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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](http://www.holycrossfop.org)



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[www.facebook.com/holycrossfop](http://www.facebook.com/holycrossfop)



St. Anthony



St. Joseph



St. Mary



St. Paul



St. Peter

Sunday, December 29, 2024

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph*



# Pastoral Staff

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## Liturgy Schedule

**Monday, December 30 - 6<sup>th</sup> Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

7:15 am @ Holy Trinity (FBS) – Leon Homan † (L-S)

6:45 pm @ St. Peter (FAW) – L/D Arthur & Lorena Vagedes Family †

**Tuesday, December 31 - 7<sup>th</sup> Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Saint Sylvester I, Pope; opt. mem.**

7:15 am @ St. Mary (FEM) – Kyle Vagedes †

**Tuesday, December 31 - Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God; Solemnity**

4:30 pm @ Holy Trinity (FAW) – Lester Buening † (L-S)

4:30 pm @ MHC (FJP) – L/D Linus & Hilda Brunswick Family † (L-S)

**Wednesday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God; The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; Solemnity**

8:00 am @ St. Joseph (FEM) – Dottie Fullenkamp †

8:00 am @ Holy Trinity (FAW) – L/D Keller & Johnson Families † (L-S)

9:00 am @ MHC (FJP) – Peg Wolf † (L-S)

9:00 am @ St. Anthony (FBS) – Andrew Wendel †

**Thursday, January 2 - Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church; Memorial**

10:00 am @ Holy Trinity (FAW) – Larry Salm † (L-S)

10:00 am @ St. Mary (FEM) – Gloria Jean Brackman †

11:00 am @ St. Paul (FBS) – Poor Souls in Purgatory †

11:00 am @ St. Peter (FJP) – Cyril Pleiman †

**Thursday, January 2 - Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church; Memorial**

7:15 am @ St. Paul (FEM) – Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life

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

**Friday, January 3 - Christmas Weekday; The Most Holy Name of Jesus; opt. mem.**

7:15 am @ Holy Trinity (FEM) – L/D Riethman & Ballmann Families † (L-S)

12:00 pm @ MHC (FJP) – Elmer Mueller † (L-S)

**Saturday, January 4 - Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious; Memorial**

9:00 am @ St. Joseph (FEM) – Bill & Cheryl Braun †

4:00 pm @ St. Anthony (FEM) – Lucille Laux †

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

4:30 pm @ Holy Trinity (FJP) – L/D Bernard & Annella Franzer Family † (L-S)

**Sunday, January 5 - The Epiphany of the Lord; Solemnity**

7:00 am @ St. Joseph (FBS) – Poor Souls in Purgatory †

8:00 am @ Holy Trinity (FEM) – Larry Wolf † (L-S)

9:00 am @ MHC (FAW) – L/D Paul & Charlene Pearson Family † (L-S)

10:00 am @ Holy Trinity (FJP) – Richard Obringer †

11:00 am @ St. Peter (FBS) – Judy Knoth †

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

12:00 pm @ St. Mary (FEM) – Eric Siefring †

6:00 pm @ Holy Trinity (FJP) – John & Irma Fleck †

### 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 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

## 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 –

### Tuesday, December 31, 4:30 pm

**Servers:** Chase Fiely, Ethan Schmitz, Emma J Schmitz, Hayden Wuebker

**Lector:** Debbie Bueter

**Ushers:** Nick Dues, Mike Laux, Doug Schmitz, Randy Wendel

**EMHC:** Debbie Bueter, Tom Bueter

**Sacristan:** Tom & Debbie Bueter

### Wednesday, January 1, 9:00 am

**Servers:** Carson Fullenkamp, Vance Tobe, Vincent Wenning, Natalie Wenning, Lucas Winner, Elijah Grieshop

**Lector:** Elly Boeckman

**Ushers:** Joe Dues, Jeff Fullenkamp, Mark Metzger, Dan Schmitz

**EMHC:** Elly Boeckman, Cindy Fullenkamp

**Sacristan:** Stacy Pearson

### Friday, January 3, 12:00 pm

**Servers:** Joseph Bruns

**Lector:** Kathy Portz

### Saturday, January 4, 4:30 pm

**Servers:** Anthony Roessner, Xavier Bruns, Rachel Fortkamp

**Lector:** Diane Siegrist

**Ushers:** Floyd Bergman, Don Lennartz, Joe Siegrist, Bobby Stump

**EMHC:** Irene Roessner, Nancy Wuebker

**Sacristan:** Maggie Hartings

### Sunday, January 5, 9:00 am

**Servers:** Brodie Hart, Jackson Barga, Paisley Hart, Ava Luster

**Lector:** Pauline Faller

**Ushers:** Paul Alig, John Faller, Chuck Keller, Greg Schmitz

**EMHC:** Dottie Pearson, Jane Weitzel

**Sacristan:** Roger & Cheryl Wenning

## – St. Joseph –

### Wednesday, January 1, 8:00 am

**Servers:** Tyler Dues, Francis Pottkotter, James Pottkotter, Brinley Steinbrunner

**Lector:** Ryan Steinbrunner

**Ushers:** Dave Lennartz, Steve Post

**EMHC:** Deacon Dan Kahlig

**Sacristan:** Christa Fullenkamp

### Saturday, January 4, 9:00 am

**Servers:** Gavin Gaerke, Logan Gaerke

**Lector:** Mary Gaerke

### Sunday, January 5, 7:00 am

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

**Lector:** Pat Gehret

**Ushers:** Gary Pottkotter, Bryan Pottkotter

**EMHC:** Deacon Dan Kahlig

**Sacristan:** Norma Pottkotter

## – St. Paul –

### Wednesday, January 1, 11:00 am

**Servers:** Russell Hart, Lauren Hart, Liza Knapke, Kate Knapke

**Lector:** Kathy Keller

**Ushers:** Matthew Hart, Jeff Meier

**EMHC:** Chrissy Hart

**Rosary:** Jerry & Bec Bihn

### Thursday, January 2, 7:15 am

**Servers:** Maddie Weigel

### Sunday, January 5, 11:00 am

**Servers:** Olivia Knapke, Reece LeFevre, Camden LeFevre, Lindsey Siefiring

**Lector:** Joe Knapke

**Ushers:** Ross Homan, Dave Keller

**EMHC:** Joe Knapke, Carl Link

**Rosary:** Harry & Barb Schoen

## – St. Peter –

### Monday, December 30, 6:45 pm

**Servers:** Levi Sutter

**Lector:** Ryan Sutter

### Wednesday, January 1, 11:00 am

**Servers:** Reed Westgerdes, Gavin Gaerke, Logan Gaerke, Clete Timmerman, Amber Timmerman, Chris Timmerman

**Lector:** Mary Gaerke

**Ushers:** Jake Gaerke, Bob Roessner

**EMHC:** Donna Brunswick, Abe Timmerman

**Sacristan:** Brenda Kahlig

### Sunday, January 5, 11:00 am

**Servers:** Mason Diller, Easton Diller, Kale Diller, Tyler Kahlig, Theo Schmitz, Tate Kahlig

**Lector:** Lisa Kahlig

**Ushers:** Tom Lennartz, Matt Schoenherr

**EMHC:** Kristi Post

**Sacristan:** Lisa Roessner

## – St. Anthony –

### Wednesday, January 1, 9:00 am

**Servers:** Bryant Evans, Mason Alig, Allie Evans, Zach Homan, Lilly Alig, Jack Link

**Lector:** Joanne Alig

**Ushers:** Greg Alig, Sam Muhlenkamp

**EMHC:** Lisa Knapke

**Sacristan:** Janie Timmerman

**Rosary:** Julie Brackman

### Thursday, January 2, 6:45 pm

**Servers:** Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby

**Lector:** Janet Brockman

**Sacristan:** Janet Brockman

### Saturday, January 4, 4:00 pm

**Servers:** Mason Alig, Allie Evans, Nolan Link, Lacey Link

**Lector:** Cindy Muhlenkamp

**Ushers:** Jeff Sudhoff

**EMHC:** Donna Sudhoff

**Sacristan:** Cindy Muhlenkamp

**Rosary:** Marty Knapke

## – Holy Trinity –

### Monday, December 30, 7:15 am

**Servers:** Carter Heitkamp, Owen Heitkamp

### Tuesday, December 31, 4:30 pm

**Servers:** Joshua Schoen, Dana Knapke, Kelly May, Emmitt May, Myra Knapke, Mya Siegrist

**Lector:** Dee Fullenkamp

**EMHC:** Charmaine Bettinger, Dan Fullenkamp, Amy Klingshirn

### Wednesday, January 1, 8:00 am

**Servers:** Archer Bihn, Blake Wenning, David Dues, Reagan Wenning

**Lector:** Holly Emerine

**EMHC:** Linda Brunswick, Holly Emerine, Cindy Geise

### Wednesday, January 1, 10:00 am

**Servers:** Max Ross, Ryan Mathewson, Breann Mathewson, Brady Mathewson, John Evers, Gabriel Simper

**Lector:** Terry Liette

**EMHC:** Roger Kaiser, Brenda Kaiser

### Friday, January 3, 7:15 am

**Servers:** Abby Alig, Audrey Alig, A.J. Alig

### Saturday, January 4, 4:30 pm

**Servers:** Elisabeth Ebbing, Madison Bruns, Avery Bruns, Charley Bruns, Claire Bertke

**Lector:** Rita Riethman

**EMHC:** Dave Bertke, Connie May, Denny Riethman

### Sunday, January 5, 8:00 am

**Servers:** Olivia Broering, Samuel Gerlach, Josh Homan

**Lector:** Gary Griesdorn

**EMHC:** Jennifer Kremer, Joe Rose

### Sunday, January 5, 10:00 am

**Servers:** Andrew Wermert, Heidi Wermert, Emmett Wermert, Brandon Wendel

**Lector:** Ed Hosbach

**EMHC:** Carla Kahlig, Deb Kaiser, Kathy Schulze

### Sunday, January 5, 6:00 pm

**Servers:** Liam Cowan, Levi Sutter

**Lector:** Pam Hicks

**EMHC:** Pam Hicks, Amy Klingshirn

## – St. Mary –

### Tuesday, December 31, 7:15 am

**Servers:** Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby

**Lector:** Stephanie Wendel

### Wednesday, January 1, 10:00 am

**Servers:** Austin Uhlenhake, Lana Kaiser, Jay Liette, Reagan Liette, Benjamin Liette, Carson Uhlenhake

**Lector:** Martin Schoenherr

**Ushers:** Tony Puthoff, Brian Siefiring

**EMHC:** Virginia Dues

### Sunday, January 5, 12:00 pm

**Servers:** Jacob Uhlenhake, Kate Uhlenhake, Garrett Uhlenhake, Matthew Uhlenhake

**Lector:** Jordan Geier

**Ushers:** Matt Brockman, Dave Fullenkamp

**EMHC:** Tracy Liette

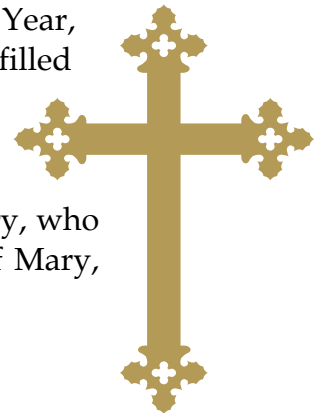
# Message from the Priests

## Mary - Mother of God, motivates us to embrace God in times of uncertainties

As we usher in the New Year, we are reminded of the profound significance of faith and devotion in our lives. One of the most powerful figures in this journey is Mary, the Mother of God. On this feast day, we not only honor Mary but also seek her intercession as we begin another chapter in our lives. Mary's "yes" to God's will — her acceptance of the divine calling to be the mother of Jesus — is a powerful example of obedience, trust, and surrender. As we step into 2025, we can look to her as a model for saying "yes" to the new possibilities and challenges that this year will bring. Like Mary, we may face moments of uncertainty and doubt, but we can trust that, with God's guidance, we will be led to a place of grace and purpose. The beginning of a new year is often a time for resolutions, for setting goals, and for hoping for a better future. As we make our own plans for 2025, let us also commit to following the path that Mary walked — one of faith, service, and love. She didn't know what lay ahead for her, but she embraced each moment with openness to God's plan. This is a reminder that we, too, are called to trust in the unfolding of His will for our lives.

In the coming year, we may face personal challenges, doubts, or even periods of sorrow. But Mary's example teaches us that, even in times of suffering, there is always hope. She stood by Jesus as he suffered on the cross, and her love for Him never wavered. May her strength and faith inspire us to remain steadfast, even in the face of adversity. Mary also teaches us the importance of silence and reflection. In the Gospels, we see Mary ponder and treasure things in her heart. In our fast-paced world, where noise and distraction are constant, we can learn from her example by taking moments of quiet to reflect, pray, and connect with God. As we begin this new year, let's commit to nurturing a deeper interior life, just as Mary did. Let us also reflect on Mary's role in bringing people together. She is a mother to all, embracing everyone with open arms. As we enter 2025, let us ask ourselves how we can be more inclusive, more loving, and more compassionate toward others. Mary's example calls us to build bridges, not walls, and to seek unity in a world often marked by division. Mary's motherly love is also a reminder that we are never alone. As we face the unknowns of the coming year, we can take comfort in knowing that she, like a mother, is always there for us. We can turn to her for comfort, guidance, and encouragement, knowing that she will always lead us closer to her Son, Jesus.

As we reflect on the New Year, let us also renew our commitment to live out the virtues that Mary embodies: faith, humility, charity, and service. Let us ask her to help us grow in these virtues, so that we might live more fully as witnesses to God's love in the world. Like Mary, may we be people who say "yes" to God's plan for our lives, even when it is difficult or unclear. In the coming year, may we find strength in Mary's example of perseverance and hope. She faced many trials and sorrows in her life, but she never lost faith in God's plan. In 2025, we too will face challenges, but we can draw on Mary's strength and trust that, with God, we can overcome anything. Finally, as we begin this New Year, let us pray for the grace to live more fully in the presence of God. Just as Mary was filled with grace, may we too be open to receiving God's grace in our daily lives. May this year be one of spiritual growth, deepening faith, and a closer relationship with Jesus Christ through the intercession of Mary, Mother of God. In this New Year, let us walk in faith, trust in God's plan, and find joy in the presence of Mary, who lovingly guides us toward her Son. Happy New Year, and May the blessings of Mary, Mother of God, be with you throughout 2025.



# Holy Cross Family of Parishes

**OFFICES CLOSED** — Both Holy Cross Family offices will be closed on December 31, 2024 & January 1, 2025 in observance of the Holy Day & holiday.

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION** — January 1, 2025 is a holy day of obligation for the Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God. Please see Mass times available below.

**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](mailto:bulletin.holycrossfop@gmail.com).

**POLICY ON WEEKDAY MASS CANCELLATIONS DUE TO WEATHER** — If school is delayed or closed then the morning weekday Mass in that school district will be canceled. (Ex: If Coldwater Schools are on a 2 hour delay on a Tuesday morning. Then morning Mass at St. Mary would be canceled, and then live streamed at MHC.) Evening Masses will be determined later in the day if a cancellation is necessary. The Mass will be live streamed instead at either Holy Trinity or Mary Help of Christians depending on the priest scheduled for that Mass. A OneCall notice will go out to the "Mass Times" group as soon as possible in these situations.

**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.

**EXPECTANT MOTHER'S BLESSING** — The blessing of expectant mothers will be after all the Masses the weekend of January 4/5.

**REMINDER TO ALL BUSINESSES AND PARISHIONERS** — We 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 Montell with Diocesan @ [smontell@diocesan.com](mailto:smontell@diocesan.com) or 614-301-7444.

**HOLY CROSS FAMILY LOGO** — We love how enthusiastic our parishioners are about supporting our parishes, but we kindly ask that if you would like to use the Holy Cross logo, to please contact the Parish Office for assistance instead of using our logo at your own discretion. This pertains to advertising as well as products featuring our logo. *Thank You!*

Submit your questions for the priests and RSVPs to Sarah @ 419-234-3152 or [kahligss@gmail.com](mailto:kahligss@gmail.com)

\*Please try to have questions submitted by Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>

## PRIEST ROUNDTABLE

Featuring: Fr. Witt, Fr. Joseph, Fr. Ethan, & Fr. Barry

Friday, January 24, 2025  
7pm (Social @ 6:30)  
MHC Undercroft

## Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

### — Mass Times —

#### Tuesday, December 31

4:30 pm @ Mary Help of Christians

4:30 pm @ Holy Trinity

#### Wednesday, January 1

8:00 am @ St. Joseph

8:00 am @ Holy Trinity

9:00 am @ Mary Help of Christians

9:00 am @ St. Anthony

10:00 am @ Holy Trinity

10:00 am @ St. Mary

11:00 am @ St. Paul

11:00 am @ St. Peter



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE COLDWATER  
& FORT FIAT YOUTH GROUP

# Christmas PARTY

SATURDAY | 11 | JANUARY

5:30-8:00 PM  
MHC Undercroft

PLEASE RSVP  
BY 1/6/25

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## Marriage Renewal Event

Mary Help of Christians  
February, 8, 2025 after the 4:30pm Mass

This event will be focusing on a deeper understanding of the sacrament of marriage as it relates to Jesus and his bride the Church. The main theme being marriage as not a cap stone to a relationship but the foundation stone. There will be a meal with drinks and speaker Fr. Ethan Moore. More info to come on where to purchase tickets and to RSVP.

*Save the Date!*

### Men's Saturday Prayer Group

Liturgy of the Hours w/ Fr. Barry  
& Men of our Family of Parishes

Saturdays beginning @ 6:45 am @ Holy Trinity  
Office of Readings beginning at 6:45 am  
& Morning Prayer at 7:00 am

The Liturgy of the Hours is the official prayer of the Catholic Church, consisting of psalms and other scripture verses, hymns and writings of saints. Through this prayer we join thousands of priests, religious and lay people around the world in offering praise and petition to God.



Hope you can join Fr. Barry on Saturday mornings for this time of prayer. Use the QR Code above to download the iBreviary App.

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**Welcome.**  
There is **More to Life**



Registration **OPENS**  
January 6, 2025!

**25 spots available**

Holy Cross Family of Parishes Women (21+ and older) are invited to spend time away from the hustle and bustle of your otherwise busy life to be still, reflect, spend time on YOU, and reconnect with your spiritual life! This free, overnight retreat is a chance to meet and grow in faith with other women in our family of parishes! On Jan. 6 use a link, QR code, or a mail in portion to secure 1 of the 25 available spots.

# Sacramental Information

## VIGIL OF TWO HEARTS

### Schedule of Events

#### St. Joseph

#### Friday, January 3

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, January 4

12 - 8:40 am: Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament  
7:30 am: Morning Prayer (Lauds)  
7:45 am: Scriptural Rosary  
8:45 am: Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament  
9 am: Holy Mass  
9:30 am: Confessions



## In Loving Memory...

Aaron W. Fennig  
September 23, 1981 - December 1, 2024  
(Mary Help of Christians)

Leroy Pohl  
December 29, 1937 - December 12, 2024  
(Holy Trinity)

Michael Buschur  
October 21, 1950 - December 11, 2024  
(Holy Trinity)

JR L. Stough  
June 26, 1979 - December 12, 2024  
(Holy Trinity)

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

- John 11:26

# Coldwater Information



## St. Mary

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

**LADIES SODALITY** — The Young Farmer's Sale is Saturday, February 8, 2025. Please volunteer to help work. Volunteers are also needed to make pies, cookies, or chili. A sign up sheet is in the back of church. Thank you!



## Holy Trinity

**ANNUAL WINTER DONATION DRIVE** — The Social Action Committee is collecting Chapstick,

new and or / clean gently used adult and children coats, hats, gloves/mittens, scarves & socks between December 28<sup>th</sup> through January 12<sup>th</sup>. Please put your donation in the marked containers at the entrances of the church. PLEASE HELP PROVIDE WARMTH AND COMFORT THIS WINTER FOR THOSE IN NEED!



## 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.

## Coldwater Youth Group

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**No Youth Ministry Events December 23<sup>rd</sup> - January 4<sup>th</sup> - Enjoy Christmas Break!**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 5** — 7:15 - 8:45 pm - High School Youth Group @ Fr. Yauss - Saint Night - Discover St. John the Baptist

**ATTENTION:** From mid-January to mid-April, I will be on maternity leave. During this time, the JH youth groups will be led by volunteers and will meet once a month. Zach Schoen and Jeremy Gruss will meet with the boys on the following dates: January 15, February 19, March 19, and April 16. Raquel Kaiser, Grace Huwer, and Amanda Clune will meet with the girls on the following dates: January 22, February 12, March 12, and April 9. The regular schedule for the JH boys' and girls' youth groups will resume upon my return.

## Coldwater Religious Ed.

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

### DATES TO NOTE:

**NO CCD CLASSES** — Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, & Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>

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

# Fort Recovery Information



## St. Paul

### DIAPER DRIVE

— Dear Parish members, we are having a diaper drive for a St. Paul family that has had

QUAD GIRLS!!! All four girls are at home now with the last two coming home on Thanksgiving Day, so we're trying to help the family by collecting PAMPERS Diapers and Wipes, snack foods, gift cards, gas cards or monetary donations. Items can be placed in the back of St. Paul Church and gas cards, gift cards and monetary donations in the collection, marked "St. Paul Diaper Drive" or dropped-off at the parish office at Mary Help of Christians until Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>. THANK YOU for helping this family and wishing you all a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!

**GIRLS CYO** — 12/29/24 @ Ft. Recovery, 12:30 pm w/ St. John Rose. Dennis Siefring: 419-375-4676 or Brent Willman: 419-852-9195.

**ANNUAL DINNER** — St. Paul's men's sodality will have their annual dinner and meeting in the parish hall on Jan. 13 at 6:30. All men of the parish are invited to enjoy a free meal and drinks, with socializing and card playing after a short meeting. Please sign up on the sheet at the entrance of the church.



## St. Joseph

### 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!

**DECORATION REMOVAL** — We will be taking down Christmas decorations after mass on Sun. Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>. All help is appreciated!

**CLEANING** — (January) \*\*Lindsey Eilerman, Jackie Bruggeman, Christa Fullenkamp, Deb Fullenkamp, Lynn Faller, Holly Brunswick, Sierra Kaiser, Chelsea Albers



## St. Peter

### SNOW REMOVAL COMMITTEE JANUARY 2025

— \*\*Greg Jutte, Curt Dues, Alan Koester, Shane Gaerke, Josh Gaerke, Tony Jutte, Tom Lennartz, Kurt Kremer, Bill Siefring, Scott Gehle, Rick Kunk, Les Pottkotter, Mike Gaerke, John Link, Matt Kremer, Nathan Fortkamp, Mark Heinrichs, Jeff Link, Ron Jutte, Ray Siefring, Clint Kremer, Mitch Lennartz, Duane Lennartz, Mitchel Vagedes, Chris Link, Mitchell Pugh, Jeremy Siegrist, Kenton Sudhoff, John Jutte. 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!



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#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**No youth group events 12/22 - 1/5. Enjoy Christmas break! Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!**

#### ATTENTION:

**CHRISTMAS PARTY** — Our annual youth group Christmas party is January 11<sup>th</sup> in the MHC undercroft. Come join us for food, games & a cookie decorating contest! All are welcome! Please see the Remind invite to RSVP.



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#### ATTENTION:

**NO CCD Class - Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**

**FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT** — Sat., Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>, 9 am - 12 pm at Coldwater High School. Registration begins at 8:30 am. All students and at least one parent must attend, but both parents are invited!

**CONFIRMATION RETREAT** — Sun., Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am - 4:30 pm at St. Peter. Students will check in at 10:30 am, then attend Mass at 11:00 am. All students must attend a Confirmation retreat in order to be confirmed.

**HOST FAMILIES NEEDED** — We are in need of a few families willing to host some NET missionaries who will be staying with us overnight on Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. These young missionaries will be leading our Confirmation retreat on Sunday and need a place to sleep and a small breakfast. Hosts do not need to worry about having enough beds for the missionaries they host; every missionary has their own sleeping bag and pillow, therefore, floors, couches, or air mattresses work just fine. If you are willing to open your home, please let Harlie Metzger know asap by calling 419-375-4153 or emailing hmetzger.holycrossfop@gmail.com



# Community Interests

**MCRTL ESSAY CONTEST** — 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> grade & 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> grade can enter. 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$200 & 1<sup>st</sup> place \$400 cash! \$10 McDonald's gift card to all participants. Essays are 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'. Scoring on: grammar, facts, creativity, & inspiration. Essays must reflect the pro-life convictions held by Mercer County Right to Life. Include contestant's name in e-mail's subject line of the submission. In the message portion list the contestant's address, age group of the essay entry, and school. Essays are to be e-mailed to prolife@mercercounty.org. mercercounty@outlook.com by Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**THE WORLD IS NOISY - GOD WHISPERS** — 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Retreat on Jan. 17-18, 2025, at the Retreat House in Maria Stein. Registration is now open. Learn more at [journeysrevealed.com/retreat](http://journeysrevealed.com/retreat). Join us as we unpack the tenacity of the Little Flower, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, and spend the weekend in prayer, silence, reflection, fellowship, adoration, Mass, and Confession. Come, be immersed in the profundity of St. Thérèse's spirituality as you seek the Lord in greater depths. Talks will be given by author and speaker Julia Monnin and Fr. Jedidiah Tritle. Mass will be celebrated both days by Fr. Sean Wilson. Confessors joining us this year are Fr. Sean Wilson, Fr. Andrew Hess, and Fr. Ethan Hoying. Space is limited to 50 retreatants.

**FISH FRY** — Ft. Recovery Community Club 18<sup>th</sup> annual fish fry. Sat., Jan. 11, 2025, at the Ohio Progressive Sportsman Club from 4 - 7 pm. Donation \$12 for Adults \$7 ( 8 and under).

**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.

**JUBILEE YEAR 2025** — Visit <https://catholicaoc.org/jubilee-2025> to learn about the Church's celebration of an Ordinary Jubilee every 25 years, obtaining the Jubilee Indulgence, pilgrimage sites within the archdiocese, and a special pilgrimage to Italy in October 2025. All are invited to join Archbishop Schnurr for Mass on Sunday, December 29, 4:00 pm at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains to open the Jubilee Year in communion with dioceses throughout the world.

**BBQ CHICKEN DINNERS** — Wendelin Sports Club BBQ chicken dinners Sun., Jan. 26, 4-6 pm. Dinners are \$10 each and presale only. To order your dinner call 419-375-4562 or contact any club member by Jan. 15.

**SACRED HEART RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT** — Sacred Heart Radio is your local Catholic media connection helping you to learn, live and share the truth of your faith 24-7! Listen on 740 AM & 910 AM or download the app at [sacredheartradio.com](http://sacredheartradio.com).

**EVENING FOR MARRIAGE** — Embrace the sacred calling of being husband or wife, mom or a dad on January 25, 2025. The Event features The Messy Family Project with Mike & Alicia Hernon at St. Henry American Legion. Doors open 5:45 pm with event beginning at 6:30 pm, and dinner at 7:30 pm. \$50 per couple, and free babysitting will be available. Call 419-790-8093 to register.

**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 7<sup>th</sup> through April 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:hiwilker@yahoo.com) or 419-953-5398.

**CATHOLIC IN RECOVERY RETREATS** — These retreats offer hope and healing for individuals and family members impacted by a variety of addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments. Retreat participants are given various opportunities to encounter the Lord and deepen their recovery through various talks, personal testimonies, meetings, prayer & reflection time, engaging the sacraments, & fellowship with others seeking recovery rooted in Catholic spirituality. Info.: <https://catholicinrecovery.com/events>.

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** — Do you want to rediscover the joy you and your spouse had when you were first married? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend will help do just that! The 2025 Marriage Encounter weekends in this area are now scheduled. February 28 - March 2 and September 19-21 at the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood, Ohio, November 7-9 at the Spiritual Center at Maria Stein, Ohio, and at our newest retreat location July 25-27 at the Jesuit Spiritual Center in Milford, Ohio. Weekends can fill up quickly, so applying early is encouraged to avoid the waiting list. Apply today at <https://esharing.org/applyWeekend.php>. Questions or details contact: Andy and Melanie Reinersman at 859-653-8464, [application@esharing.org](mailto:application@esharing.org) or visit [esharing.org](http://esharing.org)

**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.

**SCHOENSTATT HOME SHRINE CLASSES** — Classes will be offered Sunday Evenings from 7:00-8:15 pm on Jan 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>. The classes will be located in classroom A in the church basement at Sacred Heart of Jesus. Contact Colleen Tebbe at 937-726-7377 or [ctebbe4@gmail.com](mailto:ctebbe4@gmail.com) to register.

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 Cemetery.....\$ 5.00  
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 Allocated Loose .....\$1,169.82

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 Immaculate Conception \$ 45.00  
 Allocated Loose .....\$ 232.01

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Offertory.....\$2,825.00  
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 Building .....\$ 100.00  
 Retired Religious .....\$ 250.00  
 Allocated Loose .....\$ 378.24

#### St. Paul

Offertory.....\$3,761.00  
 Immaculate Conception \$ 190.00  
 Cemetery.....\$ 100.00  
 Retired Religious .....\$ 110.00  
 Maintenance.....\$ 100.00  
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### December 15, 2024

#### Holy Trinity

Offertory.....\$6,119.00  
 Loose.....\$2,946.05  
 Total .....\$9,065.05

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Offertory.....\$ 185.00  
 Loose.....\$ 219.00  
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