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P.O. Box 107
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Mon - Thurs:
8:30 am - 12:30 pm & 1 pm - 5 pm
Fri: 8:30 am - 1 pm

Mary Help of Christians

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

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



Website:
www.holycrossfop.org



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St. Anthony



St. Joseph



St. Mary



St. Paul



St. Peter

Sunday, October 6, 2024
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



Pastoral Staff

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Liturgy Schedule

Monday, October 7 – Our Lady of the Rosary; Memorial

7:15 am @ Holy Trinity – Urban & Rita Buening † (L-S)

6:45 pm @ St. Peter – Mark Jutte †

Tuesday, October 8 – Weekday

7:15 am @ St. Mary – Oliver Giere †

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

Wednesday, October 9 – Saint Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint John Leonardi, Priest; opt. mem.

7:15 am @ MHC – Marceil Alig † (L-S)

12:00 pm @ Holy Trinity – Bob Bettinger † (L-S)

Thursday, October 10 – Weekday

7:15 am @ St. Paul – L/D Leo & Alma Kaiser Family †

6:45 pm @ St. Anthony – Donald J. Muhlenkamp †

Friday, October 11 – Saint John XXIII, Pope; opt. mem.

7:15 am @ Holy Trinity – Floyd Winner † (L-S)

12:00 pm @ MHC – Matt Beyke † (L-S)

Saturday, October 12 – BVM on Saturday; opt. mem.

9:00 am @ St. Joseph – L/D Al & Mary Romer Family †

1:30 pm @ Holy Trinity – Riethman/Steinke Wedding

4:00 pm @ St. Anthony – L/D Norma & Lavern Wellman Family †

4:30 pm @ MHC – Cathy Hemmelgarn † (L-S)

4:30 pm @ Holy Trinity – Rich & Rita Boeckman † (L-S)

Sunday, October 13 – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am @ St. Joseph – L/D Louis & Ruth Lennartz Family †

8:00 am @ Holy Trinity – L/D Leonard & Mildred Prenger † (L-S)

9:00 am @ MHC – Catherine Gelhaus † (L-S)

10:00 am @ Holy Trinity – Howard Hartings †

11:00 am @ St. Peter – Joe Bruns †

11:00 am @ St. Paul – Members of the Holy Cross Family

12:00 pm @ St. Mary – Jason Geier †

6:00 pm @ Holy Trinity – Gene Homan †

MASSSES 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 9, 7:15 am

Servers: Hayden Wuebker

Lector: Les Wenning

Friday, October 11, 12:00 pm

Servers: Joseph Bruns

Lector: Diane Siegrist

Saturday, October 12, 4:30 pm

Servers: Zavier Bruns, Tucker Huntsman, Lane Zehringer

Lector: Kathy Portz

Ushers: Floyd Bergman, Don Lennartz, Ken Romer, Bobby Stump

EMHC: Kathy Portz, Nancy Wuebker

Sacristan: Kathy Portz

Sunday, October 13, 9:00 am

Servers: Chase Fiely, Milo Fiely, Cora Pearson, Liam Luster

Lector: Keshia Willmann

Ushers: Roger Broerman, Joe Grube, Randy Wendel, Steve Wendel

EMHC: Grace Jutte, Deacon Dan Kahlig

Sacristan: Dan & Grace Jutte

– St. Joseph –

Tuesday, October 10, 6:45 pm

Servers: Joseph Bruns, Levi Sutter

Lector: Danielle Pottkotter

Sacristan: Shel Sutter

Saturday, October 12, 9:00 am

Servers: Blaise Bergman

Lector: Paige Schulze

Sunday, October 13, 7:00 am

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

Lector: Jean Grube

Ushers: Allen Grube, Gary Pottkotter

EMHC: Jean Grube

Sacristan: Norma Pottkotter

– St. Paul –

Thursday, October 10, 7:15 am

Servers: Korbin Wuebker

Sunday, October 13, 11:00 am

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

Lector: Amanda Brackman

Ushers: Doug Evers, John Meiring

EMHC: Rita McEldowney, Dennis Siefiring

Rosary: Jerry & Bec Bihn

– St. Peter –

Monday, October 7, 6:45 pm

Servers: Tyler Kahlig

Lector: Marilyn Pottkotter

Sunday, October 13, 11:00 am

Servers: Coby Schmitz, Addison Fortkamp, Carter Fortkamp, Brinley Fortkamp, Theresa Hipple, Corbyn Schmitz

Lector: Lisa Roessner

Ushers: Tom Post, Joe Will

EMHC: Clark Knapke

Sacristan: Jane Hipple

– Holy Trinity –

Monday, October 7, 7:15 am

Servers: Owen May, Myra Stammen

Wednesday, October 9, 12:00 pm

Servers: Greg Laux

Friday, October 11, 7:15 am

Servers: Jack Bettinger, Oliver Link

Saturday, October 12, 4:30 pm

Servers: Claire Bertke, Lucas Broering, Emma Siefiring, Gabriel Simper

Lector: Doug Bertke

EMHC: Dave Bertke, Denny Riethman, Michelle Wilker

Sunday, October 13, 8:00 am

Servers: Leo Grigsby, Sam Grigsby, Josh Homan

Lector: Gary Diller

EMHC: Kathy Prenger, Chuck Wenning

Sunday, October 13, 10:00 am

Servers: Elisabeth Ebbing, Max Ross, Joshua Schoen, Brandon Wendel

Lector: Holly Emerine

EMHC: Katie Hamberg, Deb Kaiser, Clair Stammen

Sunday, October 13, 6:00 pm

Servers: Brady Mathewson, Breann Mathewson, Ryan Mathewson, Levi Sutter

Lector: Ryan Sutter

EMHC: Sarah Klosterman, Volunteer Needed

– St. Anthony –

Thursday, October 10, 6:45 pm

Servers: Volunteers Needed

Lector: Cindy Muhlenkamp

Sacristan: Cindy Muhlenkamp

Saturday, October 12, 4:00 pm

Servers: Mason Alig, Wesley Geier, Lilly Alig, Jack Link

Lector: Cindy Homan

Ushers: Sam Muhlenkamp

EMHC: Janie Timmerman

Sacristan: Cindy Homan

Rosary: Julie Brackman

– St. Mary –

Tuesday, October 8, 7:15 am

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby

Lector: Stephanie Wendel

Sunday, October 13, 12:00 pm

Servers: Derek Dues, Lana Kaiser, Kate Uhlenhake, Jacob Uhlenhake

Lector: Martin Schoenherr

Ushers: Kyle Bettinger, Rick Hemmelgarn

EMHC: Amanda Schoenherr

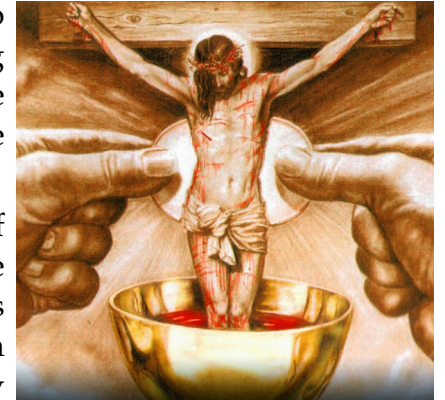


Message from the Priests

Something a Little Different: Concluded

Many people have commented on the incredible stories and experiences that people have shared about the Eucharistic Congress in the bulletin. These weren't just stories and experiences of the priests, but of lay men and women who took time out of their busy lives so that they could go meet God in a powerful way. I want to thank those people who have shared their experiences with us. While people in God's Country value hearing about things like this from their priests, to hear the hopes, dreams, and aspirations for our parishes from fellow parishioners has been inspiring to many. We all want our parishes to be places where people are burning with love for Jesus Christ. And, so while the parishioners' reflections have come to an end, I just want to encourage you to keep diving deeper into the Eucharist and to keep inspiring each other.

Inspiring others isn't just icing on the cake, but is an essential part of what it means to have been baptized in Christ. When we were baptized, we became someone who is responsible for sharing the message of who Jesus Christ is with others. Sharing our faith isn't something that we are often comfortable with though. I often hear people fret that they feel like they don't know enough or that they haven't experienced something as cool or profound as somebody else.



But I want you to think about it this way: sharing our stories of God's big and little miracles in our lives is like sharing food with people who are starving. And people, whether they know it or not, are starving for God! They may call that hunger different names: they are hungering for greatness, for meaning, or for hope, to name a few. But all of those things are nicknames for God. People are hungering and thirsting for God. In Luke chapter 9, Jesus and the Apostles are surrounded by 5,000 people who are hungry. The Apostles are afraid to provide food for all those people. They don't think they have enough or that what they do have could possibly satisfy the hunger of the people around them. But Jesus reminds them that He is with them and tells them, "Give them some food yourselves". Sharing stories of the powerful presence of our God is like food in the midst of people who are starving. If we hoard the food from the people around us who are starving, that's not good. We have to share it.

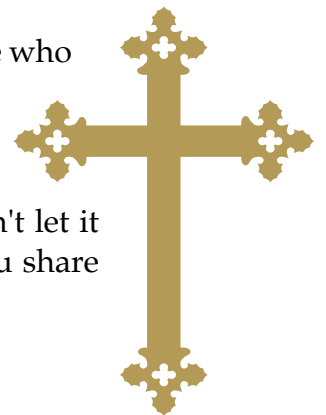
What are some little ways that you can share Jesus with those around you? Maybe it's as small as just sharing a time when the Lord answers your prayers. For someone who is starving to know that there is a God out there who loves them and cares for them enough to listen to their prayers and respond, that's no snack... It's a buffet of Hope!

Maybe it's praying with your kids in situations when you don't ordinarily pray with them. For a kid who is starving for things to be okay when he or she is in trouble, how powerful could it be for a parent to pray and to thank God for the gift of that child when he or she least expects it?

Even just that small, almost throw away offer to say that you will pray for someone who expresses a need for you and to mean it, means so much to someone who is just desperate for help.

I hope that the reflections of your fellow parishioners have been inspirational to you and fed your own hunger for what could be in each of your lives. But don't let it stop there! Jesus wants you to share Him with everyone you meet. How will you share Him today?

In Christ,
Fr. Witt



Holy Cross Family of Parishes

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED — Both of our parish offices will be closed from 12:30 - 3pm on Wednesday, October 9, 2024. Sorry for any inconvenience!

ADORATION W/ QUO VADIS — The Quo Vadis Choir will be singing on October 15th from 5:30 - 6:30 pm during adoration at St. Joseph.

THEOLOGICALLY THIRSTY THURSDAYS — is back at TAILSPIN in Coldwater for the 2024-2025 school year! Mark your calendars for October 10, November 14, December 12, January 9, February 13, March 13, and April 10. In October, Alex Wallace, a licensed counselor at Ruah Woods in Dayton, joins us to discuss the dangers of pornography and some tips for protecting our children and families. Gather in "The Loft" at Tailspin at 7 pm; speaker will start at 7:30 pm. Follow Theologically Thirsty Thursdays on Facebook @T3Coldwater for more information.

ADDITIONAL ADORERS NEEDED — Adoration at St. Joseph is in need for someone to fill in from 9 - 10 am 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!*

EXPECTANT MOTHER'S BLESSING — The blessing of expectant mothers will be after all the Masses the weekend of October 5/6.

FAMILY COOKBOOKS — Cookbooks are still available at our Coldwater & Ft. Recovery family offices. Stop by to pick up a Holy Cross Family cookbook for \$10. All proceeds will be going towards the Welcome Baskets for our New Parishioners.

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!



Please Register by: **Monday, October 7, 2024**
(Payment due by day of event.)

Holy Cross Family of Parishes
Invites You to

I Still Do

Marriage Night

w/ featured speaker: *Connie Brunswick*

Couples Married Over 20 Years

*The Grotto
at
Holy Trinity*

October 12, 2024

Cocktails 5:30 pm & Dinner 6:15 pm

\$40 per couple (includes meal & drinks)

Business Casual Attire (No Jeans)



Register at: <https://www.holycrossfop.org/events-activities/i-still-do-dinner-and-social> or call/stop by the office!

Questions contact: Cindy Muhlenkamp at 419-678-4802



Week 10

**Local Parishioner Testimonial
of
National Eucharistic Congress**



It is really hard to try to sum up the Eucharistic Congress. It was a week filled with top notch speakers and exhibits, daily confessions, Mass and adoration. I got to meet Dr. Edward Sri (I am a huge fan.) It really was a "Catholic Disney Land." Seeing hundreds of deacons, priests, bishops, cardinals and religious process into the stadium for Mass and down the streets of Indy was awe inspiring. When the stadium filled with 60,000 sang "Here I Am Lord," I could barely choke out the words, and I had goosebumps (Holy Ghostbumps). Celebrating Mass, adoration and the Eucharistic procession with thousands of my Catholic brothers and sisters was amazing! However, here is the thing, I have been to many Catholic conferences before, on a much smaller scale, and it is so easy to come home on a spiritual high and to not feed that. It is so easy to live conference to conference chasing that high, and I didn't want that to happen. The day after we returned from the Congress I was at the Dayton Correctional Institute. I help with the Prison Ministry through the archdiocese. We had Mass that day and as I was kneeling in that prison chapel with women convicted of unspeakable crimes, it hit me. The Jesus that was on that altar was the same Jesus that was on the altar in the stadium filled with 60,000 "good" Catholics, and He died for each and every one of us! Lord, don't ever let me forget this!

- Tracy Muhlenkamp



Use the QR Code to check out
Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers Full Speech at the
National Eucharistic Congress from July 20, 2024

To check out more please visit:

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

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



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. 13th, pick-up from 4-6 in front of the School Hall. Contact Kyle Bettinger at 937-423-7048 for questions.

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.

LADIES SODALITY MEETING — Monday, October 14th at 7:00 pm in the school hall.

RAFFLE TICKETS DUE — Ladies Sodality raffle tickets are due back Sun., Oct. 6th. Please turn in sold and unsold tickets in the back of church. We appreciate your support!



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.

October Month of the Rosary

Please join us in prayer!
@ Holy Trinity

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

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



Holy Trinity

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.

Coldwater Youth Group

Contact: Maria Gruss
mgruss.holycrossfop@gmail.com, 419-678-3328

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9 — 7:30 - 8:30 pm - GIRLS Junior High Youth Group @ Fr. Yauss (grades 7th & 8th)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13 — 7:15 - 8:45 pm - High School Youth Group @ Fr. Yauss (grades 9th - 12th)

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 — There will be separate meetings for boys and girls. Boys will meet on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month. Girls will meet on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month. The meeting time for Junior High Youth Group will remain 7:30 - 8:45 pm. If there is a 5th 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. Please contact Maria Gruss for any questions! 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
sklosterman.holycrossfop@gmail.com, 419-678-3328

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

CONFIRMATION DATES :

Confirmation Retreat - Sunday, October 6th at Coldwater from 9:30 am - 3:30 pm.

Confirmation Practice - Wednesday, October 23rd at 8 pm.

Confirmation Mass - Sunday, October 27th at Holy Trinity @ 1:30 pm.

TEACHERS NEEDED (HOLY TRINITY) — 3rd Grade (3:30 - 4:30 pm) & 3rd Grade (6:30 - 7:30 pm)

*Subs and Building Monitors are still needed as well!

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- Guidance on how to inform your vote with discernment, prayer, and a universal call to holiness and compassion

Check out our **Parish Leader Playbook!**



Questions? Want a presentation?
Contact Jillian Foster jfoster@catholicco.org
or Andrew Musgrave amusgrave@catholicco.org





Mary Help of Christians

BLOOD DRIVE

— Volunteers are needed to help with the blood drive on Monday, October 28 in the Undercroft. First

shift will be 11:45 am - 3 pm, and second shift from 3 - 6:15 pm. Also help is needed to set up at 10:45 am, tear down at 6:30 pm, or volunteers to make cookies. Please call or text Megan Wendel at 419-852-5066.

ROSARY LEADERS NEEDED — We are looking for parishioners who would be willing to lead the rosary one Sunday a month on either the 2nd or 4th Sunday before the 9 am Mass. Call the Ft. Recovery Office for more details.

THANK YOU — We would like to thank, Rev. Ethan Moore on the beautiful sermon on motherhood. Thanks to Kathy Staugler, Maria Bergman organist, MHC Choir, Dennis Ontrop, Leslie Wenning for Mass servers, along with the church lunch committee. Thanks also for all the support we received from family, and friends for the celebration of our mother's life. - *The families of Irene Timmerman*

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

ROSARY

— Our 6th 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.

LADIES SODALITY MEETING — The fall meeting will be on Tuesday, October 29 at 7pm in the hall. Meeting will begin with a Rosary, and all female parishioners and new members are encouraged to attend.

REQUESTING RAFFLE DONATIONS — To donate prizes for the Ladies Sodality Brunch/Raffle, please contact an Officer as soon as possible! Marcia Weigel: 419-852-2417, Chrissy Hart: 419-852-7743, Carissa Will: 419-852-7057, Theresa Siefring: 937-710-2076, or Holly Wuebker: 937-459-7989. **THANK YOU** to our many generous contributors!!!

BRUNCH/RAFFLE — The St. Paul Ladies Sodality Raffle and CYO Brunch will be held Sun., Nov. 10th from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm in the hall. ALL cluster members and anyone interested are invited to attend!!! A delicious brunch will be prepared and served by students and the annual raffle drawing will take place after Mass. We would like to thank our many generous raffle contributors as well as those helping with the brunch. Raffle tickets are 6/\$5 and are available in the back of ALL cluster Churches, at Big K Mills or the hall the day of the event. If unable to attend the raffle, tickets and money may be put in the collection in a marked envelope for St. Paul Sodality Raffle/CYO Brunch until Nov. 3rd.



St. Peter

PARISH PICNIC

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

JOB OPENING — St. Peter is in need of someone to wash the church laundry including the purificators, corporals, and towels. It is a fairly simple job. It does require ironing. Please call Maria Bergman with any questions 419-852-7514.



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, grades 7-12.

LADIES GROUP — October: Tuesdays 7-8 am at MHC, grades 9-12.

BREAKFAST CLUB — Friday, October 18th (TBD); Friday, November 8th (Matt Hess); Friday, November 22nd (Fr. Ethan); Friday, December 6th (TBD) from 7:15-8 am at MHC's Undercroft, grades 6-12.

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



Fort Recovery Religious Ed.

Contact: Harlie Metzger

hmetzger.holycrossfop@gmail.com, 419-375-4153

CONFIRMATION DATES:

Confirmation Retreat - Sunday, January 19th at St. Peter from 10:30 am - 4:30 pm.

Confirmation Practice - Wednesday, February 12th at 7:30 pm.

Confirmation Mass - February 16th 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 6th. Classes are held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month from October - April.

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



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

THANK YOU — The family of Dan Diller would like to express our deepest gratitude to all who helped with his funeral. We especially want to thank Fr. Ethan Moore, Deacon Dan Kahlig, Ginny Fortkamp, Maria Bergman, and all who sang in the choir. We also want to thank Norma Pottkotter and all those who helped prepare the delicious lunch, set up the cafeteria at St. Peter, and helped with parking. Your kindness is deeply appreciated. *Again thank you so much!*

WALL ROSARY MAKING CLASS — The St. Joseph Ladies Sodality is having a wall rosary making class on Thurs., Nov. 14th at 6:45 pm. It will be held at Sanderell Hall beside St. Joseph Church. Cost is \$45 and includes all materials, light snacks and refreshments. Please RSVP to Michele @ 419-852-0106 by Nov. 1st. This class is open to the public.

Sacramental Information

Wedding Banns

- III Austin Riethman & Alaina Steinke
- II Mitchel Schwieterman & Riley Schmidt
- I Parker Thompson & Audra Metzger
- I Ben Wenning & Olivia Kunkler

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.

Newly Baptized

Holy Trinity

Myra Rae Schemmel
Daughter of Dustin & Alyssa



In Loving Memory...

Kathryn Lechleiter

October 26, 1931 - September 23, 2024
(Holy Trinity)

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

- John 11:26



Join Us For A DAY IN THE HEART OF JESUS

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 12
8AM — 2PM**

Montezuma
Retreat House
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SPEAKER

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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.



Marriage Congratulations!

Joshua & Amanda (Hipple) Gonzalez
Married Saturday, September 28, 2024
(St. Peter)

Clay & Lindsey (Albers) Schmitz
Married Saturday, September 28, 2024
(Mary Help of Christians)

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

Baptismal Sponsors

This is an honor, but so much more. Whether for Baptism or Confirmation, being a sponsor means that you are promising to assist the parents in raising this person in the Catholic Faith. In order to fulfill that responsibility, the sponsor needs to be a practicing Catholic. This means that prayer, scripture, the sacraments and especially Mass are important priorities in his/her life. This also means that a sponsor needs to be a fully initiated Catholic who has received the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion, Confirmation, and, if married, was married in the Catholic Church.

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

Community Interests

QUO VADIS NIGHT — On Sunday, October 6th at 7 pm at the Maria Stein Spiritual Center we will be having Fr. Ethan Moore, Parochial Vicar of the Holy Cross Family of Parishes, and Drew Muhlenkamp as speakers. 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!

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. For more information and registration, visit: <https://resources.catholicaoc.org/event/save-the-date>. Email Jill Foster (jfoster@catholicaoc.org) with any questions.

FAN APPRECIATION TAILGATE — The Coldwater Athletic Boosters & Buzzard's Glory Community Club is hosting a Fan Appreciation Tailgate before the Coldwater football game vs New Bremen on Fri., Oct. 11th at the Depot. The event is open to the public, as a THANK YOU for your support!

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 by Oct. 15. 7th - 12th 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.

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!

COLDWATER AMERICAN LEGION — Bingo Tues., Oct. 8th. Doors open 5:30 for food, early birds 6:30, & regular games 7 pm.

CANCER PRAYER SERVICE AT THE SHRINE — The Shrine is pleased to be able to offer the St. Peregrine Relic for prayer and veneration. Three times per year a prayer service is held for those who are on a journey with cancer, whether it be as a patient or as a caregiver. The next service will be held on Sun., Oct. 20th at 2 pm in the Shrine's Adoration Chapel. This event is free and open to the public. All who have been affected by cancer are encouraged to attend. For those battling cancer, you can submit your name or a loved one's name for prayer. Please contact Caleb Gaier at c.gaier@mariasteinshrine.org or call 419-925-4532.

FALL LEARNING SERIES — Mark your calendar to join us on Oct. 8th & 17th for our Adoration Guild Fall Learning Series on Signs & Symbols and Liturgical Vision of Vatican II presented by Sister Joyce Ann Zimmerman, C.P.P.S. Both sessions will be held in the Shrine's Adoration Chapel and begin at 10 am. They are free and open to the public.

ST. GERARD MASS OF HOPE — Do you know a couple who is struggling with infertility? The Marriage and Family Evangelization Team is hosting a St. Gerard Mass of Hope for the blessing of children on Wednesday, October 16th at 7 pm at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral Basilica.

FT. PIONEERS 4-H INFO MEETING — On Tues., Oct. 22, 1st meeting of the year + info session for any new members wanting to join. New advisors are welcome as well. Held in the Ft. Recovery Elementary/Middle School auditoria from 6:30 - 8 pm. Any new members in 3rd grade through high school are welcome to join. Dues are \$10. Email Marcia Weigel at: weigelm@fortrecoveryschools.org with any questions.

HAPPY HEARTS 4H MEETING — Monday, October 7th - 1st 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 3rd grade through high school are welcome to join by texting 567-644-5594.

HEALING MASSES — The remaining healing Masses for year at the Montezuma Retreat Center are scheduled for Tuesday, October 8 and Tuesday, November 12 at 7 pm.

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 are 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 12th, 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 that you enter through the courtyard, & park off site at the Osgood Legion, St. Nicholas Church, or Osgood Park.

2024 WINTER WARMTH PROGRAM — Accepting donations of new or clean & gently used coats, hats, gloves, & scarves between Sept. 30th through Oct. 12th. Items may be dropped off at the following drop box locations: Coldwater Library, ACE, Briarwood Village, Chiefs, Innergy OR at Our Home Family Resource Center at 117 W. Fayette St. in Celina. This program is a partnership with the Celina Kiwanis Club and Our Home working to distribute free coats, hats, gloves, & scarves to Mercer County children & adults in need. Winter apparel is available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Those in need of a winter coat & accessories can go to Celina First Church of God at 850 Fairground Rd, Celina, on Sat., Oct. 19, 2024, starting at 11 am - 1 pm or until coats are gone, whichever comes first. Around 500 Mercer County residents benefit from this program yearly.

FT. RECOVERY FRIENDS OF LIBRARY PUMPKIN PAINTING — Event will be held at the library on Mon., Oct. 7th, Tues., Oct. 8th, and Sat., Oct. 12th. Registration is now open for kids of all ages to sign up for an available session to paint a pumpkin. Multiple sessions are available, but seats are limited. The cost is \$2 per pumpkin for the general public and free for Friends of the Library members. All pumpkins and paint materials are provided. Visit the calendar of events to register at www.fortrecoverylibrary.org, or call the library at 419-375-2869.

PARISH MISSION — There will be a talk, adoration with music, and social with the Sisters of Life at St. Henry's Parish on Saturday, October 12, 2024, at 7 pm.



Pray for the Unborn, Pray for Life!

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September 16 - 22, 2024

MHC
 Offertory.....\$3,544.00
 Youth Group.....\$ 70.00
 Cemetery.....\$ 5.00
 Allocated Loose.....\$ 910.67

St. Joseph

Offertory.....\$2,070.00
 Allocated Loose.....\$ 180.61

St. Peter

Offertory.....\$1,890.00
 Maintenance.....\$ 140.00
 Allocated Loose.....\$ 294.45

St. Paul

Offertory.....\$2,150.11
 Youth Group.....\$ 20.00
 Cemetery.....\$ 372.00
 Allocated Loose.....\$ 364.27

September 22, 2024

Holy Trinity

Offertory.....\$5,261.00
 Loose.....\$2,510.25
 Total.....\$7,771.25
 Candles.....\$ 120.00

St. Anthony

Offertory.....\$ 480.00
 Loose.....\$ 267.00
 Total.....\$ 747.00
 Fuel.....\$ 490.00

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