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Holy Trinity

419-678-4802
120 E. Main St.
P.O. Box 107
Coldwater, OH 45828

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

Family Offices



Mary Help of Christians

419-375-4153
403 Sharpsburg Road
Fort Recovery, Ohio 45846

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



Website:
www.holycrossfop.org



Facebook:
www.facebook.com/holycrossfop



St. Anthony



St. Joseph



St. Mary



St. Paul



St. Peter

Sunday, February 2, 2025
The Presentation 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, February 3 <i>Saint Blaise, Bishop, Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop; opt. mem.</i>	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	FBS	L/D Mark & Rosevelyn Rutschilling †	After Mass
	6:45 pm	St. Peter	FJP	Wayne Hemmelgarn †	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Tuesday, February 4 <i>Weekday</i>	7:15 am	St. Mary	FEM	Jeffrey Naumann †	After Mass
	6:45 pm	St. Joseph	FJP	Gene Siefring †	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Wednesday, February 5 <i>Saint Agatha, Virgin, Martyr, Memorial</i>	7:15 am (L/S)	MHC	FEM	L/D John & Marceil Alig Family †	After Mass
	Noon (L/S)	Holy Trinity	FBS	Christopher Dues †	11:30 am - end
Thursday, February 6 <i>Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs, Memorial</i>	7:15 am	St. Paul	FEM	L/D Ves & Lucille Knapke Family †	After Mass
	6:45 pm	St. Anthony	FBS	Dale Sutter †	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Friday, February 7 <i>Weekday</i>	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	FJP	Carl Van Den Bosch †	After Mass
	Noon (L/S)	MHC	FBS	Lavern Kaiser †	11:30 am - end
Saturday, February 8 <i>Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita; BVM on Saturday; opt. mem.</i>	9:00 am	St. Joseph	FJP	Lester & Millie Huelskamp †	After Mass
	4:00 pm	St. Anthony	FEM	Thomas Kremer †	3:15 - 3:45 pm
	4:30 pm (L/S)	Holy Trinity	FBS	Ron Keller & Leo Keller †	3:45 pm - end
	4:30 pm (L/S)	MHC	FJP	Karen Schuh †	3:45 pm - end
Sunday, February 9 <i>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	7:00 am	St. Joseph	FEM	Dan Diller †	N/A
	8:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	FJP	Members of the Holy Cross Family of Parishes	7:25 am - end
	9:00 am (L/S)	MHC	FBS	Mary Link †	8:25 am - end
	10:00 am	Holy Trinity	FJP	Joseph U. Rose †	9:25 am - end
	11:00 am	St. Paul	FBS	L/D Joe & Janice Hart Family †	10:25 - 10:45 am
	11:00 am	St. Peter	FEM	Tim Heitkamp †	10:25 - 10:45 am
	Noon	St. Mary	FJP	Jim Heitkamp †	11:25 - 11:45 am
	6:00 pm	Holy Trinity	FBS	L/D Stammen/Steinbrunner Families †	5:15 - 5:45 pm

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

Reference for Church Abbreviations

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

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

Adoration Schedules

St. Joseph - Tuesdays

8:30 am – 6:30 pm

St. Joseph - Thursdays

8:30 am – 8:00 pm

St. Joseph - First Fridays of the Month

8:30 pm Friday - 8:30 am Saturday

Contact Info.: Adoration.nw1@gmail.com

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

Ministry Schedule

Notice: The below scheduled ministers are responsible for finding a substitute if they are unable to fill the originally assigned position.
- Thank You!

- Mary Help of Christians -

Wednesday, February 5, 7:15 am

Servers: Korbin Wuebker, Hayden Wuebker
Lector: Elly Boeckman

Friday, February 7, 12:00 pm

Servers: Joseph Bruns
Lector: Ted Romer

Saturday, February 8, 4:30 pm

Servers: Anthony Roessner, John Bihn, Will Wenning
Lector: Diane Siegrist

EMHC: Mark Roessner, Irene Roessner

Sacristan: Mark Roessner

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

Sunday, February 9, 9:00 am

Servers: Brodie Hart, Paisley Hart, Grant Pearson, Emma Pearson, Vance Tobe

Lector: Tim Hart

EMHC: Tim Hart, Lois Vogel

Sacristan: Lois Vogel

Ushers: Steve Vogel, Chuck Keller, Doug Schmitz, Harry Hart

- St. Joseph -

Tuesday, February 4, 6:45 pm

Servers: Tyler Dues, Hoyt Schmitz

Lector: Lisa Roessner

Sacristan: Matt Hess

Saturday, February 8, 9:00 am

Servers: Logan Gaerke

Lector: Mary Gaerke

Sunday, February 9, 7:00 am

Servers: Tyler Dues, James Pottkotter, Francis Pottkotter, Hudson Pottkotter

Lector: Danielle Pottkotter

EMHC: Danielle Pottkotter

Sacristan: Matt Hess

Ushers: Ed Dues, Bryan Pottkotter

- St. Paul -

Thursday, February 6, 7:15 am

Servers: Maddie Weigel

Sunday, February 9, 11:00 am

Servers: Evan Evers, Brady Evers, Hope Evers, Ty Evers

Lector: Amanda Brackman

EMHC: Julie Bruns, Carl Link

Ushers: Doug Evers, Mike Bruns

Rosary: Harry & Barb Schoen

- St. Peter -

Monday, February 3, 6:45 pm

Servers: Levi Sutter

Lector: Ryan Sutter

Sunday, February 9, 11:00 am

Servers: Coby Schmitz, Hoyt Schmitz, Braxton Schmitz, Corbyn Schmitz, Logan Gaerke, Gavin Gaerke

Lector: Lisa Kahlig

EMHC: Deacon Dan Kahlig

Sacristan: Lisa Roessner

Ushers: Bob Roessner, Dan Overman

- Holy Trinity -

Monday, February 3, 7:15 am

Servers: Mason Evers, John Evers

Lector: Rene Klosterman

Wednesday, February 5, 12:00 pm

Servers: Sam Gerlach, Oliver Link

Lector: Raquel Kaiser

Friday, February 7, 7:15 am

Servers: Carter Heitkamp, Owen Heitkamp

Lector: Rita Riethman

Saturday, February 8, 4:30 pm

Servers: Zachery Schwieterman, Isabella Schwieterman, David Dues

Lector: Denny Riethman

EMHC: Connie May, Mark Obringer, Brenda Schwieterman

Sunday, February 9, 8:00 am

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby, Josh Homan

Lector: Denny Riethman

EMHC: Jose Rose, Kathy Bohman

Sunday, February 9, 10:00 am

Servers: Max Ross, Mandi Hart, Archer Bihn, Mya Siegrist

Lector: Kim Rose

EMHC: Holly Emerine, Deb Griesdorn, Luke Klosterman

Sunday, February 9, 6:00 pm

Servers: Elisabeth Ebbing, Olivia Broering

Lector: Dee Fullenkamp

EMHC: Amy Klingshirm, Charmaine Bettinger

- St. Anthony -

Thursday, February 6, 6:45 pm

Servers: Wesley Geier

Lector: Paul Welling

Saturday, February 8, 4:00 pm

Servers: Zach Homan, Jacob Kahlig, Hallory Kahlig, Wesley Kahlig

Lector: Cindy Muhlenkamp

EMHC: Rodney Homan

Sacristan: Cindy Homan

Ushers: Sam Muhlenkamp

Rosary: Teri Minnich

- St. Mary -

Tuesday, February 4, 7:15 am

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby

Lector: Viki Dues

Sunday, February 9, 12:00 pm

Servers: Benjamin Liette, Jay Liette, Reagan Liette, Carson Uhlenhake

Lector: Adam Liette

EMHC: Tracy Liette

Ushers: Craig Harting, Kevin Welling





Pastoral Staff

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Candlemas

February 2nd is always celebrated as the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord in the Temple. Under Mosaic Law found in the Book of Leviticus, a Jewish woman who gave birth to a child was considered unclean (see 12:1-8). The mother of a newborn could not routinely go out into public and had to avoid all things sacred, including the Temple for at least 40 days.

Now, it's important to remember that this was a *ceremonial seclusion*. It was not the result of sin or some kind of wrongdoing on the part of the mother. We know this most of all because Mary, the ever spotless Mother of God, complied with the ritual, though being sinless, she certainly did not have to do so. But she submitted to the humbling requirements of the law. She remained at home for 40 days, denied herself all association with sacred things and, on the day required, walked the five miles from Bethlehem to the Temple in Jerusalem. Arriving at the Temple, Mary likely stood in line and waited her turn to see the priest so that this Firstborn Son of hers could be dedicated to God. Mary didn't think of herself through all of this, but did everything for the honor and glory of God!

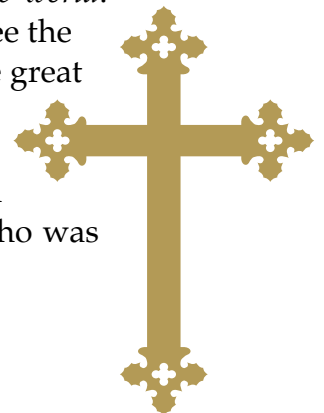


While she was there, Simeon, a just man and a prophet who frequented the Temple regularly, recognized Jesus as the Christ Child. He held Jesus and exclaimed this hymn of thanksgiving:

*Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a **light for revelation** to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel (Luke 2:29-32).*

Because Simeon recognized Jesus as the *light for revelation to the Gentiles* (non-Jewish people), the Church has traditionally taken this feast day as an opportunity to bless the candles we use in Mass.

Candles are used in Mass to remind us of Jesus, who is the true *light of the world*. Without Jesus, we walk in darkness. It's a thought worth reflecting on when we see the candles at Mass being lit or used in procession: this measly candle points us to the great light of the world: Jesus Christ, who is a light too brilliant for my feeble body, mind, and soul to perceive. Just as our eyes need to adjust to light whenever we move from a dark place to a place of light, a life of prayer should help our soul adjust to the never-ending light that is Heaven. There Jesus, the Lamb of God who was slain, yet lives forever, will be our light forever (see Revelation 21:23)!



In Christ,

Fr. Witt

Sacramental Information

In Loving Memory...



Phyllis J. Kessen

January 15, 1935 - January 19, 2025
(Holy Trinity)

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

- John 11:26

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.

Newly Baptized

Holy Trinity

Mildred Louise Hoying
Child of Mason & Erin



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

4th Annual Valentine'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

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



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

**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.



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.

SEEK 2026 — To the Heights, is a 4-day conference put on by FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) that is being held in Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 1-5, 2026. The conference is all about Encounter, Community, and Transformation. There are tracks for university students as well as a Making Missionary Disciple track for parishioners, priests, seminarians, lay leaders, and adults in any stage of their faith journey. Every Event Pass includes the following:

- Lunch each full day of the conference
- Entrance to all sessions with in-demand Catholic speakers
- Access to evening concerts and entertainment
- Conference resources, such as the SEEK app and access to our discounted hotel room block
- A one-of-a-kind encounter with Jesus Christ and the Church through the sacraments

General registration cost is \$575 until October 29th. Student registration is \$545 until October 29th. At this time we would like to gauge if there is enough interest in arranging transportation and housing for a group. Please contact Cindy Muhlenkamp at cmuhlenkamp.holycrossfop@gmail.com if you may be interested.

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.

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.

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 Tailspin 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!

GUARDIAN ANGEL PROGRAM — This is a sponsorship program where parishioners can donate to help offset the cost of youth camps/conferences for our Coldwater and Fort Recovery youth. Currently the donations would help cover the cost of the the 2025 Steubenville Youth Conference. 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. Please contact either parish business manager for other donation options. Truly, any help is greatly appreciated!

KAPAUN'S MEN VIRTUE SERIES — Join Iron Sharpens Iron Men's group at 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.

MOUNTAINS & MEDITATORS — All are welcome to attend classes at Mary Help of Christians on Sundays @ 7 pm until Feb. 23rd with Fr. Witt, and at Holy Trinity on Tuesdays @ 7 pm until 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.

MISSION LOTTERY WINNER — (1/15/25) Ernie Timmerman, Fort Recovery, Ohio; (1/22/25) Brad & Theresa Westgerdes, Coldwater, Ohio — Congratulations!

HOLY LAND SHEPHERDS — They will be selling the hand carved Holy Land Items after Masses this weekend. You can also view and purchase online at www.theholylanndshop.com.

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

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. We are reading the book "Jesus I Trust in You" led by Fr. Ethan Moore. Next meeting is Thurs., Feb. 6.

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 attend any or all meetings. Contact David Bettinger @ 419-852-2582 with any questions. The next meeting is on Fri., Feb. 7, 2025.



Today is Commitment Weekend for the Annual Catholic Ministries Appeal. Together with parishioners across the Archdiocese, we are ensuring that the corporal works of mercy are being practiced in the 19 counties of our Archdiocese. And when you financially support the corporal works of mercy through these ministries, it is good to remember that God's generosity cannot be outdone. As a reminder, 50% of every dollar raised beyond the CMA goal per parish, is returned to that parish

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 419-678-4802 to sign up!

THANK YOU — Thank you to those who donated items to the Annual Winter Donation Drive: 68 Chapstick/Lip Balms, 17 coats, 92 hats/earmuffs/headbands, 34 scarves, 76 pairs of gloves/mittens, and 166 pairs of socks were delivered between CALL Ministries in Celina and St Vincent de Paul Society in Dayton to help provide warmth and comfort this winter for those in need.

SAVE THE DATE — 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 FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL — 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 check-in, clean up, decorations, event preparation, and shepherds (adults who cnaperone 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!



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

NEW PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

— Once again, let's all thank Greg and Michelle for their service as

council members for our parish. We are pleased to announce our newest members, Amy Klingshirn and Doug Schmitz! From here on out, we aim to hold elections for two new members before the start of each new year. So keep us in mind, and pray about the possibility of joining us next year.

BLOOD DRIVE — Volunteers are needed to help with the blood drive on Monday, February 17 at Mary Help of Christians undercroft. First shift will be 11:45 am - 3 pm, and second shift from 3 - 6:15 pm. Also help is needed to set up at 10:45 am, tear down at 6:30 pm, or volunteers to make cookies. Please call or text Megan Wendel at 419-852-5066.

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



St. Joseph

CLEANING (February)

**Sharon Vaughn, Beth Westgerdes, Deb

Wellman, Beverly Froning, Laura

Wenning, Lisa Tobin, Monica Fullenkamp, Jackie Bird



St. Paul

BBQ CHICKEN DINNERS

— Men's 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 NIGHT OUT — Feb 27, 2025 at 6:30pm. Sponsored by St. Paul's Ladies Sodality. 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 at 419-852-7743. Questions, call or text Chrissy Hart at 419-852-7743.



St. Peter

SNOW REMOVAL COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 2025 —

*Rick Heitkmap, Alan Pottkotter,

Roger Rammel, Mark Overman, Eric Albers, Tom Post, Scott Dues, Dan Ranly, Matt Roessner, Abe Timmerman, Mike Roessner, Jarrett Post, Bruce Scott, Craig Heitkamp, Doug (Lisa) Kahlig, Doug (Brenda) Kahlig, Roger Roessner, Aaron Will, Dave Rammel, Chris Kemper, Kyle Dues, Joe Bruggeman, Phil Ontrop, Curt Rammel, Steve Reinhard, Mitch Bruggeman, Aaron Bergman, Dustin Overman, Mark Pearson

Religious Education & Youth Ministry

Coldwater Religious Ed.

Contact: Sarah Klosterman

sklosterman.holycrossfop@gmail.com, 419-678-3328

ATTENTION:

Remaining Coldwater parent catechesis dates are February 5, March 12, and April 2.

HOLY TRINITY FIRST RECONCILIATION —To minimize downtime for families, Holy Trinity requires sign-ups for First Reconciliation. Please scan the QR code or click the link on our website to select a specific time on March 15th. Available time slots can be viewed through the link.



SACRAMENTAL DATES TO NOTE:

HT First Reconciliation - Saturday, March 15th, 10:00 am

St. Mary First Reconciliation - Saturday, March 29th, 10:00 am

St. Anthony First Reconciliation - Saturday, April 5th, 10:00 am

HT First Communion - Sunday, April 27th, 10:00 am

St. Anthony First Communion - Saturday, May 3rd, 4:00 pm

St. Mary First Communion - Sunday, May 4th, 12:00 pm

St. Anthony Bacculaureate Mass - Saturday, May 17th, 4:00 pm

HT Bacculaureate Mass - Sunday, May 18th, 10:00 am

St. Mary Bacculaureate Mass - Sunday, May 18th, 12:00 pm

*Please note that your child can receive the Sacraments at any of our 7 parishes as long as it is communicated with the CRE.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD — Children's



Liturgy of the Word for this spring will begin February 9th and go till April 13th. Please sign up to help via the QR code. *Please note there will be no Children's Liturgy of the Word Feb. 23 due to the Welcome retreat.*

Coldwater Youth Group

Contact: Maria Gruss

mgruss.holycrossfop@gmail.com, 419-678-3328

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2 — 7:15 - 8:45 pm - High School/Junior High Youth Group @ the Grotto - Guest speaker: Sarah Kahlig's annual talk on Fertility Awareness-Based Methods. Open to GIRLS 7th - 12th grade. Mothers are welcome to attend as well! NOTE: Any girl younger than 16 and plans to attend without their mother accompanying them must use the following link to complete and turn in the permission form. <https://www.cognitofirms.com/HolyCrossFamilyOfParishes/CopyOfOneTimeActivityAuthorizationFABMCW>



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3 — 11:18 - 11:45 am - High School Lunch @ Fr. Yauss (grades 9th - 12th)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4 — 7 - 8 am - High School Bible Study @ Rooster Joe (grades 9th - 12th)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9 — (after 10 am Mass) 11:00 am - end - High School Youth Group @ Fr. Yauss (grades 9th - 12th)
Society of Saints - Discover St. Scholastica!

Fort Recovery Religious Ed.

Contact: Harlie Metzger

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ATTENTION:

Remaining FR parent catechesis dates are February 12, March 12, and April 9.

SACRAMENTAL DATES TO NOTE:

Confirmation Mass - Sunday, February 16th, 2:00 pm at MHC

MHC First Reconciliation - Saturday, March 22nd, 10:00 am

St. Paul First Reconciliation - Saturday, March 29th, 10:00 am

St. Peter/Joe First Reconciliation - Saturday, April 5th, 10:00 am

St. Peter/Joe First Communion - Sunday, April 27th, 11:00 am at St. Peter

MHC First Communion - Saturday, May 3rd, 4:30 pm

St. Paul First Communion - Sunday, May 4th, 11:00 am

MHC Bacculaureate Mass - Sunday, May 18th, 9:00 am

St. Paul Bacculaureate Mass - Sunday, May 18th, 11:00 am

St. Peter/Joe Bacculaureate Mass - Sunday, May 18th, 11:00 am (at St. Peter)

*Please note that your child can receive the Sacraments at any of our 7 parishes as long as it is communicated with the CRE.

Fort Fiat Youth Group

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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, February 7th (Trent Pearson); February 21st (Jacob Kleinhenz); March 7th from 7:15 - 8 am in MHC Undercroft, grades 6-12

ATTENTION:

PRIEST Q&A — Get your questions submitted for the priest Q&A by 3/31. The link to submit questions was sent out in Remind.

LEADERSHIP AWARD SUBMISSIONS — Forms can be found in Remind, in the back of each FR church, and in this bulletin, pages 9-12. Please get your nominations in by 3/31.

Saint Blaise Prayer

O glorious St. Blaise, who by your martyrdom left to the Church a precious witness to the Faith, obtain for us the grace to preserve within ourselves this divine gift, and to defend, without human respect, both by word and example, the truth of that same Faith, which is so wickedly attacked and slandered in these our times. You miraculously restored a little child who was at the point of death because of an affliction of the throat. Grant us your mighty protection in similar misfortunes. And, above all, obtain for us the grace of Christian mortification, together with faithful observance of the precepts of the Church, which keep us from offending Almighty God. Amen.





We must sacrifice everything for everything, our ambitions, indeed our entire selves, for the cause of the Faith.
-Frassati

BLESSED PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI *Leadership Award*



Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati 1901-1925

Frassati was a young Italian man who was affectionately called the "Man of the Beatitudes" by Saint John Paul II for his exemplary work of bringing comfort and happiness to those who were poor, suffering, meek, hungry, thirsty and in need of mercy. Frassati himself was clean of heart, a peacemaker and often persecuted for the sake of the Gospel. He died at the age of 24 while performing charitable service to the people who were sick and dying in his community.

In honor of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, the Fort Recovery Catholic Community Young Mens Group have created the Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati Leadership Award. This award is intended to honor the strong Catholic faith and devotion of a young man in our community. A young man who is determined to live out his faith and share it with others through acts of kindness and service, much like Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati, without the fear of being persecuted by their family, classmates or peers.

ELIGIBILITY

This award is intended for a young man in the Fort Recovery Catholic Cluster. To be eligible for nomination, this young man must be a senior in high school and meet the following requirements:

1. Must be an active server through their senior year of high school
2. Must be active in their faith beyond attending Sunday Mass
3. Must be actively discerning Gods plan for their life
4. Must be a good example of how to live your faith in high school

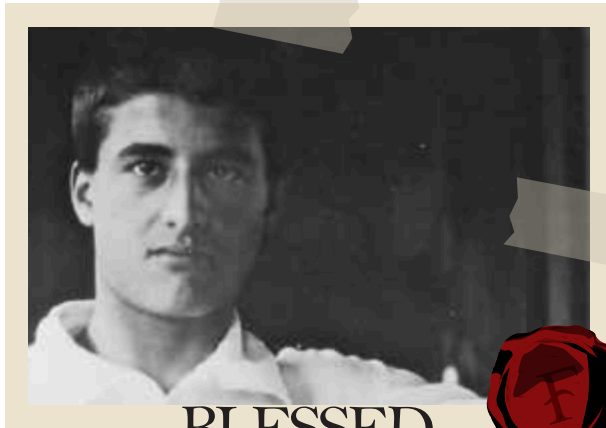
NOMINATIONS

To nominate someone for the Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati Leadership Award, fill out the form on the back and drop it off at the MHC parish office during regular business hours between January 1st-March 31st. The winner of the award will be announced in May.

DONATIONS

If you are interested in contributing to the Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati Leadership Award, monetary donations can be made at the MHC parish office. Donations can also be placed in the offertory baskets at any Fort Recovery Parish in an envelope marked Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati Leadership Award.





**BLESSED
PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI**
Leadership Award

NOMINATION FORM

Nominee Name: _____

Nominee's Parish: _____

How is this nominee active in his faith outside of attending Sunday Mass? _____

How is he a leader in his faith? _____

Why is this young man a great candidate for this award? _____

Nominators will be kept anonymous. Please make sure the form is legible. Forms should be turned into the MHC parish office during business hours.



Stella Maris

Leadership Award

The Fort Recovery Catholic Community has created the Stella Maris Leadership Award. The award is intended to honor the strong Catholic faith and devotion of a young lady in our community.

ELIGIBILITY

This award is intended for a young lady in the Fort Recovery Catholic Cluster. To be eligible for nomination, this young lady must be a senior in high school and meet the following requirements:

- 1. Must be active in their faith beyond attending Sunday Mass.*
- 2. Must be actively discerning God's plan for their life.*
- 3. Must be a good example of how to live your faith in high school.*

NOMINATIONS

To nominate someone for the Stella Maris Leadership Award, fill out the form on the back and drop it off at the MHC parish office during regular business hours. Forms can be submitted January - March. The recipient of the award will be announced in May.

Mary, Star of the Sea, is the calmer of storms and a guiding light. Just as sailors ask for Mary's intercession to guide and protect them while at sea, we too can do the same with life. Mary is our guiding star to Jesus and can calm the storms in our own lives.

DONATIONS

If you are interested in contributing to the Stella Maris or Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati Leadership Awards, monetary donations can be made by writing out a check to Fort Fiat and putting Fort Fiat Leadership Awards in the memo line. Donations can be placed in the offertory baskets at Mass or dropped off to the MHC parish office.

Mary, Star of the Sea, pray for us!



Stella Maris

Leadership Award



NOMINATION FORM

NOMINEE NAME: _____

NOMINEE'S PARISH: _____

HOW IS THIS NOMINEE ACTIVE IN HER FAITH OUTSIDE OF ATTENDING MASS?

HOW IS SHE A LEADER IN HER FAITH?

WHY IS THIS YOUNG LADY A GREAT CANDIDATE FOR THIS AWARD?

NOMINATORS WILL BE KEPT ANONYMOUS. PLEASE MAKE SURE THIS FORM IS LEGIBLE. FORMS SHOULD BE TURNED INTO THE MHC PARISH OFFICE DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS.

Mary, Star of the Sea, pray for us!

Community Interests

10 DAY PILGRIMAGE TO MEXICO — Join Fr. Jonathan Jergens (the parochial vicar of St. Susanna in Mason and former intern at Coldwater) on an incredible 10-day pilgrimage to Mexico from July 8-17, 2025. You will have the opportunity to walk in the footsteps of the "Cristero" Martyrs, such as St. Miguel Pro and St. Jose Sanchez del Rio - the youngest Cristero martyr at only 14 years old! - as well as see the incredible tilma of Our Lady of Guadalupe. You will also have an opportunity to celebrate Mass in incredible churches and cathedrals in Mexico City, Puebla, San Juan de los Lagos, Guadalajara, and participate in the Jubilee Year of Hope. For more information, visit <https://www.stcharlespilgrimages.com/jergens>, or email Fr. Jergens at jergens@stsusanna.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.



As a representative from Catholic Relief Services, Tom will share his vast experiences in improving the human condition during a visit that coincides with the 50th anniversary of CRS Rice Bowl.

Tom Hollywood
A Local Invitation for a
Global Solution

Wednesday
February 5, 7:00pm

St. Charles Center
Auditorium (basement)
2860 US-127, Carthage, OH 45822

Contact Jillian Foster
jfoster@catholicaoc.org
for more information



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 mercercare.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.

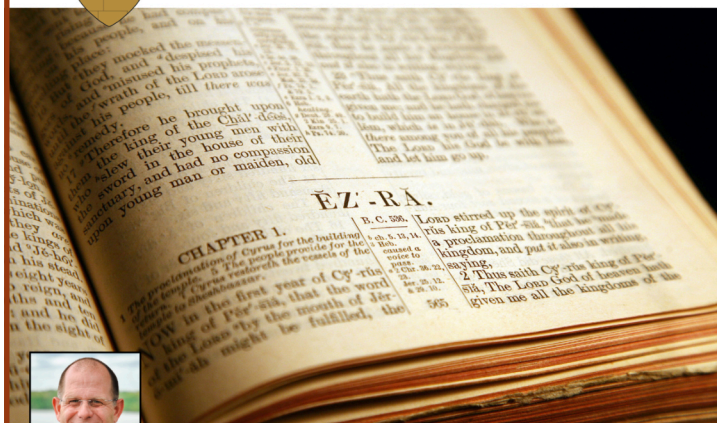
COUPLES NIGHT — A Maria Stein Shrine event for couples wanting to strengthen their faith and marriage will be held on Sun., Feb. 16th at 5:30 pm in the Shrine's Upper Room. Begins w/ dinner, beverages, & desserts. After dinner, Julia Monnin, President and Director of Apostolic Works for the Catholic 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.

CATHOLIC NURSE SOCIETY IN 2025 — We encourage all nurses to join us for fellowship, prayer and fun conversations that are uniquely about the joys, triumphs and hardships of being a nurse. Meetings are held at 11:00 am on the first Saturday of each month, second floor, at the Shrine of the Holy Relics in Maria Stein. We hope you will join us. Contact Janet Munday with any questions. (419) 954-1670 voice/text.



NORTHWEST MEN'S CONFERENCE

Work, for the Lord is with you



Keynote Speaker
Fr. Nathan Cromly, Former President & Founder of St. John Institute

ROMER'S CATERING: ST. HENRY, OH

DATE: SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2025, 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Includes: Light Breakfast, Adoration, Great Speakers, Lunch, Reconciliation Holy Mass @ 7:00 am, St. Henry Catholic Church

COST: \$35

PURCHASE TICKETS USING THE QR CODE OR:
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January 13 - 19, 2025

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Offertory.....\$4,025.00
 Cemetery.....\$ 20.00
 Youth Group.....\$ 175.00
 Allocated Loose.....\$1,022.03

Holy Trinity

Offertory.....\$4,331.00
 Loose.....\$2,685.00
 Total.....\$7,016.00
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Offertory.....\$1,680.00
 Fuel Fund.....\$ 210.00
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 Youth Group.....\$ 100.00
 Allocated Loose.....\$ 202.70

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Offertory.....\$ 355.00
 Loose.....\$ 191.00
 Total.....\$ 546.00
 First Offering.....\$ 50.00
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St. Peter

Offertory.....\$4,930.00
 Youth Group.....\$ 345.00
 Allocated Loose.....\$ 330.46

St. Mary

Offertory.....\$ 835.00
 Loose.....\$ 524.00
 Total.....\$1,359.00
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Offertory.....\$2,002.11
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