

*Praise the Lord,
my soul!*



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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



Facebook:

www.facebook.com/holycrossfop



St. Anthony



St. Joseph



St. Mary



St. Paul



St. Peter

Sunday, September 8, 2024
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Pastoral Staff

Rev. Alexander Witt, Pastor: fr.witt.aoc@gmail.com

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Liturgy Schedule

Monday, September 9 – Saint Peter Claver, Priest; Memorial
7:15 am @ Holy Trinity – L/D Joseph & Alberta Nieberding Family † (L-S)

6:45 pm @ St. Peter – Wayne Fullenkamp †

Tuesday, September 10 – Weekday

7:15 am @ St. Mary – Fred Borger †

6:45 pm @ St. Joseph – Cyril Fortkamp †

Wednesday, September 11 – Weekday

7:15 am @ MHC – L/D Carl & Cathy Koesters Family † (L-S)

12:00 pm @ Holy Trinity – Mary Jane Zahn † (L-S)

Thursday, September 12 – The Most Holy Name of Mary; opt. mem.

7:15 am @ St. Paul – Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life †

6:45 pm @ St. Anthony – Virgil & Doris Bruggeman †

Friday, September 13 – Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church; Memorial

7:15 am @ Holy Trinity – L/D Linda & Steve Dues Family † (L-S)

12:00 pm @ MHC – Cindy Knapke † (L-S)

Saturday, September 14 – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross; Feast

9:00 am @ St. Joseph – Poor Souls in Purgatory †

1:30 pm @ MHC – Frantz/Byram Wedding

4:00 pm @ St. Anthony – Edgar & Rita Eyink Family †

4:30 pm @ MHC – Rosie Zehringer † (L-S)

4:30 pm @ Holy Trinity – L/D Ed & Ann Pottkotter Family † (L-S)

Sunday, September 15 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am @ St. Joseph – Marian Homan †

8:00 am @ Holy Trinity – Camilla Wenning † (L-S)

9:00 am @ MHC – Members of the Holy Cross Family (L-S)

10:00 am @ Holy Trinity – Steve Seitz †

11:00 am @ St. Peter – L/D Joseph & Cleopha Brunswick Family †

11:00 am @ St. Paul – L/D Carroll Abels Family †

12:00 pm @ St. Mary – Keith Fullenkamp †

6:00 pm @ Holy Trinity – Ruth Wyatt Borger †

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, September 11, 7:15 am

Servers: Benjamin Burkhardt, Jonathan Burkhardt

Lector: Pauline Faller

Friday, September 13, 12:00 pm

Servers: Xavier Bruns

Lector: Diane Siegrist

Saturday, September 14, 4:30 pm

Servers: Xavier Bruns, Carson Fullenkamp, Tucker Huntsman

Lector: Missy Hart

Ushers: Floyd Bergman, Jeff Fullenkamp, Don Lennartz, Dan Schmitz

EMHC: Cindy Fullenkamp, Missy Hart

Sacristan: Linda Lennartz

Sunday, September 15, 9:00 am

Servers: Kevin Dues, Jenna Dues, Lucas Winner, Ava Luster

Lector: Keshia Willmann

Ushers: Roger Broerman, Joe Dues, Jr., Chuck Keller, Jeff Wendel

EMHC: Deacon Dan Kahlig, Jodi Wendel

Sacristan: Steve & Amy Schmitz

– St. Joseph –

Tuesday, September 10, 6:45 pm

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby

Lector: Tim Hart

Sacristan: Shel Sutter

Saturday, September 14, 9:00 am

Servers: Theresa Hipple

Lector: Jane Hipple

Sunday, September 15, 7:00 am

Servers: Blaise Bergman, Tyler Dues, Leo Grigsby, Sam Grigsby

Lector: Jean Grube

Ushers: Allen Grube, Grant Pottkotter

EMHC: Jean Grube

Sacristan: Paige Schulze

– St. Paul –

Thursday, September 12, 7:15 am

Servers: Hart Family

Sunday, September 15, 11:00 am

Servers: Liza Knapke, AJ Siefing, Riley Stammen, Kate Knapke

Lector: Marilyn Fortkamp

Ushers: Roger Fortkamp, Ross Homan

EMHC: Tracy Fortkamp, Marilyn Fortkamp

Rosary: Mark & Marylene Brunswick

– St. Peter –

Monday, September 9, 6:45 pm

Servers: Theo Schmitz

Lector: Nathan Fortkamp

Sunday, September 15, 11:00 am

Servers: Reese Diller, Addison Fortkamp, Brinley Fortkamp, Carter Fortkamp, Wade Gaerke, Easton Diller

Lector: Jack Gaerke

Ushers: Jake Gaerke, Joe Will

EMHC: Jack Gaerke

Sacristan: Marilyn Pottkotter

– Holy Trinity –

Monday, September 9, 7:15 am

Servers: Oliver Link, Owen May

Wednesday, September 11, 12:00 pm

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby

Friday, September 13, 7:15 am

Servers: Carter Heitkamp, Owen Heitkamp

Saturday, September 14, 4:30 pm

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

Lector: Denny Riethman

EMHC: Connie May, Mark Obringer, Denny Riethman

Sunday, September 15, 8:00 am

Servers: Kratyn Homan, Karsyn Homan, Krew Homan

Lector: Nick Knapke

EMHC: Herb Hamberg, Betty Hamberg

Sunday, September 15, 10:00 am

Servers: Jack Bettinger, Mandi Hart, Ethan Schmitmeyer, Miles Bruns

Lector: Rene Klosterman

EMHC: Deb Griesdorn, Luke Klosterman, Bob Rose

Sunday, September 15, 6:00 pm

Servers: Elisabeth Ebbing, Levi Sutter, Volunteer Needed

Lector: Ryan Sutter

EMHC: Charmaine Bettinger, Sarah Klosterman

– St. Anthony –

Thursday, September 12, 6:45 pm

Servers: Leo Grigsby, Sam Grigsby

Lector: Paul Welling

Sacristan: Cindy Muhlenkamp

Saturday, September 14, 4:00 pm

Servers: Hoyt Schmitz, Braxton Schmitz, Jack Link, Corbyn Schmitz

Lector: Bonnie Muhlenkamp

Ushers: Jeff Sudhoff

EMHC: Donna Sudhoff

Sacristan: Bonnie Muhlenkamp

Rosary: Marty Knapke

– St. Mary –

Tuesday, September 12, 7:15 am

Servers: Need Volunteer

Lector: Stephanie Wendel

Sunday, September 15, 12:00 pm

Servers: Jay Liette, Benjamin Liette, Trent Dues, Carson Uhlenhake

Lector: Amanda Schoenherr

Ushers: Rick Hemmelgarn, Brian Uhlenhake

EMHC: Mary Ann Harting



Message from the Priests

A September to Remember

September is the month of the year devoted to Our Lady of Sorrows. There are, count them, 7 sorrows of Mary. Here they are in word and emoji:

- 1) Simeon's prophecy of the death of her Son. 🗣️💬😞👁️👁️💔🔪
- 2) The flight to Egypt. 🛩️🇪🇬☀️😞🏠🛩️
- 3) The loss of the Child Jesus for 3 days. ☀️🌙☀️🌙☀️👁️👁️👁️
- 4) Mary meets Jesus on His way to Calvary. 😞👁️👁️👁️👁️👁️😞
- 5) The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus. 🔥👁️👁️👁️💔👁️💔👁️
- 6) The body of Jesus being taken down from the Cross. 🏛️👁️👁️👁️😞👁️
- 7) The burial of Jesus. 🗿👁️👁️👁️

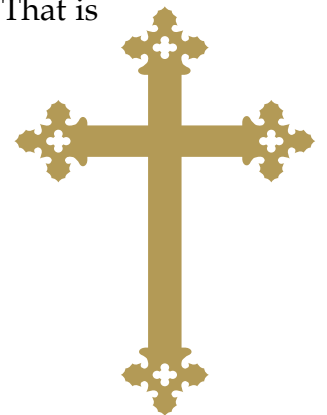


*This is a Mom
who loves us
&
feels our pain.*

Any one of these pains would be beyond what we imagine we could handle, yet Mary bears them all with faith and hope. How does she do it? Well, her perspective is not our perspective. Of course she is a mother, but she does not worry or doubt or fear; she simply trusts God. Even in the midst of things being not "according to plan" or not the way "she might want them," she perseveres in knowing that God has a way to make things better than okay. I think worry and doubt can plague us. We can so easily think of ourselves as not being...enough...(enter some form of us not measuring up here). BUT that is not how God sees us. God sees us with a love and a devotion that makes all things new. He believes in us and knows us and our needs before we even get close to voicing anything to anybody. He hears our heart and responds with love and mercy even, maybe especially, in the face of sorrow and sin. So what can we do? We can bring our hearts to Mary and Jesus. They get us. Let me say that again, THEY GET US. And they want a way forward for us that makes us believe in ourselves. They want a future for us that looks at the swords and sorrows and how to endure them because we know that there are also joys and glories in being who we are, what God wants for us, and what God wants from us. Don't be afraid!!! Okay, I get that the hard things of our lives happen, and sorrows and sufferings might be a thing. BUT that doesn't mean that we, like Mary, can't endure by His grace what is ours for love of God. That is what this month is about and what we are truly made for.

GLORY,

Fr. Ethan Moore



Holy Cross Family of Parishes

CONFESSION CHANGE — Confessions are canceled at MHC during the 4:30 pm Mass on Saturday, September 14.

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!

FAMILY COOKBOOKS — Stop by either the Coldwater or Fort Recovery Family Office to pick up a Holy Cross Family cookbook for \$10. All proceeds will be going towards the Welcome Baskets for our New Parishioners.

SAVE THE DATE — Mary Help of Christians will be hosting the “Vigil Project” on Tues., Dec. 10, 2024. If you feel called to financially support this event, please contact Tracy Muhlenkamp: 419-852-9918. *Thank You!*

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 to sign up. Thank You!

MISSION LOTTERY WINNER — (08/28/2024) #156 Julie Niekamp — Congratulations!

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 7:00 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.

ANNUAL COAT DRIVE — The parishes of St. Joseph, St. Peter, St. Paul, and MHC along with Our Home Family Resources will once again conduct a winter coat drive. Please put your new or clean, gently used coats, new hats, and gloves in the large containers that will be placed at the church entrances beginning in September. There is always a special need for children's coats. Watch the bulletin for updates on the exact location of the coat giveaway planned for October. Call Pat Wendel 419-375-4229 or Janet Roessner 419-305-3216 for more information.



Week 6

**Local Parishioner Testimonial
of
National Eucharistic Congress**




It's hard to put into words my experience of The National Eucharistic Congress; it was incredible. Worshiping, adoring, and praying to our Lord in the Eucharist with thousands upon thousands of people was extremely emotional at times and so very impactful. Walking the streets and proclaiming our love for our Lord was unlike anything I have ever experienced. There's something so beautiful about bringing all races, cultures, languages, and backgrounds together from all ends of the United States to worship our Lord. Incorporating many different languages, songs, customs etc. into our prayer and worship was so reassuring to see that our Lord is present everywhere, and our church is very much ALIVE! How amazing to see us all come together as one Body of Christ with one thing in common, the Eucharist! As impactful and emotional as it was adoring our Lord in a setting such as this with thousands of people, priests, and religious life, it was just as emotional and impactful coming home and spending time with our Lord in adoration at St. Joseph in a small, intimate setting. The same Jesus that was present at the Congress, is the same Jesus I came home to. The Congress isn't something I had to be sad to leave, because we are so fortunate to have Jesus with us every single day in not only our hearts, but also in the Eucharist through daily mass and adoration. He's present in interactions with those around us, and He never leaves or forsakes us. Jesus yearns for our hearts and a relationship with us; He's loving, intimate and personal. He doesn't want our checklist of to dos, He wants our hearts and our openness. He doesn't want us to keep the love we have for him inside of us or our love for the Eucharist. He desires us to show everyone the love and compassion given to us by himself; we are to be living tabernacles exemplifying God's love for us. How awesome it was to experience an event such as this, but how blessed are we that it doesn't have to be the end, because we have Jesus himself in our church! - Amanda Dues



Use the QR Code to check out Holy Mass Celebrated by Cardinal Timothy Dolan at the National Eucharistic Congress: 7/18/2024

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

Hang
with
Friends



Theologically
THIRSTY
THURSDAYS

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 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.

PARISH PICNIC — Noon Mass on September 8th 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.

Little Flowers & Blue Knights

All meetings 2024/2025: Tuesdays 6:30 - 8 pm

<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Holy Trinity</u>	<u>St. Anthony</u>
Sept. 10, 2024	Dec. 10, 2024	Mar. 11, 2024
Oct. 8, 2024	Jan. 14, 2025	Apr. 8, 2025
Nov. 12 2024	Feb. 11, 2025	May 13, 2025



Coldwater Youth Group

Contact: Maria Gruss

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 — 7-8 am - High School Bible Study @ Rooster Joe

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 — 7:30 - 8:30 pm - Middle School Youth Group @ Fr. Yauss

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 — 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 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. Please contact Sarah Klosterman with any questions or to learn more!)

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

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

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!**

Little Flowers BAKE SALE

Our Little Flowers will have baked goods available after each of the following Masses the weekend of September 28-29:

- St. Anthony - 4:00 pm
- Holy Trinity - 4:30 pm
- Holy Trinity - 8:00 am
- Holy Trinity - 10:00 am
- St. Mary - 12:00 pm

FREE Will Donations Accepted to support the Little Flowers Girl's Club

Celebrating the feast of *St. Therèse of Lisieux*
The Little Flower

Little Flowers Girl's Club for Girls 1st - 4th Grade
2nd Tuesday of the month, September - May, 6:30 - 8 pm
Meetings rotate between:
St. Mary, Holy Trinity, & St. Anthony churches.
5th & 6th Grade Girls are welcome to attend when they can.



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 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 Muhlenkamp, Vicki Siegrist, Angie Schmackers, Destinee Gaerke, Carissa Muhlenkamp, Alice Gaerke, Kylie Gaerke, Angie Gehle, Kristine Kemper, Danielle Heinrichs, Joyce Hein, Denise Bruns, Alyssa Overman, Alicia Jutte, Karen Overman.



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.

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



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The Precepts of the Church

Given to us by the Church, these are the minimum obligations every practicing Catholic is expected to follow.

1. *You shall attend Mass on Sundays & holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor.*
2. *You shall confess your sins at least once a year.*
3. *You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter Season.*
4. *You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church.*
5. *You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church.*



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 at 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.

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!



Contact: Alyssa Overman
aoverman.holycrossfop@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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 9th.



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!

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

Sacramental Information

Wedding Banns

III Jacob Frantz & Ashley Byram
I Joshua Gonzalez & Amanda Hipple
I Clay Schmitz & Lindsey Albers

And the two shall become one.

Sacrament of Matrimony

The Sacrament of Holy Matrimony involves more than just "booking" a particular date for a wedding. Please keep in mind that church dates are limited. It is highly recommended to book the church when booking your reception hall. Also, since the marriage preparation process usually takes several months to complete, please contact the Family Office at least nine months in advance to start the marriage preparation process.

Marriage Congratulations!

Mitchell & Brooke (Kahlig) Pugh
Married Saturday, September 7, 2024
(St. Peter)

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

Newly Baptized

Mary Help of Christians

Clara Jean Vogel
Daughter of Jason & Brittney

Franklin James Hess
Son of Jamieson & Erika

Rowen Michaela Kunkle
Daughter of Cameron & Kimber

In Loving Memory...

Loudonna Van Den Bosch
March 18, 1930 - August 22, 2024
(Holy Trinity)

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

- John 11:26

Baptismal Class

Fort Recovery Classes are held on Tuesdays at 7 pm. The next class at Fort Recovery for 2024 is October 8. Please call 419-375-4153 to register. Coldwater Classes are held on the 3rd Sunday of the month @ 7pm. Please call 419-678-4802 to register. The Baptismal Class is required for all first-time parents.

Baptismal Schedule

1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday
12:30 pm - MHC	12:30 pm - St. Peter	12:30 pm - St. Paul	12:30 pm - St. Joseph
1:30 pm - Holy Trinity	1:30 pm - St. Mary	1:30 pm - Holy Trinity	1:30 pm - St. Anthony

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: gfortkamp.holycrossfop@gmail.com; 419-852-8960 (Fort Recovery parishes)

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

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

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 — Quo Vadis is hosting a Quo Vadis Night on Sunday, September 8th at 7:00 pm at the Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics. We will be having Katie Ahrens, former NET Missionary giving her experiences with Mission Work. This event is for any young adult ages 18-29. This event will be live-streamed on our Facebook page (Quo_Vadis) if you would like to watch it!

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.

COLDWATER AMERICAN LEGION — Bingo, Tuesday, September 10th. Doors open 5:30 for food, early birds 6:30, & regular games 7 pm.

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, 419-852-3424, or visit <https://minimagnificatwome.wixsite.com/minimagnificat>.

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 Maria Stein 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.

JOHN DENVER PERFORMANCE — 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.

FOOD PANTRIES — The Holy Trinity Food Pantry is open Saturdays, from 9 - 11 am. It is located at 830 W. Main St, Coldwater (Mercer Health West Campus). For more info or to donate contact Rob Fisher at 419-678-3538. The Food Pantry located at the Fort Recovery Family Office is open by appointment Monday - Friday. You may call the office at 419-375-4153 to schedule a time. Anyone in the county in need is welcome to use the pantries.

BUS PILGRIMAGE — Bus Pilgrimage to Cathedral Basilica & Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Cincinnati, Ohio on Sept. 23, 2024, from 7:45 am - 10:00 pm. Come and see the Cathedral Basilica where the priests in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati are ordained and the seminary where they are formed as you join Journeys Revealed Ministries & Silver Cross Catholic Store for a pilgrimage with Fr. Andrew Reckers this fall! There will be guided tours at both locations, Mass at the Cathedral Basilica, and a Holy Hour at the Seminary. Cost is \$100/person. Learn more and to register, visit journeysrevealed.com/pilgrimage.

K OF C PORK LOIN DINNER — The Fort Recovery Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Pork Loin Dinner on Sunday, October 13. A drive thru pick-up will be available between 4 - 6 pm at the new K of C Hall in the Industrial Park on Commerce Street. Dinners are presale only. You can order your dinners by using an envelope found in the back of the Family churches. Ordering information is inside the envelope. Please try to place your order by October 3 with the final turn in being October 6. Thank you for supporting your local Knights of Columbus.

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.

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). Featured 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.

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.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS BOOSTER BASH — Join the Coldwater Athletic Boosters on Friday, Sept 13th at Coldwater Memorial Park (near the Depot & Amphitheater) for The Friday Night Lights Booster Bash. The Coldwater Cavaliers football team hosts the Anna Rockets. A family friendly event with food, drinks & music starting at 4 pm until 11:30 pm.

