

*The one Who does  
Justice will Live in  
the Presence of the Lord.*



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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](http://www.holycrossfop.org)

### Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/holycrossfop](http://www.facebook.com/holycrossfop)



St. Anthony



St. Joseph



St. Mary



St. Paul



St. Peter

**Sunday, September 1, 2024**  
*Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*



# Pastoral Staff

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## Liturgy Schedule

### Monday, September 2 – Labor Day

9:00 am @ MHC – L/D William & Virginia Pottkotter Family † (L-S)

9:00 am @ Holy Trinity – Wanda H. Fredericks † (L-S)

### Tuesday, September 3 – Saint Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church; Memorial

7:15 am @ St. Mary – Doris Bruggeman †

6:45 pm @ St. Joseph – Richard Kaiser †

### Wednesday, September 4 – Weekday

7:15 am @ MHC – Mary Ann Wendel † (L-S)

12:00 pm @ Holy Trinity – L/D Lou Brunswick Family † (L-S)

### Thursday, September 5 – Saint Teresa of Calcutta, Virgin; opt. mem.

7:15 am @ St. Paul – L/D Weitzel & Stachler Families †

6:45 pm @ St. Anthony – LaVern Bettinger †

### Friday, September 6 – Weekday

7:15 am @ Holy Trinity – Anne Fullmer † (L-S)

12:00 pm @ MHC – Walt Hemmelgarn † (L-S)

### Saturday, September 7 – BVM on Saturday; opt. mem.

9:00 am @ St. Joseph – Evelyn Kunkler †

1:30 pm @ St. Peter – Pugh/Kahlig Wedding

4:00 pm @ St. Anthony – John & Jean Homan †

4:30 pm @ St. Joseph – Travis Fullenkamp †

4:30 pm @ Holy Trinity – Joyce Ann Koesters † (L-S)

### Sunday, September 8 – 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am @ Holy Trinity – John Seibert † (L-S)

9:00 am @ MHC – Wilma Link † (L-S)

10:00 am @ Holy Trinity – L/D Leonard & Mildred Prenger Family †

11:00 am @ St. Peter – Charles Overman †

11:00 am @ St. Paul – L/D Joe & Janice Hart Family †

12:00 pm @ St. Mary – L/D Gary Niekamp Family †

6:00 pm @ Holy Trinity – Members of the Holy Cross Family

**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.

### 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.

### Saturday Mass Schedule

SA - 4:00 pm

HT - 4:30 pm

MHC - 4:30 pm

### 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

### 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

### Saturday Confession Schedule

SA - 3:15 - 3:45 pm

HT - 3:15 - 3:45 pm

MHC - 3:45 - end

### 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 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

**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 –

### Monday, September 2, 9:00 am

**Servers:** Carson Fullenkamp, Vincent Wenning, Natalie Wenning

**Lector:** Debbie Bueter

**EMHC:** Tom Bueter, Cindy Fullenkamp

**Sacristan:** Debbie Bueter

### Wednesday, September 4, 7:15 am

**Servers:** Korbin Wuebker

**Lector:** Elly Boeckman

### Friday, September 6, 12:00 pm

**Servers:** Zavier Bruns

**Lector:** Volunteer Needed

### Sunday, September 8, 9:00 am

**Servers:** Jackson Barga, Josh Evers, Tony Evers, Liam Luster

**Lector:** Trent Pearson

**Ushers:** John Faller, Kevin Fortkamp, Mike Laux, Mark Metzger

**EMHC:** Karalee Jutte, Trent Pearson

**Sacristan:** Dan & Grace Jutte

## – St. Joseph –

### Tuesday, September 3, 6:45 pm

**Servers:** Joseph Bruns, Tyler Dues

**Lector:** Lisa Roessner

**Sacristan:** Matt Hess

### Saturday, September 7, 9:00 am

**Servers:** Logan Gaerke

**Lector:** Mary Gaerke

### Saturday, September 7, 4:30 pm

**Servers:** Tyler Dues, Blaise Bergman, Haley Easton, Leo Grigsby

**Lector:** Karen Bertke

**Ushers:** Mel Bertke, Ed Dues

**EMHC:** Deacon Dan Kahlig

**Sacristan:** Christa Fullenkamp

## – St. Paul –

### Thursday, September 5, 7:15 am

**Servers:** Maddie Weigel

### Sunday, September 8, 11:00 am

**Servers:** Lauren Hart, Russell Hart, Katelyn Siefing, Vance Tobe

**Lector:** Diana Siefing

**Ushers:** Matthew Hart, Jared Hemmelgarn

**EMHC:** Chrissy Hart, Rita McEldowney

**Rosary:** Harry & Barb Schoen

## – St. Peter –

### Sunday, September 8, 11:00 am

**Servers:** Reed Westgerdes, Wade Gaerke, Amber Timmerman, Chris Timmerman, Clete Timmerman, Kinley Schoenlein

**Lector:** Ryan Sutter

**Ushers:** Tom Braun, Tom Lennartz

**EMHC:** Karen Timmerman

**Sacristan:** Donna Brunswick

## – Holy Trinity –

### Monday, September 2, 9:00 am

**Servers:** Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby, Roger Kaiser

**Lector:** Paul Howell

**EMHC:** Roger Kaiser, Brenda Kaiser

### Wednesday, September 4, 12:00 pm

**Servers:** James Pottkotter, Francis Pottkotter

### Friday, September 6, 7:15 am

**Servers:** Abby Alig, Audrey Alig, A.J. Alig

### Saturday, September 7, 4:30 pm

**Servers:** Isabelle Schwieterman, Zachary Schwieterman, Emma Siefing, Gabriel Simper

**Lector:** Dan Muhlenkamp

**EMHC:** Dave Bertke, Brenda Schwieterman, Megan Wolters

### Sunday, September 8, 8:00 am

**Servers:** Leo Grigsby, Sam Grigsby, Josh Homan

**Lector:** Lauren Baucher

**EMHC:** Linda Brunswick, Joe Rose

### Sunday, September 8, 10:00 am

**Servers:** Kelly May, Emmit May, Blake Wenning, Reagan Wenning

**Lector:** Kim Rose

**EMHC:** Carla Kahlig, Nick Schmitmeyer, Nancy Wolters

### Sunday, September 8, 6:00 pm

**Servers:** Brady Mathewson, Breann Mathewson, Ryan Mathewson

**Lector:** Pam Hicks

**EMHC:** Pam Hicks, Sarah Klosterman

## – St. Anthony –

### Thursday, September 5, 6:45 pm

**Servers:** Wesley Geier

**Lector:** Janet Brockman

**Sacristan:** Janet Brockman

### Saturday, September 7, 4:00 pm

**Servers:** Mason Alig, Bryant Evans, Zach Homan, Lilly Alig

**Lector:** Joanne Alig

**Ushers:** Greg Alig

**EMHC:** Ellen Sudhoff

**Sacristan:** Cindy Muhlenkamp

**Rosary:** Julie Brackman

## – St. Mary –

### Tuesday, September 3, 7:15 am

**Servers:** Grace Siefing

**Lector:** Viki Dues

### Sunday, September 8, 12:00 pm

**Servers:** Reagan Liette, Jay Liette, William Moorman, Carson Uhlenhake

**Lector:** Adam Liette

**Ushers:** Ken Siefing, Rick Uhlenhake

**EMHC:** Kyle Uhlenhake



# Message from the Priests

## A Tale of Two Parishioners

The past few weeks, I've had two similar, but very different, conversations. One conversation was one that I was ecstatic to have...the other, I have to admit, was a challenge to hear, but a conversation that I needed to have.

The first conversation was with a young family that is becoming Catholic. He was raised in a nominally Catholic family that sometimes went to Mass; she was brought up without much, if any, faith. They both came from a culture where religion was considered a weakness, rather than a strength. After hearing where they had both come from, I had to ask: why are you becoming Catholic? What drew you? The woman told me about how she had been invited to a woman's faith group by a friend. At first, she doubted that she belonged in such a group, that it wasn't for her. But, after being welcomed by those women of faith, she realized that she did belong, and not just to this group but ultimately to Christ and His Church! Through that experience of being loved and welcomed by those women, even though she didn't quite fit the "Mercer County Catholic mold", she realized that He was real and that He wanted her. And, she's so excited to enter the Church soon!

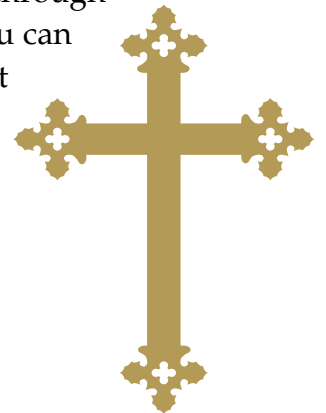
Another conversation: this one was with an older woman. She had been raised as a very faithful Catholic. She went to Catholic school as a child and was involved in her parish as an adult. But, along the way, she fell away from her faith. Again, I had to ask: why did she leave? What happened? Honestly, she had a lot of axes to grind. Some of her reasons were certain Church teachings. She had had a couple of bad interactions with priests. She had just grown tired of the hypocrisy of people who nodded their heads at the mission of the Church but did little or nothing to really step up. But the biggest reason for her was that when she fell away, nobody seemed to notice. She felt unseen by the people around her, by her parish, and by even her friends. So, if nobody cared that she left, why should she care that she left?

What both of these conversations have in common is something incredibly important:

*That you matter!*

You make a huge difference in whether people really find out that Jesus loves them! Your welcoming words or actions--or lack thereof--matter to those who may not feel like they belong. And, if I'm being completely honest, I think that your welcoming words and actions matter a lot more than the priests'. You matter... perhaps more than you realize.

When you were baptized, even if it was as a tiny infant, you received a mission from God. Your mission is to get to know Christ (through the Sacraments, through the Mass, through Adoration, through Confession, through reading Sacred Scripture, etc.) so that you can bring others to Christ. First and foremost: to bring your family to Christ, but don't stop there. Christ is calling you to bring your friends, your coworkers, your classmates, and just the random people that you meet along the way to Christ.



You matter; Christ is calling you into His work!

In Christ,

Fr. Witt

# Holy Cross Family of Parishes

**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.

**MASS CHANGES** — Due to the St. Joe Homecoming Festival there will be a few Mass changes the weekend of Sept. 7/8. The regularly scheduled 4:30 pm Mass @ MHC is canceled for Saturday, September 7 & the 7 am Mass @ St. Joseph is also canceled for Sunday, September 8. There will be an outdoor Mass at St. Joseph on Saturday, September 7 at 4:30 pm.

**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. Email [adoration.nw1@gmail.com](mailto:adoration.nw1@gmail.com) to sign up. *Thank You!*

**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.

**SAVE THE DATE** — "I Still Do" marriage night, for couples married 20 years or more, will be held in the Grotto on Saturday, October 12, 2024. More information & Sign-ups will be available in the next few weeks. Mark your calendar!

**MISSION LOTTERY WINNER** — (8/21/2024) #278 Janice Diller — Congratulations!

**HOLY CROSS FAMILY OF PARISHES**  
**TAILGATE**  
**COLDWATER VS. FORT RECOVERY**

**MUSIC, GAMES, 50/50 WENDEL'S BBQ TRUCK**  
PLUS THE FIRST EVER

**CAR SMASH**  
*Fundraiser*

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE YOUTH GROUP

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 6**  
**4:30-7:00**

NORTH EAST CORNER OF THE MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH PARKING LOT-FORT RECOVERY

JUST STEPS AWAY FROM THE FOOTBALL STADIUM!

*All are welcome!*

CORNHOLE · SPIKEBALL · VOLLEYBALL · BASKETBALL



## Week 5 Local Parishioner Testimonial of National Eucharistic Congress



As the 10<sup>th</sup> National Eucharistic Congress was being described by Catholic influencers on Instagram about a year before the event, I knew I wanted to go. How cool was it that a Eucharistic pilgrimage was starting at the four tips of the United States! How cool was it that Jesus would be processed through the nation and be processed to Indianapolis! How cool was it that this was the first Congress of this type in 83 years! I didn't care how. I just knew I needed to be there.

The Eucharistic Congress wasn't what I expected, and yet it was so much more. I was expecting to find a "feeling" at the Congress. I wanted to feel God's presence and love almost like an adrenaline junkie seeks a new high. Thankfully, I didn't get that. What I received instead was much better.

I received a sense of community. We met people from all over the country. 60,000 of them to be exact. We were strangers, yet we were connected. We sang, praised, and worshiped in unison. In our small Mercer County bubble, it is sometimes hard to see that we are a part of this bigger community. It is just like the Nicene Creed says, "one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church." The Church is very much alive, and it is one.

I also understand what God's love is. As I said before, I was searching for a feeling. We live in a culture where most of our decisions are based on feelings. We are fed the lie, "do what makes you happy." God's love is way more than just a feeling. God is Love. He is caring and committed. He is unwavering. He will never fall out of love with you. With God, I am not a number, but I am a daughter (Katie Prejean McGrady).

The mission and vision of the nation's bishops for the Eucharistic Congress were very apparent: The need for Adoration and Repentance. Adoration is essential for us to have a relationship with God and others (Cardinal Christophe Pierre). It helps us to love and removes fear. I'm not sure about anyone else, but adoration is a fairly new concept for me. Previously, I would not go to adoration, because I told myself that I didn't know how to adore. However, do not disqualify yourself because you do not know enough. It is not about knowledge but about love (Father Mike Schmitz). Many people meditate with the rosary, read scripture, and pray prayers of praise and intercession during adoration. No matter what you do, just find a way to start the relationship. Even if you only have five minutes to pop-in and say hi to Jesus, it's a start. And remember, repentance is not a condemnation but a gift. There is no need to be fearful of shame or judgment. We are all sinners, and we are all in need of forgiveness. The best part, Jesus is happy to forgive when we ask.

If you ever get a chance to see any of these speakers, I 100% recommend: Cardinal Christophe Pierre, Father Mike Schmitz, Sister Josephine Garrett, Gloria Purvis, Bishop Robert Barron, Chris Stefanick, Katie Prejean McGrady, Monsignor James Shea, Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, and Father Leo Patalinghug. Thank you to Cindy Muhlenkamp for planning the vans, hotels, and parking for the event. Thank you to the new friends that I made in the process. And finally, thank you to the keynote speaker and the highlight of our journey: Jesus Christ.

I'll See You in the Eucharist,  
Katie Will



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

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

**MEN'S GROUP ANNOUNCEMENT** — Men's Group meetings are on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month at 4:30 am in the Grotto. Our Friday, September 6, 2024 meeting will be the start of discussing Genesis 1-3. Men of all ages are welcome to join. There is no commitment to attend every meeting. Contact David Bettinger @ 419-852-2582 with any questions.

**WOMEN'S SOCIAL GROUP** — Meetings are on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month, 7:30 - 9 pm in the Grotto's St. Isidore room (east room). Our Thursday, September 5, 2024 meeting will be the start of discussing Genesis 1-3. All adult women of the Holy Cross Family of Parishes community are welcome to join! Contact the Coldwater Parish Office with any questions.

## Theology of the Laity, Family & Evangelization Classes

Meetings will be held within several of our parishes on Saturdays from Sept. 7 to Nov. 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 below, check out the Activities/Events page on our website @ [holycrossfop.org](http://holycrossfop.org), or fill in your contact information on the sign-up sheets located in the entrances of our churches.

**Any questions please contact**

Director of Adult Evangelization: Cindy Muhlenkamp  
[cmuhlenkamp.holycrossfop@gmail.com](mailto:cmuhlenkamp.holycrossfop@gmail.com)



**Registration Deadline: Sept. 6, 2024**

Use the QR Code to Register or visit our website's activity/events page @ [holycrossfop.org](http://holycrossfop.org)



MOUNT ST. MARY'S SEMINARY  
& SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY



**OCIA**  
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

**BECOMING CATHOLIC**

**ARE YOU OR ANYONE YOU KNOW...**

- Someone who has not been baptized into any faith denomination and wishes to learn about becoming a member of the Catholic Faith?
- Someone who was baptized in another Christian denomination and wishes to learn about becoming a member of the Catholic Faith?
- Someone who was baptized in the Catholic Church but never received the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and/or Confirmation? We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about the Catholic Faith in a process called Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, also known as **OCIA (formerly RCIA)**. The day and time for our sessions are set to fit the needs of those who register. Questions about registration or inquiry about special circumstances can be directed to:

Ginny Fortkamp: (Ft. Recovery parishes) 419-852-8960;  
[gfortkamp.holycrossfop@gmail.com](mailto:gfortkamp.holycrossfop@gmail.com)

Cindy Muhlenkamp: (Coldwater parishes) 419-852-1745;  
[cmuhlenkamp.holycrossfop@gmail.com](mailto:cmuhlenkamp.holycrossfop@gmail.com)

*Feel free to share this information with anyone you know who may be interested.*



**Cookbooks Available!**

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.

# 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



Hang with Friends

Grab a Beer



**Learn the Faith**

**Tailspin - Coldwater - Speaker 7:30pm**

9 / 12 / 24	"Life Beyond Manure: What Will HEAVEN be Like?" Fr. Ethan Moore
10 / 10 / 24	"Porn Protection" Alex Wallace, MA, LMHC, LPCC-S
11 / 14 / 24	"Do We Really Need the Sacraments?" Fr. Alexander Witt
12 / 12 / 24	"Be Not Afraid for I Am Your Mother" Reflections on Our Lady of Guadalupe
01 / 09 / 25	"Prayer 101" Fr. Alexander Witt
02 / 13 / 25	"Stump the Parents" Parent Panel
03 / 13 / 25	"Loving Others: LGBTQ+ in the Family & Culture" Fr. Ethan Hoying
04 / 10 / 25	"The Least Loved Sacrament" Fr. Alexander Witt

**Gather in "The Loft" at Tailspin at 7pm**



## 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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** — Noon Mass on September 8<sup>th</sup> will be an outdoor Mass in the church parking lot to the west of the church. Please bring your lawn chairs. The parish picnic will follow.



## 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 PICKUP** — Reminder for those who ordered mums. Pickup is September 7 at the St. Anthony Parish Hall from 10 am to 2 pm. Any questions please call or text Diane Sudhoff at 419-852-4760.



## Little Flowers Girls' Club

**Who:** Girls - Grades 1st - 4th

**What:** An opportunity for girls to learn about our faith and virtues, along with the Saints of the Church who were shining examples.

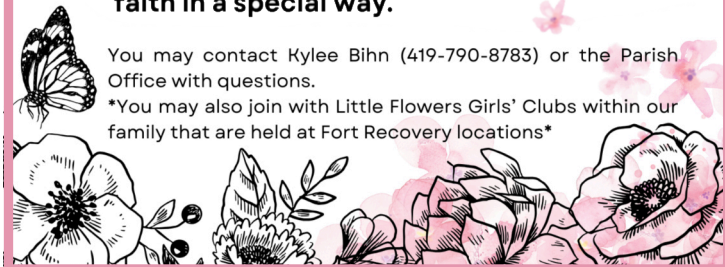
**When:** 2nd Tuesday of the month, September - May, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

**Where:** Rotates between St. Mary, Holy Trinity and St. Anthony Churches

**Also inviting girls, grades 5th & 6th, to join where they can continue to learn about our faith in a special way.**

You may contact Kylee Bihn (419-790-8783) or the Parish Office with questions.

\*You may also join with Little Flowers Girls' Clubs within our family that are held at Fort Recovery locations\*



## Coldwater Youth Group

Contact: Maria Gruss

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3** — 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

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9** — 11:18 - 11:45 am - High School Men's & Ladies Lunch @ Fr. Yauss

**CHILDREN'S EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** — Join us every 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup>.

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

**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. Please contact Sarah Klosterman with any questions or to learn more!)

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

6<sup>th</sup> Grade - Sacred Scripture, The Bible, Covenants (2 teachers needed)

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

4<sup>th</sup> Grade - The Ten Commandments, God is All Good, Temptation and Sin  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade (Girls) - Gospel Messages, Grace/Virtue, Different Forms of Prayer, Sacraments (2 needed)

8<sup>th</sup> Grade - 4 Marks and Precepts of the Church, Morality, God's Plan for Marriage (2 needed)

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

9<sup>th</sup> Grade - Theology of the Body, Bible Study

10<sup>th</sup> Grade - Confirmation, 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit, Sacraments

**St. Anthony**

9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> 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!**



## St. Peter

### PARISH PICNIC AND LADIES SODALITY RAFFLE

— It will be on Sunday October 6. Donations can be put in the marked tub in the back of St. Peter's church or contact the Ladies Sodality President at 419-852-9074. Tickets will be in the mail shortly. Thank you to all who donate!

**CAFETERIA CLEANING** — St. Peter cafeteria cleaning on Tuesday, Sept. 10th at 6:00 pm. Bring your own bucket and rags. If that time doesn't work doors will be open for your availability all day. Please be sure to cross off completed work from the list. Cleaners: Chair- Carol Knapke (419) 268-8524, Co-chair: Tracy Knapke (937) 823-3276, Kris Vogel, Sara Bruns, Trisha Dues, Melissa Hoying, Ashley Jutte, Angie Mulenkamp, Vicki Siegrist, Angie Schmackers, Destinee Gaerke, Carissa Mulenkamp, Alice Gaerke, Kylie Gaerke, Angie Gehle, Kristine Kemper, Danielle Heinrichs, Joyce Hein, Denise Bruns, Alyssa Overman, Alicia Jutte, Karen Overman.



## St. Joseph

### HOMECOMING FESTIVAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

— Set up for the festival will be Tues., Sept. 3 - Thurs., Sept. 5. Pies and tomatoes are needed for the lunch stand. Please bring them to the lunch stand on Fri., Sept. 6 or Sat., Sept. 7. Also, the country store is in need of donations. Any donations can be brought to the back of St. Joe and placed under the table.

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



## 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 15<sup>th</sup>. Drinks and cookies will be provided by the parish council.

**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!



## 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)

**PERMISSION FORMS** — The 2024-2025 permission forms can be found on the website or in the Remind app. This must be filled out in order for your child(ren) to participate in youth group events. Please submit these by September 9<sup>th</sup>.



## Fort Recovery Religious Ed.

Contact: Harlie Metzger  
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### 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!

**St. Peter/St. Joseph:** 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup>. 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 6<sup>th</sup>. Classes are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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
- 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)
- 4:25 pm Browns vs. Cowboys Football on TV
- 5:00 pm Live Music by Conner Albers
- 7:30 pm Raffle Drawing - Over \$7,000 in Prizes!



# Sacramental Information & Stewardship

## Wedding Banns

III Mitchell Pugh & Brooke Kahlig  
II Jacob Frantz & Ashley Byram

*And the two shall become one.*

## Marriage Congratulations!

Sean & Regina (Langenkamp) Muhlenkamp  
Married Saturday, August 24, 2024  
(Holy Trinity)

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

## Newly Baptized

St. Paul

Benjamin Wesley Kahlig  
Son of Wesley & Heather

St. Anthony

Charley Kay Alig  
Daughter of Braedon & Cadence

## In Loving Memory...

William "Jack" Byer  
May 4, 1942 - August 18, 2024  
(Holy Trinity)

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

- John 11:26

## Community Interests

**DO OF I MEETING** — The next Daughters of Isabella meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>. It will be a special celebration for the start of this century 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 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs. of every month starting Thurs., Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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](http://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.

**GRIEFSHARE** — St. Augustine Parish, Minster, will be offering GriefShare sessions and support groups to the local community. The program is for people grieving the loss of someone close. It's a place where you can be around people who understand how you are feeling and are able to offer you encouragement. You'll learn valuable information that will help you through this difficult time in your life. Sessions start September 9; 7:00 - 8:30 pm. There is no cost for this 13 week program. Please call Ginny (419-852-8960) for more information.

**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](mailto:Mini.magnificatwomen@gmail.com), 419-852-3424, or visit <https://minimagnificatwome.wixsite.com/minimagnificat>.

**CATHOLIC NURSES** — Nurses, Students Nurses & Retired Nurses' meetings are on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of each month, 11 am on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor at the Shrine of the Holy Relics. Meetings for 2024 are Sept. 7, Oct 5, Nov 2, & Dec 7. Questions, please call or text Janet Munday: (419) 954-1670

**HERITAGE DAY CELEBRATION** — Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://mariasteinshrine.org).

**SWISS NIGHT AT THE SHRINE** — On Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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](http://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.

**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](mailto:katiegiere@dogoodrm.com). Sign up is required. Limited spots are available.

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## Contributions

August 12 - August 18, 2024

August 18, 2024

### **MHC**

Offertory.....\$3,943.00  
 Assumption.....\$1,060.00  
 Religious Ed.....\$ 25.00  
 Flowers.....\$ 140.00  
 Cemetery.....\$7,505.00  
 Allocated Loose.....\$1,273.27

### **St. Joseph**

Offertory.....\$ 546.00  
 Assumption.....\$ 119.00  
 Flowers.....\$ 10.00  
 Allocated Loose.....\$ 252.55

### **St. Peter**

Offertory.....\$2,035.00  
 Assumption.....\$ 705.00  
 Flowers.....\$ 80.00  
 Allocated Loose.....\$ 411.70

### **St. Paul**

Offertory.....\$1,959.15  
 Maintenance.....\$ 100.00  
 Assumption.....\$ 371.00  
 Flowers.....\$ 81.00  
 Allocated Loose.....\$ 509.30

### **Holy Trinity**

Offertory.....\$4,692.00  
 Assumption.....\$1,660.00  
 Loose.....\$2,168.35  
 Total.....\$6,860.35  
 Allocated Loose.....\$1,135.11

### **St. Anthony**

Offertory.....\$ 330.00  
 Assumption.....\$ 225.00  
 Loose.....\$ 240.00  
 Total.....\$ 570.00  
 Allocated Loose.....\$ 112.80

### **St. Mary**

Offertory.....\$2,020.00  
 Assumption.....\$ 125.00  
 Loose.....\$ 519.00  
 Total.....\$2,539.00  
 Allocated Loose.....\$ 93.34



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