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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

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Fort Recovery, Ohio 45846

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



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St. Anthony



St. Joseph



St. Mary



St. Paul



St. Peter

Sunday, October 13, 2024
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Pastoral Staff

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Liturgy Schedule

Monday, October 14 – Saint Callistus I, Pope, Martyr; opt. mem.

7:15 am @ Holy Trinity – Brian Westgerdes † (L-S)

6:45 pm @ St. Peter – L/D Stanley & Viola Ahlers Family †

Tuesday, October 15 – Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church; Memorial

7:15 am @ St. Mary – Dolores Siegrist †

6:45 pm @ St. Joseph – Elaine Brunswick †

Wednesday, October 16 – Saint Hedwig, Religious; Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin; opt. mem.

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

12:00 pm @ Holy Trinity – Rich & Rita Boeckman † (L-S)

Thursday, October 17 – Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr; Memorial

7:15 am @ St. Paul – Dan Diller †

6:45 pm @ St. Anthony – George Minnich †

Friday, October 18 – Saint Luke, Evangelist; Feast

7:15 am @ Holy Trinity – Margaret Stammen † (L-S)

12:00 pm @ MHC – Jim Abels † (L-S)

Saturday, October 19 – Saints John de Breufeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs; Memorial

9:00 am @ St. Joseph – L/D Clarence & Janet Langenkamp †

1:30 pm @ Holy Trinity – Schwieterman/Schmidt Wedding

4:00 pm @ St. Anthony – Steve Muhlenkamp †

4:30 pm @ MHC – L/D Herb & Rosemary Kaiser Family † (L-S)

4:30 pm @ Holy Trinity – L/D Selhorst & Wolters Families † (L-S)

Sunday, October 20 – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am @ St. Joseph – Dottie Fullenkamp †

8:00 am @ Holy Trinity – Members of the Holy Cross Family (L-S)

9:00 am @ MHC – Tracy Westgerdes † (L-S)

10:00 am @ Holy Trinity – Brian Clune †

11:00 am @ St. Peter – Kathy Will †

11:00 am @ St. Paul – Peg Wolf †

12:00 pm @ St. Mary – L/D Norb Geier Family †

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

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

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 16, 7:15 am

Servers: Benjamin Burkhardt, Jonathan Burkhardt

Lector: Elly Boeckman

Friday, October 18, 12:00 pm

Servers: Korbin Wuebker

Lector: Julie Schmitz

Saturday, October 19, 4:30 pm

Servers: John Bihn, Zavier Bruns, Carson Fullenkamp

Lector: Les Wenning

Ushers: Floyd Bergman, Nick Dues, Don Lennartz, Matt Whitacre

EMHC: Ruth Beyke, Esther Heitkamp

Sacristan: Linda Lennartz

Sunday, October 20, 9:00 am

Servers: Josh Evers, Tony Evers, Anthony Roessner, Elijah Grieshop

Lector: Trent Pearson

Ushers: John Faller, Kevin Fortkamp, Mark Metzger, Doug Schmitz

EMHC: Sharon Metzger, Jane Weitzel

Sacristan: Sharon Metzger

– St. Joseph –

Tuesday, October 15, 6:45 pm

Servers: Logan Gaerke, Gavin Gaerke

Lector: Mary Gaerke

Sacristan: Matt Hess

Saturday, October 19, 9:00 am

Servers: Logan Gaerke

Lector: Mary Gaerke

Sunday, October 20, 7:00 am

Servers: Blaise Bergman, Joseph Bruns, Tyler Dues, Haley Easton

Lector: Danielle Pottkotter

Ushers: Dave Lennartz, Grant Pottkotter

EMHC: Danielle Pottkotter

Sacristan: Christa Fullenkamp

– St. Paul –

Thursday, October 17, 7:15 am

Servers: Maddie Weigel

Sunday, October 20, 11:00 am

Servers: Riley Stammen, Mya Will, Hayden Wuebker, Korbin Wuebker

Lector: Marilyn Fortkamp

Ushers: Roger Fortkamp, Ken Knapke

EMHC: Tracy Fortkamp, Marilyn Fortkamp

Rosary: Ken & Lil Knapke

– St. Peter –

Monday, October 14, 6:45 pm

Servers: Theo Schmitz

Lector: Tim Hart

Sunday, October 20, 11:00 am

Servers: Garrett Diller, Kale Diller, Easton Diller, Tyler Kahlig, Braxton Schmitz, Tate Kahlig

Lector: Elaine Post

Ushers: Shane Gaerke, Kegan Timmerman

EMHC: Deacon Dan Kahlig

Sacristan: Brenda Kahlig

– Holy Trinity –

Monday, October 14, 7:15 am

Servers: Kennley Siegrist, Grace Siegrist

Wednesday, October 16, 12:00 pm

Servers: James Pottkotter, Francis Pottkotter

Friday, October 18, 7:15 am

Servers: Carter Heitkamp, Owen Heitkamp

Saturday, October 19, 4:30 pm

Servers: Claire Bertke, Zachary Schwieterman, Isabelle Schwieterman, David Dues

Lector: Diane Wellman

EMHC: Mark Obringer, Brenda Schwieterman

Sunday, October 20, 8:00 am

Servers: Abby Alig, Audrey Alig, Olivia Broering, A.J. Alig

Lector: Rita Riethman

EMHC: Denny Riethman, Tim Wellman

Sunday, October 20, 10:00 am

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

Lector: Kim Rose

EMHC: Deb Griesdorn, Scott Noonan, Karen Stammen

Sunday, October 20, 6:00 pm

Servers: Oliver Link, Volunteers Needed

Lector: Charmaine Bettinger

EMHC: Charmaine Bettinger, Pam Hicks

– St. Anthony –

Thursday, October 17, 6:45 pm

Servers: Volunteers Needed

Lector: Paul Welling

Sacristan: Bonnie Muhlenkamp

Saturday, October 19, 4:00 pm

Servers: Zach Homan, Jacob Kahlig, Hallory Kahlig, Wesley Kahlig

Lector: Marty Knapke

Ushers: Corey Sudhoff

EMHC: Janie Timmerman

Sacristan: Janet Brockman

Rosary: Teri Minnich

– St. Mary –

Tuesday, October 15, 7:15 am

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby

Lector: Viki Dues

Sunday, October 20, 12:00 pm

Servers: Andrew Moorman, Austin Uhlenhake, William Moorman, Carson Uhlenhake

Lector: Betsy Uhlenhake

Ushers: Dan Dues, Carl Harting

EMHC: Jay Uhlenhake



Message from the Priests

With My Deepest Thanks... *Goodbye* Until Next Time!

It is with a sense of great sadness that I write this my final letter in the bulletin. Leaving of course is not my idea, but know that I leave with a full heart. It has been an absolute honor and a privilege to have been assigned here to serve and minister among so many wonderful people, among so many wonderful parishes. While I've only been here for a relatively short time, it feels like I've belonged here for my entire life.

As I reflect upon my time here, I cannot help but be overwhelmed by the countless blessings that our Heavenly Father has bestowed upon me. These past few days some have said to me, "Father, thank you for doing such and such for me and my family." I am humbled by their kindness, but in truth, it is I who need to thank you. You all have given me so much, and I don't deserve any of it. It has been an honor and a privilege to celebrate the sacraments with you, to witness the baptism of your children, to bless your marriages, and to accompany you in times of grief and loss. These sacred moments have only deepened my own faith and have enriched my faith in the profound love that God has for each of us. I am particularly grateful for the trust you placed in me during the most intimate moments of your lives. You have left an indelible mark on my heart, and I will forever cherish the relationships we have formed and the moments we have shared. Sometimes I can't believe that this is the life I get to live.

As I prepare to take on new responsibilities as parochial vicar over in Botkins and Wapakoneta, I also want to apologize and ask your forgiveness for those times when I have failed to be who God is calling me to be. And there are many! As I said, you all have given me so much, and I don't deserve any of it. Please forgive me for not doing more and for not being more. I guess, I too, am still making the journey, even as I walk alongside others on their journey.

I'll take my leave with one last thought. I love our Heavenly Father, I love His Church, and I love everything about being Catholic. But if nothing else, I love our Faith simply because we as Catholics never really have to say goodbye. Even as our paths diverge, our parting words are simply "until next time." It's true that next time may not be again in this life, but we'll have all eternity together (we hope) in the next. And get ready, because just imagine how long of a homily I could preach if I had no time limits!

There is much more to be said, but sometimes less is more. As I move on, please know that you will remain in my prayers, and I humbly ask for your prayers as well. No matter the distance that separates us, our Heavenly Father continues to unite us in Himself through His Son. May we continue to grow in faith and hope, so that Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Eucharist will truly be the source and summit of our lives.

God bless, you all will be often in my thoughts and daily in my prayers, until next time,

- Fr. Hoying

P.S. I want to publicly thank Fr. Joseph for "putting up with me" in the rectory these past two years! Your cheerful demeanor, genuine faith, and wonderful ability to pastorally engage others has been a blessing to me on a daily basis. It has been a true joy to live with you, even if you like the thermostat to be a "cool" 85 degrees in the winter!



Please reach out if I can ever be of help, or just to stay in touch!

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Holy Cross Family of Parishes

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY — It is observed on Oct. 20th this year, is not just another Sunday, it is a powerful reminder of our call to be missionaries. The collection taken up on this day is unique as it is mandated by the Code of Canon Law and is essential for the survival and growth of the Church in mission territories. These Funds support the pastoral and evangelizing work of the Church, including building churches, providing healthcare and education, and training future priests and religious. In places where resources are scarce, your generosity makes a profound difference. As we reflect on the theme "Go and invite everyone to the banquet," let us remember that our participation and support help invite countless souls to the feast of God's love.

MASS INTENTIONS REMINDER — Currently Mass Intentions are open for scheduling through October 2025. There are no more Mass Intention dates left open for the current 2024 calendar year. As a reminder, each individual parishioner at the Coldwater parishes is allowed one Mass Intention and each individual parishioner at the Fort Recovery parishes is allowed two Mass Intentions per calendar year. The suggested donation for a Mass Intention is \$5. Example formats for Mass Intentions are as follows: John Doe; John & Jane Doe; L/D John & Jane Doe Family; John & Jane Doe Wedding Anniversary.

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!*

CATHOLIC RURAL LIFE IS RECRUITING! — Help strengthen the faith and sense of community of those living in our rural areas. In charge of organizing the Farm Mass each year, Catholic Rural Life is looking for new members to do just this. If you are interested in learning more or joining, please join us at our next meeting Monday, October 21st, 7:00 pm at Meeting Room of St. Charles in Carthagena. If you have any questions, email Jillian Foster, jfoster@catholicaoc.org.

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.

UPCOMING MEMORIAL MASSES — The Memorial Mass remembers and prays for the individuals from our parishes who have passed away this past year. Masses will be on Mon., Nov. 4, 2024, @ 7 pm at Holy Trinity Catholic Church (Holy Trinity, St. Anthony and St. Mary) & Thurs., Nov. 7, 2024, @ 7 pm at Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church (Mary Help of Christians, St. Peter, St. Joseph, and St. Paul). It will start with a candlelight service, followed by Mass, and then a time of fellowship/refreshments at both churches. An invitation has been sent to a contact person for each individual's family, but all are welcome to attend.

Consecration of the Election to the Blessed Virgin Mary



Mary Immaculate, living tabernacle of the Divinity, where the eternal Wisdom lies hidden to be adored and served by angels and men, Queen of Heaven and of Earth, beneath whose sway are subject all things that are lower than God, Patroness of the United States of America, sorrowful and mindful of our own sinfulness and the sins of our nation, we come to thee, our refuge and hope. Knowing that our country cannot be saved by our own works and mindful of how much our nation has departed from the ways of thy Son, we humbly ask that thou wouldst turn thine eyes upon our country to bring about its conversion. We consecrate to thee the integrity of the upcoming election and its outcome, so that what is spiritually and morally best for the citizens of our country may be accomplished, and that all of those who are elected would govern according to the spiritual and moral principles which will bring our nation into conformity with the teachings of thy Son. Give grace to the citizens of this land so that they will choose leaders according to the Sacred Heart of the Son, that His glory may be made manifest, lest we be given the leaders we deserve. Trusting in the providential care of God the Father and thy maternal care, we have perfect confidence that thou wilt take care of us and will not leave us forsaken. O Mary Immaculate, pray for us. Amen.

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



Adoration w/ the
Quo Vadis Choir
@ St. Joseph

October 15, 2024
5:30 - 6:30 pm





Holy Trinity

ROSA RY 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.



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.

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

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.



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

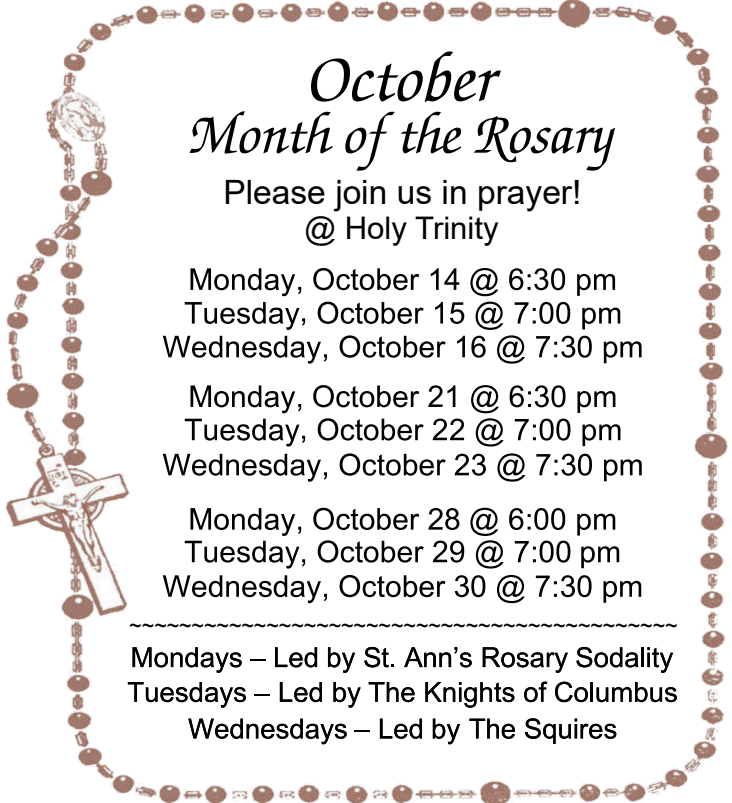
Please join us in prayer!
@ Holy Trinity

Monday, October 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



"This is my commandment:

**LOVE** one another as I  
**LOVE** you."

## Coldwater Youth Group

Contact: Maria Gruss  
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### UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 14** — 11:18 - 11:45 am - High School Lunch @ Fr. Yauss (grades 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>)

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15** — 7 - 8 am - High School Bible Study @ Rooster Joe (grades 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>)

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16** — 7:30 - 8:30 pm - BOYS Junior High Youth Group @ Fr. Yauss (grades 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>)

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20** — High School Youth Group (grades 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>) Details TBD, stay tuned to Group Me for more info!

### ATTENTION:

**JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP** — 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. 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  
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**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** — Children's Liturgy of the Word begins this Sunday during the 8am & 10am masses at Holy Trinity! All Pre-K and Kindergarteners are welcome to join!

**PARENT CATECHESIS** — The next meeting will be November 6<sup>th</sup> in The Grotto from 6:45-7:30 pm.

**CYO** — All forms and money are due by October 18<sup>th</sup>. You can turn them in either at the parish office or at your religion class. Season starts November 3<sup>rd</sup>!

### CONFIRMATION DATES :

*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)

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

### 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](mailto:deaconoffice@catholicaoc.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.

**THANK YOU** — The family of Peg Wolf would like to extend our gratitude to the church community for all the love shown to us during our mom's funeral. Thank you Father Moore, the bereavement committee, and choir for the beautiful Mass, and for all who extended sympathy to our family during this time. *Your support touched our hearts!*

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

**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 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.

**LADIES SODALITY MEETING** — The fall meeting will be on Tuesday, October 29 at 7 pm 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 Siefing: 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. 10<sup>th</sup> 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. 3<sup>rd</sup>.



## St. Joseph

### CLEANING

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

**WALL ROSARY MAKING CLASS** — The St. Joseph Ladies Sodality is having a wall rosary making class on Thurs., Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> 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. 1<sup>st</sup>. This class is open to the public.



## Fort Fiat Youth Group

Contact: Alyssa Overman  
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### UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

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

**LADIES GROUP** — Tuesdays 7-8 am at MHC, grades 9-12

**BREAKFAST CLUB** — Fri., Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> (Ella Kleinhenz); Fri., Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> (Matt Hess); Fri., Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> (Fr Ethan); Fri., Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> (TBD) from 7:15-8 am at MHC undercroft, grades 6-12

**FALL FESTIVAL** — Sat., Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> 5:30 - 8:00 pm, The Grotto

**YOUTH GROUP HOLY HOUR** — Thurs., Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> 3:30 - 4:30 pm at St. Joe, transportation not provided.

### ATTENTION:

**BAKE SALE** — Fort Fiat will be having a bake sale following the 9 am. Mass at MHC on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Free will donations. All donations will be put towards gift baskets for children in the hospital this winter & the elderly at Briarwood.

**SPEAKERS NEEDED** — Fort Fiat is looking for breakfast club speakers. Breakfast club meets two Fridays a month from 7:15-8 am. Speakers can speak on a catholic topic, their personal faith journey, their experience at the National Eucharistic Congress, missionary work, religious life discernment, marriage, etc. Please prayerfully consider & email aoverman.holycrossfop@gmail.com if interested.



## 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.

## How to Sign Up for FORMED:

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# Sacramental Information

## Wedding Banns

- III Mitchel Schwieterman & Riley Schmidt
- II Parker Thompson & Audra Metzger
- II Ben Wenning & Olivia Kunkler
- I Sara Bruns & Adam Evers

*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

Maverick Daniel Abels  
Son of Austin & Erin

Stella Lisa Osterfeld  
Daughter of Michael & Christy

## Marriage Congratulations!

Jesse & Jacie (Thomas) Wendel  
Married Saturday, October 5, 2024  
(Holy Trinity)

Preston & Miranda (Hibbard) Roberts  
Married Saturday, October 5, 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 2025 is January 7<sup>th</sup>. 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 |

## In Loving Memory...

Dolores R. "Dottie" Fullenkamp  
November 30, 1943 - September 27, 2024  
(St. Joseph)

Trula Weyerick  
August 8, 1934 - September 28, 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 an  
Adult Guided  
Holy Hour  
w/ Our Lord.

Thursday, October 24  
6:30-7:30 pm

**ADULT ADORATION @ St. Joseph**

Come and pray for the upcoming election  
& peace in our troubled world.

## 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.



# Community Interests

**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.

**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!

**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. 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:c.gaier@mariasteinshrine.org) or call 419-925-4532.

**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 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral Basilica.

**FT. PIONEERS 4-H INFO MEETING** — On Tues., Oct. 22, 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:weigelm@fortrecoveryschools.org) with any questions.

**USED BOOK SALE** — The Fort Recovery Public Library will be hosting a Used Book Sale Mon., Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> - Sat., Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>, during normal business hours. A free-will donation will be accepted for materials selected at the sale. The Library accepts donations of clean and gently used items. Items not accepted are materials in poor condition, encyclopedias, dictionaries, textbooks, magazines, cassettes and VHS tapes. For more information, contact the library at 419-375-2869.

**OPEN HOUSE AT SPIRITUS DEI WELLNESS CENTER** — Sun., Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> 11 am - 2 pm. 330 Portland St. Celina, OH 45822. C-Town Wings & Rooster Joe, giveaways, tours, meet & greet. Learn about our mission and programs. Office space available for wellness professionals. We are a nonprofit apostolate run by faithful Catholics with an aim to spread the Good News. Join us! Go to [www.myspiritus.org](http://www.myspiritus.org) for more information.

**K OF C FAMILY PICNIC** — Coldwater Knights of Columbus Family Picnic will be held on Friday, October 25 starting at 4 pm. Meat and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side. It will be held at the Coldwater Park Depot.

**WENDELIN SPORTS CLUB** — All U Can Eat Chicken and Fish Buffet Friday, November 1, 4:30-7 pm. \$12/ Adult meal.

**HEALING MASSES** — The remaining healing Mass for the year at the Montezuma Retreat Center is for scheduled Tuesday, November 12 at 7 pm.

**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** — 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.

**RUN/WALK FOR VOCATIONS** — Coldwater K of C Council's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual 5k Run/Walk for Vocations Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at St. Charles Center. Registration 8:30 am. 5K begins at 10:00. The mission of the 5k, which coincides with National Catholic Vocations Week, is to further our support for Vocations by increasing awareness and providing financial support to local Seminarians and other Religious Vocations. All runners and walkers are encouraged to participate. Pre-registration: \$15. Race day registration: \$20. Participants 18 & under receive a \$5 discount. Register online - <https://runsignup.com/Race/OH/Celina/KofC5kRunWalkforVocations>. \$200 event sponsorship also available - please call Steve Schmidt at 419-852-8663 for details.

**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.

**D.A.R.E. BOOSTER QUARTER AUCTION** — It will be held on Sun., Nov. 10, 2024 at the Grange Hall at the Mercer County Fairgrounds. Doors open at 12:30 pm and the auction starts at 2:00 pm. Food and snacks available and over 100 prizes will be auctioned off. All proceeds support the middle school D.A.R.E. program and senior scholarships.

**FALL LEARNING SERIES** — Mark your calendar to join us on Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

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### September 23 - 29, 2024

#### MHC

Offertory.....\$3,278.00  
 Youth Group .....\$ 527.00  
 Religious Ed.....\$ 30.00  
 Cemetery.....\$ 5.00  
 Allocated Loose .....\$ 911.71

#### St. Joseph

Offertory.....\$ 704.00  
 Allocated Loose .....\$ 180.82

#### St. Peter

Offertory.....\$3,002.00  
 Youth Group .....\$ 15.00  
 Allocated Loose .....\$ 294.79

#### St. Paul

Offertory.....\$1,700.00  
 Maintenance.....\$ 100.00  
 Youth Group .....\$ 5.00  
 Allocated Loose .....\$ 364.68

### September 29, 2024

#### Holy Trinity

Offertory.....\$5,052.00  
 Loose.....\$2,711.50  
 Total.....\$7,763.50  
 Perm. Improvement.....\$ 385.00  
 Youth Ministry.....\$ 505.00  
 Food Pantry.....\$2,013.00  
 Candles.....\$ 260.00

#### St. Anthony

Offertory.....\$ 936.00  
 Loose.....\$ 458.00  
 Total.....\$1,394.00  
 Perm. Improvement.....\$ 195.00  
 Fuel .....\$ 875.00

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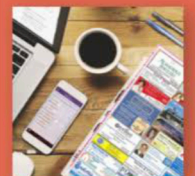
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