

*"Master, to whom shall we go?
... You are the Holy One of God."*



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Holy Trinity

419-678-4802
120 E. Main St.
P.O. Box 107
Coldwater, OH 45828

Mon - Thurs:
8:30 am - 12:30 pm & 1 pm - 5 pm
Fri: 8:30 am - 1 pm

Family Offices



Mary Help of Christians

419-375-4153
403 Sharpsburg Road
Fort Recovery, Ohio 45846

Mon: 9 am - 3 pm
Tues - Thurs: 8 am - 5 pm
Fri: 9 am - 1 pm

Website:

www.holycrossfop.org

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St. Anthony



St. Joseph



St. Mary



St. Paul



St. Peter

Sunday, August 25, 2024
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



Pastoral Staff

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Liturgy Schedule

Monday, August 26 – Weekday

7:15 am @ Holy Trinity – Joseph Schneider † (L-S)

6:45 pm @ St. Peter – Lawrence & Ruth Mueller †

Tuesday, August 27 – Saint Monica; Memorial

7:15 am @ St. Mary – August & Mildred Dues †

6:45 pm @ St. Joseph – L/D George & Anna Marie Hart Family †

Wednesday, August 28 – Saint Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church; Memorial

7:15 am @ MHC – L/D Jerry & Carolyn Obringer Family † (L-S)

12:00 pm @ Holy Trinity – Dorothy Wilker † (L-S)

Thursday, August 29 – The Passion of Saint John the Baptist; Memorial

7:15 am @ St. Paul – L/D Ron Stammen Family †

6:45 pm @ St. Anthony – Clarence "Bud" Wagner †

Friday, August 30 – Weekday

7:15 am @ Holy Trinity – Marita Mattingly † (L-S)

12:00 pm @ MHC – Carol Hartnagel † (L-S)

Saturday, August 31 – BVM on Saturday; opt. mem.

9:00 am @ St. Joseph – Tom Kaiser †

1:30 pm @ Holy Trinity – Obringer/Schneider Wedding

4:00 pm @ St. Anthony – Richard Homan †

4:30 pm @ MHC – L/D Smith & Heuker Families † (L-S)

4:30 pm @ Holy Trinity – Ralph & Dennis Broeker † (L-S)

Sunday, September 1 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am @ St. Joseph – Members of the Holy Cross Family

8:00 am @ Holy Trinity – L/D Wolters & Seitz Family † (L-S)

9:00 am @ MHC – John & Carol Ranly - 50th Anniversary (L-S)

10:00 am @ Holy Trinity – L/D Gary Niekamp Family †

11:00 am @ St. Peter – Linus Roessner †

11:00 am @ St. Paul – Poor Souls in Purgatory †

12:00 pm @ St. Mary – Gary Siefiring †

6:00 pm @ Holy Trinity – Tom Hedrich †

MASSES ONLINE — Watch Masses at Holy Trinity & Mary Help of Christians online, indicated above by (L-S). Masses are also archived and viewable on a later day and can be accessed on the website.

Saturday Mass Schedule

SA - 4:00 pm

HT - 4:30 pm

MHC - 4:30 pm

Saturday Confession Schedule

SA - 3:15 - 3:45 pm

HT - 3:15 - 3:45 pm

MHC - 3:45 - end

Sunday Mass Schedule

SJ - 7:00 am

HT - 8:00 am

MHC - 9:00 am

HT - 10:00 am

SPL - 11:00 am

SPT - 11:00 am

SM - Noon

HT - 6:00 pm

Sunday Confession Schedule

SJ - No Confessions

HT - 7:25am - end

MHC - 8:25am - end

HT - 9:25am - end

SPL - 10:25 - 10:45 am

SPT - 10:25 - 10:45 am

SM - 11:25 - 11:45 am

HT - 5:15 - 5:45 pm

Weekday Mass Schedule

HT - Mon., 7:15 am

SPT - Mon., 6:45 pm

SM - Tues., 7:15 am

SJ - Tues., 6:45 pm

MHC - Wed., 7:15 am

HT - Wed., Noon

SPL - Thurs., 7:15 am

SA - Thurs., 6:45 pm

HT - Fri., 7:15 am

MHC - Fri., Noon

SJ - Sat., 9:00 am

Weekday Confession Schedule

HT - After Mass

SPT - 5:45 - 6:30 pm

SM - After Mass

SJ - 5:45 - 6:30 pm

MHC - After Mass

HT - 11:30am - end

SPL - After Mass

SA - 5:45 - 6:30 pm

HT - After Mass

MHC - 11:30am - end

SJ - After Mass

Reference for Abbreviations

SA = St. Anthony

HT = Holy Trinity

SJ = St. Joseph

SM = St. Mary

SPL = St. Paul

SPT = St. Peter

MHC = Mary Help of Christians

Adoration Schedules

St. Joseph - Tuesdays

8:30 am – 6:30 pm

St. Joseph - Thursdays

8:30 am – 8:00 pm

St. Joseph - First Fridays of the Month

8:30 pm Friday - 8:30 am Saturday

Contact Info.: Adoration.nw1@gmail.com

Mass Cancellations

Currently, we have the means to use One Call Now, our Webpage, and Facebook for Mass Cancellations. If you are not signed up for One Call Now and would like to be, you must request to be added by either calling the Fort Recovery or Coldwater Office.

NOTICE: Bulletin submissions must be received 10 days prior to the Sunday publication date. Please submit info to bulletin.holycrossfop@gmail.com.

Ministry Schedule

– Mary Help of Christians –

Wednesday, August 28, 7:15 am

Servers: Benjamin Burkhardt, Jonathan Burkhardt

Lector: Elly Boeckman

Friday, August 30, 12:00 pm

Servers: Korbin Wuebker

Lector: Diane Siegrist

Saturday, August 31, 4:30 pm

Servers: Zavier Bruns, Rachel Fortkamp, Will Wenning

Lector: Lisa Romer

Ushers: Floyd Bergman, Nick Dues, Don Lennartz, Ken Romer

EMHC: Esther Heitkamp, Tom Lochtefeld

Sacristan: Ted Romer

Sunday, September 1, 9:00 am

Servers: Paisley Hart, Cora Pearson, Lucas Winner, Elijah Grieshop

Lector: Carol Jutte

Ushers: Joe Dues, Doug Schmitz, Greg Schmitz, Randy Wendel

EMHC: Carol Jutte, Scott Pearson

Sacristan: Sharon Metzger

– St. Joseph –

Tuesday, August 27, 6:45 pm

Servers: Gavin Gaerke, Levi Sutter

Lector: Ryan Sutter

Sacristan: Shel Sutter

Saturday, August 31, 9:00 am

Servers: Theresa Hipple

Lector: Julie Schmitz

Sunday, September 1, 7:00 am

Servers: Alivia Grube, Francis Pottkotter, James Pottkotter, Brinley Steinbrunner

Lector: Aimee Pottkotter

Ushers: Ken Lamm, Gary Pottkotter

EMHC: Aimee Pottkotter

Sacristan: Norma Pottkotter

– St. Paul –

Thursday, August 29, 7:15 am

Servers: Hart Family

Sunday, September 1, 11:00 am

Servers: Hope Evers, Brady Evers, Evan Evers, Ty Evers

Lector: Kathy Keller

Ushers: Dave Keller, Jeff Meier

EMHC: Deacon Dan Kahlig, Juli Kahlig

Rosary: Jerry & Bec Bihn

– St. Peter –

Monday, August 26, 6:45 pm

Servers: Logan Gaerke

Lector: Nathan Fortkamp

Sunday, September 1, 11:00 am

Servers: Garrett Diller, Kale Diller, Tyler Kahlig, Coby Schmitz, Theo Schmitz, Easton Diller

Lector: Elaine Post

Ushers: Tom Post, Kegan Timmerman

EMHC: Greg Diller

Sacristan: Brenda Kahlig

– Holy Trinity –

Monday, August 26, 7:15 am

Servers: Carter Heitkamp, Owen Heitkamp

Wednesday, August 28, 12:00 pm

Servers: Greg Laux

Friday, August 30, 7:15 am

Servers: Kennley Siegrist, Grace Siegrist

Saturday, August 31, 4:30 pm

Servers: Claire Bertke, Lucas Broering, Avery Bruns, Madison Bruns, Charley Bruns

Lector: Mike Hoying

EMHC: Connie May, Mark Obringer, Megan Wolters

Sunday, September 1, 8:00 am

Servers: Samuel Gerlach, Dillan Wenning, Dana Knapke

Lector: Gary Diller

EMHC: Paul Bruggeman, Katie Hamberg

Sunday, September 1, 10:00 am

Servers: Heidi Wermert, Andrew Wermert, Emmett Wermert, Evan Schmitmeyer

Lector: Raquel Kaiser

EMHC: Cindy Geise, Cindy Hemmelgarn, Stephanie Rutschilling

Sunday, September 1, 6:00 pm

Servers: Liam Cowan, Elisabeth Ebbing, Volunteer Needed

Lector: Dee Fullenkamp

EMHC: Charmaine Bettinger, Sarah Klosterman

– St. Anthony –

Thursday, August 29, 6:45 pm

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby

Lector: Bonnie Muhlenkamp

Sacristan: Bonnie Muhlenkamp

Saturday, August 31, 4:00 pm

Servers: Allie Evans, Wesley Geier, Lacey Link, Nolan Link

Lector: Cindy Homan

Ushers: Jeff Sudhoff

EMHC: Rodney Homan

Sacristan: Cindy Homan

Rosary: Marty Knapke

– St. Mary –

Tuesday, August 27, 7:15 am

Servers: Volunteer Needed

Lector: Stephanie Wendel

Sunday, September 1, 12:00 pm

Servers: Lana Kaiser, Matthew Uhlenhake, Kate Uhlenhake, Jacob Uhlenhake

Lector: Viki Dues

Ushers: Dave Hartke, Tony Puthoff

EMHC: Tracy Liette



Message from the Priests

Hey Parents, You're Doing Better Than You Think!

I realize this is probably a little more than ironic. Here I am, as a priest, writing an article on parenting. Not exactly my area of expertise! Two young parents had asked me the other day, "Father, from where you're sitting, what do you think parents nowadays most need to hear?" And they guilt-tripped me into sharing! So, here are 3 brief thoughts on parenting from an outside, childless, third party observer:

Keep it up! You've got this!

The biggest thing I think parents need to hear is that you're doing better than you think. Let's be honest: parenting is hard. It's not like there is a how-to-guide, even though parenting dates all the way back to Adam and Eve! I spent 9 years in seminary learning how to be a priest. You have zero formal training and yet are expected to raise tiny, helpless humans into self-reliant adults AND get them to Heaven. The fact that you don't cry yourself to sleep every night is a huge achievement! The bottom line: parenting is hard. All you have are your God-given maternal/paternal instincts, the wisdom/experience of others, and the fact that 98% of parenting is learn as you go. So to all our parents, especially those with young kids, let me just say: you're doing better than you think. Keep at it. Remember God has a role in this too and will never give us more than He can handle. Let me also say there will always be people who think you aren't parenting correctly or who would parent differently than you. That's okay. Each child is unique and requires a unique approach. Really, God should send us a separate owner's manual for each one! Because what works for one child, may not work for another. Parents can also feel embarrassed when their kids misbehave in public or at Mass. Again, don't be so hard on yourself. We've all been there. Kids act up, that's what they do. Take a breath and pour yourself an extra cup of coffee.

It's okay to be parents!

Second, don't be afraid to be parents! Wanting to be friends with your child isn't a bad thing, but what children really need are parents. The problem is we not only love our children, we naturally want to be loved by them. And outwardly, it's hard to see how your children could love you when you are the "meanie" who made them eat broccoli instead of a cookie. Or when they give you the silent treatment because you told them "no, your girlfriend or boyfriend can't spend the night." In my experience, your children may not "love" you in the moment. That's okay. Because they will love and appreciate you all the more when they are older and start having children of their own. I loved my parents growing up, but I love them so much more now because of how they raised me. And that's the important thing, I think, to keep in mind – children don't just "grow up," they are "raised." There's a major difference.

A large part of being raised includes discipline. Honestly, it's okay to discipline your kids. There is a trend in society nowadays of "gentle parenting" – which involves never saying "no" to kids. But gentle parenting doesn't mean permissive parenting. I honestly think parents today feel shamed or

are pressured by our society into not disciplining. I also think we can fall into the trap of thinking that we will do a better job than our own parents did. Perhaps the prior generation disciplined too much (although I don't think that's the case), but our generation has over-corrected and doesn't seem to discipline at all. As we get older, we realize it's not so easy, and our parents did the best they could. We shouldn't discipline out of anger or frustration, but we do need to discipline. Be firm but gentle. And don't be afraid to ask for help from others. Yes, they are your kids and you want to do it your way. Also, I gently remind grandparents that your kids need the chance to raise their own kids. But, young parents, your parents and grandparents might know a thing or two. Don't be afraid to ask! I think you'll find there is wisdom in what previous generations did.

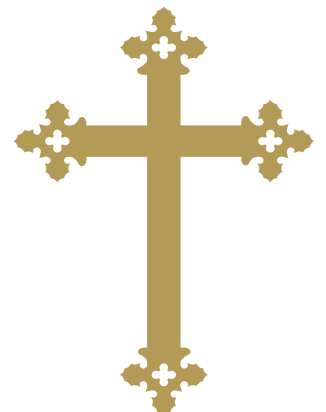
Be intentional!

Taking in the whole picture, parenting is a daunting, wonderful, and sometimes thankless job. It's hard. But it becomes so much easier when you are intentional about it. That is to say, make 'being a parent' a priority. We are intentional about lots of things in life: work, getting kids to sports practice, exercising, etc. Being intentional in raising your children is exactly what your children need to become well-rounded adults and saints. A huge part of this is the Faith. The most important thing you can do with your children is to pray with them every day. Prayer is truly what holds families together! However, to do this means that prayer must also take priority in your own life. There's an old maxim that "the Faith is caught, not taught." How true that is! Our children will live a life with God not really because of anything we say to them but because they are convinced by what they see.

Young people crave love, attention, and spiritual formation from adults – especially their parents. They really do want guidance through their difficult childhood and teenage years, and as parents, it is our duty to be there to teach, help, and love our kids through this time in their lives. You may be thinking, "But, Father, I'm not a teacher!" And I would counter that you are exactly the teacher they need. Parents teach their children all the time: they teach them how to walk, how to talk, how to tie their shoes, how to look both ways before crossing the street, how to know right from wrong, how to say "please" and "thank you," etc. When it comes to the Faith, you aren't called to be theologians with extensive knowledge of Catholic doctrine, but rather role models who believe that God calls us to live as Jesus lived. You are called to teach your children not primarily doctrines, concepts, and dogmas, but a way of life!

Take this for what it's worth – from your friendly, single, party-of-one bachelor!

- Fr. Hoying



Holy Cross Family of Parishes

VOLUNTEERING FOR OFFERTORY — Anyone interested in volunteering to take up offertory at any church within our Family of Parishes may call either the Coldwater or Fort Recovery office to sign up. You must also sit in the back of the church near the offertory table during the Mass in which you are supposed to take up offertory.

TAILGATE — Join us for a Family-wide community tailgate party before the Coldwater vs. Ft. Recovery football game at the north-east corner of Mary Help of Christians parking lot on Friday, September 6th from 4:30 - 7:00 pm. There will be music, games, 50/50, Wendel's BBQ Truck, and a Car Smash Fundraiser. All are welcome!

ADDITIONAL ADORERS NEEDED — Adoration at St. Joseph is in need for someone to fill in from 10 - 11 am, 1:30 - 2:30 pm, and 5 - 6 pm on Thursdays. Adoration is open to all parishioners of the entire Holy Cross Family. Please consider spending time with our Lord. If you cannot make your time slot, please find someone to fill in for you. Email adoration.nw1@gmail.com to sign up. *Thank You!*

WOMEN'S SOCIAL GROUP — Meetings are on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of every month, 7:30 - 9 pm in the Grotto's east room. Regularly scheduled meetings will start back up on Thursday, September 5, 2024. All women from the Holy Cross Family of Parishes community are welcome to join! Contact the Coldwater Parish Office with any questions.

MEN'S GROUP ANNOUNCEMENT — Men's Group meetings are on the 1st & 3rd Friday of every month at 4:30 am in the Grotto. Regularly scheduled meetings will start back up on Friday, September 6, 2024. Men of all ages are welcome to join. There is no commitment to come to every meeting. Contact David Bettinger @ 419-852-2582 with any questions.

TOLFE — Sign up for "Theology of the Laity, Family and Evangelization" or "TOLFE" for short. Meetings will be held within several of our parishes on Saturdays from September 7 to November 2, 10 am - 12 pm. All are welcome to attend! Registration is required and costs \$75 per person. To register simply scan the QR code on the TOLFE flyers or fill in your contact information on the sign-up sheets located in the entrances of our churches after Mass.

ADORATION GUILD — The Adoration Guild is looking for 2 people from each parish in the Holy Cross Family of Parishes who would be willing to help facilitate additional adoration times in our parishes. We invite these people to attend a meeting on Thurs., Aug. 29th in Sanderall Hall at St. Joseph church starting at 7 pm. Send any questions to adoration.nw1@gmail.com or call Maria Bergman at 419-852-7514 or Christie Grieshop at 419-979-3263.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! — Theologically Thirsty Thursdays are back at Tailspin in Coldwater for the 2024-2025 school year! Mark your calendars for September 12, October 10, November 14, December 12, January 9, February 13, March 13, and April 10. In September, join Fr. Ethan Moore to discuss heaven. Knowing the goal is the first step in achievement. What is the goal of a Christian? Heaven. Gather in "The Loft" at Tailspin at 7 pm; speaker will start at 7:30 pm. Follow Theologically Thirsty Thursdays on Facebook @T3Coldwater for more information.

MISSION LOTTERY WINNER — (8/14/24) #708 David Will — Congratulations!

LABOR DAY MASS SCHEDULE — Masses will be held at both Holy Trinity and Mary Help of Christians at 9 am on Monday, September 2. The regularly scheduled 7:15 am Mass at Holy Trinity and 6:45 pm Mass at St. Peter are both canceled for Monday, September 2.

FAMILY OFFICES CLOSED — Both Family Offices will be closed on Monday, September 2 due to the Labor Day holiday.

EXPECTANT MOTHER'S BLESSING — The blessing of expectant mothers will be after all the Masses the weekend of August 31/September 1.



Week 4

Local Parishioner Testimonial
of
National Eucharistic Congress



I had the privilege of attending the National Eucharistic Congress held in Indianapolis July 17-21. Illness kept me from attending the Opening Session, but, praise God, I was able to join in for the rest. WHAT AN AMAZING FOUR DAYS! The sessions I experienced helped me to take an honest look at our Church and my own spiritual life, and yet, they left me feeling encouraged and full of hope. The speakers were excellent and the liturgies were a wonderful blend of musical styles (traditional, contemporary, gospel, the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra!). I would not have thought it possible to have silence in a stadium filled with 60,000 people, but it happened! We had Mass every morning (English, Latin, and Spanish, for the youth, and Eastern Rite liturgies were available) to get things started and eucharistic adoration every evening (Eucharistic Adoration accompanied by Floriani Sacred Music made me believe I was in heaven!) . . . and that Eucharistic Procession on Saturday! It stretched a mile at a minimum!

60,000 Catholics (that's not a typo, friends) gathered to learn, grow in faith, and worship our Eucharistic Lord together. Just imagine 60,000 voices in Lucas Oil Stadium raised in song, proclaiming "Amen"! Friends, the Catholic Church encompasses so much more than most of us have experienced. Elderly people, infants in baby carriers, men, women, families, religious brothers and sisters, white, African-American, Hispanic, Vietnamese, disabled and able-bodied all gathered together in one place. Contrary to what we might think, our Church is alive and well! Young people have not abandoned her: there were so many families with children in attendance! There were hundreds of seminarians in attendance, 1000+ priests, at least 100 bishops. Jesus Christ in the Eucharist is as essential to our lives as the air we breathe, and we cannot be complacent when our friends and family walk away from Him. Father Mike Schmitz shared the story of salvation, the greatest love story, and kept emphasizing that we know the story. But what about our friends, family, coworkers, and community members who don't? Can we love them enough to share this story with them? To let them know just how much God loves them?

- Cindy Muhlenkamp



Use the QR Code to check out
Chris Stefanick's Full Speech at the
National Eucharistic Congress from July 21, 2024

To check out more please visit:
<https://www.youtube.com/@EWTNcatholicTV>
<https://relevantradio.com/national-eucharistic-congress>



Holy Trinity

COOK NEEDED

— Holy Trinity is looking for a person to prepare Shut-in Dinners.

This person works with the K of C and St. Ann's representatives to plan the date of the meal, order all food and carryout supplies, and prepare the meal. There are 7 Shut-in Dinners throughout the year. Please contact Charmaine Bettinger at 419-678-4802 or email: cbettinger.holycrossfop@gmail.com if you are interested.

CHURCH CLEANING — The Annual Church Cleaning is scheduled for Monday, September 9th at 6 pm. Adults and Families Welcome! Buckets, rags, and cleaners are supplied. Please consider helping! Any questions, contact Julie Pleiman @ 419-953-7116.



St. Mary

PATRIOTIC ROSARY

— Please join us for the patriotic rosary every Tuesday at 7:30 pm at St. Mary Church.

RAMP RENOVATION — The Men's Sodality will be removing the ramp by the Main Entrance to the School Hall. The project is estimated to be completed by the end of August.

PARISH PICNIC — St. Mary's parish picnic will be on September 8th following an outdoor Noon Mass. Chicken and mashed potatoes will be provided. Please bring drinks and a covered dish to share. RSVP by August 28th in the back of church or text Kristen at 419-953-9490.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REMINDER — Holy Trinity, St. Anthony, & St. Mary's religious education programs will be administered by the same coordinator, Sarah Klosterman, as of the 2024/2025 school year. Please see the Coldwater Religious Education section of the bulletin for any and all future religious education informational updates.



St. Anthony

THURSDAY ADORATION

— Please join us for our Eucharistic Adoration which is held every Thursday before the evening Mass at St. Anthony beginning at 5:45 pm.

FALL POTTED MUM SALE — This is the last day to turn in your orders for mums to support the St. Anthony Ladies Sodality. Pickup of mums will be Saturday, September 7 at the St. Anthony Parish Hall from 10 am to 2 pm. Any questions please call/text Diane Sudhoff at 419-852-4760.

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Coldwater Youth Group

Contact: Maria Gruss

mgruss.holycrossfop@gmail.com, 419-678-3328

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MONDAY, AUGUST 26 — 11:18 - 11:45 am - High School Men's & Ladies Lunch @ Fr. Yauss

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27 — 7-8 am - High School Bible Study @ Rooster Joe

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 — 7:30 - 8:30 pm - Middle School Youth Group @ Fr. Yauss

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 — Tailgate Party 4:30 - 7 pm at MHC before the FR vs Coldwater game. We'll have Wendel's BBQ, a car smash, a 50/50 raffle & more! All in the community are welcome!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 — 7:15 - 8:45 pm - High School Youth Group @ Fr. Yauss

CHILDREN'S EUCHARISTIC ADORATION — Join us every 4th Thursday at Holy Trinity from 3:15 - 4:15 pm for a guided holy half hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament starting this September and going through April! Games & Snacks will follow! Adoration will be geared towards children ages K-6, but all are welcome! Students will be walked over from school. Grades K-4, meet by the elementary library. Grades 5-6, meet by the high school office. Please sign your children up using the following link or by visiting the Coldwater Youth Ministry page on the Holy Cross Website! Reach out to Maria Gruss with any questions at 419-678-4802. Sign up with the QR code or at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A4CA5AF2CA2F49-50423023-childrens#/>



Coldwater Religious Ed.

Contact: Sarah Klosterman

sklosterman.holycrossfop@gmail.com, 419-678-3328

SAVE THE DATE — Our first CCD class is on Wednesday, September 4th.

SAVE THE DATE — Our first preschool/kindergarten class is on Sunday, October 13th.

TEACHERS NEEDED — Below is a list of teachers that are still needed for the 2024-2025 school year. Please reach out if you are able to fill a spot. (*All lesson plans and supplies will be provided to you. There are 28 class nights in total.)

Holy Trinity - After School (3:30 - 4:30 pm)

6th Grade - Sacred Scripture, The Bible, Covenants (2 teachers needed)

Holy Trinity (6:30 - 7:30 pm)

4th Grade - The Ten Commandments, God is All Good, Temptation and Sin

8th Grade (Boys) - 4 Marks and Precepts of the Church, Morality, God's Plan for Marriage (2 teachers needed)

Holy Trinity (8:00 - 9:00 pm)

9th Grade - Theology of the Body, Bible Study

10th Grade - Confirmation, 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit, Sacraments

St. Anthony

9th/10th Grade - Confirmation, 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit, Sacraments, Theology of the Body, Bible Study

It takes over 80 volunteers each year for our religion programs to run correctly and safely. We need your help. Please prayerfully consider volunteering.

If teachers are not found for the remaining classes then alternative arrangements will be made. Alternative arrangements will be communicated through the bulletin and OneCall, so please keep an eye out. Please prayerfully consider teaching!

**Subs and Building Monitors are still needed as well!*



Mary Help of Christians

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

The MHC Capital Campaign team would like to extend a big thank you to all who have given to the fund. To make a donation, you can use an envelope labeled for MHC Capital Campaign or you can contact MHC Parish Council President, Greg Schmitz @ 419-852-9385.



St. Paul

COME PLAY & PRAY

The new playground equipment has been installed and is ready for our area youth to enjoy. There will be a blessing of the playground following 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, September 15th. Drinks and cookies will be provided by the parish council.



St. Peter

MONDAY ADORATION

Please join us for our Eucharistic Adoration which is held every Monday before the evening Mass at St. Peter beginning at 5:45 pm.

CHORUS MEMBERS WANTED — Please prayerfully consider joining the church choir. Anyone interested can join in the choir loft before Mass. Psalm 100:1-2 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!



St. Joseph

HELP NEEDED

If you happen to have any items from previous renovations of the St. Joseph church and are willing to re-incorporate them back into the church in the future, please notify one of the parish council members (Eric Lamm, President; Aimee Pottkotter; Holly Grube; Grant Pottkotter; or Dillan Schulze) so that they are aware of what is still around in our parish. This includes (but is not limited to) candlesticks, statues, and woodwork.

VOLUNTEERS FOR OFFERTORY CORRECTION — Please see the Holy Cross Family section of the bulletin for how to sign up to take up offertory during Masses at any of our parishes. Please disregard the misprint of information about sign up sheets in last weeks bulletin. Sorry for any confusion!

PHOTOS NEEDED — The parish council is collecting pictures to print and hang in Sanderell Hall. Please submit any and all photos from St. Joseph weddings, baptisms, First Communions, the Homecoming Festival, special Masses, Parish events, etc! You can email them to dillan.schulze@gmail.com or give them to any parish council member. Thank you for sharing!

CLEANING — (September) **Theresa Hart, Dorothy Litmer, Denise Litmer, Sue Lennartz, Casey Jones, Lucy Kaup, Julia Kremer

ITEMS NEEDED FOR FESTIVAL — Pies and tomatoes are needed again for the lunch stand this year. Please bring them to the lunch stand on Fri., Sept. 6 or Sat., Sept. 7.



Fort Fiat Youth Group

Contact: Alyssa Overman
aoverman.holycrossfop@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS:

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 — Tailgate Party 4:30 - 7 pm at MHC before the FR vs Coldwater game. We'll have Wendel's BBQ, a car smash, a 50/50 raffle & more! All in the community are welcome!

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 — To The Heights, 3:30 - 4:30 pm (students in grades 6-8)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 — Men's group (grades 6-12) & Ladies group (grade 9-12), 9:00 - 10:00 pm.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 — Breakfast Club (grades 6-12)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 — To The Heights, 3:30 - 4:30 pm (students in grades 6-8)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 — Men's group (grades 6-12) & Ladies group (grade 9-12), 9:00 - 10:00 pm.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 — To The Heights, 3:30 - 4:30 pm (students in grades 6-8)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 — Men's group (grades 6-12) & Ladies group (grade 9-12), 9:00 - 10:00 pm.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 — Breakfast Club (grades 6-12)



Fort Recovery Religious Ed.

Contact: Harlie Metzger
hmetzger.holycrossfop@gmail.com, 419-375-4153

UPCOMING EVENTS:

CATECHISTS NEEDED — We are in need of catechists for the following grades, please prayerfully consider volunteering! Catechists are provided with all lesson plans and supplies. Contact Harlie with any questions or to learn more!

MHC: PS/KG - 2 teachers needed, twice a month on Sundays Oct. - Apr. during 9:00 am Mass

St. Peter/St. Joseph: 3rd Grade (aide) - assist teacher with classroom duties/activities. This can be an adult or HS student.

SAVE THE DATE — Our first CCD class is on Wednesday, September 4th. Grades 1-6 will attend from 6:00 - 7:15 pm. Grades 7-12 attend from 7:30 - 8:45 pm. We are looking forward to another great year!

SAVE THE DATE — Our first preschool/kindergarten class is on Sunday, October 6th. Classes are held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month from October through April.

St. Joe Homecoming Festival

Sept. 6, 7, & 8 — Fun for the Whole Family

Friday, September 6

- 7:00 pm Beer Stand Opens, Drinks/Food Available
- 7:00 pm Sign in starts for Corn Hole Tournament
- 8:00 pm Corn Hole Tournament

Saturday, September 7

- 4:30 pm Outdoor Mass (please bring lawn chairs)
- 5:30 pm Famous Chili Available
- 5:30 pm Food/Drink Stands Open
- 6:00 pm All Stands Open
- 7:30 pm Amateur Horseshoe (Sign in @ 7:00)
- 10:00 pm Music by DJ Wicked Sound

Sunday, September 8

- 1:00 pm Food/Drink Stands Open
- 1:00 pm Browns vs. Bengals Football on TV
- 2:00 pm All Stands Open
- 2:00 pm Beanbag Tournament (Sign in @ 1:30)
- 2:00 pm Horseshoe Tournament (Sign in @ 1:30)
- 2:00 pm Kiddie Tractor Pull (Sign in @ 1:30)
- 4:00 pm BBQ Chicken Dinners (Drive Thru/Carryout Available)
- 5:00 pm Live Music by Conner Albers
- 7:30 pm Raffle Drawing - Over \$7,000 in Prizes!



Sacramental Information & Stewardship

Wedding Banns

- III Seth Obringer & Brianna Schneider
- II Mitchell Pugh & Brooke Kahlig
- I Jacob Frantz & Ashley Byram

And the two shall become one.

Marriage Congratulations!

Gary & Pam (Timmerman) Sudhoff
Married Saturday, August 17, 2024
(St. Anthony)

May God always bless you & may He bestow on you the gifts of a happy marriage.

Newly Baptized

Mary Help of Christians

Maria Ann Fortkamp
 Daughter of Keith & Emily

Sebastian Henry Post
 Son of Todd & Sara

Holy Trinity

Sawyer Henry Bruggeman
 Son of Tyler & Heather

Coby James Siefring
 Son of Caleb & Brittany

In Loving Memory...

Marceil M. Alig
 February 1, 1931 — August 9, 2024
 (Mary Help of Christians)

Bernice I. Poling
 May 13, 1934 - August 11, 2024
 (Holy Trinity)

*I am the resurrection and the life,
 says the Lord whoever believes
 in me will never die.*

- John 11:26

VIGIL OF TWO HEARTS

Schedule of Events

St. Joseph

Friday, September 6

7 pm: Scriptural Rosary
 7 - 8 pm: Confessions
 8 pm: Holy Mass followed by Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament
 8:30 pm - 12 midnight: Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament throughout the night with private and group prayer.

Saturday, September 7

12 - 8:40 am: Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
 7:30 am: Morning Prayer (Lauds)
 7:45 am: Scriptural Rosary
 8:45 am: Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament
 9 am: Holy Mass
 9:30 am: Confessions



Contributions

August 5 - August 11, 2024

MHC
 Offertory.....\$6,917.00
 Religious Ed.....\$ 30.00
 Flowers.....\$ 481.00
 Allocated Loose.....\$ 890.63

St. Joseph
 Offertory.....\$ 625.00
 Flowers.....\$ 50.00
 Allocated Loose.....\$ 176.64

St. Peter
 Offertory.....\$2,044.00
 Building.....\$ 420.00
 Allocated Loose.....\$ 287.97

St. Paul
 Offertory.....\$2,190.11
 Flowers.....\$ 115.00
 Allocated Loose.....\$ 356.26

August 11, 2024

Holy Trinity
 Offertory.....\$4,469.00
 Loose.....\$2,879.62
 Total.....\$7,348.62
 Perm. Improvement.....\$3,047.00
 Cemetery.....\$3,000.00

St. Anthony
 Offertory.....\$ 500.00
 Loose.....\$ 337.00
 Total.....\$ 837.00
 Perm. Improvement.....\$ 685.00

St. Mary
 Offertory.....\$ 600.00
 Loose.....\$ 311.00
 Total.....\$ 911.00
 Perm. Improvement.....\$ 345.00

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Special Thanks to our Bulletin Sponsors!

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- Selhorst Concrete Inc.
- Coldwater Mall Shopping Center
- Maria Stein Animal Clinic
- Master Key Realty
- Vore's Welding & Steel
- Wuebker Construction
- Independent Capital Management

MEN INQUIRING ABOUT THE PERMANENT DIACONATE
 — Any man who may be discerning a possible vocation to serve the Church as a Permanent Deacon should contact Deacon Mark Machuga, Director of the Office of the Diaconate, to discuss the discernment process, prerequisites, and the formation cycle. Deacon Mark can be reached at 513-263-6641 or deaconoffice@catholicaoc.org.



Community Interests

QUO VADIS NIGHT — Quo Vadis is hosting a Quo Vadis Night on Sunday, August 25th at 7:00 pm at the Maria Stein Park. We will be having Color Wars, Ultimate Capture the Flag. This event is for any young adult ages 18-29. If you plan on attending, please wear old clothes that you don't mind getting dirty.

ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE PRAYER SERVICE — He was a great Franciscan Saint devoted to Mary and Evangelization. He is also a martyr of the Second World War and a patron of recovering addicts. He received this patronage through his death, at the hands of the Nazis, who gave him a lethal injection of carbolic acid. This prayer service will be held on Sunday, August 25th, at 2 pm in the Adoration Chapel of the Shrine and will include a reflection from Marty Arlinghaus, Director of Prison Ministry for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, and prayer with the relic of St. Maximilian Kolbe.

SPIRITUAL CENTER RETREAT HOUSE GALA — The Spiritual Center Retreat House invites you to the 1st ever Fundraiser Gala to be held Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at the Montezuma Retreat House. Doors open at 5:30 pm and the night will end at 8:30 pm. Check out www.event.gives/retreathouse or call 419-925-7625 for more info!

COLDWATER AMERICAN LEGION — Bingo, Tuesday, August 27th. Doors open 5:30 for food. Early birds, 6:30. Regular games, 7 pm.

LABOR DAY CELEBRATION — Wendelin Sports Club 50th Celebration Labor Day Weekend. Come enjoy fun, food and entertainment all weekend!

D OF I MEETING — The next Daughters of Isabella meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 3rd. It will be a special celebration for the start of this circle 75 years ago and a birthday party for all the members! It will be at Briarwood Village in Coldwater at 6 pm.

COUNTERCULTURAL CATHOLICISM MEETING — Christian Teams Excel is hosting meetings held the 1st Thurs. of every month starting Thurs., Sept. 5th at 7 pm at The Vineyard at Evergreen Farms. The first meeting covers Counter-cultural Catholicism: Embracing Our Greatest Opportunity in a Century. This meeting will be exploring how Catholicism has a unique opportunity to evangelize and grow in a world desperately needing Christ. Free entry, refreshments provided. Goodwill offerings accepted.

CANCER CARE COMMITTEE — The Cancer Care Committee at the Maria Stein Shrine is looking for more volunteers who would be interested in joining the committee. The Shrine will be holding a 7-week training at 7:00 pm on every Thursday from September 5th to Oct. 17th. A commissioning to follow would be on Oct. 20th. Please contact Caleb Gaier if you have any interest or questions by calling (419) 925-4532 or send an email to c.gaier@mariasteinshrine.org.

ASSURE — There will be a suicide awareness community walk on September 7, 2024, at the Mercer County Fair Grounds. Registration is at 8:30 am, Opening Ceremonies 9:00 am, and the walk will be anytime between 9 & 11 am. Register the day of the walk, and there is no cost to register. For more information visit us at www.assuremc.org.

MERCER COUNTY CANCER CORN MAZE & PETTING ZOO — Sept. 7, 8, 14 & 15 from 12 to 7 pm, weather permitting. \$3 per person, 2 & under are free. The corn maze is located at 3864 State Route 219, Coldwater, OH (1/2 mile west of Coldwater). All proceeds will be donated to the Cancer Association of Mercer County. See us on Facebook page "Mercer County Cancer Corn Maze". Sponsored by the Coldwater Knights of Columbus.

CENTER FOR NEUROLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT 40th ANNIVERSARY — The Center has been helping injured people for over 40 years. Join them in their 40th Anniversary Celebration Sunday, September 8 from 2:00 to 6:00 pm, 78 West Main Street Burkettsville, OH 45310. Take a self guided tour of the facility. Enjoy live music by the Green Devilles, hors d'oeuvres and drinks, Bugaboo the clown, a memory quilt raffle and more. All are welcome.

MINI MAGNIFICAT — There will be a Mini Magnificat Conference held at St. Charles Living Center from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm on Sat., Sept. 14, 2024. It will feature Fr. Nathan Cromly. There is a \$30 Registration fee. Contact Rene: Mini.magnificatwomen@gmail.com, 419-852-3424, or visit <https://minimagnificatwome.wixsite.com/minimagnificat>.

BLOOD DRIVE — The Red Cross blood drive is Monday, August 26 at the Fort Recovery American Legion from Noon to 6 pm.

HERITAGE DAY CELEBRATION — Sunday, September 15th, from 1 - 4 pm, the Shrine is hosting it's annual Heritage Day Celebration! Faith, Food and Fun! Relic chapel tours, burgers, hot dogs, sweet tooth booth, pony rides, face painting, BIG BUBBLES, and more! Basket raffle prizes and raffle drawing for the grand prize of \$1,000! To order your raffle tickets, go online to mariasteinshrine.org.

SWISS NIGHT AT THE SHRINE — On Sunday, September 22nd, Matt Hess, Director of Hospitality and Ministry, will share highlights from the Alpine Pilgrimage this past Spring, including the Swiss Mariastein Shrine, holy sites, and witty anecdotes. Dinner starts at 5:30 pm, and is \$25 per person, which includes a Swiss-themed meal, wine and other beverages. RSVP online at mariasteinshrine.org.

AL-ANON & AA MEETINGS — Al-Anon for family/friends of alcoholics, Thursdays, 7:30 - 8:30 pm at Spiritual Center (Montezuma Annex) and Fridays from 7:30 - 8:30 pm in Briarwood's Private Dining Room at 100 Don Desch Dr, Coldwater. AA Meetings on Fridays from 7:30 - 8:30 pm at the Fr. Yauss, Coldwater. Meetings are open, anonymous, and free.

FT. RECOVERY MORVILIUS OPERA HOUSE — Sunday, Sept. 22, 2:00. Tribute to John Denver (Ted Vigil), Fort Recovery Elementary/ Middle School Auditoria. Handicapped Accessible. Tickets - Tin Cupboard, 419-375-3034, or at Kaup Pharmacy. \$20 advance sale, at door -\$25 cash. Benefit Morvilius Opera House.

SECULAR DISCALCED CARMELITE COMMUNITY — Do you feel called to a deeper life of prayer? Are you interested in following Jesus more closely in the spirit of St. Teresa of Avila and St. John of the Cross? The OCDS Community of "St. Joseph, Protector of the Holy Family" in Celina, OH invites you to consider life as a Secular Carmelite - a beautiful way of life open to lay Catholics, married or single! As Secular Carmelites, we embrace spiritual disciplines for the good of the Church. These include praying the Liturgy of the Hours and practicing mental or contemplative prayer daily. We also gather as a community once a month to be strengthened, encouraged, and to receive ongoing formation in the ways of Carmel. Reach out to Rich Moores (937) 564-5742, Julia Monnin (937) 489-9129, or Tom Batty (937) 564-2031 to learn more! Our community is welcoming visitors in September and October of this year.

FATHER & SON RETREAT — Do Good is hosting "Casting Nets" on Sat., Oct. 12, 2024, from 10 am - 1 pm. This is a retreat for fathers & their sons, ages 10-14. It will be led by Paul Knapke of Maria Stein at the residence of Jon Hefner (3201 Redmond Road, Russia, Ohio 45363). Feature guest speaker Nathan Bruns of Maria Stein will share his powerful journey and testimony, specifically about staying firm in his faith and avoiding the "nets" of worldly temptations amidst his successful high school and collegiate basketball career. There will also be fishing with poles and nets. Retreat is free of charge. Do Good will provide a complimentary lunch. Please contact Katie Giere for any questions at 419-763-9349 or katiegiere@dogoodrm.com. Sign up is required. Limited spots are available.



 **COOKBOOKS are AVAILABLE!**
The Holy Cross Family Cookbooks are ready to go! Grab yours in either the Coldwater or Fort Recovery office today for \$10.
All proceeds will be going towards the Welcome Baskets for our new parishioners.



 **Pray for the Unborn, Pray for Life!**