

Peace

V. Behold
the handmaid
of the Lord.

R. Be it done
unto me according
to Thy word.

Hail Mary, full of grace.



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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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www.holycrossfop.org



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St. Anthony



St. Joseph



St. Mary



St. Paul



St. Peter

Sunday, December 8, 2024
Second Sunday of Advent



Pastoral Staff

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Liturgy Schedule

Monday, December 9 - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Solemnity

- 6:15 am @ Holy Trinity (FJP) – St. Ann Deceased Members †
- 7:00 am @ MHC (FEM) – Ava Kremer † (L-S)
- 12:00 pm @ Holy Trinity (FAW) – Jerry & Irene Gaerke † (L-S)
- 12:00 pm @ MHC (FBS) – Kenneth Vondrell † (L-S)
- 5:30 pm @ Holy Trinity (FBS) – Matt Schwieterman, Jr. † (L-S)
- 5:30 pm @ MHC (FEM) – Liam Jerome Pottkotter † (L-S)
- 7:30 pm @ Holy Trinity (FJP) – Virginia Baucher † (L-S)
- 7:30 pm @ MHC (FAW) – Walter Steinbrunner, Sr. † (L-S)

Tuesday, December 10 - Our Lady of Loreto; opt. mem.

- 7:15 am @ St. Mary – Helen Homan †
- 6:45 pm @ St. Joseph – Wilma Link †

Wednesday, December 11 - Saint Damasus I, Pope; opt. mem.

- 7:15 am @ MHC – Peg Wolf † (L-S)
- 12:00 pm @ Holy Trinity – L/D Ralph and Dorothy Harlamert Family † (L-S)

Thursday, December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe; Feast

- 7:15 am @ St. Paul – Kimo Bechtol †
- 6:45 pm @ St. Anthony – Mary Lou Klenke †

Friday, December 13 - Saint Lucy, Virgin, Martyr; Memorial

- 7:15 am @ Holy Trinity – Deb Tangeman † (L-S)
- 12:00 pm @ MHC – Walter & Mildred Stachler † (L-S)

Saturday, December 14 - Saint John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church; Memorial

- 9:00 am @ St. Joseph (FAW) – Elmer Wendel †
- 1:30 pm @ Holy Trinity – Schoen/Wagner Wedding
- 4:00 pm @ St. Anthony (FAW) – Virginia Schaefer †
- 4:30 pm @ MHC (FJP) – L/D Gene & Pat Siefring Family † (L-S)
- 4:30 pm @ Holy Trinity (FBS) – Jeffery Homan † (L-S)

Sunday, December 15 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

- 7:00 am @ St. Joseph (FJP) – L/D William & Virginia Butsch Family †
- 8:00 am @ Holy Trinity (FAW) – Members of the Holy Cross Family (L-S)
- 9:00 am @ MHC (FEM) – Gregor & Helen Buening (L-S)
- 10:00 am @ Holy Trinity (FBS) – Bob Wourms †
- 11:00 am @ St. Peter (FJP) – Steve Muhlenkamp †
- 11:00 am @ St. Paul (FEM) – Melvin & Rita Stammen †
- 12:00 pm @ St. Mary (FAW) – L/D Clete & Lou Ann Knoth Family †
- 6:00 pm @ Holy Trinity (FBS) – Christa Rosenbeck †

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.

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
- SJ = St. Joseph
- SPL = St. Paul
- MHC = Mary Help of Christians
- HT = Holy Trinity
- SM = St. Mary
- SPT = St. Peter

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

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 Ft. 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.

Ministry Schedule

– Mary Help of Christians –

Monday, December 9, 7:00 am

Servers: Brodie Hart, Paisley Hart, Cora Pearson

Lector: Tim Hart

Ushers: Roger Broerman

EMHC: Brad Evers, Tim Hart

Sacristan: Amy Schmitz

Monday, December 9, 12:00 pm

Servers: Zavier Bruns, Emma Pearson, Grant Pearson

Lector: Pauline Faller, Ted Romer

Ushers: Ken Romer

EMHC: Ted Romer, Lori Thien

Sacristan: Ted Romer

Monday, December 9, 5:30pm

Servers: Chase Fiely, Natalie Wenning, Vincent Wenning, Hayden Wuebker, Elijah Grieshop

Lector: Trent Pearson

Ushers: Joe Grube, Harry Hart, Steve Vogel, Matt Whitacre

EMHC: Deacon Dan Kahlig, Lois Vogel

Sacristan: Lois Vogel

Monday, December 9, 7:30 pm

Servers: Josh Evers, Tony Evers, Liam Luster, Volunteer Needed

Lector: Julie Schmitz

Ushers: Chuck Kaiser, Gary J. Wendel, Steve Wendel, Randy Wuebker

EMHC: Bill Gaerke, Steve Schmitz

Sacristan: Steve & Amy Schmitz

Wednesday, December 11, 7:15 am

Servers: Joseph Bruns

Lector: Pauline Faller

Friday, December 13, 12:00 pm

Servers: Korbin Wuebker

Lector: Julie Schmitz

Saturday, December 14, 4:30 pm

Servers: Rachel Fortkamp, Carson Fullenkamp, Anthony Roessner

Lector: Diane Siegrist

Ushers: Floyd Bergman, Nick Dues, Don Lennartz, Dan Schmitz

EMHC: Irene Roessner, Rose Tobe

Sacristan: Ted Romer

Sunday, December 15, 9:00 am

Servers: Lucas Winner, Elijah Grieshop, Ethan Schmitz, Emma J. Schmitz

Lector: Amy Klingshirn

Ushers: Joe Dues, John Faller, Doug Schmitz, Randy Wendel

EMHC: Tim Barman, Amy Klingshirn

Sacristan: Steve & Amy Schmitz

– St. Joseph –

Tuesday, December 10, 6:45 pm

Servers: Hoyt Schmitz, Braxton Schmitz

Lector: Lisa Roessner

Sacristan: Shel Sutter

Saturday, December 14, 9:00 am

Servers: Gavin Gaerke, Logan Gaerke

Lector: Mary Gaerke

Sunday, December 15, 7:00 am

Servers: Blaise Bergman, Francis Pottkotter, James Pottkotter, Brinley Steinbrunner

Lector: Ryan Steinbrunner

Ushers: Steve Post, Bryan Pottkotter

EMHC: Holly Grube

Sacristan: Kim Pottkotter

– St. Paul –

Thursday, December 12, 7:15 am

Servers: Hart Family

Sunday, December 15, 11:00 am

Servers: AJ Siefing, Raelyn Sudhoff, Landon Sudhoff, Vance Tobe

Lector: Mary Lochtefeld

Ushers: Jared Hemmelgarn, Mark Will

EMHC: Rita McEldowney, Dennis Siefing

Rosary: Mark & Marylene Brunswick

– St. Peter –

Sunday, December 15, 11:00 am

Servers: Reese Diller, Carter Fortkamp, Addison Fortkamp, Brinley Fortkamp, Tyler Kahlig, Tate Kahlig

Lector: Elaine Post

Ushers: Doug Kahlig, Mitchell Pugh

EMHC: Deacon Dan Kahlig

Sacristan: Brenda Kahlig

– St. Anthony –

Thursday, December 12, 6:45 pm

Servers: Volunteers Needed

Lector: Marty Nkapke

Sacristan: Cindy Muhlenkamp

Saturday, December 14, 4:00 pm

Servers: Bryant Evans, Wesley Geier, Nolan Link, Lacey Link

Lector: Cindy Homan

Ushers: Sam Muhlenkamp

EMHC: Janie Timmerman

Sacristan: Cindy Homan

Rosary: Julie Brackman

– St. Mary –

Tuesday, December 10, 7:15 am

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby

Lector: Viki Dues

Sunday, December 15, 12:00 pm

Servers: Derek Dues, Trent Dues, William Moorman, Carson Uhlenhake

Lector: Jay Uhlenhake

Ushers: Dave Fullenkamp, Dusty Uhlenhake

EMHC: Barbara Uhlenhake

– Holy Trinity –

Monday, December 9, 6:15 am

Servers: Mason Evers, Mandi Hart, John Evers, Brandon Wendel

Lector: Abbie Homan

EMHC: Amy Klingshirn

Monday, December 9, 12:00 pm

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby, Evan Schmitmeyer

Lector: Janelle Rollins

EMHC: Nick Schmitmeyer, Tim Wellman

Monday, December 9, 5:30pm

Servers: Max Ross, Andrew Wermert, Heidi Wermert, Emmett Wermert, Miles Bruns

Lector: Roger Kaiser

EMHC: Brenda Kaiser, Roger Kaiser, Kathy Prenger

Monday, December 9, 7:30 pm

Servers: Joshua Schoen, Samuel Gerlach, Grace Siegrist, Kennley Siegrist, Mya Siegrist, Gabriel Simper

Lector: Charmaine Bettinger

EMHC: Charmaine Bettinger, Pam Hicks, Sarah Klosterman

Wednesday, December 11, 12:00 pm

Servers: James Pottkotter, Francis Pottkotter

Friday, December 13, 7:15 am

Servers: Archer Bihn, Ethan Schmitmeyer

Saturday, December 14, 4:30 pm

Servers: Avery Bruns, Madison Bruns, Emma Siefing, Charley Bruns

Lector: Diane Wellman

EMHC: Connie May, Denny Riethman, Megan Wolters

Sunday, December 15, 8:00 am

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby, Josh Homan

Lector: Dan Fullenkamp

EMHC: Kathy Bohman, Paul Bruggeman

Sunday, December 15, 10:00 am

Servers: Elisabeth Ebbing, Max Ross, Blake Wenning, Reagan Wenning

Lector: Holly Emerine

EMHC: Katie Hamberg, Bob Rose, Clair Stammen

Sunday, December 15, 6:00 pm

Servers: Oliver Link, Levi Sutter

Lector: Ryan Sutter

EMHC: Pam Hicks, Sarah Klosterman



Message from the Priests

Loving Your Mother? There's an App for That!

Advent is a time where Mary really pops into focus: we think about her giving birth to Jesus, about her and St. Joseph taking Him to the Temple for the Presentation, St. Simeon's prophetic utterances about the Mother and Child, just to name a few. It's never a bad time to love Mary and Jesus more, but this time of year is always an invitation to the incredibly powerful devotion of the Rosary.

The problem, though, is that a lot of people seem to be intimidated by the Rosary. And I get it: it's a long prayer; memorizing the mysteries was probably easier years ago; or maybe we were never taught to pray the Rosary or just never "got into it". As Padre Pio would say, "*the Rosary is the weapon for these times*". I want to encourage all of you to pray the Rosary as often as you can. Pope Blessed Pius IX would say, "*Give me an army saying the Rosary, and I will conquer the world!*" And boy, does the evil we see in this world need conquering! In addition, the Rosary is the sort of prayer that teaches you how to pray. I know a religious sister who is fond of saying that the Rosary is like "training wheels" for your prayer life! And yet, it's also deep enough that it can sustain even the deepest saints (St. John Paul II, one of the most brilliant men of our times, often said that his favorite prayer was the Rosary).

But how do you get started praying the Rosary?

If you've struggled with praying the Rosary in the past, you're definitely not alone. There are a lot of resources out there to help people bring the Rosary into their lives. These resources range from pamphlets that have all the prayers in them, to books (like St. Louis de Montfort's *Secrets of the Rosary*), and even podcasts. School of Faith, run by my friend John Leyendecker, is one of those apps. It has everything from introduction, to how to pray the Rosary, to daily meditations on the Rosary, connecting the Rosary to our everyday life.

I hope you check it out and that it helps you to get into this incredibly powerful prayer.

In Christ,

Fr. Witt



"The Rosary is a powerful weapon to put the demons to flight and to keep oneself from sin... If you desire peace in your hearts, in your homes, and in your country, assemble each evening to recite the Rosary. Let not even one day pass without saying it, no matter how burdened you may be with many cares and labors." — Pope Pius XI



Interested to learn more?
Scan or go to:
<https://schooloffaith.com/>

Holy Cross Family of Parishes

REMINDER TO ALL BUSINESSES AND PARISHIONERS

— We do have a No Soliciting Policy on all of our church grounds. This includes all church properties within our entire Family of Parishes. You may not distribute any forms of advertising on any church premises. For business wanting to advertise in our bulletin, you may contact Sherry Montel with Diocesan @ smontell@diocesan.com or 614-301-7444.

NON-PROFITS & PARISH EVENTS — All flyers or promotional materials for non-profit organizations or parish events must be approved by the Holy Cross Director of Communications before distribution in any of our churches. Contact: 419-678-4802 or bulletin.holycrossfop@gmail.com.

OFFICES CLOSED — Both Family Parish Offices will be closed on Mon., Dec. 9th in observance of the Immaculate Conception Holy Day.

HOLY DAY OBSERVANCE — Since the Feast of the Immaculate Conception falls on a Sunday this year, the observance is transferred to Mon, Dec. 9. This is a Holy Day of Obligation with Masses celebrated only on the 9th within our Family of Parishes. There will be no Vigil Masses.

BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES — Due to the upcoming holidays, all bulletin submissions are due by 8 am on Monday, December 16th for the December 29th bulletin and by 8 am on Friday, December 20th for the January 5th bulletin. All submissions are subject to approval and space availability.

THEOLOGICALLY THIRSTY THURSDAYS — December 12th there will be Reflections on Our Lady of Guadalupe, "Be Not Afraid for I Am Your Mother". Gather in "The Loft" at Tailspin at 7 pm; speaker will start at 7:30 pm. Follow Theologically Thirsty Thursdays on Facebook @T3Coldwater for more information.

DAY OF MERCY — Confessions will be available from 8 am - 8 pm on Thurs., Dec. 12th at Mary Help of Christians.

GUATEMALA MISSION TICKETS — Year 2025 tickets are available at \$20.00 each. This assists the people of La Labor with educational and health care needs. Weekly winners are paid \$100 based on the Wed. night Ohio Lottery drawing, and there is an annual winner of \$1000, \$300 & \$200. You may purchase tickets by putting money in the collection with your name, address, and phone. We will get tickets back to you.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS — Support those who have given a lifetime. Our religious have dedicated their lives to service (praying, teaching, and caring for those in need) usually for little to no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your donation provides for the essential care, medicine, and daily needs of thousands of senior religious women and men. Please give generously!


NEW YEARS EVE ADORATION UPDATE — Adoration will still be held at St. Joseph on Tues., Dec. 31st, 2024, as per the usual schedule. Please take time on New Years Eve to come Adore our Lord.



Join us for a guided Holy Hour with Our Lord.
This hour is family friendly & all ages are welcome!
6:30-7:30 pm
Thursday, Dec. 19th

FAMILY ADORATION @ St. Joseph
After Adoration head to Sanderell Hall to decorate cookies & Christmas cards. Kids can taste test & bring them to a loved one to practice the giving spirit in anticipation of Christmas.

Immaculate Conception
(Holy Day of Obligation observed on Mon. Dec. 9 this Year.)
Monday, December 9
(Mass Times)
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.



(A Personal Gift to Jesus)...
Candlelit Adoration w/ Christmas Lights
December 23, 2024
Holy Trinity: 7:45 - 9:00 am
St. Joseph: 5:15 - 7:30 pm
St. Peter: 5:30 - 6:30 pm
Mary Help of Christians, St. Anthony, St. Mary, & St. Paul: 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Note: The regular scheduled Adoration at St. Joseph is canceled for Tues., Dec. 24th.



Christmas & Christmas Eve

Dec. 24 Mass Times
4:30 pm - Holy Trinity
4:30 pm - MHC
11:00 pm - St. Mary

Dec. 25 Mass Times
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



HOLY CROSS FAMILY OF PARISHES PRESENTS:
THE VIGIL PROJECT

WAY OF THE STAR

A one-night Advent mission experience of
Scripture, music, art, and Eucharistic encounter



TUESDAY DECEMBER 10, 2024 // 7:00 PM

**MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CATHOLIC CHURCH
403 SHARPSBURG RD., FORT RECOVERY, OH 45846**

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT TRACY
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Holy Trinity

ADORERS NEEDED

— Enjoy a chance to spend time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament at Holy Trinity

on Wednesday, December 18th from 6:00 - 7:30 pm OR 7:30 - 9:00 pm. If interested in filling one of these time slots, please contact Sarah at sklosterman.holycrossfop@gmail.com or 419-678-3328.

ADVENT CANDLES — Advent candles are available in the Server's Sacristy for \$5.



St. Anthony

CHURCH DECORATING

— St. Anthony's church decorating will be held on Mon., Dec. 16 at 6:30 pm.

Volunteers are needed to help bring trees, boxes, and totes over to the church. Men and high school students are needed because some heavy lifting may be involved. Any help would be greatly appreciated! If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Muhlenkamp at 419-942-1154 or 419-852-5301.

ADORERS NEEDED — Enjoy a chance to spend time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament at St. Anthony on Wednesday, December 18th from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. If interested in filling this time slot, please contact Sarah at sklosterman.holycrossfop@gmail.com or 419-678-3328.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED — The St. Anthony Parish is seeking 1 volunteer for the Finance Committee and 2 volunteers for the Buildings and Ground Committee. There are slips at the end of each pew and can be dropped in lock box at back of church or during the week. If no volunteers, we will then hold an election starting the week of December 15th. Please prayerfully consider, and if you have any questions or would like to volunteer you can reach out to Chuck Post at 260-706-1981.

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.

CHRISTMAS AT ST. CHARLES — Follow the Star 2024. Come enjoy a special family event with many activities and offerings at St. Charles seminary on December 7th & 8th. St. Anthony is participating in decorating one of the trees this year! Be sure to find your child's ornament that they decorated, and vote for our tree! All donations from our tree will be used for Vacation Bible school next spring at St. Anthony. For more information, visit "Follow the Star: Christmas at Saint Charles" on Facebook.



St. Mary

ADORERS NEEDED

— Enjoy a chance to spend time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary on

Wednesday, December 18th from 6:30 - 7:15 pm. If interested in filling this time slot, please contact Sarah at sklosterman.holycrossfop@gmail.com or 419-678-3328.

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 pm. 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!

Coldwater Youth Group

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 — 7:15 - 8:45 pm - High School Youth Group @ Fr. Yauss (grades 9th - 12th) Saint Night! Discover Saints Anne & Joachim!

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10 — 7 - 8 am - High School Bible Study @ Rooster Joe (grades 9th - 12th)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11 — 7:30 - 8:30 pm - GIRLS Junior High Youth Group @ Fr. Yauss (grades 7th & 8th)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 — 7:15 - 8:45 pm - High School Youth Group @ Fr. Yauss (grades 9th - 12th) Christmas Celebration & Games!

2025 STEUBENVILLE SUMMER CONFERENCE: Information and forms are available online at holycrossfop.org under youth ministry tab, or you may pick up physical copies at the parish office front desk. Deadline to turn in forms and \$50 deposit is Wednesday, December 11th! Must have forms and deposit turned in by this date to hold your spot for the trip! Any questions contact Maria Gruss.

Coldwater Religious Ed.

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

ATTENTION:

ADORERS NEEDED — Enjoy a chance to spend time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament at Holy Trinity, St. Anthony, and St. Mary on Wednesday, December 18th from 6:00 - 7:15 pm OR 7:30 - 8:45 pm. If interested in filling one of these time slots, please contact Sarah at sklosterman.holycrossfop@gmail.com or 419-678-3328. This is open to all parishioners!

DATES TO NOTE:

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

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

ST. ANTHONY CHRISTMAS PAGEANT — Dec. 18th @ 7:30 pm

ST. MARY CHRISTMAS PAGEANT — Dec. 18th @ 7:20 pm
**Subs and Building Monitors are still needed!*



Children's Eucharistic Adoration
— Grades K - 6th —

December's Adoration will be on the 3rd Thursday due to Christmas vacation! 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.

Thursday, December 19, 2024
After School @ Holy Trinity



Mary Help of Christians

SEWING GROUP

— They will not meet on Mon. Dec. 9 as the Undercroft is reserved for that date. They will sew on

Dec. 16 instead. Also, Kaup Pharmacy has a supply of walker bags that have been sewed by the group, free of charge. Thank you to everyone who has donated to the group this past year!

ADVENT PARTY — MHC Ladies Sodality will be having their Advent party on Tues., Dec. 17 @ 6 pm in the Undercroft. Join us for a meal and entertainment, cost is \$10.00. The ladies sewing group will be set up during the party. All Mary Help of Christian ladies are welcome! RSVP to Megan Wendel at 419-852-5066 by Dec. 13th.

ANGEL TREE — This program is helping local Mercer county families this Christmas season. If you didn't take a tag, you may make a financial donation, by putting it in an envelope marked "ANGEL TREE" and dropping it in the collection. Please make any checks payable to "Mary Help of Christians" and mark the memo "Angel Tree". Return purchased gifts by Dec. 8th. Thank you! Questions, call Mary at 419-852-6213.

THANK YOU — The family of Kimo Bechtol would like to extend our gratitude for all of the love, support and prayers the past few weeks following the car accident and funeral. Thank you for the prayer services for Kolson and Leah to heal quickly from their injuries and to Father Witt, Father Moore and Father Pasala for their support and hospital and home visits. Thank you to Brockman and Boeckman funeral home, Mary Help of Christians Choir, Ginny Fortkamp, the bereavement and luncheon committees and to all who extended sympathy to our family for Kimo's funeral. Your support is touching and is appreciated.

- Lisa, Kolson and Leah Bechtol



St. Joseph

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

— We will be decorating the inside of church and setting up the nativity outside for

Christmas on Mon., Dec. 16th beginning at 6:30 pm. All hands are welcome and greatly appreciated!

CLEANING — (December) Jean Grube, Casi Grube, Angela Siegrist, Holly Grube, Linda Fullenkamp, Leanne Grube

LADIES SODALITY WINTERFEST PARTY — Party on Jan. 20, 2025 with cocktails at 6 & dinner at 6:30 pm, cost \$10 a plate. Sign up for reservations in the back of church until Dec. 31, 2024. A short meeting will follow dinner. Fr. Ethan Moore is our guest speaker, talking about his calling to be a priest and adventures he's experienced thus far. For the season of giving, we are asking for diapers size 5 or 6 to be donated to Rustic Hope. You can bring them that night. Hope to see you there!



St. Peter

SNOW REMOVAL COMMITTEE DECEMBER 2024

**Chris Rammel, Craig Evers,

Jacob Gaerke, Tim Gaerke, Jim Knapke, Rob Gaerke, Paul Fortkamp, Keith Evers, Scott Schmitz, Dan Link, Eric Schmitz, Jerome Muhlenkamp, Cale Dues, Ross Overman, Christopher Dues, Dennis Heitkamp, Dan Schmitz, Grant Muhlenkamp, Nick Rammel, Derek Gaerke, Jim Klenke, Tony Heitkamp, Charlie Grube, Greg Fortkamp, Brandon Rose, Jesse Fortkamp, Austin Kahlig, Cole Dues, Mike Hein. Responsible for church sidewalks. Please, don't forget that Wed. evenings is CCD. It is very important to have the snow cleared away as much as possible. Thanks!



St. Paul

CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATING

— Anyone who is available and willing can join the Ladies

Sodality officers on Thurs., Dec. 19, at the church at 7 pm to decorate for Christmas. All members of the parish are welcome to help as "many hands make light work"!

GIVING TREE — Families need our support this Christmas once again. A tree is set up with ornaments listing gifts for the children. Take an ornament, buy the item listed and return the gift under the tree with the ornament attached. It really helps if the gift is in a box ready to be wrapped. Junior & senior high students will wrap once again. Please return the gift no later than Dec. 8th. Thank you for your support! Families also welcome gift cards from grocery stores. Questions, contact: Helen 419-852-0763.

GIRLS CYO — 12/8 @ Ft. Recovery, 3:30 pm w/ Coldwater. Dennis Siefring: 419-375-4676 or Brent Willman: 419-852-9195.



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, January 10th (Karen Homan); Friday, January 24th (TBD - speaker needed); Friday, February 7th (TBD - speaker needed) from 7:15-8 am at MHC Undercroft, grades 6-12

HOLY HOUR — Thursday, December 12th from 3:30-4:30 pm at St. Joe, transportation not provided.

ATTENTION:

SPEAKERS NEEDED — Fort Fiat is looking for breakfast club speakers. Breakfast club meets two Fridays a month from 7:15-8 a.m. Speakers can speak on any catholic topic or share their personal faith journey. Please prayerfully consider & email aoverman.holycrossfop@gmail.com if interested. 1/24, 2/7, 3/7, 4/4 & 5/9 are available for 2025.



Contact: Harlie Metzger
hmetzger.holycrossfop@gmail.com, 419-375-4153

ATTENTION:

ADORERS NEEDED — Enjoy a chance to spend time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament at Mary Help of Christians, St. Paul, and St. Peter on Wednesday, December 18th from 6:00 - 7:15 pm OR 7:30 - 8:45 pm. If interested in filling one of these time slots, please contact Harlie at hmetzger.holycrossfop@gmail.com or 419-375-4153. This is open to all parishioners!

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

Newly Baptized

Holy Trinity

Brianna Marie Hamberg
Child of Dale & Katie

Jameson Thayar Krites
Child of Cory & Kristen

Makenzie Jane Barga
Child of Robert & Leah

Jax William Post
Child of Jared & Sydney



In Loving Memory...

Terry 'Tribey' Bruns
August 3, 1955 - November 17, 2024
(Holy Trinity)

Mary Jean Evers
September 16, 1942 - November 21, 2024
(St. Paul)

Bruce Stover
June 2, 1950 - November 23, 2024
(Holy Trinity)

Willard Froelich
July 10, 1932 - November 24, 2024
(Holy Trinity)

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

- John 11:26



Wedding Banns

III Andrew Schoen & Joetta Wagner
I Will Broering & Shelby Stammen

And the two shall become one.



Community Interests

FT. RECOVERY AUXILIARY CHRISTMAS PARTY UPDATE — Due to the Holy Day, the Ft. Recovery Auxiliary Christmas Party will begin with cocktails at 6:30 and the meal at 6:45 on Dec. 9th.

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.

JOB OPPORTUNITY AT ST. CHARLES SEMINARY — St. Charles Infirmary is looking for assistants to help the nurses provide care for the residents. 2nd and 3rd shifts available. For more information contact HRManager@preciousbloodus.org.

DO GOOD'S LIVE NATIVITY — December 10, 12 & 13 from 6-8 pm. Do Good's Live Nativity will be held in the Children's Memorial Garden area located behind the restaurant along the walking path. There will be 5 different nativity story scenes. There will be cookies and hot chocolate for kids and adults to enjoy at the end. Event is free and open to the public. Freewill offerings will be accepted at the entrance of Do Good's courtyard area. Come witness the true meaning of Christmas at this special event!

COLDWATER AMERICAN LEGION — Bingo on Tues., Dec. 10th with doors opening at 5:30 for food, early birds 6:30, and regular games 7 pm. Fish fry, Chicken, and Shrimp on Fri., Dec. 13th 4:30 – 7:00 pm. Breakfast, Sat. & Sun., Dec. 14th & 15th 8 am – Noon.

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.

GRIEFSHARE SUPPORT GROUP — The Christ Our Light Family of Parishes will be offering GriefShare Sessions to the local communities. The program consists of 13 weekly DVD sessions for people grieving the loss of someone close. It's a place where you can be around people who understand how you are feeling and are able to offer you encouragement. The DVD seminars are combined with support group discussion of the material presented during the DVD. The sessions will be held in the Precious Blood Church Basement, 35 S. Maple St., Chickasaw. Every Tuesday, January 7th through April 1st from 7 to 8:30 pm. All materials are donated by Hogenkamp Funeral Homes. For more information or to register, contact Herb Wilker: hiwilker@yahoo.com or (419) 953- 5398.



Pray for the Unborn, Pray for Life!

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November 24, 2024

Mary Help of Christians

Offertory.....\$4,124.00

Religious Ed.....\$ 819.00

Human Development ...\$ 730.50

Flowers.....\$ 10.00

Allocated Loose\$ 957.04

St. Joseph

Offertory.....\$ 855.00

Religious Ed.....\$ 95.00

Human Development ...\$ 184.00

Allocated Loose\$ 189.81

St. Peter

Offertory.....\$2,285.00

Religious Ed.....\$ 805.00

Human Development ...\$ 406.00

Allocated Loose\$ 309.44

St. Paul

Offertory.....\$1,866.11

Religious Ed.....\$ 550.00

Human Development ...\$ 115.00

Maintenance.....\$ 100.00

Flowers.....\$ 20.00

Allocated Loose\$ 382.81

November 24, 2024

Holy Trinity

Offertory.....\$5,517.00

Loose.....\$2,404.25

Total\$7,921.25

Youth Ministry.....\$ 506.00

Cemetery\$ 10.00

Perm. Improvement.....\$1,453.00

Human Development ...\$3,593.94

Food Pantry\$ 550.00

Respect Life\$ 10.00

Candles.....\$ 166.00

World Mission\$ 30.00

All Saints.....\$ 85.00

St. Anthony

Offertory.....\$ 907.00

Loose.....\$ 184.00

Total\$1,091.00

Cemetery\$ 40.00

Perm. Improvement.....\$ 140.00

Human Development ...\$ 177.00

St. Mary

Offertory.....\$2,304.00

Loose.....\$ 267.00

Total\$2,571.00

Perm. Improvement.....\$ 45.00

Mission Sunday.....\$ 20.00

Cemetery\$ 60.00

Human Development ...\$ 143.00

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