



*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.*

### SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Leprosy threatens not only the life of the individual, but the life of the whole community. The only reasonable response to insure public health and safety was to exclude the leper from society. Jesus came to bring salvation not only to the people but to each person as well. Jesus heals the leper and restores him to the life of the community.

Sin threatens not only the life of the individual, but the life of the whole community. As followers of Christ, however, we do not seek to exclude the sinner, but to bring all to reconciliation. Among the many gifts given into the stewardship of the church is the gift of forgiveness. As members of the Body of Christ, we must use the gift of reconciliation at every opportunity. If we exclude others unjustly, we too may be excluded. It is unity and peace we pray for, but to enjoy unity and peace we must first extend reconciliation.

**Next Sunday the readings will be:** (1) Isaiah 43: 18-19, 21-22 and 24-25 (2) 2 Corinthians 1, 18-22 (3) Mark 2, 1-12.



### Masses For The Week

SAT: 5:00PM Paul Sloat, off: Mary McClellan  
SUN: 9:00AM For the Parish  
11:15AM Pat Jenschke, off: The Jenschke Family  
MON: 7:00PM Joanne Cinelli, off: Harry & Marilyn Spears  
Paul & Lisa Raymundo  
TUE: 8:30AM Virginia Johnston, off: Carolyn Marth  
WED: 8:30AM Kitty McNeil, off: Cal & Alice Smith  
THUR: 8:30AM Claire Stroble, off: Eleanor Hunt  
SAT: 5:00PM Margarete Ivers, off: Carol Cypher  
SUN: 9:00AM For the Parish  
11:15AM Elizabeth Zsack, off: The Beach Family

### STEWARDSHIP

#### Collections for February 5, 2012

Regular Collection (267) envelopes	\$13,350.00
Children's envelopes (8) envelopes	\$17.00
Capital Improvement Donations (23) envelopes	\$290.00
Total collections for February 5, 2012	\$13,657.00

### THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

**Please note that Wednesday, February 22, 2012 is Ash Wednesday. There will be an 8:30AM Mass and a 7:00PM Mass. (It is not a Holy Day of obligation)**

**The Way of the Cross:** Traditional Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday at 7:00PM in the Church during Lent. If you haven't prayed the Way of The Cross for a few years please consider joining us for this beautiful devotion honoring the Passion and Death of Christ. The devotion originated in imitation of the early Christian practice of visiting the scenes of Christ's passion in the Holy Land.

**LITTLE BLACK BOOKS 2012-** *The Popular Little black books* for the Lenten season will be available in the Bride's room this weekend. Please take one per family. For those who are unfamiliar with them, they are seasonal books that offer prayer and reflection, along with some catechesis throughout the season of Lent. They only take 3 minutes a day!

**Baptismal Preparation Class New Location and Time:** A Baptismal Preparation Class for parents seeking baptism for young children is being held on Sunday, March 11 at 12:30PM in the Church. Please remember there are no Baptisms during Lent.

### RECORD OF YOUR 2011 CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

A statement of your 2011 contributions will automatically be mailed in January to any parishioner who has made any **single** contribution of \$250 or more during the year. (Please do not call to request a statement if you are in that category.) Anyone else wanting a statement should call the parish office @ 878-8353 from 9:30AM-4:30PM, Monday through Friday.

### Celebrating a Golden or Silver Wedding Anniversary?

Those couples that are celebrating their Silver, Golden, 60<sup>th</sup>, 70<sup>th</sup> or 75<sup>th</sup> wedding Anniversaries during 2012 should **contact the parish office no later than February 18**. For "golden" couples, there will be a Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass on Saturday, April 14, at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception in Dayton at 2:00PM. Reverend Lawrence Mierenfeld will be the principal celebrant.

**JOY CLUB:** This social group is open to all adults of the parish. We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month from 1:00PM-3:00PM in St. Francis Hall. Games, snacks and fellowship are our usual activities. Special trips and parties are planned throughout the year. **Join us this Monday, February 13 for cards, games, and bingo.**

### Lenten Reminders – Fast and Abstinence

With Lent approaching, please note the following information from the Archdiocese on fasts and abstinence:

Ash Wednesday, February 22 and Good Friday, April 6 are days of abstinence from meat and also days of fast: that is, limited to a single full meal. With regard to Good Friday, the teaching of the Second Vatican Council should be recalled.

Let the paschal fast be kept sacred. Let it be celebrated everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible, prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the Resurrection may be attained with uplifted and clear mind.  
*Constitution on the Liturgy,*  
*No. 110.*

The other Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years of age and older. The law of fasting binds all Catholics from their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday until their 59<sup>th</sup> birthday (canons 97 and 1252).

With regard to the obligatory days listed above, however, there are frequent questions about the degree of seriousness of the matter. The teaching of the Holy Father may be simply paraphrased: the obligation to do penance is a serious one; the obligation to observe, as a whole or "substantially," the penitential days specified by the Church is also serious. No one should be scrupulous in this regard; failure to observe an individual day of penance is not considered serious. People should seek to do more rather than less. Fast and abstinence on the days prescribed should be considered a minimum response to the Lord's call to penance and conversion.

**Men's Day of Recollection in Lent:** On the first Saturday in Lent, February 25th, the Fairborn Knights of Columbus will sponsor its annual *Men's Day of Recollection*. The event will be held at Bergamo Center. All men of MHC parish are invited to join us. The donation requested for this important start to your Lenten Journey is \$40.00. This includes a Continental Breakfast and lunch. Morning Prayer starts at 9:00AM and the first talk and discussion is at 10:00AM. Confessions will be heard and the day will end with a 3:30PM Mass. There will be lots of quiet personal time included in the day's schedule. For more information call Jim McCoy @ 879-3570 or Bill Gazzero @ 233-8913. Hope to see you there for this great way into Lent.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** all our parishioners, relatives, and friends, who have died, especially Dorothy Limbach, sister of Ron Limbach.

Visit the parish web site at: [www.mhccparish.com](http://www.mhccparish.com)

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Welcome!

Last Sunday at the 9:00AM Mass, *Greta Mayer* made a profession of faith and was confirmed into the Roman Catholic Church and into our parish. Welcome Greta!

**Adult Faith Formation: This week:** Lisa Rucker: Hospice Community Outreach Coordinator will be our guest **Next week:** Deacon Max will take bible questions. We invite anyone who is interested to come and join us for coffee, homemade goodies and thoughtful discussion. We meet from 10:00AM-11:10AM in St. Francis Hall on Sunday mornings. For further information, please call Deacon Max & Barbara Roadruck @ 879-5332 or the Religious Education Office @ 878-7325.

**Confirmation Reminders:** Our fifth Confirmation Family Liturgy of the Word will be celebrated Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:00PM-8:45PM. Please complete the section on the Anointing before arrival and have Chapter 5 "Becoming like Christ" read.

**COLLECTING OLD PALMS:** Do you still have blessed palms from last year? On Sunday, February 19 the Parish School of Religion will gather for a Mardi Gras Celebration before Lent begins. We will gather in the Parish Center for prayer at 10:10AM. After prayer, we will burn palms behind the Parish Center to make the ashes needed for Ash Wednesday. All parishioners are invited to join us. Please put your old palms in the Green Bucket located in the Bride's Room.

**FLOWERS ON EASTER ENVELOPE:** The "Flowers on Easter" envelope inserted in your March section of parish offering envelopes is specifically for Easter flowers. 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.

**Catholicism by Fr. Robert Barron:** In "Catholicism" Fr. Barron seeks to capture the body, head and mind of the Catholic faith in a series of 1 hour programs. Please join us on Thursday nights at 7:00PM in St. Francis Hall as we study this series. Each session will stand on its own so attend as many as you can. You can come to one session or come to all. Do not miss this opportunity. Hope to see you there on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Watch the bulletin for more dates to come... For more information or questions call Susan Takacs @ 878-4358

**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, March 17, 2012 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](http://www.donortime.com) or call 1-800-388-4483.

**MHC Softball Team:** Mary, Help of Christians is looking to put together a Mary Help Softball Team for spring. All ages 18-99 are welcome to play. If you would be interested please contact Eric or Rhonda Rogalinski @ 767-9866.

### ***The Walk to Jerusalem: A Parish Lenten Program to Increase the Health of Body, Mind, and Spirit***

Beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending on Holy Saturday 2012. The concept is for our parish community to collectively cover the 6,161 miles from Fairborn to Jerusalem. The program is designed not only to motivate people to become more physically active, but also to encourage spiritual growth and global awareness. Walking packets will be available after all Masses this weekend February 11-12 and next weekend February 18-19 in the rear of the church; the packet will include instructions for tabulating miles. (20 minutes of aerobic exercise = 1 mile) Call Bill Fortener @ 879-8803 to join in the walk. Pick up a packet this weekend.

### **"My Brothers Keeper" needs blankets etc....**

Thank you for your continued support of supplying materials to make sleeping bags for the homeless. The "My Brothers Keeper Group" has constructed & distributed almost 700 of these bags to the Dayton-Springfield area. Your donations of clean USED mattress pads, blankets (including electric), comforters, neckties, etc. have helped make this possible. Donations can be dropped off at the Rectory. Call Susan Takacs @ 878-4358 or Mary Ann Schmid @ 864-1694 for more information.

### **Lenten Soup Supper- FAST- PRAY-GIVE ALMS**

Please join us for a Lenten Soup Supper on Friday, March 30, 2012 in St. Francis Hall from 5:30PM-6:30PM. Bread and meatless soup will be broken and shared at no charge but reservations are required so we have enough soup. RSVP to Julie Sewell @ 878-8353 or Denise Wetzel @ 878-3450. Also a collection will be taken for Operation Rice Bowl.

The living Stations of the Cross will follow at 7:00PM in the church... won't you join us for this Lenten experience?

### **Eucharistic Minister Needed for all Masses**

Anyone interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister. We are currently in need of Eucharistic Ministers at all Masses, especially 5:00PM and 11:15AM. Some training is necessary. If interested please call the parish office @ 878-8353. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

### **Catholic Men's Conference in Columbus, OH.**

Men of the parish! You are invited by the Men of Faith men's fellowship group to join us at this year's Catholic Men's Conference in Columbus, OH. The theme is 'A Call to Action: Be a New Man in Christ'.

Check the bulletin insert for information about Conference speakers. Saturday, March 3, 2012, at 8:00AM-2:45PM. Car pool from St Francis Hall. - Lausche Building, Ohio State Expo Center, 717 E 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. Columbus, OH - Ticket cost: \$27.00 / men; \$10.00 / student. Can't afford a ticket but want to go? Just let us know. Connect to <https://columbuscatholicmen.com/> for more information. A small group of men from the Men of Faith fellowship group will be attending this year's conference. Call Tom Boland @ 864-1665 if you'd like to go. We'd like to purchase tickets by Thursday, February 16.

### **MUSIC DURING LENT**

The season of Lent calls us to simplicity in our music for Liturgy. We do not sing or say the Gloria. We do not sing or say the Alleluia and reserve this highest word of praise for the triumphant celebration of our Lord's Resurrection. In fact, in our parish we omit the Gospel Acclamation altogether, allowing the silent procession of the Book of the Gospels to remind us to prepare and listen with our hearts to the words of Jesus. Our hymns and choir pieces take on a reflective nature, recognizing our need for repentance and our thanksgiving for God's mercy.

**This Lenten season we will omit the recessional song.** As we leave our liturgies in silence, let the silent recessional speak inwardly, reminding us as a community of our constant need for nurturing our bonds with each other as the body of Christ, as we go forth to be the body of Christ to others.

### **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 in January! We were able to assist over 68 families with utility, clothing, furniture and medicine. We also provided food for 120 families (248 adults and 182 children). Thank you! Together we are making a difference and serving God's people. We could not do this without you

### **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Addresses**

We are compiling addresses for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Mary, Help of Christians. If you know of a parishioner who has moved away that would like to join us please send their address to the parish office or call Julie and let her know @ 878-8353.

### **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Memorabilia**

We are looking for memorabilia for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. If you have pictures, news articles, old MHC church items, etc. that you can let us copy or scan, we would really appreciate it. Please call Julie @ 878-8353.

### **MHC 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

September 9, 2012 we will be celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of our parish. Worship Commission is heading a committee and anyone interested in helping with this monumental occasion is invited to a brief planning meeting on Monday, March 12, 2012 in St. Francis Hall at 7:30PM. Please mark your calendar and join us to plan this celebration. For further information call Denise Wetzel @ 878-3450 or Julie Sewell @ 878-8353.

### **St. Vincent de Paul collects monetary donations at the doors after Mass on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month**