



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.

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**



What's so good about the Bible? It certainly is a long book. It surely has a lot of long boring parts. It was written a long time ago. When Jesus opened the eyes of his disciples to the meaning of scriptures, he allowed them to see the present impact of ancient truth. The successes and failings of the past provide solid evidence and precedent for lives lived in the present. "My little one" writes John, "I am writing this to keep you from sin. But if anyone should sin, we have, in the presence of the Father, Jesus Christ, an intercessor who is just." Human beings seem to have a very difficult time learning the lessons of history.

Careful attention to the story we share and the mysteries we celebrate can keep us from squandering our time, our gifts and our resources so that everything we are may go towards building up the kingdom rather than opposing God.

**This Sunday the readings will be:** (1) Acts 3, 13-15 and 17-19  
 (2) 1 John 2, 1-5 (3) Luke 24, 35-48. **(Gather # 1068 Year B)**  
**Next Sunday the readings will be:** (1) Acts 4, 8-12  
 (2) 1 John 3, 1-2 (3) John 10, 11-18. **(Gather # 1071 Year B)**



**Masses For The Week**

**SAT: 4:00PM** James Earl Egalite, off: James & Joan Donahue  
**SUN: 11:15AM** For the Parish  
**MON: 9:00AM** Lenore McCann, off: Jim & Judy McCoy  
**TUE: 8:30AM** Marilyn Arkenberg, off: Carolyn Marth  
**SAT: 4:00PM** James Sisk, off: Ellen Sisk  
**SUN: 11:15AM** For the Parish

**STEWARDSHIP**

**Collections for April 8, 2018**

Regular Collection & loose cash (179 envelopes)	\$11,191.00
Children's (3 envelopes)	\$7.00
Capital Improvement Donations (10 envelopes)	\$138.00
<b>Total collections for April 8, 2018</b>	<b>\$11,336.00</b>

**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.

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

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

**Saturday and Sunday After Mass.**



Mark your calendars! If you go to the 4:00PM Mass on Saturday, you may want to plan on staying for an extra 50 minutes on April 21<sup>st</sup> and April 28<sup>th</sup>. On these two Saturdays, parishioner John Maiorano will offer some approaches for understanding the bible. If you have never read the

bible or barely read the bible, John's presentation will give you the confidence to begin! If you are an "old pro" at reading the bible, you will be hearing an excellent review of all the books in the bible. We will have some bibles available, but you are welcome to bring your own.

**Are you a Sunday Mass goer? Don't feel left out. John will come back on Sundays, April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> after the 11:15AM Masses and offer the same presentation for you!**

So, novice or scholar, plan to stay seated after masses on these two weekends. You won't have to go anywhere extra to learn a little something that can make a tremendous difference in your life!

**Refreshments will be offered in the Bride's Room in case you need a snack.** If you have any questions, you may call Molly @ 878-7325 or email at [mollymhc@gmail.com](mailto:mollymhc@gmail.com).

**Catholic Ministries Appeal 2018**

Each year, the Catholic Ministries Appeal offers us the opportunity to **Impact the Story** by supporting ministries serving people throughout our archdiocese. Please join with your fellow parishioners of **Mary, Help of Christians** and all the other parishes in the archdiocese as we all work together to support the CMA. To date, our parish has pledged **\$19,926.00** towards our goal of **\$20,011.00**. If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so this week. **To make your pledge securely online for the Catholic Ministries Appeal, please visit the Web at [www.catholicappeal.net](http://www.catholicappeal.net) or make your checks payable to Catholic Ministries Appeal and mail your pledge card to 100 East Eighth Street Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 in the envelope provided in your information packet.** Please prayerfully consider supporting this year's CMA. For more information, please visit [www.catholicappeal.info](http://www.catholicappeal.info)



**The Knights of Columbus will hold our next Parish Dinner this Saturday, April 14, 2018**

This month we will be featuring a new menu consisting of Chili spaghetti, add your favorite toppings (beans, onions, cheese, sour cream, hot sauce), homemade cornbread, salad and a dessert. You get all this for just \$10 for adults and \$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.

**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES AT MHC**

The next two Baptismal Preparation Classes for parents seeking baptism for young children are being held on Sunday, May 13, 2018 at 12:30PM and Sunday, July 8, 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.

## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



**THE BIBLE TIMELINE!!**  
**The Bible Timeline: God's Plan for our Salvation:** this Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 7:00PM in St. Francis Hall at Mary Help of Christians Church. Please join us.

### Celebrating a Golden or Silver Wedding Anniversary?



**Married couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary** Silver 25<sup>th</sup>, Golden 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, 70<sup>th</sup> or 75<sup>th</sup> during 2018 are invited to request a congratulatory certificate form Archbishop Schnurr. You should contact the parish office @ 878-8353 no later than June 15, 2018.

For **"golden" couples**, there will also be a Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass on Saturday, August 04, 2018 at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception in Dayton at 4:30PM. **Bishop Joseph Binzer**, will be the Celebrant. Certificates are sent to those who contact the parish office with their information.



**First Eucharist parents and children: The First Eucharist Retreat Day and rehearsal** is Saturday, May 5. It will be held from 12:30PM-4:00PM in the Church, St. Francis Hall and Parish Center Hall.



**"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 will meet on 3rd 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 on Tuesday, May 15, 2018.*

### Catholic Relief Collection April 14 & 15



This week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all

people here at home and abroad. This week, please give generously to the CRSC and **help Jesus in disguise.**

Learn more about the collection @ [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

**Thank you for your generous donations. We will have a second collection at all Masses.**

### 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.mhccparish.com](http://www.mhccparish.com) and click on religious library.

**Come and check it 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>*

### Add JOY to your life!

All adult parishioners and friends are invited to attend **JOY Club** which will be meeting on Monday, April 23, 2018 at 1:00PM in St. Francis Hall. **JOY Club** meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Knights of Columbus Corporate Communion



There will be a gathering of parish Knights of Columbus and their families at the 11:15AM Mass on Sunday, April 29, 2018. Knights, their wives and families will sit together to celebrate Mass. **Beginning at 10:45AM the Knights of Columbus will lead the rosary before Mass. All are invited.**

**Holy Hour and Eucharistic Adoration:** You are invited to spend a holy hour of prayer with adoration **4th Monday Of The Month from 7:00-8:00PM in the church. All are Welcome!**

*Join us Monday, April 23, 2018.*



**Reminder**  
**Parents of children celebrating First Communion** are expected to be at the MHC St. Francis Hall Community Room on either Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:45AM or Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM for the **parent formation talk** on the Eucharist. For questions, call Molly @ 878-7325.

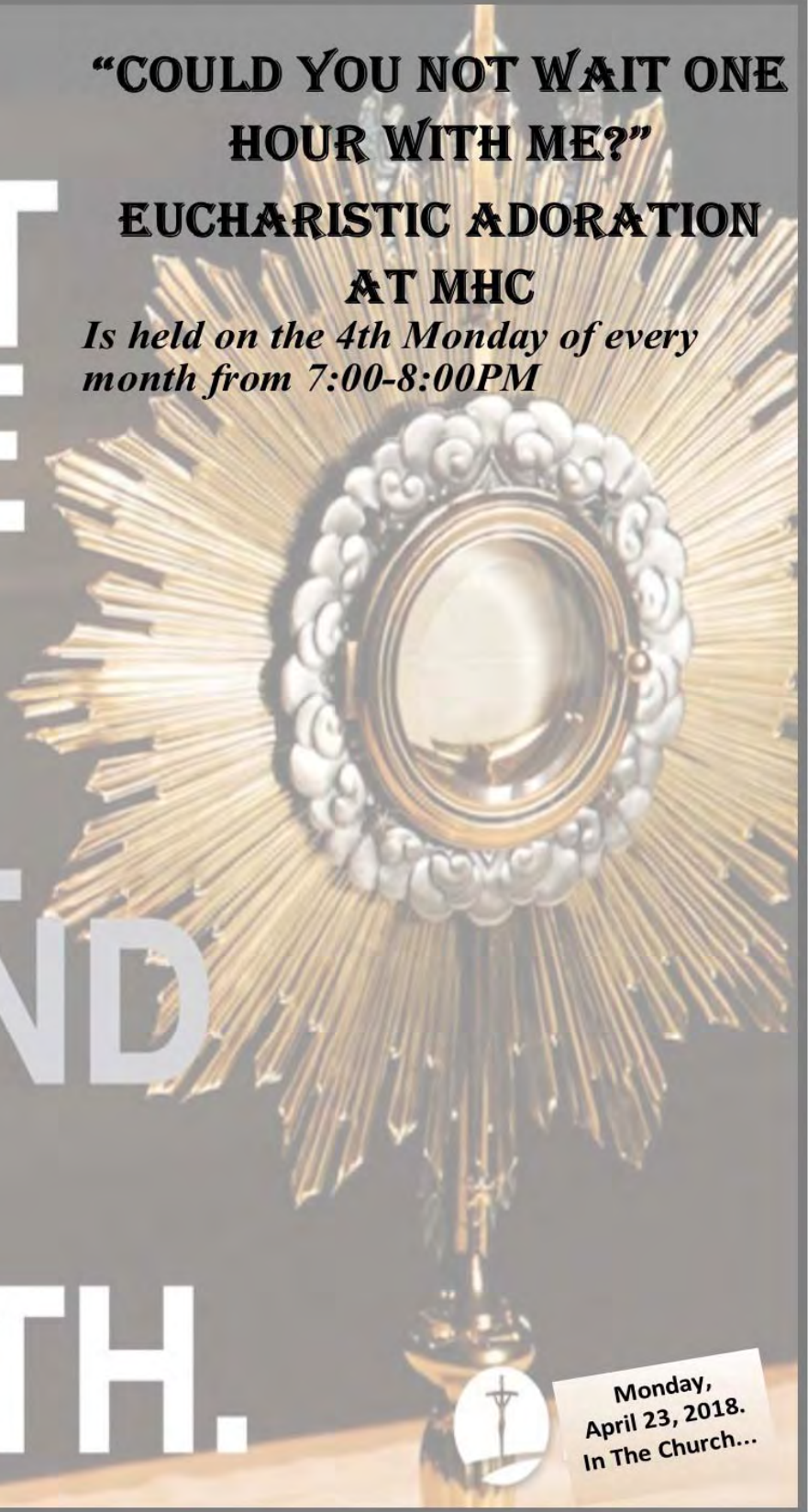


THE  
BEST  
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EARTH.

**“COULD YOU NOT WAIT ONE  
HOUR WITH ME?”**

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION  
AT MHC**

*Is held on the 4th Monday of every  
month from 7:00-8:00PM*



Monday,  
April 23, 2018.  
In The Church...

-MOTHER TERESA

## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Easter Spirituali-Tea



#### Attention, all women of the parish:

You have spent forty days preparing for Easter. Easter has arrived and, the Church gives us fifty days to celebrate. What are you doing to celebrate the greatest gift we've been given? If you haven't thought about it or decided upon anything, let me help. Come to an afternoon of Easter Spirituali-Tea **Today Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> from 12:30PM – 4:00PM in St. Francis Hall.** We will spend a delightful afternoon celebrating Easter with a tea party and tea party themed activities interspersed with several short talks on Easter Spirituality.

### Sponsor of the Week

We'd like to call your attention to this week's "Sponsor of the Week" **Michael A. Mayer, 510 West Main St., Fairborn.** We would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their continued support of our weekly bulletin.

**THANK YOU:** This bulletin is furnished to the Parish without charge. The advertisements that appear, completely defray all publishing costs with which the church would otherwise be burdened. **Please patronize these sponsors as a thank you for their kind generosity.**

### 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.



### St. Vincent de Paul Thank You

St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank the parishioners and PSR families for their generosity that enabled us to provide monetary and food donations. We responded to 243 calls for assistance in **March 2018** and were able to assist over 35 families with utilities, medicine, rent, household goods and furniture. We also provided food for 138 families (307 adults and 198 children). We visited 11 of our clients homes to provide encouragement and help determine specific assistance needs. Thank you! We are not able to provide this assistance without your committed, generous and faithful support!

*We rely on your generosity in service as well as financial and in-kind donations! If you are interested in knowing how we provide Service as Vincentians and would like to know what it takes to provide material assistance to our neighbors, call Mary Lou Kelly @ 878-8442 or Tom Boland @ 469-3267.*

**Eucharistic Ministers Needed:** Anyone interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister? We are currently in need of extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion at both Masses. If you are a practicing Catholic and have a genuine love and reverence for Christ in the Eucharistic, please call the parish office at 878-8353 for training. Your help would be greatly appreciated.



### MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS COMING MAY 13



As Mother's Day approaches please remember to buy your flowers, corsages and vases from FYI and the Parenting Network. We hope everyone can celebrate their mother in this very special way. This is the 40<sup>th</sup> year of selling flowers at Mary Help and the profit made helps fund all the programs within our pregnancy and parenting centers. Please call 845-0403 for more information or for special orders. We will sell them before and after each Mass. So help us help others and get your Mother's Day needs here at MHC. *Thank you for your support.*

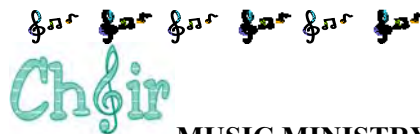


### Knights of Columbus Measure-Up Campaign 2018

The Fairborn Council 3724 is asking for your support of our annual Measure-Up collection for "Citizens with Developmental Disabilities" held during the month of **April**. This is the Knights of Columbus "flagship" charity. The three organizations that our council has chosen to support are, Four Oaks Early Childhood Developmental Center, Fairborn, FF Mueller Residential Center and Early Intervention and Family, Springfield. Please use the designated envelope in your church collection packet or designate "For Measure-Up" on your check memo line. Your past support of our fund raising efforts has been overwhelming and we gratefully thank all who have contributed.



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



### MUSIC MINISTRY:

We rehearse on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00. For more information, please contact our music director, Julian Calvin, [julian.calvin1@gmail.com](mailto: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"**





**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.



**SACRISTANS NEEDED PLEASE HELP**

We are currently in need of Sacristans 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.



**SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 45th MHC FESTIVAL,**



**July 20-22, 2018.**

**The Third Weekend In July.**

We look forward to your undying support once again! Look for more information to come.

**5th Annual MHC 5K Run/Walk**

*Saturday, July 21, 9:00AM.*

**Mark your calendars.**

Please call Eric Rogalinski @ 657-6958 or Julie Sewell @ 878-8353 if you have any questions regarding Festival or wish to volunteer for anything.

**Hours are: Friday, 6:00-11:00PM;  
Saturday, 2:00-11:00PM;  
Sunday, 1:00-6:00PM.**



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](mailto: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: \_\_\_\_\_



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL THIS SUMMER  
JUNE 24-28.**

**Save The Date**

It's time to start planning for Vacation Bible School, which will be held in the air conditioned Parish Center this year from Sunday evening, June 24 through Thursday evening June 28, 6:00-8:30PM. *Catholic Around the World.*

We will be setting up various booths to represent different countries. If you can help, please call Molly or Courtney @ 878-7325.

**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!

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### **Kroger Shoppers:**

Have you linked your Kroger Rewards Card to MHC? It's easy, and Kroger sends MHC a quarterly check based on the rewards points earned through this program. It does not affect the gasoline reward points you earn on the same card. If you already have an account for your Kroger Plus Card, skip to step 2.

1. Go to [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com). Find the "Ohio, Indiana" area in about the middle of the page. Click on the "Enroll Now" button and follow the instructions on the "Create an Account" page.

2. Sign into your account through [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com), NOT through the regular Kroger.com website.

A page should appear with the following sections: "Find your organization".

Enter "**Mary Help of Christians**".

"Organization Name, Address, Organization Number". Be sure to **click on the little circle** in front of the MHC information (the circle should turn blue).

"Complete Enrollment". **Click on "Save" box.**

If you have any questions, call Judy @ 937-879-3570.

### 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.*



### **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."

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### **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](http://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.

