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Holy Trinity

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

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

Family Offices



Mary Help of Christians

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

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



Website:
www.holycrossfop.org



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www.facebook.com/holycrossfop



St. Anthony



St. Joseph



St. Mary



St. Paul



St. Peter

Sunday, November 17, 2024
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Pastoral Staff

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

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Liturgy Schedule

Monday, November 18 - The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles; Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin; opt. mem.

7:15 am @ Holy Trinity (FBS) – Mary Ann Depweg † (L-S)

6:45 pm @ St. Peter (FAW) – Anthony Koesters †

Tuesday, November 19 - Weekday

7:15 am @ St. Mary (FEM) – Craig Spoltman †

6:45 pm @ St. Joseph (FJP) – L/D Catholic Financial Life †

Wednesday, November 20 - Weekday

7:15 am @ MHC (FJP) – Chuck Post † (L-S)

12:00 pm @ Holy Trinity (FEM) – L/D Koesters & Steinlage Families † (L-S)

Thursday, November 21 - The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Memorial

7:15 am @ St. Paul (FJP) – Joe Bihn †

6:45 pm @ St. Anthony (FEM) – Thomas Kremer †

Friday, November 22 - Saint Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr; Memorial

7:15 am @ Holy Trinity (FJP) – L/D Lalie & Louis Link Family † (L-S)

12:00 pm @ MHC (FEM) – Carol Hartnagel † (L-S)

Saturday, November 23 - Saint Clement I, Pope, Martyr; Saint Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest, Martyr; BVM on Saturday; opt. mem.

9:00 am @ St. Joseph (FAW) – Irene Timmerman †

4:00 pm @ St. Anthony (FJP) – Mary Lou Klenke †

4:30 pm @ MHC (FAW) – Cy Brunswick † (L-S)

4:30 pm @ Holy Trinity (FEM) – Herb & Dorothy Timmerman † (L-S)

Sunday, November 24 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe; Solemnity

7:00 am @ St. Joseph (FAW) – L/D St. Joseph Ladies Sodality †

8:00 am @ Holy Trinity (FJP) – Mary Bruns † (L-S)

9:00 am @ MHC (FBS) – Mike Evers † (L-S)

10:00 am @ Holy Trinity (FEM) – Robert & Evelyn Geise †

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

11:00 am @ St. Paul (FBS) – L/D Bud & Rosie May Family †

12:00 pm @ St. Mary (FJP) – Anthony & Mary Guggenbiller †

6:00 pm @ Holy Trinity (FEM) – Bill Obringer †

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.

NOTICE: Bulletin submissions must be received 10 days prior to the Sunday publication date. Please submit info to bulletin.holycrossfop@gmail.com.

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

Ministry Schedule

– Mary Help of Christians –

Wednesday, November 20, 7:15 am

Servers: Hayden Wuebker

Lector: Les Wenning

Friday, November 22, 12:00 pm

Servers: Xavier Bruns

Lector: Ted Romer

Saturday, November 23, 4:30 pm

Servers: John Bihn, Xavier Bruns, Carson Fullenkamp

Lector: Missy Hart

Ushers: Floyd Bergman, Don Lennartz, Bobby Stump, Randy Wuebker

EMHC: Lisa Fullenkamp, Missy Hart

Sacristan: Linda Lennartz

Sunday, November 24, 9:00 am

Servers: Will Faller, Chase Fiely, Milo Fiely, Liam Luster

Lector: Tim Hart

Ushers: Kevin Fortkamp, Harry Hart, Mark Metzger, Gary J. Wendel

EMHC: Tim Hart, Heather Lochtefeld

Sacristan: Stacy Pearson

– St. Joseph –

Tuesday, November 21, 6:45 pm

Servers: Logan Gaerke, Gavin Gaerke

Lector: Mary Gaerke

Sacristan: Shel Sutter

Saturday, November 23, 9:00 am

Servers: Blaise Bergman

Lector: Ryan Sutter

Sunday, November 24, 7:00 am

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

Lector: Karen Bertke

Ushers: Mel Bertke, Gary Pottkotter

EMHC: Karen Bertke

Sacristan: Norma Pottkotter

– St. Paul –

Thursday, November 21, 7:15 am

Servers: Maddie Weigel

Sunday, November 24, 11:00 am

Servers: Riley Stammen, Landon Sudhoff, Raelyn Sudhoff, Vance Tobe

Lector: Kathy Keller

Ushers: Mike Bruns, Kevin Will

EMHC: Julie Bruns, Deacon Dan Kahlig

Rosary: Mark & Marylene Brunswick

– St. Peter –

Monday, November 18, 6:45 pm

Servers: Levi Sutter

Lector: Ryan Sutter

Sunday, November 24, 11:00 am

Servers: Isaac Roessner, Theresa Hipple, Alex Roessner, Charlie Roessner, Theo Schmitz, Kinley Schoenlein

Lector: Jane Hipple

Ushers: Tom Post, Joe Will

EMHC: Jane Hipple

Sacristan: Marilyn Pottkotter

– Holy Trinity –

Monday, November 18, 7:15 am

Servers: Jack Bettinger, Ethan Schmitmeyer

Wednesday, November 20, 12:00 pm

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby

Friday, November 22, 7:15 am

Servers: Kennley Siegrist, Grace Siegrist

Saturday, November 23, 4:30 pm

Servers: Lucas Broering, Isabelle Schwieterman, Zachary Schwieterman, Gabriel Simper

Lector: Denny Riethman

EMHC: Dave Bertke, Megan Wolters

Sunday, November 24, 8:00 am

Servers: Leo Grigsby, Sam Grigsby, Josh Homan

Lector: Lauren Baucher

EMHC: Adam Alig, Mary Lou Wenning

Sunday, November 24, 10:00 am

Servers: Mason Evers, Emma Siefring, Myra Stammen, John Evers

Lector: Tessa Huwer

EMHC: Tony Hart, Clair Stammen, Brooke Stammen

Sunday, November 24, 6:00 pm

Servers: Liam Cowan, Elisabeth Ebbing, Volunteers Needed

Lector: Pam Hicks

EMHC: Pam Hicks, Sarah Klosterman

– St. Anthony –

Thursday, November 21, 6:45 pm

Servers: Wesley Geier

Lector: Bonnie Muhlenkamp

Sacristan: Bonnie Muhlenkamp

Saturday, November 23, 4:00 pm

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

Lector: Cindy Muhlenkamp

Ushers: Sam Muhlenkamp

EMHC: Rodney Homan

Sacristan: Cindy Muhlenkamp

Rosary: Julie Brackman

– St. Mary –

Tuesday, November 19, 7:15 am

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby

Lector: Stephanie Wendel

Sunday, November 24, 12:00 pm

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

Lector: Adam Liette

Ushers: Nick Uhlenhake, Kyle J. Uhlenhake

EMHC: Stephanie Wendel



Message from the Priests

Sing a New Song to the Lord: Part 3

Last week, we talked about how the Book of Psalms is the Catholic Church's hymnbook. Singing the antiphons, like we have been during Communion, isn't a pre- or post-Vatican II thing. It's an ancient practice that goes back to the beginning of the Book of Psalms itself.

Traditionally, we hold King David to be the main composer of the Book of Psalms. In these psalms, David, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit (just like the Gospel writers) wrote the psalms to express his relationship with God. Some psalms, like the Entrance Antiphon for the first week of Advent, express David's trust in God's loving protection and guidance, even amidst evil. Other psalms express his grief for his sins. Others are shouts of joy and adoration of our good God. The Book of Psalms turns just about any human experience that could be had into an act of worship, which is why St. Ambrose once described the Book of Psalms as "a gymnasium for the soul, having everything that a soul needs to grow strong".

These psalms, since the time of David, have played a part in the worship of God, especially in the Temple that his son Solomon would build. From the time of David until Jesus' own day, the Book of Psalms was one of the main ways that God was worshiped. The Jews, including Jesus and Mary, would have prayed the Psalms at the Temple, in the Synagogue, and throughout their day. In fact, one famous example of Jesus praying the Psalms was when He was on the Cross. We read in the Gospels that Jesus said from the Cross, "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" Far from being a cry of despair, this is actually the beginning of Psalm 22, which begins with despair but ends with great hope that God will triumph over evil. Give the psalm a read sometime this week, and you'll see how appropriate it was to Jesus' Crucifixion.

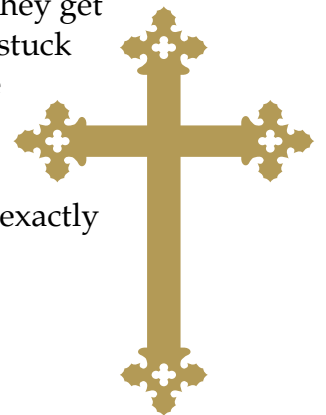
The singing of the Book of Psalms didn't end with the Crucifixion, though, but has continued to play a huge part in the way that Christians have worshiped down the centuries. Psalms are referenced in the New Testament and in other ancient documents of the Church. The Book of Psalms became especially important in the monasteries, where every week monks and nuns would chant all 150 Psalms. The Rosary is a reflection of the desire of lay men and women to unite their prayers to the prayers of those monks and nuns. Before St. John Paul added the Luminous Mysteries on Thursday, the 50 Hail Marys of the Joyful, Sorrowful, and Glorious Mysteries (150 all together) represented the 150 Psalms. In fact, an early name for the Rosary was "Mary's Psalter" or "Mary's Book of Psalms".

In addition to having a long history in the life and worship of the Church, antiphons also served as a great way of educating the people. Their repetitious structure is a great way of helping us to remember bits of the Bible. I don't know about you guys, but when I sing things, sometimes they get stuck in my head. How awesome is it that the Church tries to help us get Scripture stuck in our heads?! And that might be a great fruit for you and your family: when we hear the antiphons, can we get them stuck in our heads? Can we think of them throughout the days and week which follow between Masses?

Next week, the final installment of this series will be about the practicals: how exactly is this going to look in our parishes?

In Christ,

Fr. Witt



Holy Cross Family of Parishes

WAY OF THE STAR — Holy Cross Family of Parishes Presents The Vigil Project's "Way of the Star" at Mary Help of Christians on Tues., Dec. 10, 2024. Starting at 7 pm experience a one-night Advent mission experience of Scripture, music, art, and Eucharistic encounter. Any questions contact Tracy Muhlenkamp: 419-852-9918.

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 to sign up. *Thank You!*

PRIEST VISITS — Our Priests, as a group or individually, are always happy to come and visit you and your family. There is no expectation for dinner or food. They are happy just to get to know you and be a part of your family life. If interested in scheduling a home visit, please feel free to email them or call either family office anytime.

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

BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES — Due to the Thanksgiving holiday our bulletin submission deadlines have changed. Please have all bulletin submissions turned in by 8 am on Monday, November 18th for the December 1st bulletin and by 8 am on Monday, November 25th for the December 8th bulletin. All submissions are subject to approval and space availability.

OFFICES CLOSED — Both Family Parish Offices will be closing early on Wed., Nov. 27th at Noon. They both will be closed all day on Thurs., Nov. 28th and Fri., Nov. 29th.

MASS CHANGES — Masses will be held at 9 am on Thurs., Nov. 28th at both Holy Trinity and Mary Help of Christians. The regularly scheduled 7:15 am Mass @ St. Paul, 6:45 pm Mass @ St. Anthony, and Briarwood's 2:30 pm Mass are all canceled for Thurs., Nov. 28th.

ADORATION CANCELLATION — Adoration at St. Joseph is canceled for Thurs., Nov. 28th.

REPARATION VIGILS — Please join us for 9 Weeks of Communion of Reparation Vigils which started on Oct. 4/5 and will be held every Friday/Saturday through Dec. 6/7, 2024, at St. Joseph Church. These weekly vigils will run the same as the monthly first Friday/Saturday vigils that are always held at St. Joseph. The Vigils will start on Fridays @ 7 pm with Holy Rosary/confession followed by Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and the Nine Offices of the Sacred Heart. Then in closing on Saturday morning @ 7:30 am will be the Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary then Holy Mass at 9 am followed by confession.

INTERNATIONAL EVENT — Enjoy cooking and sharing your favorite foods and culture from your ancestors or travels? We are planning a fun international event for the Family of Parishes in February. If you'd like to get involved, contact Greg Homan at 419-852-4213 or greghoman@icloud.com

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT — Next weekend our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Nearly 38 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd.

*Just in Time
for Christmas!*
Ordering Closes November 20th



*Please join us in
supporting our Holy Cross
Family of Parishes Fundraiser!*

All proceeds will benefit

*Building the Faith
&
Promoting Evangelization.*

Product options and pricing is available online at https://designsemb.com/holy_cross or contact the Coldwater Family Office for more information.

*Products will be in by December 16, 2024,
just in time for Christmas!*

Welcome New Members
Holy Trinity

Jason & Brooke Prenger

Ron & Betty Niekamp

**Michael & Christy Osterfeld
along with their child Stella.**

**Niels & Stephanie Cranen along
with their child Kevin.**

Cody & Andrea Freeman





Holy Trinity

ANGEL TREE —

Tags for the Angel Tree are available this weekend. Trees are located at the main entrance and at the east wing entrance. Gifts/gift cards are due back by December 1st. Please drop off gifts/gift cards at east wing entrance. Any questions please contact Lisa at 419-852-4481. Thank you for your support of this ministry!!

LOST & FOUND CLEAN OUT — The lost & found cupboards in the back of church (located in the choir loft stairwell) will be cleaned out on Dec. 1st, 2024. Please retrieve any items that you may have lost before this date. All remaining items will be used in our religion classrooms, or they will be donated. *Thank You!*

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.



St. Mary

PATRIOTIC

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

LADIES SODALITY CHRISTMAS PARTY — The Party will be on Mon., Dec. 9 with cocktails at 6:30 and dinner at 7:00. A sign-up sheet will be in church from Nov. 1 through Dec. 1 for reservations. If you need a ride to the party, please call Jane Homan at 419-305-1522. Come and enjoy a night out!

DONATIONS FOR FAMILIES IN NEED — St. Mary Ladies Sodality is collecting monetary donations as a parish for St. Anthony Dinner Theatre to help local families in need. If you'd like to make a donation, there is a locked box in the back of St. Mary church to leave your donation. We'll be collecting donations through November 24th.

Coldwater Youth Group

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17 — 7:15 - 8:45 pm - High School Youth Group @ Fr. Yauss (grades 9th - 12th) Saint Night! Discover St. Augustine of Hippo!

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18 — 11:18 - 11:45 am - High School Lunch @ Fr. Yauss (grades 9th - 12th)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19 — 7 - 8 am - High School Bible Study @ Rooster Joe (grades 9th - 12th)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20 — 7:30 - 8:30 pm - BOYS Junior High Youth Group @ Fr. Yauss (grades 7th & 8th)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21 — 3:15 - 4:15 pm - Join us for Children's Eucharistic Adoration @ Holy Trinity for a guided holy half hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament. 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. (grades K - 6th)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24 — 7:15 - 8:45 pm - High School Youth Group - 30 min guided Adoration @ Holy Trinity, Social & Games to follow @ Fr. Yauss (grades 9th - 12th)



St. Anthony

INTERIOR UPDATE —

We met with two interior church painters and are awaiting a sketch and estimate.

We will share as soon as we have them. Plans involve restoring the altar of repose to its original white with gold accenting; renovating the side altars, main altar, and pulpit to coordinate and match the altar of repose; staining of pews and woodwork to a dark walnut finish; repainting existing statues and adding a few new statues of saints and angels; fixing plaster and repainting all the walls - adding more detailed artwork and stenciling throughout (while leaving the original ceiling artwork and medallions); removing obsolete air vents on the walls to create more space in the side aisles; furnishing new seating for the priest and servers; and installing new carpet and hardwood flooring at the entrance and in the sanctuary. The goal is to preserve and restore the heritage of our families!

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.

ST. ANTHONY LADIES CHRISTMAS PARTY — Mon., Dec. 2, 2024, at Pub 49. It starts at 6 pm, dinner at 6:30. Meal includes 2 piece Chicken, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, and Dessert. Price \$10.00.

Socks & Underwear Drive



Coldwater Youth Group is teaming up with Our Home Family Resource Center to collect Socks & Underwear for children in need this upcoming Christmas Season!

Please consider joining our parishes' youth in donating! Boys and Girls sizes 4 through adult small are needed! Collection boxes are located at the entrances of the Coldwater parishes or you may drop donations off at the parish office.

PLEASE TURN IN ALL DONATIONS BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Coldwater Religious Ed.

Contact: Sarah Klosterman
sklosterman.holycrossfop@gmail.com, 419-678-3328

DATES TO NOTE:

NO CCD CLASSES — Nov. 27th, Dec. 25th, Jan. 1st, & Jan. 8th

CCD ADORATION NIGHT — Dec. 18th (All are welcome)

ST. MARY CHRISTMAS PAGEANT — Dec. 18th

ST. ANTHONY THANKSGIVING BINGO — Parents, grandparents, family and friends, come join the CCD students for a night of bingo on Nov. 20th. Bingo is from 6:30 - 8 pm in the school hall. Light snacks provided. All are welcome!

**Subs and Building Monitors are still needed!*



Mary Help of Christians

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

The MHC Capital Campaign team would like to extend a big thank you to all who have given to the fund. To make a donation, you can use an envelope labeled for MHC Capital Campaign or you can contact MHC Parish Council President, Greg Schmitz @ 419-852-9385.



St. Joseph

CLEANING (November)

**Sara Leuthold, Jenni Jones, Nicole Pottkotter, Carrie Lamm, Lindsay Lamm, Maria Bergman.



St. Paul

LADIES SODALITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

The party will be Mon., Dec. 2 with cocktails at 5:30 pm and dinner at 6:00 pm. A short meeting will follow. A sign-up sheet will be in church from November 3 - November 25 for reservations. Father Ethan Moore will be speaking about his calling to be a priest and adventures he has experienced thus far. ALL ladies of the parish are invited and encouraged to join us for food, fellowship, entertainment, and door prizes!

St. Paul Girls CYO

| Date | Time | Where | Who |
|-------|-------|-------------|----------------------|
| 11/17 | 1:30 | St. Anthony | Holy Trinity, IN |
| 11/24 | 12:30 | FR | Russia |
| 12/1 | 12:30 | FR | St. Anthony St. Mary |
| 12/8 | 3:30 | FR | Coldwater |
| 12/15 | 3:30 | FR | Osgood |
| 12/22 | Bye | — | — |
| 12/29 | 12:30 | FR | St. John Rose |
| 1/5 | 3:30 | St. Henry | Versailles |
| 1/12 | 12:30 | FR | St. Lawrence Botkins |
| 1/19 | Bye | — | — |

Dennis Siefring: 419-375-4676
Brent Willman: 419-852-9195



How to Sign Up for FORMED:

- Go to FORMED.org
- Click “sign up as a parishioner” and find our parish (just type in the zip code: 45828).
- Make an account by entering your name and email, and you’re good to go!

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Fort Fiat Youth Group

Contact: Alyssa Overman
aoverman.holycrossfop@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

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

LADIES GROUP — Tuesdays 7:15-8 am at MHC, grades 9-12

BREAKFAST CLUB — Friday, November 22nd (Fr. Ethan); Friday, December 6th (TBD - SPEAKER NEEDED) from 7:15-8 am at MHC’s Undercroft, grades 6-12

ATTENTION:

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING — We will be decorating a tree at St. Charles on 11/30 at 9:00 am. All are welcome to help!

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

PRAYER PARTNERS — Anyone is welcome to become a prayer partner for our students preparing to receive Confirmation this spring. Cards with candidates' names are available in the back of each Church.

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.

PRAYER FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:

Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent.



Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice. Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfillment the good work that You have begun in them.

As we prepare these children for Confirmation, make each of us an instrument of Your love. Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others, and to be patient with what we do not understand.

Deepen our faith in the Gospel and help us to pass it on by our example. We pray that You will continue to guide us and sustain us.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

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.



Sacramental Information

In Loving Memory...

Joan G. Myers
October 3, 1931 - November 1, 2024
(Holy Trinity)

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

- John 11:26



Baptismal Class

Fort Recovery Classes are held on Tuesdays at 7 pm. The next class at Fort Recovery for 2025 is January 7th. 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 |

Marriage Congratulations!

Riley & Valerie (Muhlenkamp) Alig
Married Saturday, November 9, 2024
(St. Peter)

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



Immaculate Conception

(Holy Day of Obligation observed on Mon. Dec. 9 this Year.)

Monday, December 9

(Mass Times)

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| Holy Trinity: 6:15 am |
| MHC: 7:00 am |
| Holy Trinity: Noon |
| MHC: Noon |
| Holy Trinity: 5:30 pm |
| MHC: 5:30 pm |
| Holy Trinity: 7:30 pm |
| MHC: 7:30 pm |

*Note: There are NO Vigil Masses
on Dec. 8th for this Holy Day.*



Newly Baptized

Holy Trinity

Declan Joseph Dues
Son of Craig and Amanda

Amelia Madeline Coleman
Daughter of Christian & Larissa

St. Paul

Armella Madonna Evers
Daughter of Doug & Jacqueline

St. Mary

Maxtyn David Harlow
Son of Nathaniel & Renea

Charles Douglas Muhlenkamp
Son of Steve & Maria

Kobe Gary Uhlenhake
Son of Alex & Brittany

Mary Help of Christians
Channing Shay Braun
Daughter of Matthew & Alyssa

Mila Grace Brackman
Daughter of Austin & Kaitlyn



Looking Ahead

December 23 Adoration

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| Holy Trinity: 7:45 - 9:00 AM |
| St. Joseph: 5:15 - 7:30 PM |
| St. Peter: 5:30 - 6:30 PM |
| MHC: 6:30 - 7:30 PM |
| St. Anthony: 6:30 - 7:30 PM |
| St. Mary: 6:30 - 7:30 PM |
| St. Paul: 6:30 - 7:30 PM |

December 24 Mass Times

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| 4:30 pm - Holy Trinity |
| 4:30 pm - MHC |
| 11:00 pm - St. Mary (Tentative) |

December 25 Mass Times

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| Midnight - MHC |
| Midnight - Holy Trinity |
| 8:00 am - St. Peter |
| 8:00 am - Holy Trinity |
| 9:00 am - MHC |
| 9:00 am - St. Anthony |
| 10:00 am - Holy Trinity |
| 10:00 am - St. Joseph |
| 11:00 am - St. Paul |

Christmas 2024



Pray for the Unborn, Pray for Life!



Community Interests & Stewardship

SENIOR CITIZENS BREAKFAST — Coldwater School will be hosting the Senior Citizen Breakfast for Coldwater residents on Wed., Dec. 4th at 8:30 am in the Auditoria. Please call the high school office by Thurs., Nov. 21st with your reservation at 419-678-4821, Mon. - Fri. from 8 am - 3:30 pm.

COLDWATER AUXILIARY CHRISTMAS PARTY — The Coldwater Auxiliary Member Christmas Party will be held on Thurs. Dec. 12, 2024, at the Legion's Clubroom. Party begins at 5:30 pm, and dinner will be served at 6 pm. A \$5.00 donation will be charged. Please contact either Lynn Dembowski at 229-395-6629 or Donna Gilmore at 419-852-8805 to make your reservations. All reservations must be made by December 1st.

COLDWATER KIWANIS CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK — will begin decorating November 21st, and the public is invited to come help with the decorating. The Christmas parade and flip the switch is scheduled for Friday, December 6th. The lights will remain on until December 31st. Activities are scheduled for Saturday, December 7th and Sunday, December 8th, 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.

MCRTL ESSAY CONTEST — The youth essay contest is for 9th/10th grade & 11th/12th grade. 2nd place is awarded \$200 and 1st place \$400 cash! All participants receive a \$10 McDonald's gift card. Each educational or persuasive essay is to be 600-800 words covering the following topics: 'Why I Am Pro-Life', 'How I Defend My Pro-Life Position', or 'How I Can Assist the Pro-Life Movement'. Essays will be scored on: grammar, facts, creativity, & inspiration. Essays are expected to reflect the pro-life convictions held by Mercer County Right to Life. Please include the contestant's name in the subject line of the e-mail submission. In the message portion please list the contestant's address, the age group the essay is to be entered, and school. Essays are to be e-mailed to prolifegeneration.mercercounty@outlook.com by Jan. 15th, 2025.

RADIO ROSARY — Radio Rosary prayed on WCSM at 9:30 am every Sunday. The Radio Rosary is sponsored each week by local Catholic organizations and individuals.

FUNDRAISER — Phi Beta Psi Sorority, Iota Mu Chapter, Coldwater is once again selling pecan halves, chocolate covered pecans, jumbo cashews and more. Please visit Peoples Bank or Merle Norman Cosmetics to purchase the yummy treats.

GIVING THANKS — A free community Thanksgiving Day meal will be held at Coldwater American Legion on Thurs., Nov. 28 serving from 11-1:30 pm. Dine-in or carryouts are available. There is no charge, but donations are accepted to defray the cost of the meal. Canned goods, dry goods and monetary donations will also be accepted for the Holy Trinity Food Pantry. Delivery for home bound will also be available. Call Marilyn Kahlig @ 419-852-0428. Also please contact Marilyn if you are willing to make desserts or volunteer for Giving Thanks.

ADVENT BOOK STUDY — Reflections will be on the Gospels by Pope Benedict XVI. The meeting dates are Fridays, Dec. 6th, 13th, and 20th at 10 am at the Maria Stein Shrine. Study is free of charge & open to all. Books available for purchase in the Pilgrim Gift Shop. Register at mariasteinshrine.org before Nov. 22nd.

CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRIES — A True Mario Party: What a plumber has to do with The Carpenter" Please Come join Catholic Campus Ministries at WSU's Lake Campus to hear what Fr. Ethan Moore, a priest from the Holy Cross Family, has to say about this intriguing topic. The talk will be held in Dicke Hall at 7 pm on Monday, November 18th. All ages are welcome!

AL-ANON & AA MEETINGS — Al-Anon for family/friends of alcoholics, Thursdays, 7:30 - 8:30 pm at Spiritual Center (Montezuma Annex) & 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, & free.

FOOD PANTRIES — Holy Trinity Food Pantry is open Saturdays, from 9 - 11 am. Located at 830 W. Main St, Coldwater (Mercer Health West Campus). For information: Rob Fisher (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.

Poinsettia Donation

"In Memory of a Loved One"

A poinsettia may be donated in memory of a loved one at your parish by filling out this form. Please enclose your donation in an envelope marked "Poinsettia" and drop it in a collection basket at any of our parishes or at either Holy Cross Family Office. Each poinsettia costs the parishes \$25 - \$35. A donation amount to cover the cost of a poinsettia is recommended, but any donation amount will be accepted.

Your name:

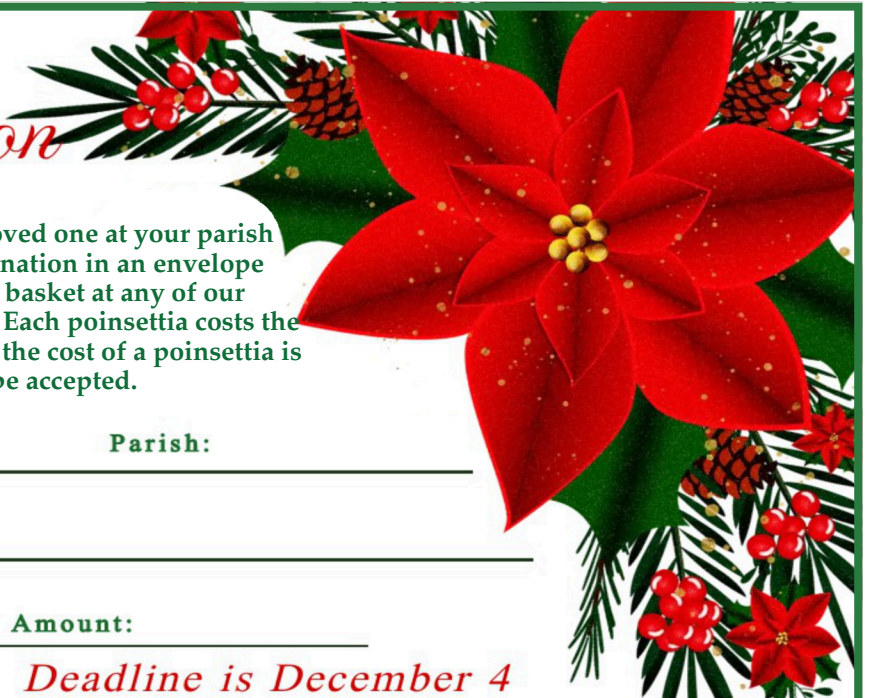
Parish:

Loved One's Name:

Phone Number:

Amount:

Deadline is December 4



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Contributions

October 28 - November 3, 2024

November 3, 2024

MHC

Offertory.....\$4,852.00
 All Saints.....\$1,331.00
 Youth Group.....\$ 30.00
 Food Pantry.....\$ 110.00
 Cemetery.....\$ 15.00
 Flowers.....\$ 25.00
 Allocated Loose.....\$1,364.13

St. Joseph

Offertory.....\$1,083.00
 All Saints.....\$ 240.00
 Allocated Loose.....\$ 270.55

St. Peter

Offertory.....\$3,290.00
 World Missions.....\$ 317.00
 Allocated Loose.....\$ 441.07

St. Paul

Offertory.....\$1,944.11
 All Saints.....\$ 555.00
 Flowers.....\$ 20.00
 Cemetery.....\$ 10.00
 Allocated Loose.....\$ 545.65

Holy Trinity

Offertory.....\$4,901.00
 Loose.....\$3,089.12
 Total.....\$7,990.12
 Youth Ministry.....\$1,416.00
 All Saints.....\$2,711.51
 Military Service.....\$3,000.00
 Candles.....\$ 374.80
 Allocated Loose.....\$ 424.91
 *Online Giving Month.\$5,970.00

St. Anthony

Offertory.....\$ 504.00
 Loose.....\$ 326.00
 Total.....\$ 830.00
 All Saints.....\$ 110.95
 Cemetery.....\$ 250.00
 Allocated Loose.....\$ 42.24
 *Online Giving Month\$ 450.00

St. Mary

Offertory.....\$ 790.00
 Loose.....\$ 412.00
 Total.....\$1,202.00
 All Saints.....\$ 62.84
 Cemetery.....\$ 660.00
 Candles.....\$ 65.75
 Allocated Loose.....\$ 34.95
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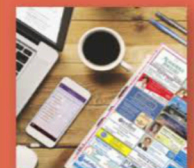
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