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Holy Trinity

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

Family Offices



Mary Help of Christians

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Fort Recovery, Ohio 45846

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



Website:
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St. Anthony



St. Joseph



St. Mary



St. Paul



St. Peter

Sunday, September 29, 2024
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Pastoral Staff

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Liturgy Schedule

Monday, September 30 – Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church; Memorial

7:15 am @ Holy Trinity – L/D Paul & Agnes Fullenkamp Family † (L-S)

6:45 pm @ St. Peter – L/D John & Cleopha Bihn Family †

Tuesday, October 1 – Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church; Memorial

7:15 am @ St. Mary – Ralph "Cappy" & Charlyn Stammen †

6:45 pm @ St. Joseph – L/D Jerome & Rita Pottkotter Family †

Wednesday, October 2 – The Holy Guardian Angels; Memorial

7:15 am @ MHC – L/D William & Virginia Pottkotter Family † (L-S)

12:00 pm @ Holy Trinity – L/D Martha & Hugo Knapschaefer Family † (L-S)

Thursday, October 3 – Weekday

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

6:45 pm @ St. Anthony – Dave Bruggeman †

Friday, October 4 – Saint Francis of Assisi; Memorial

7:15 am @ Holy Trinity – Ernie Kuess † (L-S)

12:00 pm @ MHC – L/D Bob & Marilyn Wendel Family † (L-S)

Saturday, October 5 – Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin; Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest; BVM on Saturday; opt. mem.

9:00 am @ St. Joseph – Steve Knapke †

1:30 pm @ MHC – Roberts/Hibbard Wedding

2:00 pm @ Holy Trinity – Wendel/Thomas Wedding

4:00 pm @ St. Anthony – L/D Herman Sudhoff Family †

4:30 pm @ MHC – Cy Brunswick † (L-S)

4:30 pm @ Holy Trinity – John Seibert † (L-S)

Sunday, October 6 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am @ St. Joseph – L/D Harold Ranly Family †

8:00 am @ Holy Trinity – Bob & Florence Bruns † (L-S)

9:00 am @ MHC – Cindy Knapke † (L-S)

10:00 am @ Holy Trinity – Members of the Holy Cross Family

11:00 am @ St. Peter – Doris Muhlenkamp †

11:00 am @ St. Paul – Dan Kaiser †

12:00 pm @ St. Mary – Jim Heitkamp †

6:00 pm @ Holy Trinity – Robert Bettinger †

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 –

Wednesday, October 2, 7:15 am

Servers: Benjamin Burkhardt, Jonathan Burkhardt

Lector: Pauline Faller

Friday, October 4, 12:00 pm

Servers: Xavier Bruns

Lector: Kathy Portz

Saturday, October 5, 4:30 pm

Servers: John Bihn, Anthony Roessner, AJ Roessner

Lector: Diane Siegrist

Ushers: Floyd Bergman, LaVern Grube, Don Lennartz, Matt Whitacre

EMHC: Ruth Beyke, Lisa Zehringer

Sacristan: Tom & Debbie Bueter

Sunday, October 6, 9:00 am

Servers: Will Faller, Grant Pearson, Emma Pearson, Vance Tobe

Lector: Tom Remaklus

Ushers: Greg Schmitz, Steve Wendel, Randy Wendel, Don Willmann

EMHC: Tom Remaklus, Lori Thien

Sacristan: Roger & Cheryl Wenning

– St. Joseph –

Tuesday, October 1, 6:45 pm

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby

Lector: Tim Hart

Sacristan: Paige Schulze

Saturday, October 5, 9:00 am

Servers: Gavin Gaerke

Lector: Mary Gaerke

Sunday, October 6, 7:00 am

Servers: Matt Hess, Ben Homan, Eric Lamm, Andy Pottkotter, Dillan Schulze

Lector: Pat Gehret

Ushers: Steve Post, Gary Pottkotter

EMHC: Norma Pottkotter

Sacristan: Christa Fullenkamp

– St. Paul –

Thursday, October 3, 7:15 am

Servers: Korbin Wuebker

Sunday, October 6, 11:00 am

Servers: Hailey Grisez, Alexis Grisez, AJ Siefing, Hayden Wuebker

Lector: Nikki Hawk

Ushers: Joe Hawk, Matthew Reinhard

EMHC: Deacon Dan Kahlig, Dennis Siefing

Rosary: Joe & Kim Knapke

– St. Peter –

Monday, September 30, 6:45 pm

Servers: Gavin Gaerke

Lector: Marilyn Pottkotter

Sunday, October 6, 11:00 am

Servers: Mason Diller, Kale Diller, Braxton Schmitz, Coby Schmitz, Hoyt Schmitz, Easton Diller

Lector: Lisa Kahlig

Ushers: Mike Roessner, Matt Schoenherr

EMHC: Greg Diller

Sacristan: Brenda Kahlig

– Holy Trinity –

Monday, September 30, 7:15 am

Servers: Kennley Siegrist, Grace Siegrist

Wednesday, October 2, 12:00 pm

Servers: James Pottkotter, Francis Pottkotter

Friday, October 4, 7:15 am

Servers: Ethan Schmitmeyer, Blake Wenning

Saturday, October 5, 4:30 pm

Servers: Lucas Broering, Zachary Schwieterman, Isabelle Schwieterman, Volunteer Needed

Lector: Gary Lefeld

EMHC: Dave Bertke, Mark Obringer, Brenda Schwieterman

Sunday, October 6, 8:00 am

Servers: Olivia Broering, Samuel Gerlach, Myra Knapke

Lector: Nick Knapke

EMHC: Adam Alig, Chuck Alig

Sunday, October 6, 10:00 am

Servers: Jack Bettinger, Owen May, Dillan Wenning, Josh Homan

Lector: Yvonne Dues

EMHC: Holly Emerine, Melissa Homan, Clair Stammen

Sunday, October 6, 6:00 pm

Servers: Liam Cowan, Elisabeth Ebbing, Volunteer Needed

Lector: Dee Fullenkamp

EMHC: Dan Forsthoefel, Sarah Klosterman

– St. Anthony –

Thursday, October 3, 6:45 pm

Servers: Leo Grigsby, Sam Grigsby

Lector: Janet Brockman

Sacristan: Janet Brockman

Saturday, October 5, 4:00 pm

Servers: Mason Alig, Bryant Evans, Lilly Alig, Brady Fella

Lector: Marty Knapke

Ushers: Sam Muhlenkamp

EMHC: Lisa Knapke

Sacristan: Janie Timmerman

Rosary: Julie Brackman

– St. Mary –

Tuesday, October 1, 7:15 am

Servers: Volunteer Needed

Lector: Stephanie Wendel

Sunday, October 6, 12:00 pm

Servers: Derek Dues, Andrew Moorman, Trent Dues, William Moorman

Lector: Jordan Geier

Ushers: Nick Uhlenhake, Rick Uhlenhake

EMHC: Amy Welling



Message from the Priests

Christ on the Cross is a Fountain of Blessings

The cross is just 2 wooden pieces intersecting each other. What makes it HOLY is Christ who died upon it. The cross was a SIMPLE plank of wood that was stained with the PRECIOUS BLOOD of Christ because on this ALTAR the Lamb of God was sacrificed. Christ did not deserve the Cross; we deserved it. Yet, He took our cross, He underwent our pain, and He died our death. So the most worrying aspect of humanity is death. The cross reminds us that the death is conquered. All the sufferings of our life are not greater then. We need to gather strength looking at Christ on the Cross in times of our struggle. For we will be victorious through the strength of God, just like Christ is victorious. Suffering is not a sign of curse but of sanctification. Jesus invites us by saying, one who wishes to follow me must take up your cross and follow me. So let us see how the cross is the sanctifying grace.

Jesus on the Cross – Throne of the Savior

We see the lifeless body of Christ, bathed in blood, wounded by nails, crowned by thorns with an inscription of INRI (Jesus of Nazarene the King of the Jews) written. It's the "Throne of the Savior" from which Jesus redeemed the world.

Jesus IN the Cross – Monument of LOVE : We see the "greatness of God's infinite love" who died for us and also "cruelty of man's sin" which killed the savior. It's the "Monument of Love" which tells the greatest love story: " there is no greater love than to lay down one's life for his friend".

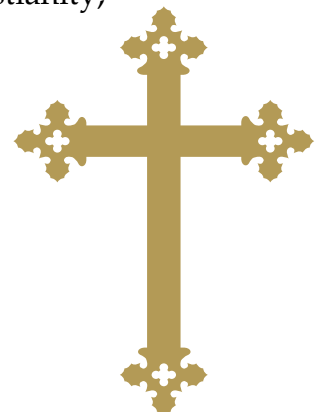
Christ BEYOND the Cross – Prelude to glory: we see the glory of God, because the misery and agony of death on the cross led to the glory of Resurrection. Though it was a death bed, yet it became a "Prelude to glory", the pathway to Eternity, a bridge between earth and heaven. No Cross, No Crown.

Christ BY the Cross – Weapon of Victory: Jesus through his death on the cross conquered the death, ransom of sin was paid, Satan's power was defeated, Heaven was won back and above all Salvation was purchased. It's the "Weapon of Victory". Jesus was not defeated on the Cross, but by the Cross, He defeated the power of hell.

Christ FROM the cross – Fountain of Grace: The executioners were forgiven, Blessed Virgin Mary is given as mother to the humanity, Paradise was promised to the repentant thief and spirit is offered to the Father. We gave bitter vinegar to the Jesus on the Cross but He shed water and blood. It is a fountain of grace, mercy and forgiveness which flows down to us.

Christ ON the Cross – Instrument of Salvation: The curse of the cross was changed into blessing, shame into grace, punishment into redemption, torture into endurance, death into life. it's the "Instrument of Salvation" by which we are saved. It's not just the symbol of Christianity, but the essence of Christian life.

Everyone has some kind of problems in the journey of life. It is in those moments of our life that we need to look at Jesus on the Cross. He strengthens us in our struggles of life. Just like He is victorious, He too will help us to conquer our struggles of life. This is my personal conviction as well. God bless you all!



Holy Cross Family of Parishes & Sacraments

LECTOR WORKBOOKS — The 2024 Lector Workbooks are available for pick up in each parish's sacristy. Please pick up at your earliest convenience. *Thanks!*

ADDITIONAL ADORERS NEEDED — Adoration at St. Joseph is in need for someone to fill in from 9 - 10 am, 1:30 - 2:30 pm, & 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!*

VOTER REGISTRATION REMINDER — October 7th is the deadline to register to vote in Ohio. If you are not registered, please be sure to register to vote! If you know of young people who are unregistered, please encourage them to vote as well. If you won't be able to vote in person on Election Day, be sure to request an absentee ballot now or vote early at the county board of elections. The result of this election is shaping up to impact the pro-life and pro-family cause for years to come – not to mention religious freedom. And if the polls are right, every vote will matter!

ANONYMOUS DONATIONS — It would be greatly appreciated that anyone who turns in anonymous donations write what parish they desire the donations to be attributed to. This would be very helpful for our staff. *Thank You!*



Priesthood Sunday

September 29, 2024

Priesthood Sunday seeks to reaffirm the priesthood of Jesus Christ and its central place in the life of the Church. This day also specifically honors priests, without whom the Holy Sacraments could not be conferred, for a single day out of the 365 days of the year during which they tirelessly serve their parishes.

Please Thank & Pray for Priests!

Fr. Ethan Hoying is being reassigned as parochial vicar in Wapakoneta & Botkins. This is to replace their current parochial vicar, Fr. Mike Willig, who has been appointed the new vocations director for the Archdiocese. Fr. Hoying's new assignment will take effect on October 14, 2024. We wish him well. We are also excited to announce that Fr. Hoying's place here will be filled by Fr. Barry Stechshulte. His assignment as parochial vicar for Holy Cross Family of Parishes will also begin October 14, 2024. Please pray for our parish family, Fr. Hoying, and Fr. Stechshulte as we all prepare to make this transition.



Week 9

Local Parishioner Testimonial
of
National Eucharistic Congress



I'm not sure how to put it into words, just how awesome it was. All of the speakers were phenomenal!! I met so many wonderful people. There were LOTS and LOTS of "God" moments.

The first evening that we were there, they had the 4 Eucharist processions each come out with a big picture of the saint that they were traveling for. It was very special, and it gave me goosebumps just thinking about how far the Holy Eucharist had traveled through our United States.

The first Mass that I was blessed to get to witness had just SO filled me with so much joy! I was in tears just watching the procession of so many seminarians and then all of the priests and then the bishops. It was kind of overwhelming! It just reminded me of the whole succession of priests and bishops that have carried on from the time of Jesus!! All of these men have given their lives to Jesus! I was crying through a lot of it. Someone told me that our crying and tears were from the Holy Spirit. If that was the case, then He blessed me a lot of times because I cried quite a few times and I am not a crier! Our seats were in the "end zone" area so we were able to watch all of it. When looking at all of those priests and bishops and seeing the rows and rows of nuns and sisters that were there as well, it was a spectacular sight and reminded me of God's heavenly court. 😍❤️ Then of course the consecration... I mean the Holy Eucharist is why we were all there. 🙏 I was thinking that the distribution of Holy Communion was going to take quite a while... but then there was the procession of priests coming up to the top levels to distribute. It truly was amazing to watch. Then when the Mass ended and they all proceeded back out, I asked someone, "do you mean to tell me that we get to witness this THREE more times? 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏 Yes!!!

I met some pretty wonderful people there. The speakers were awesome! One particular session, they were praying over us to bring the power of the Holy Spirit to heal us. We were to close our eyes and pray and ask Him to heal a particular part of our bodies that needed healing. I was thinking... "hmmm, my ears, neck, elbow, knees... lol... UGH! Lord, I said, your Will be done! Whatever you want to heal in my body, I will accept and appreciate." Let's face it, none of us knows what we have going on in our bodies but God. We were standing with our eyes closed, and I'm not sure if anyone else experienced this, but I felt a fluttering inside my body that started at my feet and went all the way up my body! It. Was. Amazing!!!!

Adoration every evening was a highlight as well. It was just so amazing and beautiful to be praying and adoring our Lord with all of those 60,000+ other Catholics... was just amazing. The outside procession that ended at the park was such fun and solemn at the same time. I met many good friends, and I had such a good time with my fellow Holy Cross members. I loved all of it... except for the food lines. 😊

- Bec Bihn



Use the QR Code to check out
Fr. Mike Schmitz's Full Speech at the
National Eucharistic Congress

To check out more please visit:

<https://www.youtube.com/@EWTNcatholicTV>

<https://relevantradio.com/national-eucharistic-congress>

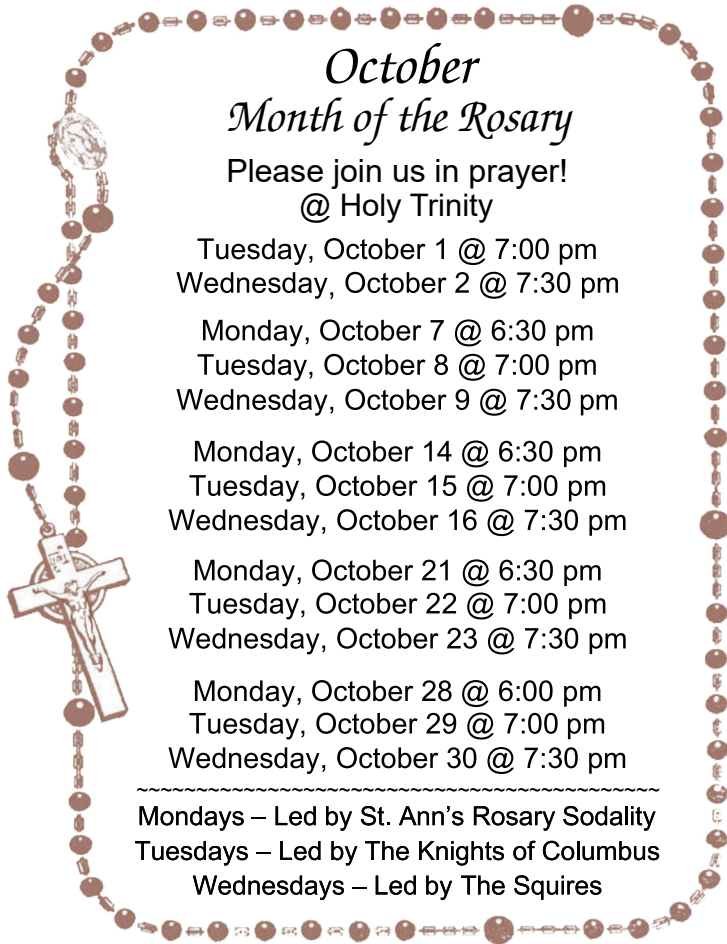


Holy Trinity

FISCAL REPORTS AVAILABLE — The 2023 - 2024 Fiscal year reports are available at all Holy

Cross Family of Parishes church entrances.

ROSARY LEADERS NEEDED — Please contact the Coldwater Office if you would be willing to volunteer as a Rosary Leader before any of the weekend Masses. Currently we are in need of leaders for the Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 10 am, or Sunday 6 pm Masses.



October
Month of the Rosary

Please join us in prayer!
@ Holy Trinity

Tuesday, October 1 @ 7:00 pm
Wednesday, October 2 @ 7:30 pm

Monday, October 7 @ 6:30 pm
Tuesday, October 8 @ 7:00 pm
Wednesday, October 9 @ 7:30 pm

Monday, October 14 @ 6:30 pm
Tuesday, October 15 @ 7:00 pm
Wednesday, October 16 @ 7:30 pm

Monday, October 21 @ 6:30 pm
Tuesday, October 22 @ 7:00 pm
Wednesday, October 23 @ 7:30 pm

Monday, October 28 @ 6:00 pm
Tuesday, October 29 @ 7:00 pm
Wednesday, October 30 @ 7:30 pm

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Mondays – Led by St. Ann’s Rosary Sodality  
Tuesdays – Led by The Knights of Columbus  
Wednesdays – Led by The Squires



## 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.

**LADIES SODALITY MEETING** — Meeting will be Monday, Sept. 30 at 7 pm in the parish hall. All ladies of the parish are welcome!



## St. Mary

### PATRIOTIC ROSARY —

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

**MEN’S SODALITY CHICKEN DINNERS** — Held on Sun., Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>, pick-up from 4-6 in front of the School Hall. Contact Kyle Bettinger at 937-423-7048 for questions.

**MEN’S SODALITY MEETING** — Tues., October 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm in the School Hall to discuss additional concrete ramp.

**PHILOTHEA HALLOWEEN PARTY** — Saturday, October 19, 2024 at the school hall from 1 - 2 pm. All kids are invited to enjoy fun crafts, games, and treats.

## Coldwater Youth Group

Contact: Maria Gruss

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### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29** — 7:15 - 8:45 pm - High School Youth Group @ Fr. Yauss (grades 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>) Join us for apple bobbing & more!

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1** — 7 - 8 am - High School Bible Study @ Rooster Joe

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2** — 7:30 - 8:30 pm - **BOYS** Junior High Youth Group @ Fr. Yauss (grades 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>)

### ATTENTION:

- No High School Youth Group on Sunday, October 6, 2024 - Confirmation Retreat!

- No High School Lunch on Monday, October 7, 2024 - enjoy the day off school!

**JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP** — Beginning October 2<sup>nd</sup> there will be separate meetings for boys and girls. Boys will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Girls will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month. The meeting time for Junior High Youth Group will remain 7:30 - 8:45 pm. If there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month, there will be a combined meeting for both boys & girls.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** — In order to run a successful youth ministry program adult volunteers will be needed to assist at events and/or to provide snacks for the youth. Our most pressing need at this time is with Junior High Youth Group. To sign up as a volunteer for the Junior High Youth Group use the link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A4CA5AF2CA2F49-51384129-junior>



## Coldwater Religious Ed.

Contact: Sarah Klosterman

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**CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD** — Children’s Liturgy of the Word starts on October 13<sup>th</sup> during the 8 am & 10 am masses at Holy Trinity. Any Pre-K or Kindergartener is welcome to join!

**PARENT CATECHESIS** — The first meeting is this Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> in The Grotto from 6:45 - 7:00 pm!

### CONFIRMATION DATES :

**Confirmation Retreat** - Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at Coldwater from 9:30 am - 3:30 pm.

**Confirmation Practice** - Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8 pm.

**Confirmation Mass** - Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at Holy Trinity @ 1:30 pm.

**TEACHERS NEEDED (HOLY TRINITY)** — 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade (3:30 - 4:30 pm) & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade (6:30 - 7:30 pm)

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

## CYO BASKETBALL INFORMATION

If interested please grab a packet at either Coldwater High School or Coldwater Parish Office and start forming teams of 9-10 players. You will need to know who is on your team and have a coach for the mandatory player meeting on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Packets can also be found online at [holycrossfop.org](http://holycrossfop.org) under the Religious Education tab.

Questions contact Sarah Klosterman!





## Mary Help of Christians

### FLOATING ROSARY —

On October 2, 2024, there will be a 1-6 grade Floating Rosary at 6:45pm. All are welcome!

**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

### ROSARY —

Our 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will be leading the rosary each Wednesday evening in October for the month

of the Rosary, as well as to pray for the upcoming election. All are welcome to join beginning at 7:05 pm in the Church.

**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 unto the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

**RAFFLE PRIZES** — The St. Paul Ladies Sodality Raffle & CYO Brunch will be held Sunday, November 10, 2024, in the hall from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm. Officers are collecting prizes for the drawing and will be accepting donations. To donate prizes to be awarded or contribute to the raffle, please contact a Ladies Sodality Officer as soon as possible! Marcia Weigel: 419-852-2417, Chrissy Hart: 419-852-7743, Carissa Will: 419-852-7057, Theresa Siefiring: 937-710-2076, or Holly Wuebker: 937-459-7989. Mark your calendars and THANK YOU to our many generous contributors!!!

**SPECIAL THANKS** — Thanks to Dave for trimming the shrubs and cleaning up all of the clippings. Great job, Dave!



## St. Peter

### PARISH PICNIC

— Picnic is Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> after 11 am Mass. We will be having chili and hotdogs.



## St. Joseph

### SANDERELL HALL POSITION OPENING —

We are looking for someone to take over the position for the rental and custodianship of Sanderell Hall. If you are interested in this position please call the Holy Cross Family of Parishes Office for more information.

**CLEANING** — (October) \*\*Michele Dues, Patty Homan, Nicole Jacobs, Julie Kaiser, Cathy Homan, Harlie Metzger, Jill Hart, Stephanie Leistenschneider

**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!



## Fort Fiat Youth Group

Contact: Alyssa Overman  
aoverman.holycrossfop@gmail.com

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**TO THE HEIGHTS** — Tuesdays 3:30 - 4:30 pm at MHC, grades 6-8

**MEN'S GROUP** — Wednesdays 9-10 pm at MHC, grade 7-12

**LADIES GROUP** — September: Wednesdays 9-10 p.m., October: Tuesdays 7 - 8 am at MHC, grades 9-12

**BREAKFAST CLUB** — Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> (Zach Schoen); Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> (TBD) 7:15 - 8 am at MHC undercroft, grades 6-12

**YOUTH GROUP HOLY HOUR** — Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> 3:30 - 4:30 pm at St. Joe, transportation not provided.

**EXALT** — Join youth and families from all over the North for a night of Eucharistic Adoration, a message from Conall Hughes, and music by Damascus Worship on Wednesday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> at Minster Elementary School. Doors open at 6:30 pm. and Exalt begins at 7:00 pm. See Remind message to RSVP.



## Fort Recovery Religious Ed.

Contact: Harlie Metzger  
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### CONFIRMATION DATES:

**Confirmation Retreat** - Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at St. Peter from 10:30 am - 4:30 pm.

**Confirmation Practice** - Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.

**Confirmation Mass** - February 16<sup>th</sup> at MHC @ 2:00 pm.

**STUDENT AIDES NEEDED** — We are looking for a few middle or high school students interested in being a classroom aide during Sunday School at MHC. Classes are twice a month at 9 am. Student aides would be expected to help with crafts, restroom breaks, etc. For more information or to sign up, please contact Harlie.

**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 - April.

**PARENT CATECHESIS** — Our first parent catechesis session is on Wed., October 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:15 - 7 pm in the new K of C Hall. This is for all parents with children in grades 1-6.

**FLOATING ROSARY** — October 2<sup>nd</sup> @ MHC 1-6 grade Floating Rosary at 6:45pm, all are welcome.

## 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 humbly receive your Creator in Holy Communion at least once a year during the Easter Season.*
4. *You shall observe the prescribed days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church.*
5. *You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church.*
6. *You shall observe the Church's laws regarding marriage.*

# Sacramental Information

## Wedding Banns

- III Jesse Wendel & Jacie Thomas
- III Preston Roberts & Miranda Hibbard
- II Austin Riethman & Alaina Steinke
- I Mitchel Schwieterman & Riley Schmidt

*And the two shall become one.*

## 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 @ 7 pm. 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 |

## Marriage Congratulations!

**Jacob & Ashley (Byram) Frantz**  
 Married Saturday, September 14, 2024  
 (Mary Help of Christians)

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

## In Loving Memory...

**Irene B. Timmerman**  
 September 1, 1927 — September 15, 2024  
 (Mary Help of Christians)

**Margaret "Peg" Wolf**  
 January 10, 1929 — September 15, 2024  
 (Mary Help of Christians)

**Daniel L. Diller**  
 February 9, 1950 — September 16, 2024  
 (St. Joseph)

**Marie T. Weitzel**  
 December 5, 1959 — September 15, 2024  
 (St. Mary)

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

- John 11:26

## Newly Baptized

### St. Mary

Mabel Marilyn Uhlenhake  
 Daughter of Jay & Elizabeth

### St. Joseph

Cyrus Anthony Homan  
 Son of Benjamin & Brooke

### St. Anthony

Theodore John Heitkamp  
 Son of Holden & Megan

## SISTERS OF LIFE- NYC



**OCTOBER 12, 2024 | 8-2 PM**  
 Retreat House at Maria Stein  
 2365 St Johns Rd, Maria Stein, OH 45860

Women's Retreat- all women aged middle school and older

**Cost: Youth - \$15 | Questions? Contact**  
**Adult - \$25 | Raquel Kaiser 419-953-7804**  
**Register on our Events Page @ [HolyCrossfop.org](http://HolyCrossfop.org)**

**\*\*Deadline for registration 10/1/24,  
 late registration permitted but will not include lunch.**

## VIGIL OF TWO HEARTS Schedule of Events St. Joseph

### Friday, October 4

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, October 5

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





# Community Interests

**A BLESSING & MASS FOR THOSE WHO PROTECT THE COMMUNITY** — 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Blue Mass Celebration. Sunday, September 29, 2024 – Blessing 10:45 am followed by Mass at 11am. Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains: 325 W. 8th St., Cincinnati, Ohio. Reverend Steve Angi, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and Police Chaplain, will celebrate a Mass to honor those who protect our community each day. An outdoor blessing of first response vehicles will take place outside the Cathedral Basilica along 8<sup>th</sup> and Plum Street beginning at 10:45 am. Both Greater Cincinnati Police and Public Safety Personnel are expected to be in attendance. People of all faiths are invited to join in prayer for the men and women who work tirelessly to ensure safe communities. Refreshment and fellowship will follow Mass.

**CRS GLOBAL SOLIDARITY CONFERENCE: PROMOTING PEACE BUILDING** — Sat, Oct. 12, 9 am - 2:30 pm, University of Dayton Torch Lounge. This conference focuses on the theme of peace-building. **PEACE IN OUR WORLD** – Learn about initiatives around the world to foster peace. **PEACE IN OUR COMMUNITIES** – Discover groups and organizations committed to dialogue, advocacy, and restorative justice. **PEACE IN OUR HEARTS** – Practice techniques to take care of your own well-being so that you may be a force for good and peace. For more information and registration, visit: <https://resources.catholicaoc.org/event/save-the-date>. Email Jill Foster (jfoster@catholicaoc.org) with any questions.

**A DAY IN THE HEART OF JESUS, THROUGH OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL** — Join us for a day of recollection and prayer with speaker Fr. Jedidiah Tritle. It will be on Sat., Oct. 12, 2024 from 8am - 2pm at the Montezuma Retreat House: 6731 State Route 219, Montezuma, OH 45866. Cost: \$25 (cash/check payable on the day of the event). Hosted by the Order of Carmelites Discalced Seculars (OCDS), St. Joseph, Protector of the Holy Family Community. This retreat is open to both men and women. There will be Mass, a keynote address by Fr. Jedidiah, discussions on the Carmelite Doctors of the Church, a Holy Hour, Confession, and a light breakfast and lunch will be included as well. Register at <https://bit.ly/4fOncfM>

**MCRTL T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST** — Cash prize of \$300 dollars for the winning design that will be used for the 2025 'Pro-Life T-Shirt Day'. All participants receive a \$10 gift card to McDonalds. Contest rules: Designs must have a maximum of two colors and utilize one side of a shirt. Submitted design entries to: [prolifegeneration.mercercounty@outlook.com](mailto:prolifegeneration.mercercounty@outlook.com) by Oct. 15. 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students from Mercer County are eligible as well as those who worship in Mercer County. Please include in subject line of the e-mail submission the contestant's name. In the message portion please list contestant's address, age, and school. Scores will be based equally on inspiration and creativity.

**iVOTE CATHOLIC** — Let faith guide your vote. Learn how at [iVoteCatholic.org](http://iVoteCatholic.org)! Find resources, learn how to live out your faith by the way you vote, gain a better understanding of the Church's teaching which guides us to be advocates for life and human dignity, and guidance on how to inform your vote with discernment, prayer, and a universal call to holiness and compassion. Visit [www.ivotecatholic.org](http://www.ivotecatholic.org). Email Jill Foster (jfoster@catholicaoc.org) with any questions.

**EUROPEAN TOUR INFO** — 2025 Tour of Greece & Italy. 2026 Tour of Budapest, Vienna, Prague & Munich. Free informational meetings on both of Dorner's Destinations in 2025 & 2026 are available on the following dates and times. Please join us and get all of your questions answered. Meetings are on Sunday, Sept. 29 at Tri Star Career Compact (Celina, OH) & Wednesday, Oct. 2 at St. Henry High School Media Center. Both nights the information on the 2025 Tour is from 6:00-7:30 pm & the information on the 2026 Tour is from 7:45-9:15 pm.

**D OF I MEETING** — The next meeting of the Daughters of Isabella will be held at 7:45 at the K of C Hall in Ft. Recovery on Tues., Oct. 1st.

**EXALT NORTH** — Join youth and families for a night of Eucharistic Adoration, a message from Conall Hughes, and music by Damascus Worship on Wed., Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> at Minster Elementary School. Doors open at 6:30 pm, and Exalt begins at 7 pm. For more information contact: Audrey Melton @ [amelton@catholicaoc.org](mailto:amelton@catholicaoc.org).

**CATHOLIC NURSES** — Nurses, Student 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 are Oct 5, Nov 2, & Dec 7. Questions, please call or text Janet Munday: 419-954-1670.

**HAPPY HEARTS 4H MEETING** — Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the new year for Happy Hearts 4-H Club. It will be held in the basement of the Good Shepherd Church (formerly Coldwater Methodist) from 7 to 8:30 pm. Any new members in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through high school are welcome to join by texting 567-644-5594.

**HEALING MASSES** — We will be having a couple more Healing Masses this year at our Montezuma Retreat Center location at 7 pm on Tuesday, October 8 & Tuesday, November 12. We have 6 Healing Masses a year & it's always the second Tuesday in Mar, Apr, May, Sept, Oct & Nov.

**K OF C PORK LOIN DINNER** — Sun., Oct. 13. A drive thru pick-up will be available from 4 - 6 pm at the new K of C Hall in the Industrial Park on Commerce Street, Ft. Recovery. Dinners pre-sale only. 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 Oct. 3 with the final turn in being Oct. 6. Thank you for supporting the K of C!

**ROSARY RALLY** — Please join us in praying for our nation at noon on October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The Rosary Rally will take place at the Ft. Recovery Visitors Center across from the IGA. For more information call Charlene Bergman: 419-852-9415.

**ANNUAL "HOLY" HALLOWEEN** — Taking place at Do Good on Thurs., Oct. 17 from 6 - 8 pm; Fri., Oct. 18 from 6 - 8 pm; & Sat., Oct. 19 from 2 - 4 pm. This event is used to help teach children, family, and friends of all ages the Christian meaning of Halloween. Costumes are welcome (please no devils, witches, etc.). The event is free and free-will offerings are accepted at the end of the walk path. There is lighting along the paths. It will be located on walkways and courtyard of Children's Memorial Garden at Do Good Restaurant & Ministry. We ask you enter through the courtyard, & park off site at the Osgood Legion, St. Nicholas Church, or Osgood Park.

**SAVE THE DATE** — All-Ohio Schoenstatt Retreat for Men, Women, and Couples. It will be held on Saturday, Nov. 9, 2024, from 8 am - 3 pm at St. Lawrence Schoenstatt Chapel, Botkins, Ohio. There will be Mass, talks, breakout session, and a Holy Hour. Traveling Shrines will be recommissioned at Mass. Registration details coming soon!

**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.

**FOOD PANTRIES** — 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 Ft. Recovery Family Office is open by appointment Mon. - Fri. Call the office at 419-375-4153 to schedule a time. Anyone in the county in need is welcome to use the pantries.

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## Contributions

September 9 - 15, 2024

**MHC**  
 Offertory.....\$4,092.00  
 Youth Group.....\$ 425.00  
 Religious Ed.....\$ 30.00  
 Cemetery.....\$ 5.00  
 Flowers.....\$ 20.00  
 Allocated Loose.....\$ 958.02

**St. Joseph**  
 Offertory.....\$1,024.00  
 Youth Group.....\$ 100.00  
 Allocated Loose.....\$ 190.01

**St. Peter**  
 Offertory.....\$2,730.00  
 Maintenance.....\$ 270.00  
 Youth Group.....\$ 390.00  
 Allocated Loose.....\$ 309.76

**St. Paul**  
 Offertory.....\$2,170.11  
 Maintenance.....\$ 100.00  
 Youth Group.....\$ 105.00  
 Allocated Loose.....\$ 383.21

September 15, 2024

**Holy Trinity**  
 Offertory.....\$5,062.00  
 Loose.....\$3,127.01  
 Total.....\$8,189.01  
 Candles.....\$ 171.00

**St. Anthony**  
 Offertory.....\$ 453.00  
 Loose.....\$ 327.25  
 Total.....\$ 358.00

**St. Mary**  
 Offertory.....\$ 733.00  
 Loose.....\$ 433.00  
 Total.....\$1,166.00



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