



# Holy Trinity

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

Family Offices



# Mary Help of Christians

419-375-4153 403 Sharpsburg Road Fort Recovery, Ohio 45846 Mon: 9 am - 3 pm Tues - Thurs: 8 am - 5 pm

Fri: 9 am - 1 pm

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St. Anthony



St. Joseph



St. Mary



St. Paul



St. Peter

Sunday, January 19, 2025 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time **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 20 Saint Fabian, Pope, Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr; opt. mem.	7:15 am ( <i>L/S</i> )	Holy Trinity	FBS	Lou Ann Knoth †	After Mass
	6:45 pm	St. Peter	FAW	L/D Joseph & Cleopha Brunswick Family †	5:45 - 6:30 pm
<b>Tuesday, January 21</b> Saint Agnes, Virgin, Martyr; Memorial	7:15 am	St. Mary	FEM	L/D Elmer & Joan Wendel Family †	After Mass
	6:45 pm	St. Joseph	FJP	L/D Westgerdes & Jutte Families †	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Wednesday, January 22 Weekday	7:15 am ( <i>L/S</i> )	MHC	FBS	Mike Evers †	After Mass
	Noon (L/S)	Holy Trinity	FEM	Joyce Jansen †	11:30 am - end
Thursday, January 23 Saint Vincent, Deacon, Martyr; Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin; opt. mem.	7:15 am	St. Paul	FBS	L/D Urban & Bernice Dirksen Family †	After Mass
	6:45 pm	St. Anthony	FEM	Mary Bruns †	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Friday, January 24 Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church; Memorial	7:15 am ( <i>L/S</i> )	Holy Trinity	FBS	Donald Wellman †	After Mass
	Noon (L/S)	MHC	FEM	L/D Orville Jutte Family †	11:30 am - end
<b>Saturday, January 25</b> The Conversion of Saint Paul, the Apostle; Feast	9:00 am	St. Joseph	FEM	L/D Les & Joan Staugler Family †	After Mass
	4:00 pm	St. Anthony	FBS	L/D of Richard Muhlenkamp Family †	3:15 - 3:45 pm
	4:30 pm ( <i>L/S</i> )	Holy Trinity	FAW	Florian & Imelda Keller †	3:45 pm - end
	4:30 pm ( <i>L/S</i> )	MHC	FJP	L/D Jerry & Norma Grieshop Family †	3:45 pm - end
<b>Sunday, January 26</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	7:00 am	St. Joseph	FJP	Cyril Pleiman †	N/A
	8:00 am ( <i>L/S</i> )	Holy Trinity	FBS	Bernice Poling †	7:25 am - end
	9:00 am ( <i>L/S</i> )	MHC	FEM	Larry Day †	8:25 am - end
	10:00 am	Holy Trinity	FAW	Members of Holy Cross Family of Parishes	9:25 am - end
	11:00 am	St. Paul	FEM	Donald Muhlenkamp †	10:25 - 10:45 am
	11:00 am	St. Peter	FJP	Herb Homan †	10:25 - 10:45 am
	Noon	St. Mary	FBS	David Puthoff †	11:25 - 11:45 am
	6:00 pm	Holy Trinity	FAW	Hilda Adams †	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

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# Ministry Schedule

- Mary Help of Christians -

Wednesday, January 22, 7:15 am

Servers: Zavier Bruns Lector: Les Wenning

Friday, January 24, 12:00 pm Servers: Korbin Wuebker Lector: Diane Siegrist

Saturday, January 25, 4:30 pm

Servers: Tucker Huntsman, Anthony Roessner,

Lane Zehringer **Lector:** Missy Hart

Ushers: Floyd Bergman, Don Lennartz, Ken Romer,

Randy Wuebker

EMHC: Maggie Hartings, Rose Tobe

Sacristan: Maggie Hartings Sunday, January 26, 9:00 am

Servers: Tony Evers, Josh Evers, Will Faller, Liam Luster

Lector: Tom Remaklus

Ushers: Paul Alig, Joe Grube, Harry Hart, Greg Schmitz

**EMHC:** Karalee Jutte, Tom Remaklus

Sacristan: Sharon Metzger

– St. Joseph –

Tuesday, January 21, 6:45 pm

Servers: Hoyt Schmitz, Levi Sutter

Lector: Ryan Sutter

Sacristan: Norma Pottkotter Saturday, January 25, 9:00 am

**Servers:** Theresa Hipple **Lector:** Jane Hipple

Sunday, January 26, 7:00 am

Servers: Matt Hess, Ben Homan, Eric Lamm,

Andy Pottkotter, Dillan Schulze

Lector: Karen Bertke

Ushers: Mel Bertke, Dave Lennartz

**EMHC:** Karen Bertke **Sacristan:** Kim Pottkotter

- St. Paul -

Thursday, January 23, 7:15 am

Servers: Hart Family

Sunday, January 26, 11:00 am

Servers: Alexis Grisez, Hailey Grisez, Katelyn Siefring,

Lindsey Siefring Lector: Nikki Hawk

Ushers: Doug Evers, Joe Hawk

**EMHC:** Rita McEldowney, Dennis Siefring **Rosary:** Mark & Marylene Brunswick

- St. Peter -

Monday, January 22, 6:45 pm

Servers: Coby Schmitz Lector: Marilyn Pottkotter Sunday, January 26, 11:00 am

Servers: Reese Diller, Wade Gaerke, Tyler Kahlig,

Braxton Schmitz, Coby Schmitz, Tate Kahlig

Lector: Katie Diller

Ushers: Doug Kahlig, Mitchell Pugh

**EMHC:** Deacon Dan Kahlig **Sacristan:** Brenda Kahlig

- Holy Trinity -

Monday, January 20, 7:15 am

Servers: Joshua Schoen, Myra Stammen Wednesday, January 22, 12:00 pm
Servers: Samuel Gerlach, Oliver Link

Friday, January 24, 7:15 am

Servers: Jack Bettinger, Blake Wenning

Saturday, January 25, 4:30 pm

Servers: Claire Bertke, Lucas Broering, Emma Siefring,

Gabriel Simper

**Lector:** Denny Riethman

EMHC: Dave Bertke, Connie May, Mark Obringer

Sunday, January 26, 8:00 am

Servers: Leo Grigsby, Sam Grigsby, Dana Knapke,

Myra Knapke

**Lector:** Paul Howell

EMHC: Adam Alig, Katie Hamberg Sunday, January 26, 10:00 am

Servers: Liam Cowan, Elisabeth Ebbing, Dillan Wenning,

Josh Homan

Lector: Rene Klosterman

EMHC: Holly Emerine, Luke Klosterman,

Nick Schmitmeyer

Sunday, January 26, 6:00 pm

Servers: Isabelle Schwieterman, Zachary Schwieterman

Lector: Dee Fullenkamp

EMHC: Charmaine Bettinger, Pam Hicks

- St. Anthony -

Thursday, January 23, 6:45 pm

Servers: Wesley Geier, Volunteer Needed

Lector: Cindy Muhlenkamp Sacristan: Cindy Muhlenkamp Saturday, January 25, 4:00 pm

Servers: Zach Homan, Jacob Kahlig, Hallory Kahlig,

Wesley Kahlig

Lector: Janet Brockman Ushers: Jeff Sudhoff EMHC: Rodney Homan Sacristan: Janet Brockman Rosary: Julie Brackman

- St. Mary -

Tuesday, January 21, 7:15 am
Servers: Leo Grigsby, Sam Grigsby

Loctor Viki Duce

Lector: Viki Dues

Sunday, January 26, 12:00 pm

Servers: Andrew Moorman,

Garrett Uhlenhake,

William Moorman, Carson Uhlenhake

**Lector:** Jay Uhlenhake

Ushers: Craig Uhlenhake, Nick Uhlenhake

**EMHC:** Amy Welling



# Pastoral Staff



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Deacon Daniel Kahlig: dkahlig.holycrossfop@gmail.com

### **Pro Populo Masses and Private Masses**

One of the most amazing things about being a priest is being able to be there for people. We're privileged to be able to be there for the best parts in people's lives: their baptisms, weddings, First Communions and Confessions, anniversaries, and so much more. But we're also privileged (and, yes, as weird as it might sound, mosts priests really do consider it a privilege) to be there for the worst moments in people's lives: the death of a loved one, whether expected or unexpected, hardships in marriage, the shame and guilt of feeling trapped by sin or circumstances, to just name a few. Those moments when we are able to be there for people, praying for them and being a source of God's strength, are some of the most treasured memories of my time as a priest. But I also know that, for every person that asks to talk through those tough times of their lives, there are so many people that feel like they have to suffer alone or that the priest doesn't have time for them. If that's you, hear me loud and clear: you do matter to us! We do have time for you! Priests aren't just here to offer the Sacraments and then quietly live in the seclusion of the rectory for the rest of the week. We're here for you no matter what you're going through!

One of the ways that priests, and particularly the pastor, is instructed by the Church to be there for the people--both in their known and unknown joys, struggles, triumphs, and tribulations--is that pastors are required to celebrate a Mass *pro populo* or *for the people*. Canon 534 of the Church's Law stipulates that a pastor "is obliged to apply a Mass for the people entrusted to him on each Sunday and holy day of obligation" for their good and the good of all the souls in his parish territory (whether they are Catholic or not, practicing or not, believing or not). So whenever you see a Mass listed in the bulletin as being "for the people", just know that that Mass is being offered for you, your family, and all those around you. You are being prayed for in a powerful way!

### Inspiration for my Private Masses

A few weeks ago, I was praying and talking with God about a few situations that really tug at my heart: one couple that I had just talked to had miscarried a baby and there was another couple that I was getting ready to talk to that was struggling with the cross of infertility. My heart goes out to everyone and anyone in need, but in a special way it goes out to people in these situations. I can only imagine the pain that those families are going through. I resolved that every first Tuesday (my day off) of the month, I will offer Mass for all couples in our parishes that are struggling especially with those two crosses. While I will offer these Masses for all couples going through this generally, if anyone wants me to remember them and their situation particularly at those Masses, please let me know and I will do so.



Sts. Anne and Joachim, the mother and father of Mary, are the patron saint of couples struggling with infertility. Tradition holds that they carried this cross until later in life when – finally! – they conceived Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth and Mother of God!

No matter what your cross is, know that you are in my and all of the priests' prayers. We're here for you and want God to be powerful in your lives, both in the good and the bad. If there's anything we can do to help you through the tough situations that life throws at us sometimes, please let us know.

In Christ, Fr. Witt





### 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 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 12:30 pm - MHC 12:30 pm - St. Peter 1:30 pm - Holy Trinity 1:30 pm - St. Mary

3rd Sunday 12:30 pm - St. Paul

4th Sunday 12:30 pm - St. Joseph 1:30 pm - Holy Trinity 1:30 pm - St. Anthony

# Holy Cross Family of Parishes

**MINISTRY SCHEDULING CHANGES** — As of February 3, 2025, Holy Cross Family of Parishes will no longer be using the Ministry Scheduler Pro (MSP) to schedule ministry appointments for any of the ministry appointments at our churches. All ministers will be emailed a schedule covering 2 months at a time along with a contact list of ministers. Copies of the ministry schedules and contact lists will also be available in the back of the churches for anyone who does not have email. Each minister is responsible for finding their replacement if a sub is needed for their scheduled appointment. Please use the contact lists that will be provided to find your replacement. Note: If you need any changes made to how you are scheduled, please contact either parish office. For the Coldwater parishes, contact Julie at the Coldwater office and for the Ft. Recovery parishes, contact Karen at the Ft. Recovery office.

UPDATE ON WEEKDAY WEATHER CANCELLATION **POLICY** — If school is delayed or closed for Coldwater School District on a Tuesday morning, then morning Mass at St. Mary will be live streamed from and relocated to either Holy Trinity or Mary Help of Christians depending on which priest is scheduled for the Mass. If school is delayed or closed for Ft. Recovery School District on a Thursday morning, then morning Mass at St. Paul will be live streamed from and relocated to either Holy Trinity or Mary Help of Christians depending on which priest is scheduled for the Mass. If Fr. Witt or Fr. Moore is scheduled for the Mass, then it will be held at Mary Help of Christians. If Fr. Joseph or Fr. Barry is scheduled for the Mass, then it will be held at Holy Trinity. Evening Masses will be determined later in the day if a cancellation or relocation is necessary. A OneCall notice will go out to the "Mass Times" group as soon as possible in all of these situations. All parishioners are welcome to attend Mass at the new locations if Mass is relocated. Please use your discretion and be attentive to the weather conditions if you decide to attend.

**GLUTEN ALLERGY** — If you or a family member have an allergy to gluten and cannot receive Holy Communion, we would like for you to contact either family office. We would love to be able to figure out alternate options to make Holy Communion available to you.

BLESSING OF RELIGIOUS ITEMS — Blessing will take place after the Masses on the weekend of Feb. 8/9. Tables will be set up in either the basement of our churches or the parish halls next to our churches. The tables will be marked where to put different types of items. Also, make sure all of your items are labeled with your name, so you can easily retrieve them after they are blessed.

**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.

**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

KAPAUN'S MEN VIRTUE SERIES — Attention men of the parish family: here's your opportunity to get inspired by one of America's future saints! Servant of God Father Emil Kapaun was an ordinary man who became an extraordinary

priest and Army chaplain, inspiring the men he served on the battlefield and in an enemy prison camp. Join us as we journey with other men to explore the virtues that made Father Kapaun such an inspiration. Iron that Sharpens Iron Men's Group will be hosting the 7-session Kapaun's Men Virtue Series starting on January 20, 2025. We will



meet in the Mary Help of Christians Undercroft at 7:30 pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays through April. Come for fellowship with other great men of our parish family and to become the men God made you to be! Contact Ted Romer at 419-852-6621 for more information.

EMPTY PILL BOTTLE COLLECTION — FEB 1 - APR 15, 2025: The Holy Cross Family of Parishes 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. To donate: Remove label, leaving no glue or residue. Wash thoroughly in hot, soapy water. Rinse and dry thoroughly and replace lid. All donated bottles can be dropped off at Holy Trinity from Feb 1 - Apr 15 in the marked containers located in the vestibule and elevator entrances.



### The Holy Land Shepherds

The carving of the Olive Wood Tree has been inherited since the time of our Lord, Jesus Christ. It was passed down from father to son for many generations including our family. More than 80% of the Christian community income comes from tourism and the olive wood trade. However, due to the ongoing difficult circumstances and the tremendous decrease in tourism the Christian community has suffered many hardships that led many Christian Families to leave their homes in search of work and safety.

Our mission is to support and strengthen the presence of Christianity in the Holy Land by selling their beautiful olive wood artifacts here in the United States. We have been blessed and grateful to have had the opportunity to travel to different parishes all around the United States for the past 15 years to represent these less fortunate Christians. We are happy to announce that we will be visiting your parish on February 1st & 2nd, 2025.

We encourage you to look over their beautiful hand carved items. We value your support. We will

be accepting cash credit cards & checks.

May God bless you & keep you safe. The Holy Land Shepherds.



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# You Are Invited To Join Father Barry Stechschulte

on an 11-day Jubilee Year Catholic Pilgrimage Tour to Italy

### Including:

Milan, Turin, Cinque Terre, Pisa, Siena, Assisi, Greccio, Ceri, Rome & the Vatican. October 13 - 23, 2025

\$5,195

All-inclusive from Columbus, OH DAILY MASS AT THE HOLY SITES

(Brochures with additional information are in the Entrances of our churches.)

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 pm) @ MHC Undercroft

# 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** 

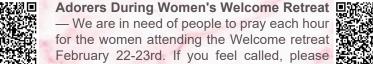
Check-in begins Sat. 8:30AM - Check-out Sun. 3:00PM

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

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

### REQUESTING HELP FOR OUR WOMEN'S WELCOME RETREAT

Food & Kitchen Sign-Up — We are still 回床機能以際回 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 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.



# 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.

Ret'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.)



# **Tountains & Mediators**

Mary Help of Christians (with Fr. Witt) Sundays at 7 pm

Tuesdays at 7 pm

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

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

**Holy Trinity** (with Fr. Moore)

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

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.

All are welcome at any or all sessions. (You do not have to be Catholic to Attend!)

For any questions please contact Cindy Muhlenkamp at (419) 678-4802 or cmuhlenkamp.holycrossfop@gmail.com



Wishing you memories of love and moments to cherish... ...on Valentine's Day and always.

# 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Valentíne's Day Luncheon for Persons who have lost a Spouse

Whether your spouse passed away 1 year or 30 years ago, Valentine's Day is one occasion that is dedicated to couples and difficult to avoid.

If you have lost a spouse, you are invited to this Valentine's Day luncheon.... Just because it will be fun. And you don't have to cook!!! We will have some drawings, so you might win a prize, too. This luncheon is sponsored by the Holy Cross Bereavement Ministry, but persons are welcome from any town, any denomination. Please feel free to bring a friend.

Valentine's Day Luncheon

Thursday, February 13, 2025

Mary Help of Christians Undercroft

403 Sharpsburg Road Fort Recovery, OH

12:00 noon

# **RSVP** by February 7

Text or call Kathy Staugler 419-234-4280 Or email kstaugler@gmail.com

# Parish Information



Holy Trinity

**NEEDED** — We are looking for at least two ushers for

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!



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.

FINANCE, BUILDING, & GROUNDS COMMITTEES — Thank you for all the nominations and committee members for Finance will be Chuck Post, Amanda Forsthofel, Janet Brockman and Buildings and Grounds Cindy Homan, Dale

**INTERIOR BEAUTIFICATION UPDATE** — Informational meeting Sunday, January 26th at 1 pm school hall for all parishioners. We received quotes for painting, artwork, stenciling, pew restoration, and flooring. Come see different design options and provide feedback!



St. Mary

Minnich, and Mitch Sudhoff.

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. Joseph

CLEANING -(January) \*Lindsey Eilerman, Jackie Bruggeman, Christa

Fullenkamp, Deb Fullenkamp, Lynn Faller, Holly Brunswick, Sierra Kaiser, Chelsea Albers.



St. Peter

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!

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.



St. Paul

**BBO CHICKEN** DINNERS — Men Society BBQ chicken dinners will be available on Feb. 23. Carry-out only from

11:00-12:30 in the parish hall. Cost is \$10.00 each dinner. Envelopes for ordering can be found in all churches in the Ft. Recovery Cluster or call Ken at 419-375-2588. Orders need to be in by Feb. 9.

GIRLS CYO  $- \frac{1}{19}/25$  is a bye week. Dennis Siefring: 419-375-4676 or Brent Willmann: 419-852-9195.

# RLS NIGHT O

St.Paul's Ladies Sodality Presents

Amy Klingshirn will lead us in creating a beautiful Easter scene to take home.

\$20 per person (please bring cash to the event) The night will include all supplies & wine, cheese, crackers, punch & cookies.

Open to everyone! (suggested for ages 10 & Up) RSVP by February 13th ~ spots are limited



Use the QR code to RSVP or text Chrissy Hart @419-852-7743

ENTRY FEE \$20.00/PERSON





Workshop Details

### **27 FEBRUARY 2025**

St. Paul Catholic Church Hall @ 6:30pm

#### **RSVPNOW!**

Questions, call or text Chrissy Hart @419-852-7743



# Religious Education

# Coldwater Religious Ed.

Contact: Sarah Klosterman

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#### DATES TO NOTE:

\*Subs and Building Monitors are still needed!

# Fort Recovery Religious Ed.

**Contact: Harlie Metzger** 

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#### **ATTENTION:**

**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.

#### Saint of the Week - Saint Sebastian

He joined the Roman Army in 283 AD, ostensibly to be of service to other Christians who were being persecuted by the Romans. St. Sebastian distinguished himself, and for his excellent service, he was promoted to serve in the Praetorian Guard to protect Emperor Diocletian. While serving as a Praetorian Guard, Marcus and Marcellian, twin brothers, were imprisoned for refusing to make public sacrifices to the Roman gods. The brothers were deacons of the Christian Church. During their



Christian Church. During their imprisonment, their parents visited them to implore them to renounce Christianity. However, St. Sebastian convinced both parents to convert to Christianity. St. Sebastian also converted several other prominent individuals, including the local prefect. This led to his discovery, and he was reported as a Christian to Emperor Diocletian in 286. The Emperor, who was already infamous for ordering the deaths of hundreds of Christians, scolded Sebastian and ordered him to be killed by having him tied to a stake on a training field and used as target practice. Archers riddled his body with arrows. His body was described as, "full of arrows as an urchin." Believed to be dead, the archers left his body for retrieval and burial. He was recovered by Irene of Rome, whose Christian husband was a servant to Diocletian and also martyred. Irene discovered that Sebastian was still living, and she hid him and nursed him back to health. Once well, Sebastian went in search of Diocletian to surprise him. He managed to catch Diocletian by a stairwell and proceeded to criticize him loudly and publicly for his persecution of the Christians. Diocletian, surprised that Sebastian was still alive, was immediately taken aback, but recovered his composure. This time, he would not permit Sebastian to escape with his life. He ordered his former guard to be beaten to death with clubs, then thrown into the sewers. His body was recovered by a Christian woman, named Lucina, and she secretly buried him in the catacombs beneath Rome.

St. Sebastian is the patron saint of soldiers, athletes, and those who desire a saintly death.

- (Information from catholic.org)

Returning hate for hate multiplies hate, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars.

Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that.

Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that.

Martin Luther King Jr., Strength to Love

### 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Wedding Galilee Invited Wine Stone Ceremony Jars Water Reveal Believe

# Youth Ministry

# Coldwater Youth Group

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 19** — 7:15 - 8:45 pm - High School Youth Group - 30 min, guided Adoration @ Holy Trinity, Social & Games to follow @ Fr. Yauss (grades 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>)

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 21** — 7 - 8 am - High School Bible Study @ Rooster Joe (grades 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>)

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22** — 7:30 - 8:30 pm - GIRLS Junior High Youth Group @ Fr. Yauss (grades 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>)

NOTE: No High School Youth Group on Sun., January 26th.

**ATTENTION:** While I am on maternity leave, 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: 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

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**TO THE HEIGHTS** — Tuesdays 3:30 - 4:30 pm at MHC, grades 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>

**MEN'S GROUP** — Wednesdays 9 - 10 pm at MHC, grades  $7^{th}$  -  $12^{th}$ 

**LADIES GROUP** — Tuesdays 7:15 - 8 am at MHC, grades  $9^{th}$  -  $12^{th}$ 

**BREAKFAST CLUB** — Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup> (Fr. Hess); Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> (Trent Pearson); February 21<sup>st</sup> (Jacob Kleinhenz) from 7:15 - 8 am in MHC Undercroft, grades 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>

#### **ATTENTION:**

**UPCOMING YOUTH RETREATS** — The High School Winter Discipleship Retreat is from February 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>. The Life In The Spirit Youth Retreat is from Mar. 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>. If you'd like to sign up for either, check your Remind messages or reach out to Alyssa.

#### 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

# Religious Community Interests

ATTENTION: New Policy Announcement on Community Interest Submissions — Only religious oriented or parish affiliated submissions will be advertised in our bulletin. All other submissions may appear per discretion under the "local community interests" under the "announcements" page on our website: holycrossfop.org.

AL-ANON & AA MEETINGS — Al-Anon for family/friends LISTEN TO YOUR HEART — Ever wonder whether God is (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.

**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, contact Dennis Siefring @ 419-375-4676.

FT. RECOVERY FREE THROW CONTEST — K of C Free Throw contest Sun., Jan. 19 in the High School Gym. Registration opens at 4 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. Questions call/text Greg LeFevre at 419-852-2654.

**COLDWATER FREE THROW CONTEST** — 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** — Jan. 25, 2025. Event features The Messy Family Project w/ Mike & Alicia Hernon at St. Henry American Legion. Doors open at 5:45 pm. Event begins at 6:30 pm and dinner at 7:30 pm. \$50/couple, and free babysitting will be available. Call 419-790-8093 to register.

K OF C LADY'S NIGHT OUT — Feb. 8th, Holy Trinity church basement. Cocktails 5:30 pm, & supper 6 pm with entertainment to follow. The cost for the event is \$10 a couple. Please RSVP by January 31st to Nathan 419-852-5197.

**BREAKFAST** — Knights of St. John, Maria Stein, breakfast buffet. Jan. 19 from 8:30 - 12:30. Adults: \$10, 7-12: \$5, 6 & under: free. Drinks Included.

of alcoholics, Thursdays, 7:30 - 8:30 pm at Spiritual Center calling you to become a Sister? Attend a Free Zoom and See Discernment Retreat, Feb. 7-9, 2025. This retreat will give you time to PRAY with our Sisters, to share with other women of FAITH who are discerning God's call, to discover God's

> PURPOSE for your life, to enjoy a behind-the-scenes experience of COMMUNITY and to explore RELIGIOUS LIFE lived out as a Dominican Sister of Peace.



For more information visit: oppeace.org/become-a-sister or Nguyen, contact Mai-dung OP nguyen@oppeace.org; call/text 405-248-7027)

ST. DYMPHNA PRAYER SERVICE FOR MENTAL **HEALTH** — For all those who battle or are praying for those with anxiety, depression, and mental health issues. Join us Sun., Jan. 26 at 2 pm 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.

**COUPLES NIGHT** — A Maria Stein Shrine event for couples wanting to strengthen their faith and marriage will be held on Sun., Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm in the Shrine's Upper Room. Begins w/ dinner, beverages, & 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/couple and an RSVP is required. Register online at mariasteinshrine.org by Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>.

DRIVE THRU DINNER — Take-and-bake meals are PRE-SALE ONLY. Sale ends on, Fri., Jan. 24th, 2025. Dinner 1: Bosco Bake (meatballs, penne pasta, marinara sauce, & mozzarella cheese). Dinner 2: Chicken Alfredo (chicken, penne pasta, & alfredo sauce). Meals are dinner sized portions, \$10 each. Add 10 frozen Bosco sticks for \$10. Pick up via drive-thru at Maria Stein Shrine main entrance on Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> 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. Purchase tickets at the Shrine, calling 419-925-4532, or email contact@mariasteinshrine.org. All proceeds benefit the Maria Stein Shrine.

### Join us for a Rescue Encounter

Jan 21: Created For An Eternal Adventure With God

Jan 28: The Problem of Sin—Why We Need Rescued

Feb 4: Jesus' Mission To Rescue You

Feb 11: Your Response After What Jesus Has Done

You were made by Jesus for an incredible, eternal adventure with Him. Sin shattered that plan, bringing confusion and chaos to the world. In this encounter, Jesus invites you to be rescued and return to the eternal adventure He created you for.



For more information go to: www.ChristianTeamsExcel.org



All Events Are @ The Vineyard at Evergreen Farms & Available Online Doors Open At 6:30 pm **Encounter Begins At 7:00** 

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 Mary Help of Christians

 Offertory
 \$3,798.00

 Christmas
 \$ 25.00

 Solemnity of Mary
 \$ 90.00

 Cemetery
 \$ 5.00

 Youth Group
 \$ 110.00

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 \$1,189.69

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 Offertory
 \$1,720.00

 Youth Group
 \$ 40.00

 Allocated Loose
 \$ 384.67

 St. Paul

 Offertory
 \$1,954.11

 Christmas
 \$ 56.00

 Solemnity of Mary
 \$ 10.00

 Maintenance
 \$ 200.00

 Youth Group
 \$ 20.00

 Allocated Loose
 \$ 475.88

Thank you for your generosity!

January 5, 2025

 Holy Trinity

 Offertory
 \$12,177.00

 Loose
 \$2,355.00

 Total
 \$14,532.00

 Christmas
 \$295.00

 Solemnity of Mary
 \$4,959.00

 First Offering
 \$1,211.00

 Food Pantry
 \$1,007.00

 Candles
 \$189.00

 Retired Religious
 \$250.00

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 \$ 1,209.00

 Offertory
 \$ 1,209.00

 Loose
 \$ 467.00

 Total
 \$ 1,676.00

 Solemnity of Mary
 \$ 2,427.00

 First Offering
 \$ 186.00

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 \$ 1,000.00

 Candles
 \$ 81.50



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