



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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a virgin of Nazareth to ask if the Son of God might come and dwell within her. We ought to be temples of the Holy Spirit and the dwelling places of God the Most High, but all too often we close th

e doors of our hearts to Christ. As we make ready to celebrate the Incarnation of Christ – the Word becoming flesh and making his dwelling among us – we might ask

ourselves whether there is any room at the inn of our hearts. Or could it be that sin, greed and pride have taken up all the room in our lives?

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD!

This Sunday the readings are: (1) 2 Samuel 7, 1-5; 8-12; 14 and 16 (2) Romans 16, 25-27 (3) Luke 1, 26-38. **(Gather # 1001 Year B)**

Next Sunday the readings will be: (1) Sirach 3, 2-6 and 12-14 (2) Colossians 3, 12-21 (3) Luke 2, 22-40. **(Gather # 1007 Year ABC)**



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD: CHRISTMAS

This Sunday Christmas Eve Vigil 4:00PM (New Gather #1003)
This Sunday Night Christmas Eve 9:00PM (New Gather #1004)
This Monday Christmas Day 11:15AM (New Gather # 1006)



Masses For The Week

SAT: 4:00PM Clyde Carney, off: Arlene Carney & Family
SUN: 11:15AM For the Parish
4:00PM James & Ruthellen MacDonald, off: The Family (Christmas Eve)
9:00PM Jenny Roadruck, off: Carolyn Marth (Christmas Eve)
MON: 11:15AM Evelyn Steiner off: Tracey Jayne Thompson (Christmas Day)
TUE: 8:30AM Marietta St. John, off: St. Vincent de Paul Society
SAT: 4:00PM Thad Houston, off: Marg Houston
SUN: 11:15AM For the Parish
MON: 10:00AM Joe Lang, off: Tom & Andi Boland Solemnity Of Mary, Mother of God (New Years Day)

STEWARDSHIP

Collections for December 17, 2017

Regular Collection & loose cash (170 envelopes)	\$7,728.00
Children's (6 envelopes)	\$14.00
Capital Improvement Donations (7 envelopes)	\$104.00
Total collections for December 17, 2017	\$7,846.00

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Parish Office Hours over the Christmas Holidays

The parish office will be closed Friday, December 22nd at 12:00PM, Monday, December 25th and Tuesday, December 26th. There will be a Tuesday morning Mass at 8:30AM. We will reopen the parish office on Wednesday, December 27th at 9:30AM.



WELCOME HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

TO ALL OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL AND ALL OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS!



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE AT MARY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS, 2017-2018

MASSSES:

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

DEC. 23- 4:00PM
DEC 24-11:15 AM

CHRISTMAS:

DEC. 24 – 4:00PM AND 9:00PM
DEC. 25 – 11:15AM

SUNDAY, DEC. 24 – 4:00PM CHRISTMAS EVE MASS
(MUSIC PROGRAM BEGINS @ 3:45 PM)

SUNDAY, DEC. 24 – 9:00PM CHRISTMAS EVE MASS
(MUSIC PROGRAM BEGINS @ 8:45PM)

MONDAY, DEC. 25 – 11:15AM CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

NEW YEARS:

MONDAY, JAN. 1 – 10:00AM SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

EPIPHANY:

SATURDAY, JAN. 6 – 4:00PM

SUNDAY, JAN. 7 – 11:15AM

HAVE A BLESSED ADVENT & CHRISTMAS!



Welcome to New Members!

We would like to welcome new parishioners who joined us in November: **From Fairborn**– Gregg & Christine Marino; and welcome back Brenda Kempf. Welcome to Mary, Help of Christians!



PLEASE HELP CLEAN & DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS!



We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Sunday, December 24 at 12:30PM-3:00PM after the 4th Sunday of Advent 11:15AM Mass. This is a little different this year because the 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve are on the same day. We need many people to clean, set-up, and decorate. If you can help, please come. Thanks!

A Gift from the Parish



Do not forget to pick up your Christmas Gift after **Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses**. The book this year is **“Perfectly Yourself”** by: Matthew Kelly. These books are located on tables at all the doors. Please take one and when you are finished reading it, pass it on.

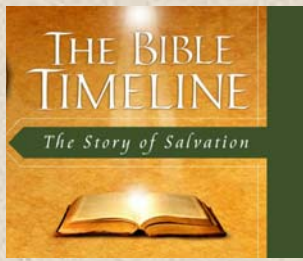


DISABLED AND WHEELCHAIR SEATING...Available in the left front section of the church.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all our parishioners, relatives, and friends who have died, especially, Susan Takacs.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PSR: There will be no sessions December 24, or December 31. Sessions will resume January 7. *Have a blessed Christmas!*



THE BIBLE TIMELINE RETURNS !!

The Bible Timeline: God's Plan for our Salvation returns. **Join us on Wednesday evening, January 10, 2018 at 7:00PM in St. Francis Hall at Mary Help of Christians Church.**

After Moses led the Hebrews out of their slavery in Egypt and crossed the Red Sea, they spent 40 years wandering through the desert. Moses died just before they entered the Promised Land. This week's Faith-formation class focuses on Joshua leading the Hebrews across the Jordan River and defeating the mighty people of Jericho. You could better prepare yourself for this session if you read Joshua 1-4, 6-8, and 23-24. There are so many details and "stories behind the story" to learn. If you have any questions, feel free to please call Joe Hand @ 329-0912 or Molly Hynes Collinsworth, DRE @ 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, January 16, 2018. No Meeting in December.**

ATTENTION LECTORS!!!

Please pick up your new Lector workbook for the coming year in the sacristy after Mass. Also, be sure to check off your name on the list. Thanks ☺

TAX CUTOFF INFORMATION: This year December 31st falls on a Sunday. All offerings placed in the collection basket during the 11:15AM Mass will be recorded in parishioner tax files as a 2017 contribution. All offerings placed in the collection basket during the 10:00AM

New Year's Day Mass on Monday, January 1st, will be recorded in parishioner tax files as a 2018 contribution. (Please note that this will be the case regardless of when checks are dated, as we must go by when we actually receive them.) Thank you for your generous donations.

The 2018 Catholic Calendars are available on a table in the Gathering Space.

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

Visit the parish web site at: www.mhccparish.com

THE GIVING TREE THANK YOU DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA THANKS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY



Daughters of Isabella thanks the parish and all involved for their fantastic response to The Giving Tree Project and for its success this year. You have helped make Christmas and the whole season so special for so many families. We so appreciate your generosity. **May you all have a Blessed Christmas and a very Happy New Year.**

Add JOY to your life this winter!

All adult parishioners and friends are invited to attend JOY Club which will meet on Monday, January 8, 2018 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!**

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 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"**

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 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>



Scrip News

Thanks to all parishioners who ordered Scrip for the holidays. We will not sell Scrip on the holiday weekends (December 23th & 24th) & (December 30th & December 31st.) Scrip will return before and after all Masses on the weekend of (January 6th & 7th). Thanks for your support of this program. Please stop in the Bride's Room and check at the Scrip desk before or after mass. Questions call Judy @ 879-3570 or Myra @ 902-0299.

