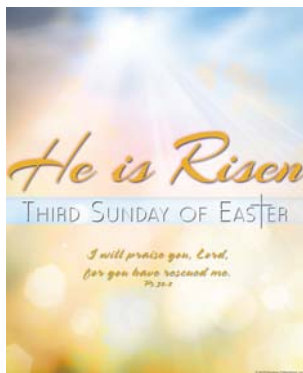




Welcome to all who celebrate the Mass with us today. May God's grace and peace fill us all so that we can serve one another in unity and love.

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



"In prayer you call upon a Father who judges each one justly, on the basis of his actions. Since this is so, conduct yourselves reverently during your sojourn in a strange land." If we are to recognize Christ in the world, we must come to recognize him in the breaking of the bread. If God is to recognize us in the world, it is in the life we lead. Stewardship is the living out of the values we profess. If the Lord were to seek evidence of our faithfulness, would such evidence be forthcoming? Once

again, if we truly believe that our ultimate goal is eternal life, we must live in this world as people on a journey. By supporting the work of the pilgrim Church on earth, we come to full membership in the Church triumphant in heaven.

This Sunday the readings are: (1) Acts 2: 14, 22-33

(2) 1 Peter 1: 17-21 (3) Luke 24: 13-35. (New Gather # 1067 Year A)

Next Sunday the readings will be: (1) Acts 2: 14, 36-41

(2) 1 Peter 2: 20-25 (3) John 10: 1-10. (New Gather # 1070 Year A)



Masses For The Week

SAT: 4:00PM Virginia L. Ross, off: St. Vincent de Paul Friends
SUN: 11:15AM For the Parish
MON: 9:00AM Kenneth "Doc" Crossan, off: Jim & Judy McCoy
TUE: 8:30AM Paul & Pat Pitstick, off: Herman & Martha Karhoff
 Special Intentions
SAT: 4:00PM Andrew Parchinsky, off: Dorothy Parchinsky
SUN: 11:15AM For the Parish

STEWARDSHIP

Collections for April 23, 2017

Regular Collection & loose cash (136 envelopes)	\$6,279.58
Children's (5 envelopes)	\$13.00
Capital Improvement Donations (3 envelopes)	\$55.00
Total collections for April 23, 2017	\$6,347.58

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.



Reminder: The parish office will be closed **Monday, May 29**, for the Memorial Day holiday and there **will be a Mass Monday morning at 9:00AM.**

Catholic Relief Collection April 29 & 30



This week, our parish is taking up **The Catholic Relief Services Collection** to respond to **Jesus in disguise**. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Thank you for your generous donations.

We will have a second collection at all Masses.



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.

Thank You

The family of Billie Russell would like to thank our Parish Family for all their care and concern. Your expressions of sympathy were greatly appreciated.

The Billie Russell Family

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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.

PSR: Today April 30th will be our last session for this year.

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, May 16, 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**



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.



Think Scrip When Planning Spring Chores!

Are you getting ready to start those spring fix up and gardening projects? We usually have on hand gift cards in \$25 denominations for Ace (think Handyman!), Home Depot, and Lowe's. We can also special order cards in larger denominations. Just see the volunteers in the Bride's Room before or after any weekend Mass. Questions? Judy McCoy @ 879-3570 or Myra Limbach @ 902-0299.



They Recognized Him.

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



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"**

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.

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>**



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



THANK YOU

Our community changed lives this Lent, and CRS Rice Bowl wants to say thank you! 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!



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.

Add JOY to your life!

All adult parishioners and friends are invited to attend **JOY Club** which will be meeting on Monday, May 8, 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.

Sponsor of the Week

We'd like to call your attention to this week's "Sponsor of the Week" **Glawe Awnings & Tents, 851 Zapata Dr., 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.**



Bundle Weekend - - "Thank You!"

Your donations filled the trailer to 1/4 full, with a wide variety of household items to help the poor and needy neighbors of our area. While the notice time was short, your response was large. We greatly appreciate the generosity of all parish members, as they answer God's call to love those less fortunate. Thank you, again.

Yard Sale

FYI will hold a one day yard sale at its headquarters, 468 North



Dayton Lakeview Rd in New Carlisle on Saturday, May 6 from 10:00AM-4:00PM. If you would like to sell your items the public is invited to purchase a spot. The fee is \$15. All the publicity for the sale will be done for you. We have

places still available. Call today at 845-0403 and join us on May 6th to make some extra summer money.

No Firearms please.

You can also donate your items to FYI, please bring them to the headquarters, Monday - Friday from 9:00AM-4:00PM and we will use the money to support our FYI programs.

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 **\$20,315.00** 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

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.

MHC EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

**4TH MONDAY EACH MONTH
EVENINGS STARTING IN MAY**



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.

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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.*

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Your Name: _____

Billing Address: _____

(make checks payable to Diocesan Publications)

Phone number: _____



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? **(Please be sure your envelope has our parish name on it so the other parish knows where to send it.)** 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.

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS COMING MAY 14



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 39th 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 Corporate Communion



Today there will be a gathering of parish Knights of Columbus and their families at the 11:15AM Mass on this 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.**

Scrip Reminder: There will be no Scrip sales next weekend First Eucharist weekend. May 6th and May 7th. They will be setting up for the First Eucharist Reception in the Bride's Room. 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.



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