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Family Offices

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



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



Facebook:

www.facebook.com/holycrossfop



St. Anthony



St. Joseph



St. Mary



St. Paul



St. Peter

Sunday, January 12, 2025

The Baptism 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 13 <i>Saint Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church; opt. mem.</i>	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	FAW	Richard Alig †	After Mass
	Evening Mass @ St. Peter is Canceled.				
Tuesday, January 14 <i>Weekday</i>	7:15 am	St. Mary	FJP	Christina (Brunns) Dicke †	After Mass
	Evening Mass @ St. Joseph is Canceled.				
Wednesday, January 15 <i>Weekday</i>	7:15 am (L/S)	MHC	FAW	L/D Glen & Reberta Good Family †	After Mass
	Noon Mass @ Holy Trinity is Canceled.				
Thursday, January 16 <i>Weekday; Memorial</i>	7:15 am	St. Paul	FJP	L/D Ron Stammen Family †	After Mass
	Evening Mass @ St. Anthony is Canceled.				
Friday, January 17 <i>Saint Anthony, Abbot; Memorial</i>	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	FAW	Alfred Rose †	After Mass
	Noon Mass @ Mary Help of Christians is Canceled.				
Saturday, January 18 <i>BVM on Saturday; opt. mem.</i>	9:00 am	St. Joseph	FJP	Marian Homan †	After Mass
	4:00 pm	St. Anthony	FJP	Trula Wyerick †	3:15 - 3:45 pm
	4:30 pm (L/S)	Holy Trinity	FEM	Jerry Ruchty †	3:45 pm - end
	4:30 pm (L/S)	MHC	FAW	Randy Wendel †	Canceled
Sunday, January 19 <i>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	7:00 am	St. Joseph	FAW	Members of the Holy Cross Family of Parishes	N/A
	8:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	FJP	L/D Cornelius & Annamae Stammen †	7:25 am - end
	9:00 am (L/S)	MHC	FMW	Cindy Knapke †	8:25 am - end
	10:00 am	Holy Trinity	FEM	Carl Nearing †	9:25 am - end
	11:00 am	St. Paul	FMW	Andy Keller †	10:25 - 10:45 am
	11:00 am	St. Peter	FAW	L/D Ed & Tina Schmit Family †	10:25 - 10:45 am
	Noon	St. Mary	FJP	L/D Joseph & Wilma Barhorst Family †	11:25 - 11:45 am
	6:00 pm	Holy Trinity	FEM	Jean Brackman †	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. Michael Willig (FMW)

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 15, 7:15 am

Servers: Joseph Bruns

Lector: Pauline Faller

Friday, January 17, 12:00 pm (Canceled)

Saturday, January 18, 4:30 pm

Servers: Rachel Fortkamp, Carson Fullenkamp,
Anthony Roessner

Lector: Pam Hicks

Ushers: Floyd Bergman, Chuck Kaiser, Don Lennartz,
Matt Whitacre

EMHC: Pam Hicks, Lisa Zehringer

Sacristan: Ted Romer

Sunday, January 19, 9:00 am

Servers: Emma Pearson, Grant Pearson, Lucas Winner,
Elijah Grieshop

Lector: Trent Pearson

Ushers: Mark Metzger, Doug Schmitz, Steve Wendel,
Randy Wendel

EMHC: Michelle Evers, Trent Pearson

Sacristan: Dan & Grace Jutte

– St. Joseph –

Tuesday, January 14, 6:45 pm (Canceled)

Saturday, January 18, 9:00 am

Servers: Gavin Gaerke, Logan Gaerke

Lector: Mary Gaerke

Sunday, January 19, 7:00 am

Servers: Blaise Bergman, Tyler Dues, Leo Grigsby,
Sam Grigsby

Lector: Jean Grube

Ushers: Allen Grube, Jerry Sutter

EMHC: Jean Grube

Sacristan: Shel Sutter

– St. Paul –

Thursday, January 16, 7:15 am

Servers: Maddie Weigel

Sunday, January 19, 11:00 am

Servers: Raelyn Sudhoff, Landon Sudhoff,
Hayden Wuebker, Kate Knapke

Lector: Marcia Weigel

Ushers: Doug Weigel, Kevin Wuebker

EMHC: Deacon Dan Kahlig, Marcia Weigel

Rosary: Jerry & Bec Bihn

– St. Peter –

Monday, January 13, 6:45 pm (Canceled)

Sunday, January 19, 11:00 am

Servers: Will Westgerdes, Theo Schmitz,
Amber Timmerman, Clete Timmerman, Chris Timmerman,
Kinley Schoenlein

Lector: Elaine Post

Ushers: Dan Overman, Mike Roessner

EMHC: Karen Timmerman

Sacristan: Jane Hipple

– Holy Trinity –

Monday, January 13, 7:15 am

Servers: Carter Heitkamp, Owen Heitkamp

Wednesday, January 15, 12:00 pm (Canceled)

Friday, January 17, 7:15 am

Servers: Owen May, Dillan Wenning

Saturday, January 18, 4:30 pm

Servers: Avery Bruns, Madison Bruns, Charley Bruns,
David Dues

Lector: Rita Riethman

EMHC: Denny Riethman, Michelle Wilker, Megan Wolters

Sunday, January 19, 8:00 am

Servers: Carter Heitkamp, Owen Heitkamp, Josh Homan

Lector: Nick Knapke

EMHC: Ralph Alig, Kathy Prenger

Sunday, January 19, 10:00 am

Servers: Ethan Schmitmeyer, Grace Siegrist,
Kennley Siegrist, Mya Siegrist

Lector: Tessa Huwer

EMHC: Tony Hart, Melissa Homan, Cindy Schmidt

Sunday, January 19, 6:00 pm

Servers: Isabelle Schwieterman, Zachary Schwieterman

Lector: Terry Liette

EMHC: Amy Klingshirn, Sarah Klosterman

– St. Anthony –

Thursday, January 16, 6:45 pm (Canceled)

Saturday, January 18, 4:00 pm

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

Lector: Cindy Homan

Ushers: Sam Muhlenkamp

EMHC: Tracy Muhlenkamp

Sacristan: Cindy Homan

Rosary: Teri Minnich

– St. Mary –

Tuesday, January 14, 7:15 am

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby

Lector: Stephanie Wendel

Sunday, January 19, 12:00 pm

Servers: Jay Liette, Reagan Liette, Jacob Uhlenhake,
Kate Uhlenhake

Lector: Adam Liette

Ushers: Carl Harting, Rick Hemmelgarn

EMHC: Stephanie Wendel





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Plunging into a New Year

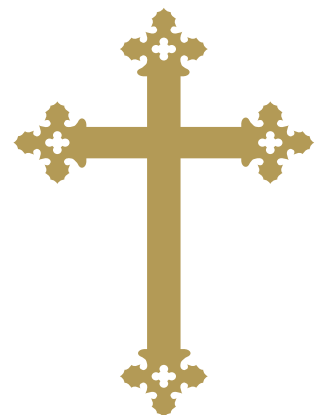
For the last 17 years I have started my New Year off with a renewal of baptismal vows. A moment to recommit my life to the Lord 🙏. This also takes the form of a type of polar plunge 🌊🧊🌊, that is jumping into whatever body of water is available on the 1st of the year for just that sort of activity. It is always a good moment to bring people together 👯‍♀️👯‍♂️👯‍♀️👯‍♂️, but also to really take a pause to think about a sacramental moment that we likely don't have a whole lot of memories around: Baptism.

This Sunday we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. Here Jesus is baptized by the hand of his cousin John, and we hear God the Father speak. He says, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Jesus has His identity affirmed as BELOVED 🤍. Now, we know that Jesus is truly God and truly man meaning He did not get baptized based upon any NEED or LACK in Him, but rather, as the Catechism points out, this was Jesus', "Acceptance and inauguration of His mission as God's suffering servant. Out of Love He consents to this baptism of death for the remission of our sins." DANNNNNG, so here at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry we see an anticipation of His sacrifice 🩸 and death ☩ for our life.

So when we experience the sacrament of Baptism we come happy and joyful; there is this baby 👶 who looks so cute in that white outfit, and we aren't necessarily thinking about what's really going on in a deep way. St. Paul states in his letter 📧 to the Romans, "Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?" The Romans, and maybe us too, could be like, well you know I never really thought about it, but now that you say it like that, I guess I didn't realize that 🤔. So what does that mean? Now that's a good question? It means that at our Baptism each of us were brought into relationship with God in a personal way, because of what Jesus did on the cross for YOU and for ME. So at our Baptism 🌊, we also become BELOVED 🤍 by entering into Jesus' death and resurrection. It's really, BIG DEAL STUFF.

Jesus is on mission for you and me to be on mission too. Meaning at the Baptism of the Lord we are reminded that Jesus is in full pursuit of our hearts to be united with His; it starts at our Baptism, and it doesn't end until life itself is over. May we live more fully our identity as BELOVED 🤍 and share this good news 🗣️ with the whole world 🌍!

- Fr. Ethan Moore



Sacramental Information

Wedding Banns

I Nathan Schmitmeyer & Paige Fortkamp

And the two shall become one.



Sacrament of Matrimony

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

Marriage Congratulations!



Will & Shelby (Stammen) Broering
Married Saturday, December 28, 2024
(Mary Help of Christians)

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

In Loving Memory...

Dennis "Doc" Bergman
September 2, 1944 - December 24, 2024
(Holy Trinity)

Larry E. Day
July 21, 1939 — December 27, 2024
(Mary Help of Christians)

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

- John 11:26



Newly Baptized

Holy Trinity
Ella Grace Baxter
Child of Nicholas & Kendra

Sophia Mae Meyer
Child of Trent & Caroline

Henry Allan Brannon
Child of Luke & McKenna

Miriam Rose Alig
Child of Adam & Jodi

Mary Help of Christians

Mason Anthony Brackman
Child of Greg & Ann



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 Class

Fort Recovery Classes are held on Tuesdays at 7 pm. The next class at Fort Recovery for 2025 is January 7th. Please call 419-375-4153 to register. Coldwater Classes are held on the 3rd Sunday of the month @ 7pm. Please call 419-678-4802 to register. The Baptismal Class is required for all first-time parents.

Baptismal Schedule

1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday
12:30 pm - MHC	12:30 pm - St. Peter	12:30 pm - St. Paul	12:30 pm - St. Joseph
1:30 pm - Holy Trinity	1:30 pm - St. Mary	1:30 pm - Holy Trinity	1:30 pm - St. Anthony

Holy Cross Family of Parishes

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 — On January 18th, Mary Help of Christians' Saturday 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

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.

MOUNTAINS & MEDITATORS — Classes will be held at Mary Help of Christians on Sundays @ 7 pm from Jan. 19th - Feb. 23rd with Fr. Witt. They will also be held at Holy Trinity on Tuesdays @ 7 pm from Jan. 21st - Feb. 25th with Fr. Moore. There will be a wrap up and pot luck at Mary Help of Christians on Mar. 2nd. All are welcome at any or all sessions. If you have any questions please contact Cindy Muhlenkamp at cmuhlenkamp.holycrossfop@gmail.com or (419) 678-4802.

MISSION LOTTERY WINNERS — (11/27/24) Jacob Alig, (12/4/24) Janice Borgerding, (12/11/24) Kourtney Diller, (12/18/24) Deb Osterholt, and (12/25/24) Kate Evers — Congratulations!

WOMEN'S SOCIAL GROUP — We meet on the first & third Thurs. of every month, 7:30 - 9 pm in Holy Trinity Grotto's St. Isidore room. Our group is led by Fr. Ethan Moore. Currently we are reading the book "Jesus I Trust in You". The next meeting is on Thurs., Jan. 16, 2025.

MEN'S GROUP ANNOUNCEMENT — Meetings are every first and third Fri. of every month, 4:30 am in the Grotto. Men of all ages are welcome to join. There is no commitment to come every meeting. Contact David Bettinger @ 419-852-2582 with any questions. The next meeting is on Fri., Jan. 17, 2025.

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

PRIEST ROUNDTABLE

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

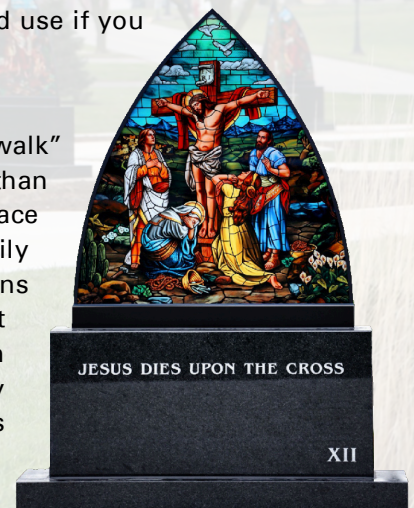
Friday, January 24, 2025
7pm (Social @ 6:30)
MHC Undercroft

Thanks again!

As most of you have seen, the stations and Rosary walk beads have recently been installed, and they look fantastic. We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all of our generous donors, whether you belong to Mary Help of Christians, or any of those who donated from elsewhere within the Holy Cross Family. Each and every donation was felt and appreciated. As you can see, there are still a handful of things that have yet to be done and will wait until the spring: benches, landscaping, and lighting. So, if you feel like you missed your opportunity to donate, no worries, we can still put money to good use if you feel called to help out.

Let's give it a name!

Moving forward, we wanted to say that we've been calling this "the rosary walk" as a sort of working name, but really, what we've created is so much more than that. We'd like to give it a proper name to reflect the rosary and stations as a place of prayer for our whole community. If you remember when we named our Family of Parishes, we'd like to do something similar — we'd like to take in suggestions from any member of the family who has an idea worth sharing. We only ask that it fall within the same parameters that were set when we named our parish family — that it be named for a saint or some particular devotion approved by the Church. (Eg: Saint Fiacre's Garden, Saint Perpetua's Path, The Precious Blood Prayer Place, etc.) We will provide a form to fill out soon. This name will be unveiled at the rosary walk dedication next summer! (Date TBD.)



Join us for an
**Adult Guided
Holy Hour**
w/ Our Lord.

6:30-7:30 pm
Thursday, January 23rd

ADULT ADORATION @ St. Joseph



Thank you to everyone that helped make the *Vigil Project's Way of the Star* possible. It was a beautiful Holy Cross Family of Parishes Event. We were only able to do this because of the very generous donations from our Ladies' and Men's Sodalities, K of C s, & many private donors.



Thank You!



MEN INQUIRING ABOUT THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

— Any man who may be discerning a possible vocation to serve the Church as a Permanent Deacon should contact Deacon Mark Machuga, Director of the Office of the Diaconate, to discuss the discernment process, prerequisites, and the formation cycle. Deacon Mark can be reached at 513-263-6641 or deaconoffice@catholicaoc.org.



Welcome. (Women's Retreat)

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

Use the QR Code above or
check out <https://www.holycrossfop.org/events-activities> to sign up.

REQUESTING HELP FOR OUR WOMEN'S WELCOME RETREAT:

Adorers During Women's Welcome Retreat — We are in need of people to pray each hour for the women attending the Welcome retreat February 22-23rd. If you feel called, please consider signing up for an adoration hour praying for the women, which can be done in a church or from the comfort of your home! Thank you for your support! Please sign up using the QR code! Contact Amanda Dues 567-644-9039 with any questions.



Food & Kitchen Sign-Up — We are still in need of helpers to serve food during a meal hour to the ladies at the retreat (February 22-23rd). Thank you to everyone who has generously signed up to provide food for our Welcome Retreat. Food items can be dropped off to the Holy Trinity Grotto on Feb. 21st anytime 9am-7pm. Thank you for your help! Contact Amanda Dues 567-644-9039 with any questions.



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

Welcome.
There is **More to Life**

CRHP 2.0

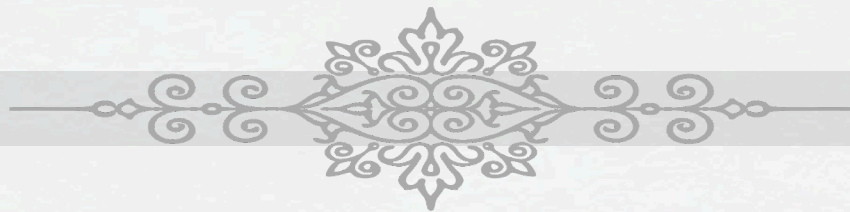


Wedding Renewal Event

(Limited to 50 married couples from Newlyweds to Golden)

Mary Help of Christians Undercroft

February, 8, 2025 after the 4:30 pm Mass



Italian style meal w/ beverages served at 6 pm

\$40 Per couple - Register by January 22nd

Pay at time of sign-up at either Parish Office

*Fr. Ethan Moore will speak on the
Sacrament of Marriage*

Any questions contact Trent Pearson at 419-852-1336



Empty Pill Bottle Collection



FEB 1 - APR 15, 2025

The Holy Cross Family is partnering with Matthew 25 Ministries out of Cincinnati to collect donations of empty **plastic** pill & vitamin bottles. These will be included in shipments of medical supplies to provide disaster and poverty relief globally. All donated bottles can be dropped off at Holy Trinity from Feb 1 - Apr 15.

Step 1: Remove label, leaving no glue or residue. Wash thoroughly in hot, soapy water. Rinse and dry thoroughly and replace lid.



Step 2: Drop off at Holy Trinity in marked bins at the elevator entrance or vestibule off of Main Street entrance.

Thank you for your help in supporting this mission!

Any questions, please email ashley.woeste@gmail.com or call/text 419-305-3440.



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Matthew  Ministries

Check out Matthew 25 Ministries @ <https://m25m.org> or use the QR Code:



Parish Information



Holy Trinity

USHERS NEEDED

— We are looking for at least two ushers for the Saturday 4:30 pm Mass schedule at Holy Trinity, but if you would like to help as an usher for a different Mass time, just let us know! Please call the Coldwater Church office at phone 419-678-4802 to sign up!

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. 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. 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!*



Mary Help of Christians

SEWING GROUP

— They will not sew on January 13 but will sew again on February 10. If school is cancelled due to ice or snow we will not meet until March. Thanks for everyone's help.

THANK YOU — With warmest thanks, the family of Aaron W. Fennig, extends our sincere gratitude to Father Ethan Moore, Thomas Shaw of Brockman-Boeckman Funeral Home, Kathy Staugler, Holy Cross Bereavement Ministry, the American Legion Auxiliary, and the Army Raiders 2-150 FA unit. Thank you to the MHOC Funeral choir and Deanna Knapke, organist, for the beautiful music at Mass. Thanks to the MHOC luncheon committee and to all the parishioners who provided food, for the delicious meal. Also thanks to Be You Floral for the lovely arrangements. Thank you to everyone who offered support, comfort, Masses, gifts, prayers, and kind words for us, during the death of our son, Aaron. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

- With thanks, *The Family of Aaron W. Fennig*



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 pm. 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.

GIRLS CYO — 1/12/25 @ Ft. Recovery, 12:30 pm with St. Lawrence Botkins. Dennis Siefring: 419-375-4676 or Brent Willmann: 419-852-9195.



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 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!

PLEASE JOIN US

St. Peter Ladies Sodality

Winter Party

Sunday, January 26th
Doors open 5:30 pm
Supper served at 6 pm
Cost \$6

Join us for an evening of fellowship and fun. Get to know your fellow parishioners, as well as our parish priest.

Religious Education

Coldwater Religious Ed.

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

DATES TO NOTE:

*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 Recovery Religious Ed.

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

ATTENTION:

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.

Saint of the Week - Saint Anthony, Abbot

His life was marked by solitude, fasting and work. Orphaned at 20, as a young man he gave all his goods to the poor and retired to the desert, where he also fought against the temptations of the devil, choosing the path of asceticism and prayer. Anthony was responsible for the establishment of families of monks who, under the guidance of a spiritual father, consecrated themselves to the service of God.

St. Anthony is often depicted next to a pig with a bell around its neck. This iconographic representation is linked to the fact that the ancient hospitaller order of the "Antonines" raised pigs because the fat of these animals was used to anoint the sick affected by ergotism. This disease was then called "the fire of Sant 'Antonio". On his feast day, the stalls are blessed, as are any domestic animals brought for blessing. In the iconography is associated with St. Anthony figures also the hermit's staff in the form of T, the tau, the last letter of the Hebrew alphabet.

In the biography Vita Antonii, St. Athanasius wrote these words referring to St. Anthony: "That he was everywhere known, admired and desired by everyone, even those who had not seen him, is a sign of his virtue and God-friendly soul. In fact, neither for writings nor for a profane wisdom nor for any capacity is Anthony known, but only for his piety towards God - and no one could deny that this is a gift from God. As indeed we would not have heard in Spain and in Gaul, in Rome and in Africa of this man, who lived withdrawn in the mountains, if God Himself had not made him known to all, as He does with those who belong to Him, and as He had announced to Anthony since the beginning? Even if Anthony acted in secret and desired to remain hidden, the Lord shows him and those like him to everyone, as a lamp, that those who hear about them know that it is possible to follow the commandments and take courage in following the path of virtue."



Feast Day: Jan. 17th

- (Information from the Vatican News)



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The Baptism of the Lord

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The Little Ones

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Now when all the people were baptized, Jesus also was baptized, and while He was praying, heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came from heaven: "You are My beloved Son, in You I am well pleased." Lk 3:21-22

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Youth Ministry

Coldwater Youth Group

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

MON., JAN. 13 — 11:18 - 11:45 am - High School Lunch @ Fr. Yauss (grades 9 - 12)

TUES., JAN. 14 — 7 - 8 am - High School Bible Study @ Rooster Joe (grades 9 - 12)

WED., JAN. 15 — 7:30 - 8:30 pm - BOYS Junior High Youth Group @ Fr. Yauss (grades 7 & 8)

SUN., JAN. 19 — 7:15 - 8:45 pm - High School Youth Group - 30 min guided Adoration @ Holy Trinity, Social & Games to follow @ Fr. Yauss (grades 9 - 12)

NOTE: No High School Youth Group on Sun., Jan. 12th. All are welcome to attend the Youth Group Christmas Party on Sat., Jan. 11th at MHC undercroft. Come join us for food, games & a cookie decorating contest! All are welcome!

ATTENTION: I am be on maternity leave until April. 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 2. 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.

Fort Fiat Youth Group

Contact: Alyssa Overman
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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 24th (Fr. Hess); Friday, February 7th (Trent Pearson); February 21st (Jacob Kleinhenz) from 7:15- 8 am in MHC Undercroft, grades 6-12

ATTENTION:

HS DISCIPLESHIP RETREAT — See Remind messages for details & to get signed up. If you'd like to be signed up with Fort Fiat, you must sign up by January 14th.

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



Community Interests

COLDWATER AMERICAN LEGION — Breakfast on Sun., Jan. 12th, 8 am - Noon. BINGO on Tues., Jan. 14th, doors open at 5:30 for food, early birds 6:30, and regular games 7 pm.

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 proliferation.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.

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.

HELP NEEDED — St. John Bosco Orphanage, Jamaica, is looking for help to do repair work. A group will be going Jan. 21st and another group on Jan. 29th for a week each time. If interested, give Dennis Siefring a call @ 419-375-4676 for more information.

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 glefevre@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.

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.

FAITH, FAMILY, FOOTBALL — Men...mark your calendars! Former University of Michigan quarterback Elvis Grbac will be at St. John the Evangelist in Delphos 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. He 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. Contact Matt Fischer at 419-230-7306.

ST. DYMPHNA PRAYER SERVICE FOR MENTAL HEALTH — This service is for all those who battle or are praying for those with anxiety, depression, and mental health issues. We invite everyone to join us on Sun., Jan. 26 at 2 pm, as we pray for the intercession of St. Dymphna. This service, held in the Adoration Chapel at the Maria Stein Shrine, includes prayers and veneration of St. Dymphna's relic. Nick Clune, certified CPMAP Mentor trained through the CatholicPsych Institute will be speaking. Nick specializes in helping men and women build fulfilling relationships, overcome anxiety and depression, and discover deeper meaning in life through the integration of psychology, spirituality, and Catholic anthropology.

COUPLES NIGHT — The Maria Stein Shrine is hosting a special event for couples wanting to strengthen their faith and marriage. It will be held on Sun., Feb. 16th at 5:30 pm in the Shrine's Upper Room. The evening will begin with dinner, beverages, and desserts. After dinner, Julia Monnin, President and Director of Apostolic Works for the Catholic nonprofit apostolate Journeys Revealed Ministries will speak. The cost for the evening is \$50 per couple and an RSVP is required. Space is limited. Register online at mariasteinshrine.org by Feb. 10th.

YOUTH RETREAT — The 26th annual Life in the Spirit Seminar will be held March 21-23 at the Maria Stein Retreat Center. 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 Feb. 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. 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 Feb. 28th: <https://www.lifeinthespirit-seminar.com>. This website is shared with the youth, please find the "Adult Retreat" tab.

ST. JOHN BOSCO ITALIAN DRIVE THRU DINNER — Take-and-bake meals are PRE-SALE ONLY. Sale ends on, Fri., Jan. 24th, 2025. Dinner 1: Bosco Bake \$10 (meatballs, penne pasta, marinara sauce, & mozzarella cheese). Dinner 2: Chicken Alfredo \$10 (chicken, penne pasta, & alfredo sauce). These heat-and-eat meals are dinner sized portions. Add 10 frozen Bosco sticks to your order for \$10. Pick up via drive-thru at the main entrance of the Maria Stein Shrine on Jan. 30th from 4:30 pm - 6 pm. On this day, the relic of St. John Bosco will be out for public veneration in the Relic Chapel. Tickets can be purchased online at mariasteinshrine.org, at the Main Entrance of the Shrine, by calling the Shrine at 419-925-4532 or email at contact@mariasteinshrine.org. All proceeds benefit the Maria Stein Shrine.

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