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Holy Trinity

419-678-4802  
 120 E. Main St.  
 P.O. Box 107  
 Coldwater, OH 45828

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

*Family Offices*



Mary Help of Christians

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

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



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St. Anthony



St. Joseph



St. Mary



St. Paul



St. Peter

**Sunday, October 20, 2024**  
*Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



# Pastoral Staff

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## Liturgy Schedule

### Monday, October 21 – Weekday

7:15 am @ Holy Trinity (FBS) – L/D Dale & Dolores Drosch Family † (L-S)

6:45 pm @ St. Peter (FAW) – L/D Bernard Overman Family †

### Tuesday, October 22 – Saint John Paul II, Pope; opt. mem.

7:15 am @ St. Mary (FEM) – L/D Don & Luetta Forsthoefel †

6:45 pm @ St. Joseph (FJP) – Allen Dues †

### Wednesday, October 23 – Saint John of Capistrano, Priest; opt mem.

7:15 am @ MHC (FJP) – John Wendel † (L-S)

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

### Thursday, October 24 – Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop; opt. mem.

7:15 am @ St. Paul (FJP) – L/D Hugo & Norma Post Family †

6:45 pm @ St. Anthony (FEM) – L/D Eugene Bricher Family †

### Friday, October 25 – Weekday

7:15 am @ Holy Trinity (FJP) – Erma Fifer † (L-S)

12:00 pm @ MHC (FEM) – L/D Jerry & Irene Reinhard Family † (L-S)

### Saturday, October 26 – BVM on Saturday; opt. mem.

9:00 am @ St. Joseph (FJP) – L/D Richard & Eileen Kaiser Family †

1:30 pm @ St. Joseph – Thompson/Metzger Wedding

1:30 pm @ St. Peter – Wenning/Kunkler Wedding

4:00 pm @ St. Anthony (FJP) – Sudhoff and Youngpeter Families †

4:30 pm @ MHC (FAW) – L/D Ronald & Nancy Jones Family † (L-S)

4:30 pm @ Holy Trinity (FBS) – Edgar & Rita Eyink Family † (L-S)

### Sunday, October 27 – 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am @ St. Joseph (FAW) – L/D William & Virginia Butsch Family †

8:00 am @ Holy Trinity (FJP) – Ernie Kuess † (L-S)

9:00 am @ MHC (FBS) – Rich Meier † (L-S)

10:00 am @ Holy Trinity (FEM) – L/D of Brunswick & Voisard Families †

11:00 am @ St. Peter (FAW) – Members of the Holy Cross Family

11:00 am @ St. Paul (FBS) – L/D Aloys & Cleopha Link Family †

12:00 pm @ St. Mary (FJP) – Victor Johnson †

6:00 pm @ Holy Trinity (FEM) – L/D Lou Brunswick Family †

#### Tentatively Scheduled Celebrants listed above:

Fr. Alexander Witt (FAW); Fr. Ethan Moore (FEM);

Fr. Joseph Pasala (FJP); Fr. Barry Stechschulte (FBS)

**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 23, 7:15 am

**Servers:** Jonathan Burkhardt, Benjamin Burkhardt

**Lector:** Elly Boeckman

### Friday, October 25, 12:00 pm

**Servers:** Xavier Bruns

**Lector:** Ted Romer

### Saturday, October 26, 4:30 pm

**Servers:** Jameson Heitkamp, Riley Heitkamp, Lane Zehringer

**Lector:** Diane Siegrist

**Ushers:** Floyd Bergman, Chuck Kaiser, Don Lennartz, Randy Wuebker

**EMHC:** Maggie Hartings, Rose Tobe

**Sacristan:** Maggie Hartings

### Sunday, October 27, 9:00 am

**Servers:** Will Faller, Paisley Hart, Cora Pearson, Ava Luster

**Lector:** Chris Bihn

**Ushers:** Harry Hart, Chuck Keller, Jeff Wendel, Gary J. Wendel

**EMHC:** Lori Thien, Jodi Wendel

**Sacristan:** Steve & Amy Schmitz

## – St. Joseph –

### Tuesday, October 22, 6:45 pm

**Servers:** Coby Schmitz, Hoyt Schmitz

**Lector:** Tim Hart

**Sacristan:** Norma Pottkotter

### Saturday, October 26, 9:00 am

**Servers:** Theresa Hipple

**Lector:** Jane Hipple

### Sunday, October 27, 7:00 am

**Servers:** Matt Hess, Ben Homan, Eric Lamm, Matt Grigsby, Dillan Schulze

**Lector:** Aimee Pottkotter

**Ushers:** Steve Post, Bryan Pottkotter

**EMHC:** Aimee Pottkotter

**Sacristan:** Kim Pottkotter

## – St. Paul –

### Thursday, October 24, 7:15 am

**Servers:** Hart Family

### Sunday, October 26, 11:00 am

**Servers:** Camden LeFevre, Reece LeFevre, AJ Siefiring, Vance Tobe

**Lector:** Mary Lochtefeld

**Ushers:** Jared Hemmelgarn, Matthew Reinhard

**EMHC:** Deacon Dan Kahlig, Carl Link

**Rosary:** Joe & Kim Knapke

## – St. Peter –

### Monday, October 21, 6:45 pm

**Servers:** Levi Sutter

**Lector:** Nathan Fortkamp

### Sunday, October 27, 11:00 am

**Servers:** Mason Diller, Hoyt Schmitz, Braxton Schmitz, Coby Schmitz, Theo Schmitz, Corbyn Schmitz

**Lector:** Katie Diller

**Ushers:** Tom Braun, Jake Gaerke

**EMHC:** Kristi Post

**Sacristan:** Donna Brunswick

## – Holy Trinity –

### Monday, October 21, 7:15 am

**Servers:** Sam Grigsby, Owen May

### Wednesday, October 23, 12:00 pm

**Servers:** Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby

### Friday, October 25, 7:15 am

**Servers:** Kennley Siegrist, Grace Siegrist

### Saturday, October 26, 4:30 pm

**Servers:** Lucas Broering, Elisabeth Ebbing, Emma Siefiring, Gabriel Simper

**Lector:** Dan Muhlenkamp

**EMHC:** Dave Bertke, Connie May, Megan Wolters

### Sunday, October 27, 8:00 am

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

**Lector:** Paul Howell

**EMHC:** Kathy Bohman, Jennifer Kremer

### Sunday, October 27, 10:00 am

**Servers:** Jack Bettinger, Blake Wenning, Dillan Wenning, Reagan Wenning

**Lector:** Rene Klosterman

**EMHC:** Luke Klosterman, Scott Noonan, Nick Schmitmeyer

### Sunday, October 27, 6:00 pm

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

**Lector:** Pam Hicks

**EMHC:** Dan Forsthoefel, Sarah Klosterman

## – St. Anthony –

### Thursday, October 24, 6:45 pm

**Servers:** Wesley Geier

**Lector:** Cindy Muhlenkamp

**Sacristan:** Cindy Muhlenkamp

### Saturday, October 26, 4:00 pm

**Servers:** Mason Alig, Bryant Evans, Lilly Alig, Jack Link

**Lector:** Bonnie Muhlenkamp

**Ushers:** Jeff Sudhoff

**EMHC:** Tracy Muhlenkamp

**Sacristan:** Bonnie Muhlenkamp

**Rosary:** Julie Brackman

## – St. Mary –

### Tuesday, October 22, 7:15 am

**Servers:** Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby

**Lector:** Stephanie Wendel

### Sunday, October 27, 12:00 pm

**Servers:** Benjamin Liette, Reagan Liette, Kate Uhlenhake, Jacob Uhlenhake

**Lector:** Amy Welling

**Ushers:** Matt Brockman, Brian Siefiring

**EMHC:** Mary Ann Harting



# Message from the Priests

## To Our Holy Cross Family Parishioners

Do you remember a newly ordained priest 15 years ago in his first assignment after ordination at what was then called the Coldwater Cluster of Parishes? Although he was from Minster, he was excited about serving the Church as a parochial vicar in such a good and wholesome area of Mercer County. Well, that same priest is back, sent by the archbishop, to continue his priestly work at what is now called the Holy Cross Family of Parishes. And I, Father Barry, am very excited and happy to be here.

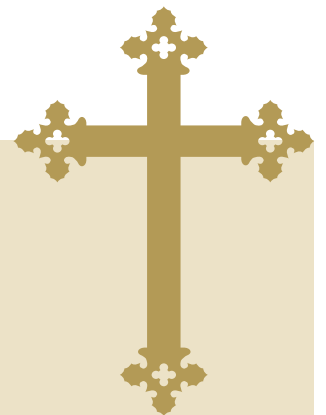
A little about myself, since it's been a few years since I was last here. I grew up in a big family in Minster, played all the sports in high school, finished first in my class and went to college for engineering at GMI in Flint, Michigan. But God had a plan for my life. After college, I entered a religious order and spent time on the east coast, in Spain and in Rome, Italy. I left that order and came back to Ohio. Four years later, our Lord invited me to be a parish priest. The happiest day of my life came in 2009 when I was ordained a priest in Cincinnati. It's a great story, and I look forward to sharing with you again sometime.

So, I can attest that God certainly has His plans for our lives. Along the way, many things happen to us, we are put in difficult situations, we make mistakes, and we have to live with the consequences, always trying to see God's Will through it all. As you may know, twelve years ago in the first days of being a pastor, I made a mistake in handling a situation that was thrust upon me involving a former priest of that parish. It was a gut reaction to some very disturbing stuff. In no way was I trying to cover anything up. I wish I had handled it differently. I have learned from this situation and won't make that mistake again.

So, God's plan continues to unfold for me. I come back "up north", to God's country, where I grew up and where I have spent most of my priesthood. It feels like coming home again. I humbly promise to do all I can to serve you as one of the priests in this great family of parishes. I want to help you get to Heaven – that has always been the meaning of my priesthood – giving all glory to God through Jesus Christ. I hope you will accept me as your priest and together let's do great things for the Lord.

- Fr. Barry Stechschulte

**NOTICE TO OUR PARISHIONERS** — Some have raised concerns about Fr. Barry and his time at Holy Rosary in St. Marys. To help address these concerns the Archdiocese has made available reports and documents concerning this matter. They are available on the announcements page of our website at [holycrossfop.org](http://holycrossfop.org).



# Holy Cross Family of Parishes

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**THANK YOU** — Thank you to all who participated in the donation drive for hurricane relief! We were able to donate over 4 large loads of supplies to the trailer sent to Asheville, NC by Cheeseman Transport. We couldn't have done this without your support and generosity!

**OUR MISSIONARY LEGACY** — World Mission Sunday is on Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>. The Church in the U.S.A. was once mission territory, supported by the generosity of Catholics worldwide. Today, we continue this legacy by supporting the Pontifical Mission Societies, ensuring that the Gospel reaches the ends of the earth. Our contributions help build and sustain communities of faith in places where the Church is still growing or facing persecution. This mission is a testament to our faith in action, reflecting the universal call to share Christ's love as we reflect on this year's theme, "Go and invite everyone to the banquet," let us recommit to supporting our global Church family.

**SAVE THE DATES** — 2/22/25 - 2/23/25: We are excited to announce an upcoming Women's Retreat for the members of the Holy Cross Family of Parishes! Welcome, formally known as CRHP (Christ Renews His Parish), will be a women's retreat for 21 and older. More details to come, so stay tuned!

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

**CONFESSION CHANGE** — Confessions are canceled at MHC during the 4:30 pm Mass on Saturday, October 26.

**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.

**MISSION LOTTERY WINNER** — 9/18/24: Bob Fullenkamp, 9/25/24: Nancy Wolters, 10/2/24: Robert Smith, 10/9/24 John Sacher — Congratulations!



*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.

## *All Saints Day*

*November 1, 2024*

### Mass & Confession Schedule

#### *Holy Trinity*

*Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>*

Mass @ 5:30 pm (Confession 5-6 pm)

*Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>*

Mass @ 6:15 am (Confession 6-6:45 am)

Mass @ Noon (Confession 11:30am-12:30 pm)

Mass @ 7:30 pm (Confession 7-8 pm)

#### *Mary Help of Christians*

*Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>*

Mass @ 7:30 pm (Confession 7-8 pm)

*Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>*

Mass @ 7:00 am (Confession 6:30-7:30 am)

Mass @ Noon (Confession 11:30am-12:30 pm)

Mass @ 5:30 pm (Confession 5-6 pm)

Note: The regularly scheduled Thursday 6:45 pm Mass @ St. Anthony, 2:30 pm Mass @ Briarwood, & Friday 7:15 am Mass @ Holy Trinity are Canceled.

## All Souls Day Mass Schedule

6:15 am @ St. Joseph

9 am @ Holy Trinity

9 am @ Mary Help of Christians



## 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.

**OCTOBER MONTH OF THE ROSARY** — Please join us in Prayer in October on Mondays @ 6:30 pm led by St. Ann's Rosary Sodality, Tuesdays @ 7 pm led by The Knights of Columbus, and Wednesdays @ 7:30 pm led by The Squires.



## St. Mary

### PATRIOTIC ROSARY

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

**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.



Holy Cross Family of Parishes  
Fort Fiat & Coldwater Youth Groups

# FALL FESTIVAL & CHILI COOK-OFF

Square Dancing, Saint Bingo, & Door Prizes!  
Plus Grand Prizes awarded to 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place Chili Cook-off Winners!

Please RSVP & sign up using the QR Code to enter the Chili Cook-off or to bring a side dish or dessert by Oct. 28th!



NOVEMBER 2, 2024  
5:30 - 8:00 PM  
SUPPER @ 6:00 PM  
@ THE GROTTO

All grades 6 - 12th are welcome to attend!

## Coldwater Youth Group

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20** — High School Youth Group (grades 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>) Outing at Crossway Farms, stay tuned to Group Me & bulletin for more info!

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 21** — 11:18 - 11:45 am - High School Lunch @ Fr. Yauss (grades 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>)

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22** — 7 - 8 am - High School Bible Study @ Rooster Joe (grades 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>)

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23** — 7:30 - 8:30 pm - GIRLS Junior High Youth Group @ Fr. Yauss (grades 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>)

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27** — 7:15 - 8:45 pm - High School Youth Group @ Fr. Yauss (grades 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>)

**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

CYO — Season starts November 3<sup>rd</sup>!

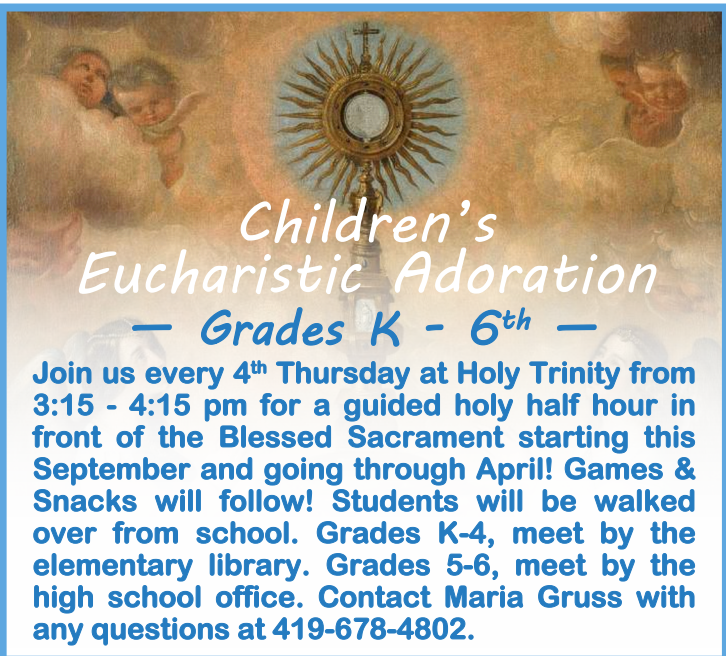
### CONFIRMATION DATES :

*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!*



## Children's Eucharistic Adoration

— Grades K - 6<sup>th</sup> —

Join us every 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at Holy Trinity from 3:15 - 4:15 pm for a guided holy half hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament starting this September and going through April! Games & Snacks will follow! Students will be walked over from school. Grades K-4, meet by the elementary library. Grades 5-6, meet by the high school office. Contact Maria Gruss with any questions at 419-678-4802.



## 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.

**CEMETERY DRIVEWAY PROJECT UPDATE** — We would like to announce that the St. Mary's Cemetery concrete driveway project has been completed and seeding beside the new driveway will follow. A second driveway entrance connecting to Lester Street was completed with asphalt millings and will be used by trucks and heavy equipment. We would like to thank everyone for donating to the MHC Capital Campaign Fund which helped make the project possible. We would also like to thank Justin Huntsman and crew for a great job with the concrete work, B&F Rental for their work with the base and their donation, and St. Henry Tile for their generous donation. The cemetery board would like to replace more driveways with concrete in the future, but we need contributions, large and small to the cemetery fund to achieve that goal. Your support and contributions will ensure the cemetery is a beautiful place for serenity, reflection and prayer. Board members Jerry Kramer, Chuck Meinerding, Ron Boeckman, Dan Jutte, Joe Dues Jr., and Thomas Shaw.



## 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>.

### 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).



## St. Joseph

### CLEANING

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

Jill Hart, Stephanie Leistschneider

**WALL ROSARY MAKING CLASS** — The St. Joseph Ladies Sodality class is on Thurs., Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 pm. It will be held at Sanderell Hall. Cost \$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.

**THANK YOU** — We would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all of our family, friends, and neighbors for the outpouring of support, prayers, sympathy, kind words, and deeds that we received during this difficult time. Special thanks to Fr. Ethan Moore, Maria Bergman, the choir and servers for the beautiful Mass and those who helped with the parking. We would also like to thank Ginny Fortkamp & Norma Pottkotter for taking charge of the necessary planning. Thanks also to the neighbors and the St. Joe crew for your time, help, and the delicious desserts for lunch. For all those who have helped us in so many ways, your kindness and generosity will always be remembered and appreciated.

- Dottie Fullenkamp family



## Fort Fiat Youth Group

**Contact: Alyssa Overman**  
[aoverman.holycrossfop@gmail.com](mailto: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** — Tuesdays 7:15-8 am at MHC, grades 9-12.

**BREAKFAST CLUB** — 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.

**BAKE SALE** — Fort Fiat will be having a bake sale following the 9 am Mass at MHC on Oct. 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](mailto:aoverman.holycrossfop@gmail.com) if interested.



## Fort Recovery Religious Ed.

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### CONFIRMATION DATES:

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

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

**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.

# Sacramental Information

## Wedding Banns

- III Parker Thompson & Audra Metzger
- III Ben Wenning & Olivia Kunkler
- II Sara Bruns & Adam Evers
- I Cameron Sterrett & Sarah Schwieterman
- I Riley Alig & Valerie Muhlenkamp

*And the two shall become one.*

## Sacrament of Matrimony

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

## Marriage Congratulations!

**Austin & Alaina (Steinke) Riethman**  
**Married Saturday, October 12, 2024**  
**(Holy Trinity)**

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

## In Loving Memory...

**Cameron Pio Kaiser**  
 Child of Ryan and Raquel  
 September 23, 2024 - September 23, 2024  
 (Holy Trinity)

**Weston Jutte**  
 Child of Kent and Morgan  
 October 1, 2024 - October 1, 2024  
 (Holy Trinity)

**Myra Elizabeth Prenger**  
 Child of Jason & Brooke  
 October 4, 2024 - October 4, 2024  
 (Holy Trinity)

**Lawrence Obringer**  
 April 20, 1944 - October 4, 2024  
 (Holy Trinity)

**Matthew H. Schwieterman, Jr.**  
 January 6, 1947 - October 6, 2024  
 (Holy Trinity)

**Kenneth C. Vondrell**  
 February 9, 1961 — October 8, 2024  
 (Mary Help of Christians)

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

- John 11:26

## VIGIL OF TWO HEARTS

*Schedule of Events for*  
**All Saints & All Souls Day**  
**@ St. Joseph**

### Friday, November 1

- 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, November 2

- 12 - 5:40 am: Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
- 4:30 am: Morning Prayer (Lauds)
- 4:45 am: Scriptural Rosary
- 5:45 am: Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament
- 6:15 am: Holy Mass
- 6:45 am: Confessions



### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

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.



# Community Interests

**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.

**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.

**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 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 pm at Meeting Room of St. Charles in Carthagena. If you have any questions, email Jillian Foster, [jfoster@catholicaoc.org](mailto:jfoster@catholicaoc.org).

**QUO VADIS NIGHT** — Sun., Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics. We will have Anna Kleinhenz talking and then a tour of the Shrine and Chapels. This event is for any young adult ages 18-29. This event will be live-streamed on our Facebook page (Quo\_Vadis) if you want to watch it!

**SIPPING WITH THE SAINTS** — Do you love learning about the Saints with humor? Check out this year's Sipping with the Saints program with two dates being offered, Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> or Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. This event includes a four-course meal and drink, each cocktail and course pertain to the life of the Saint. This program will educationally entertain you in true Irish fashion as each Saint being discussed will be of Irish Heritage. Cost is \$50 per person, the location is at Bella's Italian Grille in Celina, doors open at 5 pm, dinner and show start 5:30 pm. For more information and to make reservations go online at [mariasteinshrine.org](http://mariasteinshrine.org). The same program is offered both nights.

**CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE** — Maria Stein Shrine Christmas Open House runs from Thursday November 7<sup>th</sup> – Sunday November 10<sup>th</sup>! Come enjoy door prizes, Christmas raffle and 20% off storewide.

**MARIA STEIN SHRINE FONTANINI VISIT** - The House of Fontanini has been creating artistic nativity sets and quality sculpted figurines since 1908. The Fontanini family's manufacturing base is in Bagni di Lucca, Italy. Working with the most talented sculptors and painters of Tuscany, Fontanini figures today are still made by the fourth generation of the family. On Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, from 1 pm – 3 pm, Emanuele Fontanini will be at the Maria Stein Shrine to sign the traveling 2024 piece, Cassandra, the Villager.

**ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE SALE** – The staff and volunteers of the Pilgrim Gift Shop at the Maria Stein Shrine are so thankful for the support of the visitors and pilgrims to the Shrine. The Pilgrim Gift Shop will be offering 20% storewide on Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am until 4 pm for this one-day sale! Please note, all sales exclude Fontanini items and cannot be combined with other discounts.

**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.

**COLDWATER AMERICAN LEGION** — Bingo on Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Doors open 5:30 for food, early birds at 6:30, and regular games 7 pm.

**TURKEY TROT** — Cooper Farms will be hosting their 17<sup>th</sup> annual 5K Turkey Trot on Sat., Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10 am at the St. Henry plant. Registration forms are available online at [www.speedy-feet.com](http://www.speedy-feet.com). There will be water and refreshments, including a To-Go turkey meal – you won't want to miss the fun, family event. All proceeds benefit EverHeart Hospice.

**CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK** — Coldwater Kiwanis Christmas in the Park-The last planning meeting is scheduled for October 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm at the Library. Everyone is invited. We will begin decorating November 21<sup>st</sup> and the public is invited to come help with the decorating. The Christmas parade and flip the switch is scheduled for Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. The lights will remain on until December 31<sup>st</sup>. Activities are scheduled for Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 pm-5:00 pm. Anyone wishing to make a financial donation, can send a check written to Kiwanis of Coldwater and send it to Kim Bruns, Peoples Bank: P.O. Box 110, Coldwater, Ohio 45828.



*Pray for the Unborn, Pray for Life!*

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September 30 - October 6, 2024

**MHC**  
 Offertory.....\$5,342.00  
 Respect Life.....\$3,494.00  
 Allocated Loose.....\$1,000.17

### **St. Joseph**

Offertory.....\$ 869.00  
 Respect Life.....\$ 438.00  
 Allocated Loose.....\$ 198.37

### **St. Peter**

Offertory.....\$2,745.00  
 Building.....\$ 50.00  
 Youth Group.....\$ 50.00  
 Respect Life.....\$ 959.00  
 Allocated Loose.....\$ 323.39

### **St. Paul**

Offertory.....\$1,498.11  
 Maintenance.....\$ 100.00  
 Respect Life.....\$ 885.00  
 Allocated Loose.....\$ 400.07

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### **Holy Trinity**

Offertory.....\$ 6,120.00  
 Loose.....\$ 2,400.00  
 Total.....\$ 8,520.00  
 Respect Life.....\$ 4,573.92  
 Candles.....\$ 85.25  
 \*Online Giving Month \$12,936.00

### **St. Anthony**

Offertory.....\$ 640.00  
 Loose.....\$ 381.00  
 Total.....\$ 1,021.00  
 Respect Life.....\$ 323.00  
 \*Online Giving Month \$ 1,180.00

### **St. Mary**

Offertory.....\$ 815.00  
 Loose.....\$ 350.00  
 Total.....\$ 1,165.00  
 Respect Life.....\$ 285  
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