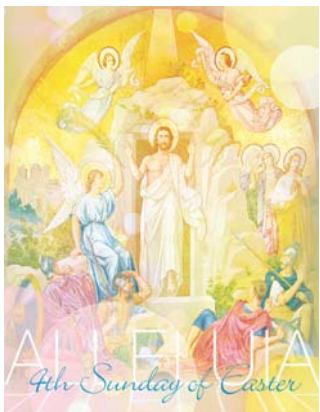




Welcome to all who celebrate the Mass with us today. May God's grace and peace fill us all so that we can serve one another in unity and love.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Jesus calls himself the sheepgate. In some places in the world, one still comes upon mounds of earth piled in a circle topped by dry thorns. At night sheep are herded into the circle. The thorns keep out wolves and thieves – the shepherd hears the rattle of the thorns and defends the sheep. There are, however, no gates to these broken circles. At night the shepherd sleeps blocking the opening. The shepherd is the sheepgate. We, too, have a dual function. We are both sheep and apostles. As sheep, we are returned by the suffering of

Christ to the shepherd, the guardian of our souls. As apostles, we are called to use our every gift to add to the Church's growth.

This Sunday the readings are: (1) Acts 2: 14, 36-41
(2) 1 Peter 2: 20-25 (3) John 10: 1-10. (New Gather # 1070 Year A)

Next Sunday the readings will be: (1) Acts 6: 1-7
(2) 1 Peter 2: 4-9 (3) John 14: 1-12. (New Gather # 1073 Year A)

Masses For The Week

- SAT: 4:00PM Andrew Parchinsky, off: Dorothy Parchinsky
- SUN: 11:15AM For the Parish
- MON: 9:00AM Marian Louise Dietrich, off: Mr. & Mrs. William Lanham
- TUE: 8:30AM Rita Thomas, off: Carolyn Marth
- SAT: 4:00PM James R. Smith, off: Linda Smith
- SUN: 11:15AM For the Parish

STEWARDSHIP

Collections for April 30, 2017

Regular Collection & loose cash (162 envelopes)	\$7,105.06
Children's (5 envelopes)	\$17.00
Capital Improvement Donations (10 envelopes)	\$201.00
Total collections for April 30, 2017	\$7,323.06

Catholic Relief Service Collection \$2,160.18

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.mhcparish.com

MEMORIAL DAY



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.**

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.

Scrip Reminder: There will be no Scrip sales today 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.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



First Eucharist: *Today at our 11:15AM Liturgy*, some of our parish children will begin receiving Eucharist. Please help them feel welcome at the table and congratulate their parents for the fine job they've done in preparing them. When they baptized these children, they promised to bring them up in the faith, and they have kept their promise!

The following children will celebrate First Eucharist with their families and their parish community:

Eric Baller, Vanessa Baller, Molly Soyring and J'Sean Taylor.

A reception will be in the Bride's Room after Mass.

All are invited.

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

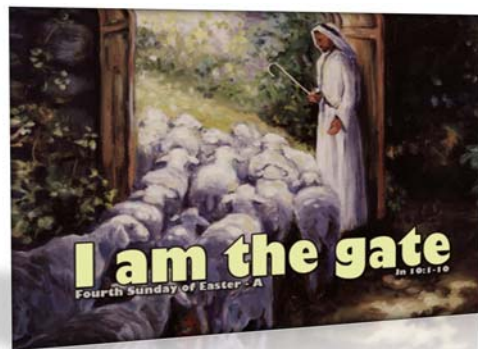
CENTERING PRAYER GROUP is open to all parishioners. Centering Prayer is silent prayer that emphasizes prayer as a personal relationship with God and as a movement beyond conversation to communion with God. The focus of Centering Prayer is the deepening of our relationship with the living Christ. We often 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. (Price 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.



BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES

The next two Baptismal Preparation Classes for parents seeking baptism for young children are being held next Sunday, May 14, 2017 at 12:30PM and Sunday, July 9, 2017 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.



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"**

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>



The Month Of May Is Dedicated To The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother Of God. The Parish Library Annex Has Many Books On Mary, including These:

Mary, Glimpse Of The Mother Of Jesus;
Mary Of Nazareth-Prophet Of Peace;
Mary's Apostolic Mission & Ours;
Meetings With Mary; Mother Of God, Similar To Fire;
Hail, Holy Queen



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

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

Mark your calendars.

We will have Great Food, Rides, Cash Prizes, and Lots of Fun!! Look for our Festival table in the gathering space coming soon. There are many different jobs to do. If you could just give us an hour we could use your help.

NO time is too small.

"Many hands make light work."

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.

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.

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" **Robert Woods, CRPC, Allstate Insurance, 582 E. Dayton-Yellow Springs Rd., 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.**

Are you looking for a fun family project this summer?



Mary, Help of Christians needs a 4th of July float chairperson if we are going to have float in this years Fairborn 4th of July parade. Eric Rogalinski is willing to drive the parish truck and help build the float. If you are interested in chairing.

please call Eric Rogalinski @ 657-6958 or Julie Sewell @ 878-8353.

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.



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 **\$20,420.00** 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**

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. Starting on **Monday, May 22, 2017.**

Watch The Bulletin For More Information.

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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all our parishioners, relatives, and friends who have died, especially, *Marian Louise Dietrich, cousin of Bernadette Lanham.*



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

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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: _____



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 CELEBRATE YOUR MOM!



Mother's Day is next weekend May 14 please remember to buy your flowers, corsages and vases from Family and Youth Initiatives and the Parenting Networks. 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. Prices are the same as last year.

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.



The Children's Game Tent:

Marianne Bishop will be calling families to volunteer to help run the children's games. Parents, children, siblings and grandparents can help by volunteering for a few hours or more during the weekend. This is a way the children can participate and take ownership in supporting their parish! Not only does it support our parish but there are many benefits to volunteering! *The children are learning lessons in responsibility, accountability and leadership.* Thank you for your consideration! No amount of time you can spare is too small. I will accommodate your schedule. Please call Marianne Bishop @ 879-5679.



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