He Taught in their Synagogues & was Praised By All.



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<u>Holy Tríníty</u>

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

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Mon: 9 am - 3 pm Tues - Thurs: 8 am - 5 pm Fri: 9 am - 1 pm

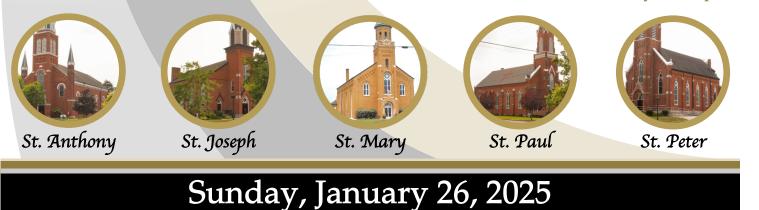
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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 27	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	FBS	L/D Mary Vonder Haar Family †	After Mass
Saint Angela Merici, Virgin; opt. mem.	6:45 pm	St. Peter	FAW	Dan Diller †	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Tuesday, January 28 Saint Thomas Aquinas,	7:15 am	St. Mary	FEM	David & Eileen Siefring †	After Mass
Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church; Memorial	6:45 pm	St. Joseph	FJP	L/D Gene & Pat Siefring †	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Wednesday, January 29	7:15 am (L/S)	MHC	FEM	Aaron Fennig †	After Mass
Weekday		Holy Trinity	FJP	Hugo Adams †	11:30 am - end
Thursday, January 30	7:15 am	St. Paul	FEM	L/D Brunswick & Balster Families †	After Mass
Weekday	6:45 pm	St. Anthony	FJP	Jim Krieg †	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Friday, January 31 Saint John Bosco, Priest;	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	FEM	L/D Heuing & Jutte Families †	After Mass
Memorial	Noon (L/S)	MHC	FJP	L/D Carl & Jean Steinbrunner Family †	11:30 am - end
Saturday, February 1 Weekday	9:00 am	St. Joseph	FAW	Evelyn Muhlenkamp †	After Mass
	1:30 pm	St. Paul	FEH	Schmitmeyer/Fortkamp Wedding	N/A
	4:00 pm	St. Anthony	FEM	Jim Rengers †	3:15 - 3:45 pm
	4:30 pm (L/S)	Holy Trinity	FJP	Todd Ashbaugh †	3:45 pm - end
	4:30 pm (L/S)	MHC	FBS	Rosie Zehringer †	3:45 pm - end
	7:00 am	St. Joseph	FBS	Jill Tobin †	N/A
Sunday, February 2	8:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	FEM	Larry Wolf †	7:25 am - end
	9:00 am (<i>L/S</i>)	MHC	FAW	Members of the Holy Cross Family of Parishes	8:25 am - end
	10:00 am	Holy Trinity	FJP	Robert & Evelyn Geise †	9:25 am - end
The Presentation of the Lord; Feast	11:00 am	St. Paul	FAW	Mary Rammel +	10:25 - 10:45 am
	11:00 am	St. Peter	FBS	Aaron Fennig †	10:25 - 10:45 am
	Noon	St. Mary	FEM	Roger Siefring †	11:25 - 11:45 am
	6:00 pm	Holy Trinity	FJP	Leroy Heyne †	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) <u>Adoration Schedules</u> 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 receive by 8:00 am, 10 days prior to the Sunday publication date unless otherwise noted. Please submit info to bulletin.holycrossfop@gmail.com.

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– Mary Help of Christians –

Wednesday, January 29, 7:15 am Servers: Charlie Roessner, Chris Timmerman Lector: Elly Boeckman Friday, January 31, 12:00 pm Servers: Zavier Bruns Lector: Kathy Portz Saturday, February 1, 4:30 pm Servers: John Bihn, Riley Heitkamp, Jameson Heitkamp Lector: Missy Hart Ushers: Floyd Bergman, Don Lennartz, Dan Schmitz, Joe Siegrist EMHC: Missy Hart, Irene Roessner Sacristan: Linda Lennartz Sunday, February 2, 9:00 am

Servers: Blake Homan, Ethan Schmitz, Emma J. Schmitz, Ava Luster Lector: Keshia Willmann Ushers: Roger Broerman, Joe Dues, Chuck Keller, Gary J. Wendel EMHC: Heather Lochtefeld, Mark Lochtefeld Sacristan: Steve & Amy Schmitz

– St. Joseph –

<u>Tuesday, January 28, 6:45 pm</u>

Servers: Gavin Gaerke, Logan Gaerke Lector: Mary Gaerke Sacristan: Paige Schulze Saturday, February 1, 9:00 am Servers: Jane Hipple Lector: Theresa Hipple Sunday, February 2, 7:00 am Servers: Zavier Bruns, Blaise Bergman, Tyler Dues,

Haley Easton Lector: Aimee Pottkotter Ushers: Bryan Pottkotter, Grant Pottkotter EMHC: Aimee Pottkotter Sacristan: Christa Fullenkamp

– St. Paul –

Thursday, January 30, 7:15 am Servers: Korbin Wuebker Sunday, February 2, 11:00 am

Servers: Liza Knapke, AJ Siefring, Riley Stammen, Kate Knapke
Lector: Lindsey Reinhard
Ushers: Ken Knapke, Kevin Will
EMHC: Lindsey Reinhard, Angie Will
Rosary: Ken & Lil Knapke

– St. Peter –

Monday, January 27, 6:45 pm

Servers: Levi Sutter Lector: Ryan Sutter Sunday, February 2, 11:00 am

Servers: Reed Westgerdes, Carter Fortkamp, Addison Fortkamp, Brinley Fortkamp, Hoyt Schmitz, Corbyn Schmitz Lector: Lisa Kahlig Ushers: Shane Gaerke, Bob Roessner EMHC: Abe Timmerman Sacristan: Marilyn Pottkotter

– Holy Trinity –

Monday, January 27, 7:15 am Servers: Owen May, Clayton Schoen Wednesday, January 29, 12:00 pm Servers: Greg Laux Friday, January 31, 7:15 am Servers: Archer Bihn, Myra Stammen Saturday, February 1, 4:30 pm Servers: Avery Bruns, Madison Bruns, Isabelle Schwieterman, Zachary Schwieterman, Charley Bruns Lector: Connie May EMHC: Brenda Schwieterman, Michelle Wilker, Megan Wolters Sunday, February 2, 8:00 am Servers: Kratyn Homan, Karsyn Homan, Krew Homan Lector: Janelle Polling

Lector: Janelle Rollins EMHC: Gary Diller, Dan Fullenkamp <u>Sunday, February 2, 10:00 am</u> Servers: Dana Knapke, Kelly May, Emmit May, Myra Knapke Lector: Abbie Homan EMHC: Scott Noonan, Bob Rose, Clair Stammen <u>Sunday, February 2, 6:00 pm</u> Servers: Ryan Mathewson, Brady Mathewson, Breann Mathewson Lector: Pam Hicks EMHC: Deacon Dan Kahlig, Sarah Klosterman

- St. Anthony -

Thursday, January 30, 6:45 pm Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby Lector: Bonnie Muhlenkamp Sacristan: Bonnie Muhlenkamp Saturday, February 1, 4:00 pm

Servers: Allie Evans, Wesley Geier, Nolan Link, Lacey Link Lector: Paul Welling Ushers: Corey Sudhoff EMHC: Lisa Knapke Sacristan: Janie Timmerman Rosary: Marty Knapke

- St. Mary -

Tuesday, January 28, 7:15 am Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby Lector: Stephanie Wendel

Sunday, February 2, 12:00 pm

Servers: Lana Kaiser, Matthew Uhlenhake, Jacob Uhlenhake, Kate Uhlenhake Lector: Jordan Geier Ushers: Rick Uhlenhake, Brian Uhlenhake EMHC: Craig Harting

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Enriching our life as Pilgrims of Hope

In the Jubilee Year 2025, the call to be *pilgrims of hope* is a profound invitation to embrace a journey that transcends our immediate circumstances and points us toward the eternal promises of God. Here are several reasons why this theme is vital for the Jubilee year:

- **1.** Hope as a foundation of faith: Hope is one of the theological virtues, alongside faith and charity. In a world marked by uncertainty, injustice, and suffering, hope is what sustains us. As pilgrims of hope, we actively choose to trust in God's promises, believing that He is leading us through every trial toward His ultimate Kingdom.
- **2. Healing and Renewal:** The Jubilee year is traditionally a time of forgiveness, restoration, and spiritual renewal. By being pilgrims of hope, we are opening ourselves to God's healing grace, allowing our hearts to be transformed, healed of past wounds, and filled with renewed trust in His mercy and love.
- **3.** Witness to the World: In a society where despair and disillusionment often dominate, being pilgrims of hope gives a powerful witness to the world. Our journey becomes a testament to God's presence, even in challenging times, showing that with Him, there is always a light at the end of the tunnel.
- **4. Solidarity with Others:** Pilgrims never travel alone; they journey in community. In this Jubilee year, being pilgrims of hope means walking alongside those who are suffering, the marginalized, and those who feel abandoned. Our hope is shared, creating bonds of solidarity and compassion.
- **5. A Time to Reflect on Our Pilgrimage:** The Jubilee year is an opportunity to reflect on the pilgrimage of our own lives. Just as the ancient Israelite's journeyed toward the Promised Land, we, too, are on a pilgrimage toward the fulfillment of God's Kingdom. As pilgrims of hope, we are called to remember that this journey is not merely about the destination but about how we walk it—with faith, perseverance, and hope.
- 6. Hope in the Midst of Crisis: The world faces numerous challenges—environmental crises, conflicts, inequality, and spiritual desolation. In these moments of crisis, the message of hope is urgent. The Jubilee year offers a space for the faithful to reaffirm that hope is not wishful thinking but a concrete, God-given response to adversity.
- **7. Embracing God's Future:** As pilgrims, we look forward with confidence to the future God has prepared for us. Hope directs our gaze beyond the present moment, allowing us to anticipate the fulfillment of God's promises with joy, even as we work to bring His Kingdom into the present.
- 8. Transformation of the World: Hope is not just something we carry for ourselves—it is something that transforms the world. By living as pilgrims of hope, we become agents of change, fostering peace, justice, and reconciliation in every sphere of life. The Jubilee year offers a special grace to transform not only ourselves but the world around us.

In sum, the invitation to be pilgrims of hope in 2025 calls us to trust in God's love, to renew our spirits, to walk with others in solidarity, and to carry the light of hope into a world that so desperately needs it. It is a call to journey with confidence, knowing that God's promise of peace and redemption will guide us every step of the way.

- Fr. Joseph Pasala

Sacramental Information

Wedding Banns

III Nathan Schmitmeyer & Paige Fortkamp

And the two shall become one.

Newly Baptized

St. Paul Lucas Aloys Osterholt Child of David & Megan

Quinn Alice Muhlenkamp Child of Seth & Kelly

Arlo Timothy Muhlenkamp Child of Sam & Ashley

Holy Trinity

Hudson Thomas Klosterman Child of Austin & Courtney

> Tate Thomas James Child of Trey & Haley

Beau Daniel Homan Child of Brandon & Katlyn

Lincoln Roger Steinbrunner Child of Mark & Nicole



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.

In Loving Memory...

Evelyn M. Muhlenkamp August 13, 1946 - January 11, 2025 (Mary Help of Christians)

> I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord whoever believes in me will never die. - John 11:26

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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

 2nd Sunday
 3rd Sunday

 12:30 pm - St. Peter
 12:30 pm - St. Paul

 1:30 pm - St. Mary
 1:30 pm - Holy Trinity

4th Sunday

12:30 pm - St. Paul 12:30 pm - St. Joseph 1:30 pm - Holy Trinity 1:30 pm - St. Anthony

Holy Cross Family of Parishes

ARCHBISHOP LETTER — "Eucharistic Revival Year of Mission" letter to all of the faithful from Archbishop Dennis Schnurr is available on our website's announcements page at holycrossfop.org or it can be found on our facebook page https://www.facebook.com/holycrossfop

SECOND COLLECTION — There will be a 2nd collection for the Humanitarian Relief in Southern California this weekend, January 25/26. This special collection will help those affected by the recent wildfires in Los Angeles and other areas of California. Catholic Charities USA is assisting through local agencies on the ground with critical relief efforts – including shelter, food, and other humanitarian aid – to those most in need.

Catholic Ministries Appeal — The CMA 2025 collection will be the weekend of February 1/2. As a reminder, 50% of every dollar raised beyond the CMA goal per parish, is returned to that parish.

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 — For a Coldwater School District 2 hour delay the Tues. morning Mass at St. Mary will be live streamed from and relocated to either Holy Trinity or Mary Help of Christians, and for a Ft. Recovery School District 2 hour delay the Thurs. morning Mass at St. Paul will be live streamed from and relocated to either Holy Trinity or Mary Help of Christians. 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.

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.

BLESSING OF RELIGIOUS ITEMS — Blessing will take place after Masses on the weekend of Feb. 8/9. Tables will be set up in either the church basements or the parish halls. 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.

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.

KAPAUN'S MEN VIRTUE SERIES UPDATE — Start date for this series will now be on Monday, January 27th instead of January 20th. 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 27, 2025. We will meet in the Mary Help of Christians Undercroft at 7:30 pm on the 1st and 3rd 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.

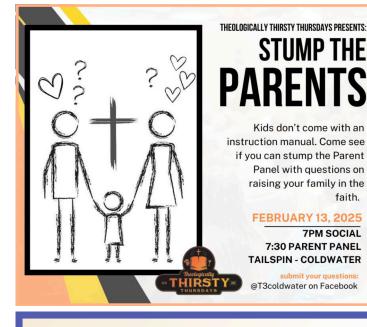
MISSION LOTTERY WINNER — (2025 Week #1) Dixie Timmerman, Fort Recovery, OH — Congratulations!



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.

BULLETINS BY EMAIL — We have a One Call email delivery system for our weekly bulletin. If you would like to receive the bulletin by email, please contact either parish office or email bulletin.holycrossfop@gmail.com.

THEOLOGICALLY THIRSTY THURSDAYS — At TAILSPIN in Coldwater for the 2024-2025 school year! Mark your calendars for February 13, March 13, and April 10. In February, "STUMP THE PARENT PANEL" with questions on raising kids in the faith. Gather in "The Loft" at Tailpsin at 7pm; STUMP THE PARENTS will begin at 7:30pm. Have a parenting question for the panel? Follow @T3Coldwater on Facebook and shoot us a message!



VIGIL OF TWO HEARTS Schedule of Events St. Joseph

Friday, February 7

7 pm: Scriptural Rosary 7 - 8 pm: Confessions 8 pm: Holy Mass followed by Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament 8:30 pm - 12 midnight: Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament throughout the night with private and group prayer.

Saturday, February 8

12 – 8:40 am: Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament 7:30 am: Morning Prayer

(Lauds) 7:45 am: Scriptural Rosary 8:45 am: Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament 9 am: Holy Mass 9:30 am: Confessions



EXPECTANT MOTHER'S BLESSING — The blessing of expectant mothers will be after all the Masses the weekend of February 1/2.

MOUNTAINS & MEDITATORS — All are welcome to attend any or all sessions. 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. If you have any questions please contact Cindy Muhlenkamp at cmuhlenkamp.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

MASS INTENTIONS REMINDER — Starting February 1st, 2025 Mass Intentions will be open for scheduling through February 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.

FAMILY COOKBOOKS — Stop by either the Coldwater or Fort Recovery Family Office to pick up a Holy Cross Family cookbook for \$10. All proceeds will be going towards the Welcome Baskets for our New Parishioners.

ANONYMOUS DONATIONS — It would be greatly appreciated that anyone who turns in anonymous donations write what parish they desire the donations to be attributed to. This would be very helpful for our staff.

ADD/UPDATE INFORMATION FOR ONE CALL NOW — Holy Cross Family Parishioners are able to update their contact information for the One Call Now System via a link on our website, holycrossfop.org. Click on SIGN UP/EDIT ONE CALL on the left side of the screen. You can also add yourself to the groups that receive alerts regarding changes in the Mass schedule, to receive the bulletin via email, or to receive information regarding the Holy Cross Women's Group.

PRIEST VISITS — Our Priests, as a group or individually, are always happy to come and visit you and your family. There is no expectation for dinner or food. They are happy just to get to know you and be a part of your family life. If interested in scheduling a home visit, please feel free to email them or call either family office anytime.

The Precepts of the Church

Given to us by the Church, these are the minimum obligations every practicing Catholic is expected to follow.

1. You shall attend Mass on Sundays & holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor.

2. You shall confess your sins at least once a year.

3. You shall humbly receive your Creator in Holy Communion at least once a year during the Easter Season.

4. You shall observe the prescribed days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church.

- 5. You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church.
- 6. You shall observe the Church's laws regarding marriage.

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 parishes 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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4th 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*.



RSVP by February 7 Text or call Kathy Staugler 419-234-4280 Or email kstaugler@gmail.com

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

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.



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

Parish Information



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 419-678-4802 to sign up!



T H U R S D A Y 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 Minnich, and Mitch Sudhoff.

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



P A T R I O T I C 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*!

LADIES SODALITY MEMBERS — Thank you so very much for the generous donation to the St. Anthony Dinner Theater to be used to assist families during the Christmas Season. To watch a family with small children planning to not have any gifts under the tree for Christmas is very heartbreaking. Because of your donation; this family was visited by Santa on Christmas morning... What a difference you made for this family when things looked very dark; you gave this family much happiness and hope. Again; thank you and God Bless all of you!!!!!! - St. Anthony Dinner Theater.





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 NIGHT OUT ~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



S N O W R E M O V A L C O M M I T T E E FEBRUARY 2025 —

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THANK YOU — The family of Timothy J. Heitkamp (Tim) would like to offer sincere gratitude for all who helped make Tim's funeral special. Many thanks to Father Ethan Moore, Thomas Shaw of Brockman-Boeckman Funeral Home, and Kathy Staugler, Holy Cross Bereavement Ministry. Thanks to the St. Peter Funeral Choir with Sandy Overman as soloist and Paige Timmerman as organist for the beautiful music at Mass. Thanks also to the St. Peter Luncheon committee and all parishioners who helped prepare the delicious meal. Another thank you goes out to Be You Apparel and Florist who provided a perfect casket arrangement and a fitting Fort Recovery tie to wear. Finally, thank you to everyone who offered support, comfort, Masses, gifts, and donations along with prayers and kind words during this difficult time. Your kindness is very much appreciated! Many thanks to all!

- The family of Tim Heitkamp

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THANK YOU - CCD Families, I want to thank you all for your kind Christmas card and gift. This year has been filled with many blessings. I'm so grateful to God and our archbishop for assigning me here and so grateful to you and others for making it feel like home. Please keep me in your prayers and know that you will be in mine. I hope to offer Mass soon for the health and intentions of all those who have kindly thought of me this Christmas. You guys are all so generous, thank you!

- Fr. Witt

Saint of the Week - Saint Angela Merici

Angela Merici has the double distinction of founding the first of what are now called "secular institutes" and the first teaching order of women in the Church. Born in Desenzano, Italy, she was orphaned in her teens. As a young woman, with her heart centered on Christ, Angela joined the Third Order of St. Francis and embraced austerity. In a visionary experience, she felt called to found a "company" of women. Angela was

invited to become a live-in companion for a widow in the nearby town of Brescia. There she became the spiritual advisor of a group of men and women with ideals of spiritual renewal and service to those in need. While on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 1524, Angela was struck with blindness. She proceeded to visit the sacred shrines, seeing them with her spirit. On the



way back while praying before a crucifix, Angela's sight was restored. At age 60, Angela and 12 other women began the Company of St. Ursula, named for a patroness of medieval universities and venerated as a leader of women. This constituted a new way of life: single women consecrated to Christ and living in the world rather than in a monastery. With Angela as their "mother and mistress," Company members did not live in community, wore no special clothing, and made no formal vows. Angela Merici died in Brescia, Italy, in 1540. Clothed in the habit of a Franciscan tertiary, her body was interred in Brescia's Church of Saint' Afra. Four years later the Company's Rule that Angela had composed, prescribing the practices of chastity, poverty and obedience, was approved by the pope. In the early 1600s, Companies that had expanded into France were re-organized into the religious Order of St. Ursula, to teach girls. Angela's words continue to inspire the Ursuline nuns' mission of education, a mission that spread worldwide. The Company of St. Ursula also continued to exist and is federated worldwide today with members in 30 countries. Angela Merici was canonized by Pope Pius VII in 1807.

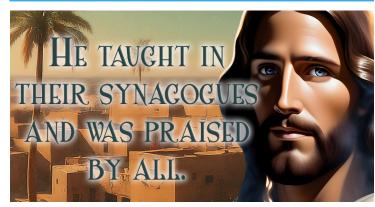
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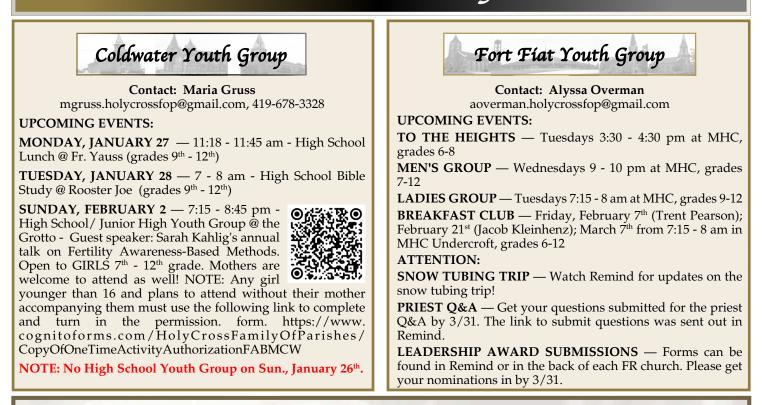
May 27-30, 2025: Holy Trinity will be hosting their 3rd Annual Vacation Bible School with the theme "Wilderness Adventure Through the Sacraments" for children in preschool (age 4 & up; independently potty trained through entering 5th grade). All parishes and faiths are welcomed. Sessions will be held from 6:15 pm – 8:15 pm. Early registration is available now for children of volunteers and all volunteers! Preschool registration will be capped at 100 participants. Registration will open for everyone on March 1, 2025, with an event registration deadline of April 21, 2025. https://vbspro.events/p_early/ htvbs2025

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED — Please contact Raquel Kaiser/Megan Keller at HolyTrinityVacationBibleSchool@gmail. com for questions and/or see volunteer descriptions on the event website. We will need many volunteers to support this event and VBS participant numbers may be capped due to lack of volunteers. Support is needed with nightly checkin, clean up, decorations, event preparation, and shepherds (adults who chaperone the children from each activity rotation). If you would like to make a monetary donation to support our vacation bible school, please submit it to the parish office. Supply needed donation request Amazon link coming in late February!

Save the Date!



Youth Ministry



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.

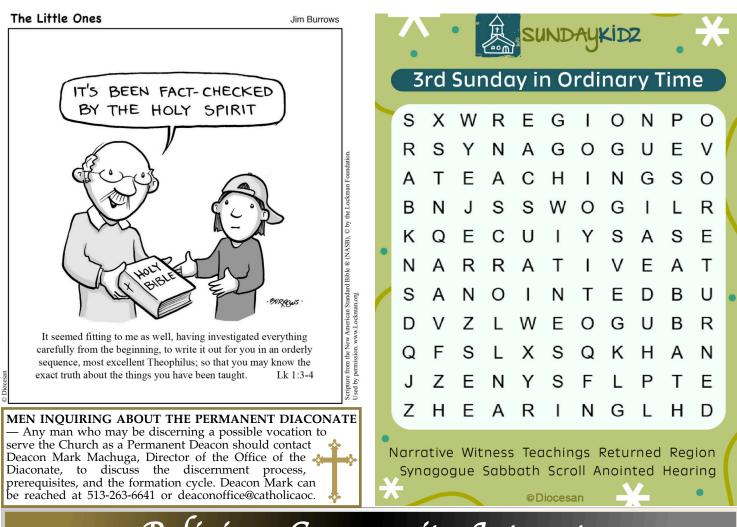
This year our youth are invited to attend the Steubenville Youth Conference. In the past, these weekends have become a life-changing experience for the teens. This conference encourages the continuation of a deep faith rooted in the Eucharist and the understanding that God lives with them. However, the 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 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.

K OF C LADIES 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.

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.

MCRTL EVENTS — Upcoming Events are as follows: T-shirt Order Deadline is on Feb. 14th, 2025; Sweetheart Dance with Walt Schmitmeyer Band is on Feb. 15th, 2025; Oratory Contest Deadline is Feb. 21st, 2025. Top 6 Oratory Finalists Present at Preferred Insurance Center on Sun., Mar. 9th at 1 pm. For more information or to sign up for the newsletter check out mercerlife.org.

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. Information: https:/catholicinrecovery.com/events.

COUPLES NIGHT — A Maria Stein Shrine event for couples wanting to strengthen their faith and marriage will be held on Sun., Feb. 16th 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. 10th.

MINISTRY TO SURVIVORS OF ABUSE (REPORTING)

— The Archdiocese of Cincinnati regards child abuse in all its forms as gravely sinful and criminal. Anyone who knows of or suspects child abuse by a legitimate member of the clergy or hierarchy, employee, or volunteer of the archdiocese should first report the abuse to the appropriate secular legal authority and then to Ms. Teresa Maley, Coordinator of Ministry to Survivors of Abuse of the Archdiocese, at 513.263.6623 or 1.800.686.2724 ext. 6623.



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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



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discover God's PURPOSE for your life, to enjoy a behind-thescenes experience of COMMUNITY LIFE, and to explore RELIGIOUS LIFE lived out as a Dominican Sister of Peace. For more information visit: oppeace.org/become-a-sister or contact Sr. Mai-dung Nguyen, OP (mai-dung. nguyen@oppeace.org; call/text 405-248-7027)

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.



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Solemnity of Mary\$	40.00
Cemetery\$	5.00
Youth Group\$1	,353.00
Allocated Loose\$1	,097.48

St. Joseph

January 6 - 12, 2025

Offertory\$	160.00
Christmas\$	
Solemnity of Mary\$	20.00
Youth Group\$	
Allocated Loose\$	

St. Peter

Offertory\$	2,243.00
Immaculate Conception\$	50.00
Christmas\$	1,055.00
Solemnity of Mary\$	170.00
Retired Religious\$	5.00
Youth Group\$	610.00
Allocated Loose\$	354.85

St. Paul

Offertory\$	1,674.11
Christmas\$	130.00
Solemnity of Mary\$	30.00
Maintenance\$	100.00
Youth Group\$	395.00
Allocated Loose\$	

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Holy I rinity	
Offertory	\$5,321.00
Loose	
Total	\$8,074.00
Perm. Improvement	\$2,553.00
Candles	

St. Anthony

Offertory\$	371.00
Loose\$	304.00
Total\$	675.00
Christmas\$	20.00
First Offering\$	30.00
Perm. Improvement\$	

St. Mary

Offertory\$	705.00
Loose\$	291.00
Total\$	996.00
Perm. Improvement\$	460.00
First Offering\$	
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