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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, January 5, 2025
The Epiphany of the Lord

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.

Liturgy Schedule (Note: This schedule is subject to change per priest availability)

Day	Time	Church	Priest	Mass Intention	Confession
Monday, January 6 <i>Saint Andre Bessette, Religious; opt. mem.</i>	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	FBS	Clem & Regina Dues Families †	After Mass
	6:45 pm	St. Peter	FAW	Mary Rudemiller †	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Tuesday, January 7 <i>Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest; opt. mem.</i>	7:15 am	St. Mary	FEM	Andrew Wendel †	After Mass
	6:45 pm	St. Joseph	FJP	Dave Garke †	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Wednesday, January 8 <i>Christmas Weekday</i>	7:15 am (L/S)	MHC	FAW	L/D Norbert Roessner Family †	After Mass
	Noon (L/S)	Holy Trinity	FBS	Wanda H Fredericks †	11:30 am - end
Thursday, January 9 <i>Christmas Weekday</i>	7:15 am	St. Paul	FAW	Mary Rammel †	After Mass
	6:45 pm	St. Anthony	FBS	Lucille Laux †	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Friday, January 10 <i>Christmas Weekday</i>	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	FAW	Margaret "Peg" Wolf †	After Mass
	Noon (L/S)	MHC	FBS	Cyril & MaryAnn Fortkamp †	11:30 am - end
Saturday, January 11 <i>Christmas Weekday</i>	9:00 am	St. Joseph	FAW	Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life	After Mass
	4:00 pm	St. Anthony	FAW	Kathryn Chambers †	3:15 - 3:45 pm
	4:30 pm (L/S)	Holy Trinity	FBS	L/D Alfred & Virginia Knapke Family †	3:45 pm - end
	4:30 pm (L/S)	MHC	FEM	Peg Wolf †	3:45 pm - end
Sunday, January 12 <i>The Baptism of the Lord; Feast</i>	7:00 am	St. Joseph	FEM	L/D Desbiens & Pascal Families †	N/A
	8:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	FAW	L/D Cornelius & Annamae Stammen Family †	7:25 am - end
	9:00 am (L/S)	MHC	FJP	L/D Alvin Wendel Family †	8:25 am - end
	10:00 am	Holy Trinity	FBS	Bud Knapke †	9:25 am - end
	11:00 am	St. Paul	FJP	Chuck Post †	10:25 - 10:45 am
	11:00 am	St. Peter	FEM	Poor Souls in Purgatory	10:25 - 10:45 am
	Noon	St. Mary	FAW	Members of the Holy Cross Family of Parishes	11:25 - 11:45 am
	6:00 pm	Holy Trinity	FBS	L/D Lou & Ann Brunswick Family †	5:15 - 5:45 pm

MASSES ONLINE — Watch Masses at Holy Trinity & Mary Help of Christians online, indicated by (L/S) with the time. Masses are also archived and viewable on a later day and can be accessed on the website: holycrossfop.org

Reference for Church Abbreviations

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

Tentatively Scheduled Celebrants listed above:
 Fr. Alexander Witt (FAW); Fr. Ethan Moore (FEM);
 Fr. Joseph Pasala (FJP); Fr. Barry Stechschulte (FBS)

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

BULLETIN SUBMISSION NOTICE: Submissions must be received by 8:00 am, 10 days prior to the Sunday publication date unless otherwise noted. Please submit info to bulletin.holycrossfop@gmail.com.

Ministry Schedule

– Mary Help of Christians –

Wednesday, January 8, 7:15 am

Servers: Charlie Roessner, Chris Timmerman

Lector: Elly Boeckman

Friday, January 10, 12:00 pm

Servers: Korbin Wuebker

Lector: Ted Romer

Saturday, January 11, 4:30 pm

Servers: John Bihn, Riley Heitkamp, Jameson Heitkamp

Lector: Kathy Portz

Ushers: Floyd Bergman, Nick Dues, LaVern Grube, Don Lennartz

EMHC: Lisa Fullenkamp, Kathy Portz

Sacristan: Kathy Portz

Sunday, January 12, 9:00 am

Servers: Milo Fiely, Chase Fiely, Cora Pearson, Vance Tobe

Lector: Chris Bihn

Ushers: Kevin Fortkamp, Mike Laux, Steve Vogel, Don Willmann

EMHC: Deacon Dan Kahlig, Lois Vogel

Sacristan: Lois Vogel

– St. Joseph –

Tuesday, January 7, 6:45 pm

Servers: Gavin Gaerke, Logan Gaerke

Lector: Mary Gaerke

Sacristan: Shel Sutter

Saturday, January 11, 9:00 am

Servers: Theresa Hipple

Lector: Jane Hipple

Sunday, January 12, 7:00 am

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

Lector: Danielle Pottkotter

Ushers: Ken Lamm, Steve Post

EMHC: Danielle Pottkotter

Sacristan: Paige Schulze

– St. Paul –

Thursday, January 9, 7:15 am

Servers: Hart Family

Sunday, January 12, 11:00 am

Servers: Dan Siefring, Nick Siefring, Riley Stammen, Kate Knapke

Lector: Amanda Brackman

Ushers: Mike Bruns, Chris Siefring

EMHC: Julie Bruns, Theresa Siefring

Rosary: Chris & Theresa Siefring

– St. Peter –

Monday, January 6, 6:45 pm

Servers: Braxton Schmitz

Lector: Nathan Fortkamp

Sunday, January 12, 11:00 am

Servers: Garrett Diller, Easton Diller, Kale Diller, Wade Gaerke, Hoyt Schmitz, Corbyn Schmitz

Lector: Jack Gaerke

Ushers: Tom Braun, Jim Knapke

EMHC: Clark Knapke

Sacristan: Donna Brunswick

– Holy Trinity –

Monday, January 6, 7:15 am

Servers: Ethan Schmitmeyer, Dillan Wenning

Wednesday, January 8, 12:00 pm

Servers: James Pottkotter, Francis Pottkotter

Friday, January 10, 7:15 am

Servers: Oliver Link, Owen May

Saturday, January 11, 4:30 pm

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

Lector: Diane Wellman

EMHC: Mark Obringer, Denny Riethman, Brenda Schwieterman

Sunday, January 12, 8:00 am

Servers: Leo Grigsby, Sam Grigsby, Josh Homan

Lector: Ken Hoying

EMHC: Karen Hoying, Tim Wellman

Sunday, January 12, 10:00 am

Servers: Jack Bettinger, Mason Evers, Mandi Hart, John Evers

Lector: Raquel Kaiser

EMHC: Deb Griesdorn, Karen Stammen, Nancy Wolters

Sunday, January 12, 6:00 pm

Servers: Elisabeth Ebbing, Levi Sutter

Lector: Ryan Sutter

EMHC: Dan Forsthoefel, Pam Hicks

– St. Anthony –

Thursday, January 9, 6:45 pm

Servers: Wesley Geier, Volunteer Needed

Lector: Paul Welling

Sacristan: Janet Brockman

Saturday, January 11, 4:00 pm

Servers: Allie Evans, Jacob Kahlig, Hallory Kahlig, Wesley Kahlig

Lector: Joanne Alig

Ushers: Greg Alig

EMHC: Ellen Sudhoff

Sacristan: Bonnie Muhlenkamp

Rosary: Marty Knapke

– St. Mary –

Tuesday, January 7, 7:15 am

Servers: Leo Grigsby, Sam Grigsby

Lector: Viki Dues

Sunday, January 12, 12:00 pm

Servers: Benjamin Liette, Jay Liette, William Moorman, Carson Uhlenhake

Lector: Betsy Uhlenhake

Ushers: Dave Hartke, Kyle J. Uhlenhake

EMHC: Mary Ann Harting





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Would the Real Epiphany Please Stand Up

Would the Real Epiphany Please Stand Up. At today's Masses, we will be celebrating one of the most important feast days of the liturgical year: Epiphany. While this feast day generally gets a little "lost in the shuffle" of all the other important feast days around this time of year, most people know that it's the feast where we celebrate the Wise Men finding and worshipping the Infant King of Heaven and earth. And while that's true...that's only a third of what we celebrate on this feast day!

What is Epiphany?

An epiphany is a sudden realization or encounter with the divine. The word can also be used to describe a sudden insight. It comes from the Greek word meaning "to reveal". The Epiphany, in the religious sense, is a little more specific though. The antiphon for Lauds (Morning Prayer) in the Liturgy of the Hours summarizes the three epiphanies that make up the Feast of the Epiphany in this way:

Today, the Bridegroom claims His bride, the Church, since Christ has washed her sins away in Jordan's waters; the Magi hasten with their gifts to the royal wedding; and the wedding guests rejoice, for Christ has changed water into wine, alleluia.



So the three feasts are the wedding feast at Cana, the Magi visiting the Holy Family, and the Baptism of the Lord (which we will celebrate next week). Each of these events reveal the Divinity of our Lord in a unique way: at the wedding feast, He revealed, at the request of His Mother who already knew this about Him, that He is Almighty God. When the Magi come, He is revealed as the King of heaven and earth, even though outwardly He appeared as any other baby. On Jordan's banks, He revealed His desire and His power to save us all by sanctifying the waters of the Jordan which in turn sanctify water and make it the place by which we come into a living relationship with God in holy Baptism.

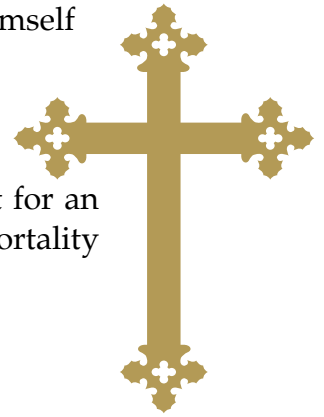
The Central Image

But even though each of these epiphanies are beautiful and powerful on their own, the antiphon wraps it all up around a single central image: that by becoming man to save us from our sins, Christ is wedding Himself to humanity. That's the deepest sense of the epiphany of our Lord: that He so loved the world that He sent His only Son to take on our flesh, suffer, and die for us, so that we might die no more, but may have eternal life. He has come to this earth to wed Himself to your soul. He does this through the Sacraments: in Baptism and Confirmation, He brings you to a new, spiritual birth and pours His Spirit into your heart; in Confession, He keeps you spotless and renews you as His dwelling place; in Holy Communion, He weds Himself to you: offering you His Body in return for your own. Just like at

marriage, the two bodies and souls become one in a profound and intimate Communion of love and self-gift. That's the point of every Mass and every Holy Communion. That's why it's so important to attend Mass attentively and as free of sin as we can be: the Mass is where Christ weds Himself to your soul for your salvation!

Meditate on that fact when you receive Holy Communion today: today is your spiritual wedding day, today is the day that Christ comes and dwells on this Altar, so that He may enter into your life. Give Him a place in your life, not just for an hour, but till death, which never comes, because Christ has clothed you with immortality to enjoy forever in Heaven one day!

In Christ,
Fr. Witt



Holy Cross Family of Parishes

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.

THEOLOGICALLY THIRSTY THURSDAYS — On Jan. 9th Fr. Alexander Witt will be speaking on "Prayer 101". 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.

MASS INTENTIONS REMINDER — Currently Mass Intentions are open for scheduling through January 2026. As a reminder, each individual parishioner at the Coldwater parishes is allowed one Mass Intention and each individual parishioner at the Fort Recovery parishes is allowed two Mass Intentions per calendar year. The suggested donation for a Mass Intention is \$5. Example formats for Mass Intentions are as follows: John Doe; John & Jane Doe; L/D John & Jane Doe Family; John & Jane Doe Wedding Anniversary.

EPIPHANY BLESSINGS — If you would like your home blessed for the Epiphany please contact either parish office to set up a time with one of our priests. Blessings typically take less than 10 minutes.

MASS CANCELLATIONS — The following are canceled due to only 2 priests being available Jan. 13 - 17:
Monday, Jan. 13, 6:45 pm Mass @ St. Peter
Tuesday, Jan. 14, 6:45 pm Mass @ St. Joseph
Wednesday, Jan. 15, Noon Mass @ Holy Trinity
Thursday, Jan. 16, 2:30 pm Mass @ Briarwood
Thursday, Jan. 16, 6:45 pm Mass @ St. Anthony
Friday, Jan 17, Noon Mass @ Mary Help of Christians

CONFESSION CANCELLATION — 1/18/25, Mary Help of Christians' Sat. vigil Mass will have no confessions available.

VBS — We are looking for a Craft Director at Mary Help of Christians for Vacation Bible School. This person would be in charge of deciding what crafts to make, ordering supplies, and helping at the event the week of. If interested, or for more information, please call Harlie at 419-375-4153 or email hmetzger.holycrossfop@gmail.com

PILGRIMS OF HOPE — Check out the Archdiocese website for more information on the 2025 Jubilee year (Pilgrims of Hope) @ <https://catholicaoc.org/jubilee-2025>.



STATEMENTS — Anyone that would like to receive their financial statement for the 2024 calendar year, is asked to please contact the Fort Recovery Holy Cross Family Office at alennartz.holycrossfop@gmail.com or 419-375-4153 or contact the Coldwater Holy Cross Family Office at cbettinger.holycrossfop@gmail.com or 419-678-4802.

Please RSVP to Sarah
@ 419-234-3152 or kahligss@gmail.com

PRIEST ROUNDTABLE

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

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

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!

If you would like a book, Bible Basics for Catholics, register by Jan. 5, 2025 by contacting Cindy Muhlenkamp at cmuhlenkamp.holycrossfop@gmail.com or (419) 678-4802.

Mountains & Mediators

Mary Help of Christians
(with Fr. Witt)

Sundays at 7 pm

Jan. 19, 26 & Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23

Holy Trinity
(with Fr. Moore)

Tuesdays at 7 pm

Jan. 21, 28 & Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25

Wrap up and pot luck at Mary Help of Christians March 2.

All are welcome at any or all sessions.

Unravel the intricate tapestry of the covenants of salvation history, from the Garden of Eden to the revelation of Jesus Christ as the fulfillment of ancient promises. With profound insights and sacramental revelations, this series illuminates the divine unity between the Covenants of the Old and New Covenant of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, culminating in the eternal union between Christ and His Church as depicted in the Book of Revelation.

Sacramental Information

In Loving Memory...

Mary K. Rammel

March 1, 1952 — December 19, 2024

(St. Paul)

Dale J. Sutter

April 20, 1934 - December 18, 2024

(Holy Trinity)

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

- John 11:26

Newly Baptized

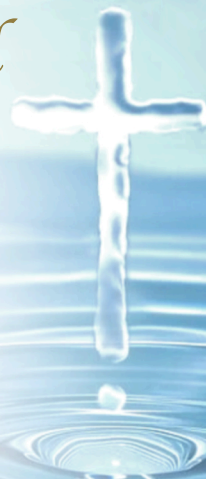
St. Anthony

Alvin James Alig
Child of Mitchell & Rebecca

Clete James Muhlenkamp
Child of Gabriel & Carlie

St. Joseph

Jackson Albert Pottkotter
Child of Grant & Danielle



Sacrament of Matrimony

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

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 Sponsors

This is an honor, but so much more. Whether for Baptism or Confirmation, being a sponsor means that you are promising to assist the parents in raising this person in the Catholic Faith. In order to fulfill that responsibility, the sponsor needs to be a practicing Catholic. This means that prayer, scripture, the sacraments and especially Mass are important priorities in his/her life. This also means that a sponsor needs to be a fully initiated Catholic who has received the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion, Confirmation, and, if married, was married in the Catholic Church.

Baptismal 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

Parish Information



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 28th through January 12th. 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. 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!*



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.



St. Paul

ANNUAL DINNER

— The 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

CLEANING — (January)

*Lindsey Eilerman, Jackie Bruggeman, Christa Fullenkamp, Deb Fullenkamp, Lynn Faller, Holly Brunswick, Sierra Kaiser, Chelsea Albers

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



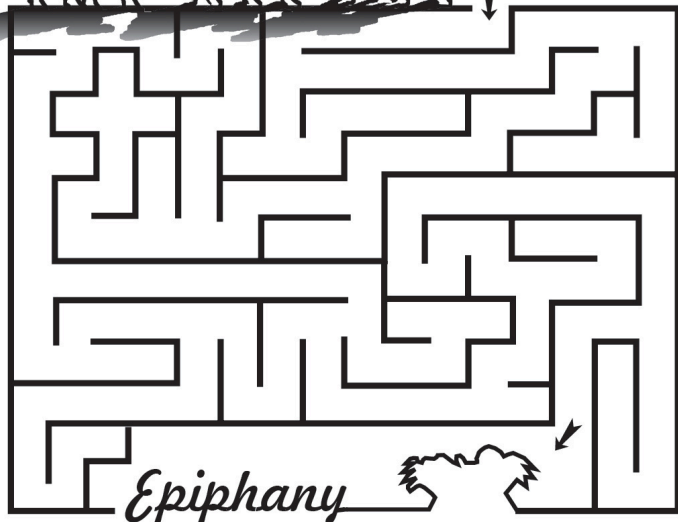
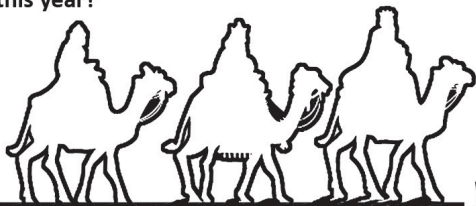
St. Peter

SNOW REMOVAL COMMITTEE

JANUARY 2025 — **Greg Jutte, Curt Dues, Alan Koester, Shane Gaerke, Josh Gaerke, Tony Jutte, Tom Lennartz, Kurt Kremer, Bill Siefing, Scott Gehle, Rick Kunk, Les Pottkotter, Mike Gaerke, John Link, Matt Kremer, Nathan Fortkamp, Mark Heinrichs, Jeff Link, Ron Jutte, Ray Siefing, 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!

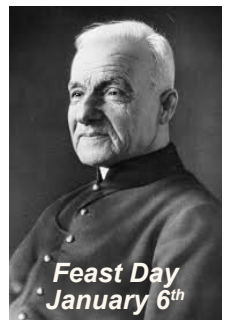
Epiphany, Mt 2:1-12

Three wise men were searching for Jesus. They traveled from very far away to meet him. They followed a star and finally found him in Bethlehem. They adored him and gave him special gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. **What gift would you like to give to Jesus this year?**



Saint of the Week - St. André Bessette

Does God only give grace to smart people? Obviously the answer is No. St. André was as simple as can be. Born in Quebec in 1845, he was orphaned at age 12 and received little education, but he had great charity. He could not read or write, do normal house chores, or manual labor. He was assigned to be the a doorman at Notre Dame College in Montreal, a school for boys ages 7 to 12, along with completing other menial tasks at the college. Because he was faithful in these little things, God rewarded him with great things. In 1904, he began a project to collect money and materials to build a chapel for his patron, St. Joseph. It started as a wood shelter, 15' x 18', where people could come and pray to St. Joseph. Not content with the structure, St. André continued to collect money and work on the chapel that became the largest Catholic church in Canada: St. Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal. St. André was allowed to be the caretaker of the Oratory beginning in 1909 until his death in 1937. Over a million people came to pay their respects at his funeral in the Oratory. St. André was a truly simple saint, and his great patron, St. Joseph, was also a perfect example of the truth of St. Thomas's teaching: it is the Holy Spirit who decides how much grace and how many divine gifts to bestow on us, above and beyond any natural capacities.



(Information obtained from article by Br. Bonaventure Chapman, OP.)

Youth Ministry & Religion Education

Coldwater Youth Group

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5 — 7:15 - 8:45 pm - High School Youth Group @ Fr. Yauss (grades 9th - 12th) Society of Saints - Discover St. John the Baptist!

MONDAY, JANUARY 6 — 11:18 - 11:45 am - High School Lunch @ Fr. Yauss (grades 9th - 12th)

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

CHRISTMAS PARTY — Our annual youth group Christmas party is January 11th in the MHC undercroft. Come join us for food, games & a cookie decorating contest! All are welcome!

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. 1st, & Jan. 8th

**Subs and Building Monitors are still needed!*

FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT — Sat., Jan. 18th, 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!

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, grades 7-12

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

BREAKFAST CLUB — Friday, January 10th (Karen Homan); Friday, January 24th Fr Hess); Friday, February 7th (Trent Pearson) from 7:15-8 am in MHC undercroft, grades 6-12

ATTENTION:

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

Fort Recovery Religious Ed.

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

ATTENTION:

NO CCD Class - Wednesday, January 8th

FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT — Sat., Jan. 18th, 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. 19th, 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 18th. 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



SUNDAYKIDZ

The Epiphany of the Lord

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Magi Newborn Homage Inquire Prophet
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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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Dear Parishioners,

Both our Coldwater & Ft. Recovery youth group will be implementing the Guardian Angel Program this year. This has been a successful program at Coldwater in the past, and we hope that it will be successful at both Ft. Recovery and Coldwater this year. The Guardian Angel Program is a sponsorship program where parishioners can donate to help offset the cost of different Catholic youth camps. Some examples of these camps include but are not limited to Steubenville, CYSC and Catholic Heart Work Camp.

This year our youth are invited to attend the Steubenville Youth Conference. In the past, these weekends have become a life-changing experience for the teens. This conference encourages the continuation of a deep faith rooted in the Eucharist and the understanding that God lives with them. However, the cost continues to grow. This is where the Guardian Angel Program will come into play...

The price for each student to attend the Steubenville Youth Conference this year is approximately \$330 - \$450. Each student is responsible for the full amount. This amount covers their registration fee, provides meals, lodging, and transportation for the weekend. We're asking and hoping that generous patrons throughout our family of parishes will consider sponsoring a teen to attend Steubenville and help offset some of this balance. Your generous donation can remain anonymous, they can be donated to our general fund which is split evenly between all teens, or you may sponsor a particular teen in which we will make sure the donation is directed appropriately. Truly, any help that you can give is appreciated! We are hoping that, once again, your thoughtfulness and generosity will help us defray some of the costs of this conference. Please prayerfully consider being a part of the Guardian Angel Program here within the Holy Cross Family of Parishes. If you would like to participate, please place your donation in an envelope marked "Fort Fiat Guardian Angel Program" or "Coldwater Youth Group Guardian Angel Program" in the collection basket or drop it off at one of the parish offices.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact Alyssa Overman @ aoverman.holycrossfop@gmail.com or Maria Gruss @ mgruss.holycrossfop@gmail.com. Your generosity is appreciated!

May God continue to bless you and your families!

Holy Cross Family of Parishes Youth Ministry Coordinators,
Alyssa Overman & Maria Gruss





Holy Cross Family of Parishes Women (21+ and older)

You 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 overnight retreat is a chance to meet and grow in faith with other women in our family of parishes!



Location: Holy Trinity Grotto

Dates: February 22-23, 2025;

(Check-in begins Sat. 8:30AM - Check-out Sun. 3:00PM)

Cost: FREE! (25 spots available); Meals Provided

For any questions contact: Amanda Dues 567-644-9039

Register via link, QR code, or mailing this portion to Amanda Dues:
704 Bittersweet Drive, Coldwater, OH 45822

Name: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Email Address: _____

Home Address: _____

Emergency Contact Name/Relationship: _____

Emergency Contact Phone number: _____

Emergency Contact Email: _____

Please list diet restrictions or food allergies: _____

Do you plan to stay the night? YES. NO.

Name of church you regularly attend in our parish family: _____



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Community Interests

MCRTL ESSAY CONTEST — 9th/10th grade & 11th/12th grade can enter. 2nd place \$200 & 1st 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 mercercounty@outlook.com by Jan. 15th, 2025.

THE WORLD IS NOISY - GOD WHISPERS — 5th Annual Retreat on Jan. 17-18, 2025, at the Retreat House in Maria Stein. Registration is now open. Learn more at 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's 18th 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).

COLDWATER AMERICAN LEGION — Fish fry, Chicken, Shrimp on Friday, January 10th from 4:30 - 7:00 pm. Breakfast, Sat. & Sun., Jan. 11th & 12th 8 am - Noon.

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.

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.

YOUTH RETREAT — The 26th annual Life in the Spirit Seminar is being held March 21-23 at the Maria Stein Retreat Center. To register, or for more information, please scan the QR code or visit LifeintheSpirit-Seminar.com. This is a great opportunity to strengthen your personal relationship with Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit! Registration without a late fee ends February 28th: <https://www.lifeinthespirit-seminar.com/>

ADULT RETREAT — The 2nd annual Life in the Spirit Seminar for adults is being held March 21-23 at the Montezuma Retreat Center. To register, or for more information, please scan the QR code or visit LifeintheSpirit-Seminar.com. This website is shared with the youth, please find the "Adult Retreat" tab. This is a great opportunity to strengthen your personal relationship with Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit! Registration without a late fee ends February 28th: <https://www.lifeinthespirit-seminar.com/>

HAPPY HEARTS 4H MEETING — Monday, January 6, from 7 to 8:30 pm in the basement of The Good Shepherd Church.

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.

FAITH, FAMILY, FOOTBALL — Men...mark your calendars! Former University of Michigan quarterback Elvis Grbac will be at St. John the Evangelist in Delphos on January 12th to talk about the role of a father's faith on his family. He will discuss the evolution of his faith through a football career that reached the peak of a Pro Bowl selection and as a member of a Super Bowl winning team. Elvis Grbac will discuss the importance of faith in raising his own family, through the highs and lows of serious illness and his journey to rediscovering and embracing his Catholic Faith. Sun., Jan. 12th at 6 pm. Call or Text Matt Fischer at 419-230-7306.

FT. RECOVERY FREE THROW CONTEST — Fort Recovery K of C Free Throw contest Sun., Jan. 19 in the High School Gym. Registration opens at 4:00 pm. Contest begins at 4:30 pm. For boys and girls ages 9 and older. Sign up forms are available on the day of the competition or you can e-mail gilefevre@bright.net. There is no cost to enter. If you have any questions, feel free to call/text Greg LeFevre at 419-852-2654.

COLDWATER FREE THROW CONTEST — Coldwater K of C Free Throw contest Sun., Jan. 19 in The Palace. Registration opens 4:00 pm. Contest begins at 4:30 pm. For boys and girls ages 9 - 14 years old. Questions contact Dave Bettinger 419-852-2582.

COLDWATER AMERICAN LEGION — Fish fry, Chicken, Shrimp on Friday, January 10th from 4:30 - 7:00 pm. Breakfast, Sat. & Sun., Jan. 11th & 12th 8 am - Noon.

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.

FT. RECOVERY D OF I — meeting will be Tues., Jan. 7th at 7:45 pm at the Ft. Recovery K of C Hall.

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>.

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December 16 - 22, 2024

Mary Help of Christians

Offertory.....\$4,271.00
Christmas\$ 210.00
Cemetery\$ 10.00
Retired Religious\$ 20.00
Youth Group\$1,000.00
Allocated Loose\$1,203.64

St. Joseph

Offertory.....\$ 930.00
Christmas\$ 60.00
Allocated Loose\$ 238.72

St. Paul

Offertory.....\$2,481.11
Christmas\$1,400.00
Maintenance.....\$ 100.00
Allocated Loose\$ 481.46

St. Peter

Offertory.....\$2,798.00
Christmas\$ 600.00
Retired Religious\$ 20.00
Allocated Loose\$ 389.18

December 22, 2024

Holy Trinity

Offertory.....\$5,588.00
Loose.....\$3,203.00
Total\$8,791.00
Military\$ 100.00
Perm. Improvement.....\$2,075.00
Food Pantry.....\$ 100.00
Candles.....\$ 222.00
Retired Religious\$ 762.00

St. Anthony

Offertory.....\$ 905.00
Loose.....\$ 390.00
Total\$1,295.00
Cemetery\$ 20.00
Perm. Improvement.....\$ 80.00
Immaculate Conception \$ 50.00
Retired Religious\$ 520.00
Thanksgiving.....\$ 100.00

St. Mary

Offertory.....\$1,100.00
Loose.....\$ 467.00
Total\$1,567.00
Perm. Improvement.....\$ 145.00
Candles.....\$ 9.00
Immaculate Conception \$ 50.00
Cemetery\$ 40.00
Retired Religious\$ 180.00

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