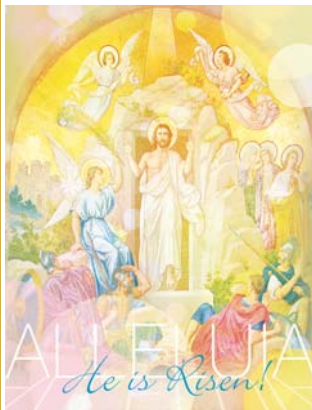




Welcome to all who celebrate the Mass with us today. May God's grace and peace fill us all so that we can serve one another in unity and love.

EASTER SUNDAY



What can be said about Easter that has not been said before? This is the center of our faith. This is the meaning of our life—together and as individuals. Life is not measured by accomplishments. You cannot be a successful person merely by acquiring the most possessions—or status—or prestige—or power. We are important, and our lives are important because the Father has loved us. In the person of Jesus, the Father has embraced us to everlasting life. Nothing and no one can take life from us. We can lose our life to evil; we can sell our lives

through sin, but God will never take back His gifts from us. Never fear losing your gifts through doing good. Jesus gave His life for us. If we give away all that we have for love of God and love of neighbor, we will never want for life.

This Sunday the readings are: (1) Acts 10: 34 and 37-43
(2) Colossians 3: 1-4 (3) John 20: 1-9. **New Gather # 1065 Year A)**
Next Sunday the readings will be: (1) Acts 2: 42-47
(2) 1 Peter 1: 3-9 (3) John 20: 19-31. **New Gather # 1066 Year A)**



Masses For The Week

SAT: 8:45PM Easter Vigil - Dominic Maiorano, off: Tracey Jayne Thompson
SUN: 11:15AM Easter - For the Parish
MON: 9:00AM Kenneth "Doc" Crossan, off: Jim & Judy McCoy
TUE: 8:30AM James R. Smith, off: Linda Smith
SAT: 4:00PM Jesse & Robert Snow, off: The Snow Family
SUN: 11:15AM For the Parish

STEWARDSHIP

Collections for April 09, 2017

Regular Collection & loose cash (180 envelopes)	\$8,676.00
Children's (0 envelopes)	\$0.00
Capital Improvement Donations (6 envelopes)	\$130.00
Total collections for April 09, 2017	\$8,806.00

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

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2017 CMA:



Each year, the Catholic Ministries Appeal offers us the opportunity to live as disciples of Christ 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 **\$18,550.00** towards our goal of **\$21,482.00**. If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so this week. You will find extra pledge envelopes in the pews for your convenience. **To make your pledge securely online for the Catholic Ministries Appeal, please visit the Web at 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. Or, Text to Donate: Text the phrase "2016CMA" to 555-888 (standard data and message rates may apply). You make a difference when you live generously. Please prayerfully consider supporting this year's CMA. For more information, please visit www.catholicappeal.info**

Celebrating a Golden or Silver Wedding Anniversary?



Those couples that are celebrating their Silver 25th, Golden 50th, 60th, 70th or 75th wedding Anniversaries during 2017 should contact the parish office @ 878-8353 no later than June 12, 2017. For "golden" couples, there will be a Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass on Saturday, August 12 at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception in Dayton at 4:30PM.

Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr, will be the Celebrant. Certificates are sent to those who contact the parish office with their information.

Vacation Bible School This Summer June 25-29.



Have you ever lived in another county? Have you visited one? Are your traditions derived from another culture? If so we need you. This summer, our VBS theme will once again be **Catholic around the World, but our feature countries and activities will be all new**. We

are planning to showcase the following cultures and countries: Italy, Vatican City, Argentina, Peru, Mexico, Inuit, Native American, France, Switzerland, Sweden, Ireland, Australia, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Thailand, Korea, Japan, China, Tibet, Russia, England, Hawaii, Philippines, Jamaica, Kenya, Netherland, Scotland and India, If you have first hand knowledge of any of our countries or cultures, we would love to have your help. We looking for people who can offer the children a 10 minute talk on some of these countries or cultures. We are particularly interested in teaching the children about Catholicism in the various countries and cultures. If your knowledge is on a country or culture not listed, ask us about it. We can be flexible with some of our booths. If you can help, please call Molly or Courtney @ 878-7325.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all our parishioners, relatives, and friends who have died, especially, *Marietta St. John mother of Mary Lou Kelly*.

EASTER SUNDAY



At our Easter Vigil Saturday night, we welcomed into the Body of Christ and into the Roman Catholic Church: Brad Brink, Cameron Brink and Jordyn Brink. We also received Angela Engel and Jaden LaPrairie into the Roman Catholic faith. Brad, Cameron, Jordyn, Angela and Jaden have now completed their Initiation Sacraments.

Congratulations and welcome!

PSR: Sessions will not meet Easter Sunday, April 16th Sessions will resume April 23rd . Have a blessed Easter Season.



First Eucharist parents and children: **The First Eucharist Retreat Day and rehearsal** is Saturday, May 6. It will be held from 12:30PM-4:00PM in the Church, St. Francis Hall and Parish Center Hall.

Confirmation Reminders: Please mark your calendar for **Saturday, April 22, 10:00AM-Noon** for Confirmation practice, prayer, pizza and pop in the church and Parish Center for candidates and their sponsors.



The Rite of Confirmation will be Sunday, April 23, 2017 at 2:00PM @ St. Peter In Chains Cathedral, Cincinnati, Oh. All are welcome.

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, April 18, 2017.**

"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, May 23, 2017**

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.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES

The next two Baptismal Preparation Classes for parents seeking baptism for young children are being held Sunday, May 14, 2017 at 12:30PM and Sunday, July 9, 2017 at 12:30 in the Church. Please call the parish office @ 878-8353 to advise us if you will be attending one of these classes.

RECORD OF YOUR 2016 CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS



A statement of your **2016** contributions has been automatically be mailed in **January 2017** 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 use the request form below or call the parish office @ 878-8353 from 9:30AM-4:30PM, Monday through Friday. You may return your request form in the collection basket in your envelope.

2016 Contribution Statement Request

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ENVELOPE # _____



MUSIC MINISTRY: Music Ministry News:

Choir 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"**

Parish Satellite Library Easier To Access



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 and click on religious library. Come and check it out! We will be open during PSR and after Mass. 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>**

Mark your Calendars - St. Vincent de Paul Collection Change for April Only **Next Saturday & Sunday**

St. Vincent de Paul will collect funds for the poor of our area on the fourth Saturday and Sunday in April the 22nd and 23rd. This change is for April only . . . In May, we will return to the third Sunday for collection. We are praying for your intentions. We hope that we can continue to count on your generosity and we thank you very much for what you do for those in need.



BINGO



The Fairborn Knights of Columbus has BINGO every Wednesday night in the Parish Center. Doors open at 4:30PM and Instants start selling at 5:00PM. 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.

Add JOY to your life!



All adult parishioners and friends are invited to attend JOY Club which will be meeting on Monday, April 24, 2017 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. Join us on Monday, April 24, 2017 for a movie and root beer floats from 1:00PM -3:00PM in St. Francis Hall.

You're invited to participate in CRS Operation Rice Bowl!



Easter Sunday - ALLELUIA!

We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we celebrate Easter joy! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl ends as we encounter our risen Lord.

We reflect on our brothers and sisters whom we have walked with in India, Zambia, El Salvador, Mexico, Ethiopia and Hawaii. And we commit to bring Easter joy to each person we meet in our daily lives. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl Rice Bowl Box in the Gathering Space by April 30.

We greatly appreciate everyone's generosity in donating to Operation Rice Bowl.

Please convert your coins to either currency or a check, made payable to the church, before turning in donations. (We will forward one check to the Archdiocese for the accumulated donations.) Thank you!

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."



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 44th MHC FESTIVAL, July 21-23, 2017.

This Year The Festival Is The Third Full Weekend In July.

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



Mark your calendars.

Please call Christian Benedict @ 284-7247, 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.

Divine Mercy Novena and the Celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday.

Pamphlets Holy Cards are available in the Brides Room. Sacred Heart Church, New Carlisle, will host a celebration of divine Mercy Sunday with adoration on Sunday, April 23 from 1:00PM-3:00PM.



He is risen - He is alive!

Alleluia
CHRIST IS RISEN

EASTER SUNDAY

Help Us Help Others "Bundle Weekend"



On Saturday, April 22 and Sunday, April 23 the Mary, Help of Christians Church St. Vincent de Paul Conference will be collecting clean, usable furniture, clothing, linens and kitchenware for the St. Vincent de Paul Community Store. The store uses the items to help the homeless, the poor, the disadvantaged, and the unemployed of all races and creeds in Fairborn and throughout the Dayton

region. The items collected are either distributed directly to clients or sold to raise money which is used to help clients with food, rent, and utilities. The St. Vincent Conference at Mary Help of Christians invites everyone in the Fairborn area to use this opportunity to dispose of items which are no longer needed and at the same time provide valuable help to those in need. Items will be collected in a truck in the Church parking lot at 954 N Maple Ave. On Saturday, April 22, the collection hours are from 8:30AM to 3:50PM and from 5:00PM to 6:30PM. Items will also be collected Sunday, April 23, from 8:30AM to 11:05AM, and 12:15PM-1:30PM. Conference members will man the truck to assist with your donations. Tax receipts will be available. For more information, please contact John Peters @ 878-9837.

Note: The truck will be closed during Masses.



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: _____

SACRISTANS NEEDED

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.



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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Sponsor of the Week

We'd like to call your attention to this week's "Sponsor of the Week" **Cynthia A. Dull, D. D. S., 1056 N. Broad 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.**

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.

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.

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 348 calls for assistance in **March 2017** and were able to assist over 58 families with utilities, medicine, temporary housing, rent, household goods and furniture. We also provided food for 168 families (393 adults and 276 children). 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!

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS COMING MAY 14

Mother's Day is only 5 weeks away and FYI is getting ready for Mother's Day Flower Sale. As Mother's Day approaches please remember to buy your flowers, corsages and vases from FYI and the Parenting Network. This is the 39th year of selling flowers at Mary Help and the profit made helps fund all the programs within our pregnancy and parenting centers. Help is needed on Friday, May 12 to make vases and wrap roses. If you cannot help on Friday, call and sign up to help sell the flowers after Masses. All help is welcomed and needed. Please call 845-0403 for more information. The flowers are beautiful and fresh. We will sell them before and after each Mass. So help us help others and get your Mother's Day needs here at MHC.



Scrip Reminder: There will be no Scrip sales Easter weekend. Thanks again to all participants and volunteer workers.

Knights of Columbus Measure-Up Campaign 2017



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 two organizations that our council has chosen to support are, Four Oaks Early Childhood Developmental Center, Fairborn and FF Mueller Residential Center, 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.



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 30, 2017. 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.**

Community Garden

FYI is taking reservations for plots in its community garden. Located right behind their building on Route 235. The plots can be as big as you need them and offer the freedom to plant what you want. There will be spots where some of the veggies that take more space and grow on the ground can be planted together and allowed to get their full potential for the garden. Limited plots available--so call 845-0403 today to reserve your spot.



EASTER SUNDAY



St. Vincent De Paul Stores of Dayton, Ohio, Inc.
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"BUNDLE WEEKEND"

St. Vincent de Paul Stores, in cooperation with our Mary, Help of Christians Church Conference, will provide a large trailer, in the front parking lot, on:

April 22 thru April 23, 2017

for the purpose of "Helping Us Help Others"

Have you almost finished your Spring cleaning? Do you have a few good items you don't need anymore? Please bring your clean, usable clothing, linens, furniture and other household items to the St. Vincent de Paul trailer (bagged or boxed). Your contributions will help those in need and fulfill the mission of the St. Vincent de Paul Society which is the Gospel message in action.

**I was hungry
I was thirsty
I was a stranger
I was naked
I was sick
I was in prison
AND YOU CARED.**

*"As long as you did it for one of these,
the least for of my brethren,
you did it for me"*

Matthew 25:40

Thank You for Your Participation.

your Mary, Help of Christians Conference friends