



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.

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Atheists can lecture quite convincingly on the topic of Christianity and its teachings and traditions. Although it is not always fashionable to do so, anyone can apply himself or herself to the subject of religion and become an authority. But those who live the best of Christian lives are not always scholars or researchers. We call the most proficient Christians "saints," not professors. When we profess our faith in words, we only truly earn the right to do so when our actions and lives conform to our words. Jesus warned the disciples of some of the Pharisees to "do as they say, not as they do." Have we walked the

walk of Christians or merely talked the talk? Have we practiced or merely preached?

This Sunday the readings are: (1) Malachi 1, 14 thru 2.2 and 2, 8-10 (2) 1 Thessalonians 2, 7-9 and 13 (3) Matthew 23, 1-12.

(Gather # 1182 Year A)

Next Sunday the readings will be: (1) Wisdom 6, 12-16

(2) 1 Thessalonians 4, 13-18 (3) Matthew 25, 1-13.

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Masses For The Week

SAT: 4:00PM Jesse & Robert Snow, off: Ed & Joan Gulbransen

SUN: 11:15AM For the Parish

MON: 9:00AM Judy Lee, off: Ann Marie Gunderman

TUE: 8:30AM Gilbert Jenschke, off Gladys Jenschke Lamere'

SAT: 4:00PM Tony Barcelona, off: Pat & Family

SUN: 11:15AM For the Parish

STEWARDSHIP

Collections for October 29, 2017

Regular Collection & loose cash (144 envelopes)	\$5,969.66
Children's (4 envelope)	\$8.00
Capital Improvement Donations (1 envelope)	\$10.00
Total collections for October 29, 2017	\$5,985.66

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.

BULLETIN DEADLINE FOR THANKSGIVING

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, we received an accelerated deadline for the bulletin for November 26th. Please submit your articles for the November 26th bulletin by 11:00AM Thursday, Nov. 16th. Thanks for your help in meeting the deadline.



Holiday Bazaar this Weekend:

MHC HOLIDAY BAZAAR: The 47th annual Holiday Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2017 from 9:00AM to 5:30PM and Sunday, November 5, 2016 from 9:00AM to 1:00PM in the Parish Center APR/ Hall. Men and women of the Parish and friends have made articles during the year at weekly workshops or at home.

A donated beautiful hand-made quilt, **Strippy Rows pattern**, will be raffled along with a lovely **hand-made oak blanket/quilt chest**. There will be other specialty raffles including many **gift baskets** for everyone on your Christmas list.

Sunday, Nov. 5, the Knights of Columbus council 3724 will serve a sausage/pancake breakfast from 9:00AM – 11:00AM.

Cost will be per serving \$5.00–adult, \$2.50– children under 12.

There will be something for everyone at this event, which is free and open to the public. Plan to get a start on your Christmas shopping at the MHC Holiday Bazaar on Sat. & Sun., Nov. 4th and 5th. For more information please contact Julie Sewell @ 878-8353. **Plan to get a start on your Christmas shopping at the MHC Holiday Bazaar this weekend.**

Eucharistic Ministers Needed



Anyone interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister? We are currently in need of Eucharistic Ministers at all Masses. Some training is necessary. If interested please call the parish office @ 878-8353. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

SACRISTANS NEEDED



We are currently in need of Sacristans especially this summer that would be willing to prepare for the Saturday 4:00PM and Sunday 11:15AM Masses.

You'll arrive about 30 minutes before to help set up for Mass and then care for the vessels afterward and

lock the church. **No experience is necessary and training is provided.** If interested please call parish office @ 878-8353. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

CHRISTMAS PARTY OPEN TO ALL MHC

ADULTS



The Daughters of Isabella and Altar Rosary invite you to join them at their annual Christmas Gala on December 11, 2017 at 6:00PM in the Hope Hotel and Conference Center, Wright Patterson AFB.

Festivities begin with a delicious dinner, including the all-important dessert. The cost is just \$25.00 per person and is due at the time of reservation. Reservations must be made before December 4th ! There will be no refunds or cancellations after December 4th. **To RSVP**, call Judy @ 864-2907 or Rita @ 318-8662 . Join us for a great evening with your fellow parishioners.

Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers, Ushers and Sacristans

You should have received your new schedule for November, December, January & February last week. If you did not receive your schedule please notify the rectory office or stop by and pick one up. **We need a few subs for the Holy Days and Holidays. Please check before Mass if you are available. If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date and time please find a sub. Thanks!**

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Attention: First Eucharist parents



To those parents of children who will be celebrating First Eucharist this coming May, there will be a **Parent Formation on Reconciliation presentation in the SFH Comm. Room and Chapel on Wednesday, November 15, from 6:00PM-7:30PM. Children who are to receive First Eucharist this year should come with you.** They will attend a **Reconciliation Retreat** in the other room while you attend this presentation. You will receive the first set of texts for your home-based Reconciliation preparation. ***This retreat is for First Eucharist children only.*** Babysitting for siblings is not available. For more information, please call the Office of Religious Education @ 878-7325.

ALL SOULS CANDLES

If you were unable to attend the All Souls Day Service you may pick up the candle for the deceased who died this past year in the Bride's Room. The candle can be lit anytime you wish to pray for a loved one who has died, or anytime that you especially miss the presence of your loved one, such as birthdays, anniversaries, holidays and other family gatherings and celebrations.

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, November 21, 2017.**

K of C Parish Dinner Saturday, November 11, 2017 Mark Your Calendar



The Knights of Columbus will hold our next Parish Dinner on Saturday November 11. This month we will be featuring a new entree in our lineup, Salisbury Steak, we'll server this with mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable medley, salad, and a 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.

Organizational and Ministry Booklet



If you did not receive our new Organizational and Ministry Booklet last weekend after Mass please stop by the rectory office and pick one up.



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

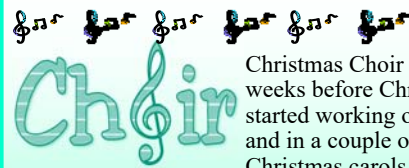


BINGO

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 seven 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"**

Parish Satellite Library



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>



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

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

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, 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)

Phone number: _____



From Nazareth to Bethlehem
Wednesday, November 08 at 7:00PM in St. Francis Hall

Perhaps you have made the journey through "Bethlehem" at our December event in the Parish Center. Did you wonder how realistic it is? Has it piqued your curiosity about life when Jesus was born?

Perhaps you have played a role in our production of *Journey through Bethlehem* or perhaps you will play a role this year. Would you like to know more about the cultural history so you can play your role better? Perhaps you are a history buff and would just like to hear a presentation on this biblical time.

If any of these scenarios hit home with you, then please come to a one hour presentation on a very special couple from Nazareth awaiting the birth of their child over 2000 years ago. Let John Maiorano help you travel with them as they leave Nazareth and head to Bethlehem to fulfill an edict from the Emperor. Stay with them as they celebrate, along with the angels, the birth of a child who will forever change history. For more information, call Molly at 878.7325

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.




Journey Through Bethlehem Returns
Mark Your Calendars

An event you will not want to miss!
This Year Open To The Public
Sunday, December 10th 10:00AM-1:00PM in the Parish Center.
Please join us and experience Bethlehem as it might have looked the year Jesus was born.
Anyone wishing to help with this event, provide baked goods, or for more information please e-mail or call Molly @ mollymhc@gmail.com or 878-7325.
Does anyone have any sawdust they could give us?

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.



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.

"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, November 28, 2017.**

It is time to plan the annual Senior Thanksgiving Dinner:



This is the time for our parish family to honor the senior members by providing a traditional homemade **turkey dinner. Volunteers are needed to donate and/or roast a turkey,** call Julie Sewell @ 878-8353 or Mary McClellan @ 626-1306 for a list of items needed.

You can also donate a turkey that needs to be cooked or cook a donated turkey. The dinner will be held in the Parish Center on Sunday, November 19th at 12:30PM. *Planning to attend the Senior Thanksgiving Dinner? The dinner is free but reservations are requested. Please call the parish office @ 878-8353 by November 17th. Please bring a canned good for the St. Vincent dePaul food pantry.*

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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.”

ENCOUNTERING THE MYSTERY:



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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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| 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 |

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

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, November 27, 2017.

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!

Add JOY to your life!

All adult parishioners and friends are invited to attend the **JOY Club's** next meeting on Monday, November 13th 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. Come feel the **JOY!** Special trips and parties are planned throughout the year.

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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THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
ON DEMAND.

Poinsettia Memorials Envelope:

The Poinsettia Memorials envelope, inserted in your November section of parish offering envelopes, is specifically for Christmas poinsettias. If you wish to memorialize someone, please **PRINT** their name(s) on the blank lines on the back of the provided envelope, or **PRINT** the name(s) of those to be remembered on a plain envelope with your name. **We ask that you please limit your entries to 6**, or feel free to use collective groups such as “the friends and families of Mr. and Mrs. Jones.” (Donation of \$10.00 is appreciated, but not required.) The memorials will be published in a subsequent bulletin insert. Envelopes can be placed in the Sunday collection basket or turned in at the parish office. Thank you for your kind donations.

