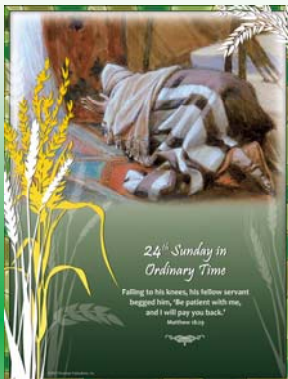




Welcome to all who celebrate the Mass with us today. May God's grace and peace fill us all so that we can serve one another in unity and love.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight." It is apparently the case with the Lord, that if we wish something we must cast it out into the world with all our might, or it may never return to us. This is obviously so with forgiveness: "Lord, when my brother wrongs me, how often must I forgive him? Seven times?" asks Peter. "No," Jesus replied, "not seven times; I say seventy times seven times." If this is so with reconciliation, might it not also be a good approach to time, talent and treasure? The more you give, the more likely you are to receive.

This Sunday the readings are: (1) Sirach 27:30-28:7 (2) Romans 14, 7-9 (3) Matthew 18, 21-35. **(Gather # 1161 Year A)**
Next Sunday the readings will be: (1) Isaiah 55, 6-9 (2) Philippians 1, 20-24 and 27 (3) Matthew 20, 1-16. **(Gather # 1164 Year A)**



Masses For The Week

SAT: 4:00PM Billie Russell, off: Carolyn Marth
SUN: 11:15AM For the Parish
MON: 9:00AM Judy Lee, off: Jim & Judy McCoy
TUE: 8:30AM Kenneth McNeely, off: Wilma McNeely
SAT: 4:00PM Hannah Ludwick, off: Mike & Barb Ludwick
SUN: 11:15AM For the Parish

STEWARDSHIP

Collections for September 10, 2017

Regular Collection & loose cash (158 envelopes)	\$7,305.00
Children's (3 envelopes)	\$11.00
Capital Improvement Donations (4 envelopes)	\$95.00
Total collections for September 10, 2017	\$7,411.00

Hurricane Relief Collection: \$4,399.80

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



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.

St. Vincent de Paul Thank You



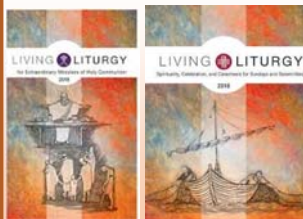
St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank the parishioners for their generosity that enabled us to provide monetary and food donations. We responded to **367 calls** for assistance in **August 2017** and were able to assist over 66 families with utilities, medicine, temporary housing, rent, household goods and furniture. We also provided food for 172 families (381 adults and 293 children). We visited 15 of our clients homes to provide encouragement and help determine specific assistance needs. Through your continued and generous support, we are able to help those who are in need of basic food and shelter. Together we are making a difference and serving God's people. We could not do this without you. Thank you for your committed, generous and faithful support!

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.

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.

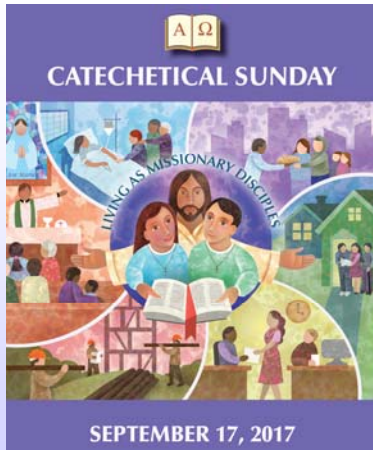


ENCOUNTERING THE MYSTERY: An Overview of Eucharistic Theology Sunday Mornings 10:00 - 11:00AM in St. Francis Hall COMING IN OCTOBER

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- FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PSR News: This weekend at the 4:00PM Mass, we celebrated



Catechetical Sunday, honoring the following Catechists: Marianne Bishop, Tom Boland, Denise Doucette, Chuck Fagan, Kim Gros, Mary Lou Kelly, John Lethert, Carol Maiorano, John Maiorano, Annie Milliron, Tom Pyatt, Eric Rogalinski, Rhonda Rogalinski, Pat Scanlon, Ruth Scheblo, Courtney Sewell, Julie Sewell, Kate Wagner and Denise Wetzel.

Parents were also blessed as the primary teachers of the faith.

The parish is grateful for the evangelization efforts of our Catechists. The parish would like to thank the following people for volunteering to help our Catechists as aides: Anastasia Bishop, Ryan Doucette and Jolene Weiss. We are grateful for your support!

Parish School of Religion (PSR) begins today, Sunday, September 17th, from 9:45AM-11:00AM.

PSR Registration forms were sent out with a family handbook to all current families who registered children in our system last year. New families who have contacted me should also have received the packet. Attached to the handbook is the registration form. Extra forms are inserted for multiple children. One form per child needs to be filled out and signed, but you can fill out one form with your address and other like information, copy, and then fill in information that varies with each child. If you are registering today there will be extra registration forms available at the registration table in the Parish Center Hall.

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.



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:

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 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: _____

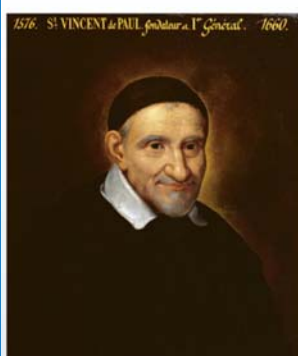
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St. Vincent de Paul Envelope



"As you have noticed, a Society of St. Vincent de Paul envelope is in your September donation packet. This is to commemorate the death of Blessed Frederic Ozanam, founder of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, on September 8, 1853. It also commemorates the death and Feast Day of St. Vincent de Paul, Patron Saint of the Society on September 27. All donations collected will be used by our MHC SVdP Conference. Thank you so much for all you do to assist our needy neighbors in the parish area."

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.

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 the **JOY Club's** next meeting on Monday, September 25th 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!**

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.

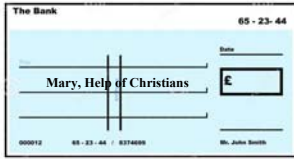


DISABLED AND WHEELCHAIR SEATING...Available in the left front section of the church.

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

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Offering Option

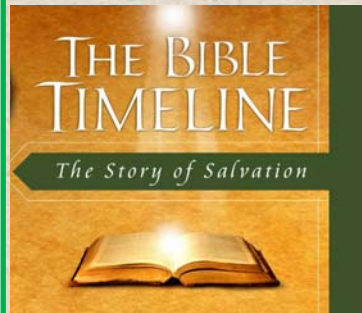


Many of our parishioners have their offerings to our parish set up as “automatic” checks from their banking institution. We receive a check from their banking institution at set times and for set amounts, as predetermined by the

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!

THE BIBLE TIME LINE CONTINUES !!



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

continues. Join us this Wednesday evening, September 20 in the St. Francis Hall at Mary, Help of Christians. This week’s session focuses on Genesis, Chapters 4-11. What was wrong with Cain’s offering as compared to Abel’s? Who was Seth and how is he important to us? Did people really live to be 800+ years old? What does our Church today have in common with Noah’s Ark? Why is the number 40 so significant in the Bible? Have you ever wondered why God doesn’t just reach down and wipe out all the bad guys? How was Pentecost a complete reversal of the Tower of Babel incident?

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.

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!

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.

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.

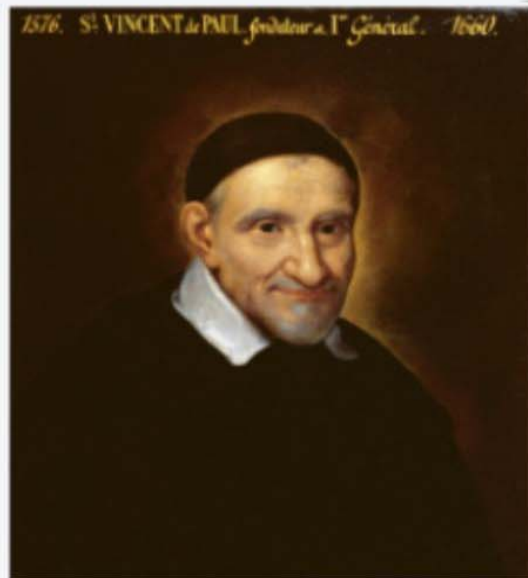


St. Vincent de Paul Prayer Service

Wednesday,
September 27th at
7:00 PM

Mary, Help of
Christians Church,
954 North Maple
Avenue in Fairborn

No RSVP
is necessary.



Our St. Vincent de Paul Prayer Service will be a time to come together to remember St. Vincent de Paul, the patron of our Society. This is a perfect opportunity to grow in friendship and holiness with Vincentians from across the Dayton District Council. A social hour will follow the prayer service.

All Vincentians and St. Vincent de Paul staff are welcome and encouraged to attend. Many thanks to the Mary, Help of Christians Conference for their hospitality in hosting this event.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 Paason

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)

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, 6759 S. Co Rd 25A, Tipp City, 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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Fairborn Knights of Columbus and FYI MANY THANKS FOR THE WATER

When FYI, the Fairborn K of C and Tecumseh Schools asked for water for the victims of hurricanes, we did not know how willing so many of you would be to give. We asked for 5000 cases and we got that many and more.

Thank you for being true Christians and helping your brothers and sisters in both Texas and Florida. This has been such a great response.

Pat Banaszak

