDSHIP

Collections for September 24, 2017

Regular Collection & loose cash (155 envelopes)	\$7,501.70
Children's (1 envelope)	\$5.00
Capital Improvement Donations (5 envelopes)	\$290.00
Total collections for September 24, 2017	\$7,796.70

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.

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



Archdiocese of Cincinnati
Office of the Archbishop

September 26, 2017

As you are aware, several weeks ago I asked that a special collection be taken up to assist relief efforts in Texas and Florida following Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma. Since that time, a number of people have asked how they can assist the victims of Hurricane Maria – Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and Cuba – and/or the victims the 8.1 magnitude earthquake in Mexico.

Those wishing to assist the victims of Hurricane Maria should be directed to:

Catholic Charities USA
[2050 Ballenger Avenue](#)
[Suite 400](#)
[Alexandria, VA 22314](#)

Those wishing to assist the victims of the earthquake in Mexico should be directed to:

Catholic Relief Services
[228 W Lexington St](#)
[Baltimore, MD 21201](#)

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

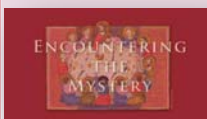
Sincerely yours in Christ,
+Dennis M. Schnurr
Most Reverend Dennis M. Schnurr
Archbishop of Cincinnati



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.**

ENCOUNTERING THE MYSTERY: An Overview of Eucharistic Theology

Next Sunday Morning 10:00 - 11:00AM in St. Francis Hall



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. See flyer in this weeks bulletin.

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PSR Registration 9:45AM-11:00AM

PSR sessions began Sunday, September 17th. We will still accept registration, but your child will need to wait until forms are complete and signed before going into the classroom. If you are registering today there will be extra registration forms available at the registration table in the Parish Center Hall. If you are interested in helping with the PSR program this year; please contact Molly @ 878-7325.

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, October 17, 2017.**

K of C Parish Dinner Saturday, October 14, 2017



The Knights of Columbus will hold our next Parish Dinner on Saturday October 14th. This month we will be featuring the top requested entree from our survey last year, spaghetti and meatballs. Our own resident Italian, PGK Frank Carchedi and his team of honorary

Paisanos will serve up a traditional home-style dinner including spaghetti and meatballs, salad, garlic bread and a special 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.

Second Collection This Weekend



We will take up a special second collection at all the Masses this weekend **September 30 October 1** to support **Respect Life Sunday**. Your separate check should be written out to Mary, Help of Christians Parish and marked for Respect Life in the memo or use the Respect Life envelope provided in your Oct./ Nov. packet. Thank you for your generous donations.



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 on Sunday, November 12, 2017 at 12:30PM and Sunday, January 14, 2018 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:

Christmas Choir Countdown: We have thirteen weeks before Christmas! We have already started working on some new music for Advent, and in a couple of weeks we will start rehearsing Christmas carols. So if you're interested in singing with us for our Christmas liturgies, don't wait too long - it'll be here before you know it! We rehearse on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00. For more information, please contact our music director, Julian Calvin, julian.calvin1@gmail.com or 878-8092.

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 13th Annual Family Rosary Rally 100th Anniversary of Fatima

Sunday, October 8, 2017 at Immaculate Conception Church, 2300 Smithville Road. (Previously held at UD Arena) Fr. Ethan Moore, will be the Presider. 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: _____

Server Training



Server training will be offered from **10:00AM-10:45AM** in the church for fourth grade and above **Sunday, October 22** during PSR. Parents, if you would like your child to receive this training please call the rectory office @ 878-8353. Please consider this very important ministry.

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.

Celebration Of Life Dinner Coming Soon

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Mark your calendars for October 21 for the Annual Celebration of Life dinner that will be held at the MHC Parish Center at 5:30PM following Mass. The K of C will prepare and serve the dinner featuring roast pork donated by Pitstick Pork Farms. Lots of fun with auction baskets, super music, and many surprises. A special presentation of the Volunteer of the Year. Everyone is invited. Call for reservations 845-0403. Proceeds go to FYI and its pro life work. Don't miss some of the best roast pork you'll ever eat, as well as some great auction items that always make this an activity not to be missed. The dinner is without cost but we will take up a donation/ offering during the event.

Why donate my blood? Because one donation can save up to three lives! Because every 3 seconds someone needs blood! How else can you save three lives in less than one hour? *Only 5% of the population donates 100% of the blood supply.* **Consider giving the gift of life at MHC's Blood Drive, it will be held in the Parish Center APR room on Saturday, November 11, 2017 from 8:30AM-12:15PM.** Remember to bring a picture ID with SS# and eat a nourishing breakfast beforehand. Appointments are requested. To schedule an appointment visit www.donortime.com or call 1 - 800-388-4483.



Add JOY to your life!

All adult parishioners and friends are invited to attend the **JOY Club's** next meeting on Monday, October 9th 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.

Career Corner

In case you find yourself thinking about changing jobs or find yourself in the position of having to seek another job, here is an exercise you can do that will eliminate wasted time in applying for jobs that you will not be happy in.

Think back to each job you've held in the past and make a Likes/ Dislikes List. In 2 columns list the tasks/functions performed and skills used in the appropriate Like List or Dislike List. You can even include bosses and corporate culture. Then rate each item on a scale of 1-10 (1 being least, 10 being most). When you're finished, pull out the 8,9,10's on your Like List and focus your job search efforts on positions that have these. Remember, eliminate any jobs that were high numbers on your Dislike List.

RESPECT LIFE



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REVERSE RAFFLE 2017

FAIRBORN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL FALL REVERSE RAFFLE

Fairborn K of C annual reverse raffle will be held October 28, 2017 at the MHC Parish Center. Doors open

following 4:00PM Mass. Tickets will be sold at a cost of \$35. Each ticket entitles 2 adults admission to the drawing, non-alcoholic beverages, heavy hors d'oeuvres and a chance to win prizes. Alcoholic beverages will be available at a nominal charge. 1st Ticket drawn wins \$100; last ticket drawn wins \$2000. Additional prizes will be awarded throughout the drawing. Winners need not be present to win! For tickets or questions call the hall at (937) 878-2909 or contact PGK Frank Minnick (FMINN@aol.com), or any of our members.

Blessing of the Animals:



Sunday, October 8th at 10:30AM, we will celebrate a pet blessing in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. Please bring your pet to the parking lot behind the Parish Center and join the PSR children and Catechists for this blessing.



Think Scrip When Planning Fall Chores!

Are you getting ready to start those fall clean up and inside projects? We usually have on hand gift cards in \$25 denominations for Ace (think Handyman!), Home Depot, and Lowe's.

We can also special order cards in larger denominations. Just see the volunteers in the Bride's Room before or after any weekend Mass. Questions? Judy McCoy @ 879-3570 or Myra Limbach @ 878-2688.

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, October 23, 2017.

Living Liturgy Order



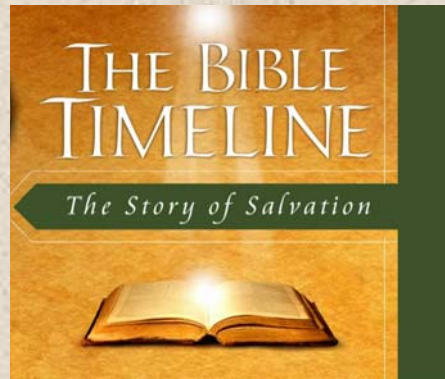
Anyone wishing to order a **Living Liturgy** or a **Living Liturgy for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** books for the next liturgical year can call Julie @ 878-8353 before October 31.

St. Vincent de Paul Furniture



We are looking for a few like new couches, beds/mattresses and dressers to help our neighbors in need. Please contact Bill & Jane Doorley @ 879-5848 or 902-5393. Please items need to be in very good condition. Thanks for your help and support.

THE BIBLE TIME LINE CONTINUES !!



Our Adult and Teenager Faith-Formation Series *The Bible Timeline: God's Plan for our Salvation* continues

Join us on Wednesday evening October 4 in St. Francis Hall at Mary Help of Christians. This week's session focuses on Genesis, Chapters 25; 28-29; 32; 37-50. Jacob was forced into exile to Haran where he was involved in a midnight wrestling match with God. What was that all about? When God renamed Abraham, the new name marked him as God's servant and also indicated the role he would play as a patriarch. What was the significance of Jacob's new, God-given name? How was the Old Testament patriarch Joseph much like Jesus? **COME JOIN US THIS WEEK FOR THIS MOST INTERESTING SERIES.**

This program is for both adults and teenagers. If you have any questions, please call Joe Hand @ (937) 329-0912 or Molly Hynes Collinsworth, DRE @ 878-7325



100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST APPARITION OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

On Saturday, October 14, 2017 we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of Our Lady's first apparition to the three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal. Join us in praying the rosary after the 4:00PM Mass by the Mary statue near the Parish Center. Watch the bulletin for more information.

ENCOUNTERING THE MYSTERY

An Opportunity to grow in your love and understanding of the Eucharist
Sunday Mornings 10:00 - 11:00AM in St. Francis Hall



Over the course of 12 sessions 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. This DVD lecture series was written and is presented by expert theologian and national speaker Father Edward Foley who discusses the topics:

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| October 8 | Session 1: Encountering the Mystery |
| October 15 | Session 2: Jesus the Jew |
| October 22 | Session 3: Jesus at Table |
| October 29 | Session 4: The Last Supper |
| November 5 | Session 5: Paul's Teaching and Eucharistic Living |
| November 12 | Session 6: Emerging Christian Eucharist: Centuries of Diversity |
| January 7 | Session 7: The Early Medieval Period |
| January 14 | Session 8: The Late Middle Ages |
| January 21 | Session 9: Reform and Counter-Reform |
| January 28 | Session 10: Trent and the Counter-Reform |
| February 4 | Session 11: Real Presence Revisited |
| February 11 | Session 12: The Sacrifice of the Mass Revisited |

Come and learn more about the gift and mystery of the Eucharist we treasure so deeply.

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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.



The Daughters of Isabella Crazy Cards Night

Mark your calendar for Friday, October 27, 2017 at 6:00PM in Parish Center Cafeteria. Daughters of Isabella invite women of the parish to join them for a great fall night out. This is one of our favorite nights out, **Crazy Cards** and a Pot Luck Dinner. We will start off the evening with a pot luck dinner then play **Crazy Cards**, an all-time favorite card game, which requires no skills; it's just lots of fun! Bring a covered dish (main course, salad, or dessert to share.) Plan to attend. More information coming soon.

World Mission Sunday 2017

It's

Our World On Mission Sunday, October 22, 2017 we will celebrate

At the Heart of the Christian Faith



World Mission Sunday. This year we are invited to support the 1,150 of the youngest dioceses in Africa and Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe. Please keep the Missions in your prayers. For more information, visit: www.IAMAMissionary.org.

World Mission Offerings: Thanks to everyone who so kindly donates to Mission Sunday, which is coming up on October 22. Your gifts are greatly appreciated! Please note that if you are using a check to make your

donation, your check should be made payable to Mary Help of Christians (with "mission" noted on the memo line) and not to "World Mission" or any other name. We consolidate the donations and write one check for the Mission. **There will be a second collection at all Masses for the World Mission Sunday Collection.** Again, thanks so much for your generosity!

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.



Altar Rosary Society Bazaar Workshops Have Started.



We have started Holiday Bazaar Workshops every Tuesday. Please join us from 10:00AM-1:00PM. All donations and help are gladly accepted and appreciated.

We are busy getting booths stocked for the bazaar in November. Please join us. New friends are always welcome. **Bring a brown bag lunch.**

ALL SOULS' DAY EVENSONG SERVICE WILL BE THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2017 AT 7:00PM IN THE CHURCH:

The scripture passages proclaimed during this prayer service are a reminder to us that God promises care and eternal life for each one of us on our journey to the Kingdom. All parishioners and friends are invited on this evening to pray for each other and for our loved ones who have gone before us into eternal life. The names of those who died during this past year will be read and a candle will be lit in their memory. A reception with refreshments will be held in the Bride's Room after Evening Prayer.

All Souls Day Remembrances: With All Souls Day approaching, our thoughts are with our loved ones who have departed. If you choose to remember your loved ones with a remembrance in our All Souls Day envelope, please **print** the names of your loved ones on the back of the envelope. That will help us enter your family's names correctly in our All Souls book. Thank you for your kind donations.