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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](http://www.holycrossfop.org)



Facebook:  
[www.facebook.com/holycrossfop](http://www.facebook.com/holycrossfop)



St. Anthony



St. Joseph



St. Mary



St. Paul



St. Peter

**Sunday, February 16, 2025**  
*Sixth 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
<b>Monday, February 17</b> <i>The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order; opt. mem.</i>	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	FBS	JR Stough †	After Mass
	6:45 pm	St. Peter	FAW	L/D Anthony & Ida Homan Family †	5:45 - 6:30 pm
<b>Tuesday, February 18</b> <i>Weekday</i>	7:15 am	St. Mary	FEM	Eileen Bruns †	After Mass
	6:45 pm	St. Joseph	FJP	L/D William & Virginia Pottkotter Family †	5:45 - 6:30 pm
<b>Wednesday, February 19</b> <i>Weekday</i>	7:15 am (L/S)	MHC	FBS	L/D Gerald & Joan Huber Family †	After Mass
	Noon (L/S)	Holy Trinity	FAW	Jean Brackman †	11:30 am - end
<b>Thursday, February 20</b> <i>Weekday</i>	7:15 am	St. Paul	FBS	L/D Bud & Rosie May Family †	After Mass
	6:45 pm	St. Anthony	FAW	Walter Schockman †	5:45 - 6:30 pm
<b>Friday, February 21</b> <i>Saint Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor of the Church; opt. mem.</i>	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	FBS	Jim Heyne †	After Mass
	Noon (L/S)	MHC	FAW	Carol Hartnagel †	11:30 am - end
<b>Saturday, February 22</b> <i>The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle; Feast</i>	9:00 am	St. Joseph	FEM	L/D Joseph & Cleopha Brunswick Family †	After Mass
	4:00 pm	St. Anthony	FBS	L/D Herman Sudhoff Family †	3:15 - 3:45 pm
	4:30 pm (L/S)	Holy Trinity	FAW	L/D Charles Koester Family †	3:45 pm - end
	4:30 pm (L/S)	MHC	FJP	Elmer Wendel †	3:45 pm - end
<b>Sunday, February 23</b> <i>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	7:00 am	St. Joseph	FJP	Cyril Pleiman †	N/A
	8:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	FBS	L/D Richard Balster Family †	7:25 am - end
	9:00 am (L/S)	MHC	FEM	L/D John & Marlene Bihn Family †	8:25 am - end
	10:00 am	Holy Trinity	FAW	Mary Knapke †	9:25 am - end
	11:00 am	St. Paul	FEM	L/D Peter Eischen Family †	10:25 - 10:45 am
	11:00 am	St. Peter	FJP	Steve Muhlenkamp †	10:25 - 10:45 am
	Noon	St. Mary	FBS	Gene & Rita Dues †	11:25 - 11:45 am
	6:00 pm	Holy Trinity	FAW	Members of the Holy Cross Family of Parishes	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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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 19, 7:15 am

**Servers:** Chris Timmerman, Charlie Roessner  
**Lector:** Les Wenning

### Friday, February 21, 12:00 pm

**Servers:** Zavier Bruns  
**Lector:** Diane Siegrist

### Saturday, February 22, 4:30 pm

**Servers:** Vincent Wenning, Natalie Wenning, Zavier Bruns

**Lector:** Debbie Bueter

**EMHC:** Debbie Bueter, Tom Bueter

**Sacristan:** Tom & Debbie Bueter

**Ushers:** Dan Schmitz, Matt Whitacre, Floyd Bergman, Don Lennartz

### Sunday, February 23, 9:00 am

**Servers:** Anthony Roessner, Jenna Dues, Kevin Dues, Blake Homan

**Lector:** Amy S. Wendel

**EMHC:** Gail Dues, Vicki Schmitz

**Sacristan:** Amy S. Wendel

**Ushers:** Joe Dues Jr., Joe Dues, Gary J Wendel, Steve Wendel

## - St. Joseph -

### Tuesday, February 18, 6:45 pm

**Servers:** Coby Schmitz, Braxton Schmitz

**Lector:** Danielle Pottkotter

**Sacristan:** Shel Sutter

### Saturday, February 22, 9:00 am

**Servers:** Levi Sutter

**Lector:** Ryan Sutter

### Sunday, February 23, 7:00 am

**Servers:** Matt Hess, Ben Homan, Eric Lamm, Dillan Schulze

**Lector:** Pat Gehret

**EMHC:** Deacon Dan Kahlig

**Sacristan:** Shel Sutter

**Ushers:** Jerry Sutter, Grant Pottkotter

## - St. Paul -

### Thursday, February 20, 7:15 am

**Servers:** Korbin Wuebker, Hayden Wuebker

### Sunday, February 23, 11:00 am

**Servers:** Alexis Grisez, Hailey Grisez, Landon Sudhoff, Raelyn Sudhoff

**Lector:** Marilyn Fortkamp

**EMHC:** Marilyn Fortkamp, Tracy Fortkamp

**Ushers:** Roger Fortkamp, Ken Knapke

**Rosary:** Ken & Lil Knapke

## - St. Peter -

### Monday, February 17, 6:45 pm

**Servers:** Theo Schmitz

**Lector:** Tim Hart

### Sunday, February 23, 11:00 am

**Servers:** Isaac Roessner, Alex Roessner, Charlie Roessner, Theresa Hipple, Kinley Schoenlein, Chris Timmerman

**Lector:** Jane Hipple

**EMHC:** Jane Hipple

**Sacristan:** Jane Hipple

**Ushers:** Tom Post, Tom Lennartz

## - Holy Trinity -

### Monday, February 17, 7:15 am

**Servers:** Archer Bihn, Claire Bertke

**Lector:** Rene Klosterman

### Wednesday, February 19, 12:00 pm

**Servers:** Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby

**Lector:** Rene Klosterman

### Friday, February 21, 7:15 am

**Servers:** Kennley Siegrist, Clayton Schoen

**Lector:** Rita Riethman

### Saturday, February 22, 4:30 pm

**Servers:** Lucas Broering, Elisabeth Ebbing, Josh Homan

**Lector:** Diane Wellman

**EMHC:** Connie May, Mark Obringer, Brenda Schwieterman

### Sunday, February 23, 8:00 am

**Servers:** Audrey Alig, Abby Alig, A.J. Alig

**Lector:** Ken Hoying

**EMHC:** Adam Alig, Chuck Alig

### Sunday, February 23, 10:00 am

**Servers:** Dana Knapke, Jonathan Lange, Madelyn Lange, David Dues

**Lector:** Yvonne Dues

**EMHC:** Cindy Hemmelgarn, Lynn Giere, Bob Rose

### Sunday, February 23, 6:00 pm

**Servers:** Joshua Schoen, Levi Sutter

**Lector:** Ryan Sutter

**EMHC:** Charmaine Bettinger, Sarah Klosterman

## - St. Anthony -

### Thursday, February 20, 6:45 pm

**Servers:** Wesley Geier

**Lector:** Marty Knapke

**Sacristan:** Janet Brockman

### Saturday, February 22, 4:00 pm

**Servers:** Mason Alig, Zach Homan, Lily Alig, Nolan Link

**Lector:** Janet Brockman

**EMHC:** Lisa Knapke

**Sacristan:** Cindy Muhlenkamp

**Ushers:** Greg Alig

**Rosary:** Julie Brackman

## - St. Mary -

### Tuesday, February 18, 7:15 am

**Servers:** Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby

**Lector:** Viki Dues

### Sunday, February 23, 12:00 pm

**Servers:** Derek Dues, Austin Uhlenhake, Trent Dues, Kate Uhlenhake

**Lector:** Viki Dues

**EMHC:** Jennifer Uhlenhake

**Ushers:** Ben Uhlenhake, Dusty Uhlenhake





## Pastoral Staff

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### More Adoration, Please!

As priests, we get a lot of requests, but requests like the title of this bulletin insert always make my heart soar!

Adoration is a period of time where Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist is placed in a special vessel, called a *monstrance*, so that people can come and spend time with Him, loving Him and letting Him know the things that they need. I like to think of it as the great King holding court so that little peasants (like me!) can come to Him and let our great King provide for all our needs.

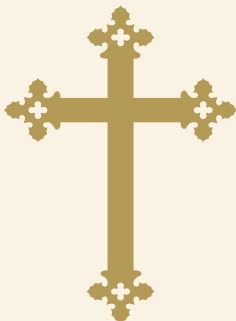


I want to say a word of gratitude for all those who have been attending adoration and those who have asked me (often) for more adoration times and places. As you can tell from the proposed schedule (below), we have tried to provide at least a little time at each of our parishes. Members of these parishes helped to come up with these times and what we could reasonably expect. Some of the times are more limited than others. This is, in part, because exposing the Eucharist is something that only a priest or a deacon can ordinarily do. If you were hoping for more adoration time, then please, continue to let me know. I want this new schedule to be more of a “starting point” that, as we grow together as a parish family in our love and devotion to Jesus in the Eucharist, this schedule can grow with us.

In the meantime, members of your parish will be helping me to coordinate volunteers for each of the hours. Feel free to sign up for any hours you would like at any of the parishes. We need at least two separate people for each hour. Also, if you have been signed up for an hour, but the time or location no longer works for you, please let us know. Let’s work together as a parish family to make this happen!

In Christ,

Fr. Witt



*Tentative Start Date will be Monday, March 10, 2025.*

Day	Church	Adoration	Available Confession (during Adoration)
Monday	St. Peter	5:45 - 6:30 pm	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Tuesday	St. Mary	7:45 am - Noon	After 7:15 am Mass
	St. Joseph	8:30 am - 6:30 pm	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Wednesday	Holy Trinity	8:00 - 11:45 am	11:30 am - end
Thursday	St. Paul	7:45 am - 5:00 pm	After 7:15 am Mass
	St. Anthony	5:45 - 6:30 pm	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Friday	MHC	8:00 - 11:45 am	11:30 am - end

**Note: The above start date will only occur as long as time slots for adorers are filled!**

**Contact: [Adoration.nw1@gmail.com](mailto:Adoration.nw1@gmail.com) to sign up for an hour of Adoration.**

*Also, Please contact the Adoration Guild if you will be quitting your current time slot to move to a new one!*

# Sacramental Information

## Marriage Congratulations!

Nathan & Paige (Fortkamp) Schmitmeyer  
Married Saturday, February 1, 2025  
(St. Paul)

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

## Newly Baptized

*St. Peter*

Vernon Lee Heinrichs  
Child of Mark & Danielle



## Adoration with Quo Vadis



Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>  
Holy Trinity  
7:30 - 8:30 pm

*Music will be sung by Quo Vadis group.*

## 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.

## 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 April 8, 2025. Please call 419-375-4153 to register. Coldwater Classes are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 7 pm. 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 - SPT	12:30 pm - SPL	12:30 pm - SJ
1:30 pm - HT	1:30 pm - SM	1:30 pm - HT	1:30 pm - SA

**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](mailto:deaconoffice@catholicaoc.org).



# Holy Cross Family of Parishes

**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. 20.

**MEN'S GROUP ANNOUNCEMENT** — Meetings are the 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. 21, 2025.

**2016 PICTORIALS** — Anyone wanting a 2016 Pictorial of our parishioners, please stop by the Coldwater Office to pick one up. They are FREE for the taking. The pictorials are of Holy Trinity, St. Anthony, and St. Mary parishioners. Any 2016 pictorials that are not picked up by Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup> will be discarded.

**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.

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

**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.

## GET WELL NOTES!

Fr. Walling had knee surgery on January 14, 2025. His address is provided below for anyone who would like to send a get well note or card.

### Fr. Richard Walling

Queen of Peace Parish  
2550 Millville Ave,  
Hamilton, OH 45013



## Delay & Pray Book Club

### Mary Help of Christian's Library

(Meetings approx. 45 min)

10:00 am

Saturdays of Lent

Starts on Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup>



*Order the book  
Delay and Pray by Beth Bubik*

For more details or to sign-up:

Contact Kathy Gonzalez at 419-852-6125 or kkg@bright.net.

# SEEK

# TO THE HEIGHTS

2026

(This is 4-day Conference)

## Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 1-5, 2026

General registration cost is \$575 until October 29<sup>th</sup>

Student registration is \$545 until October 29<sup>th</sup>

This conference put on by FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) 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

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 or call the Coldwater Parish Office @ 419-678-4802.

## Lenten Speaker

Fr. Ethan Hoying

Holy Trinity's Grotto  
Tuesday, March 25

@

7:00 pm

Save the Date



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



**ADORERS NEEDED DURING WELCOME WOMEN'S 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.



**ANNUAL MISSION LOTTERY WINNERS** — \$1000.00 - Nathan Muhlenkamp; \$300.00 - Kyle Fullenkamp; & \$200.00 - Ashley Dues

**MOUNTAINS & MEDITATORS** — All are welcome to attend classes at Mary Help of Christians on Sundays @ 7 pm until Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> with Fr. Witt, and at Holy Trinity on Tuesdays @ 7 pm until Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> with Fr. Moore. There will be a wrap up and pot luck at Mary Help of Christians on Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you have any questions please contact Cindy Muhlenkamp at cmuhlenkamp.holycrossfop@gmail.com or (419) 678-4802.

**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.

Please Consider Donating to Our...

## GUARDIAN ANGEL PROGRAM

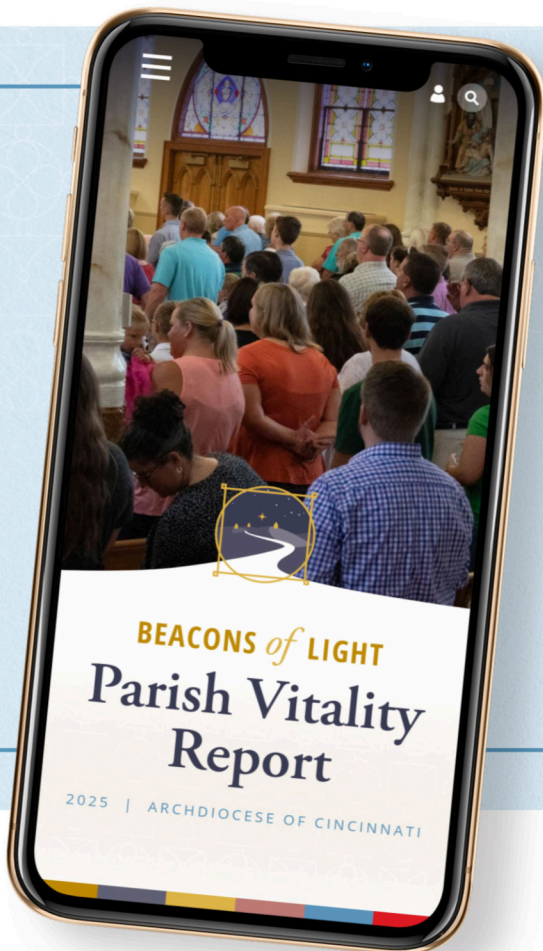
Supporting our Youth in...

- Experiencing  
Amazing Speakers, Worship, Adoration, Confession, and fellowship with hundreds of other Catholics their age.
- Encountering Christ  
In an opportunity to meet Jesus in a unique way.
- Conversion  
Changing Lives when meeting Jesus at Conference.
- Community  
Connecting with others in the universal church as a family in Christ.

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.



Please help financially support sending our youth to the **2025 Steubenville Youth Conference**



## BEACONS of LIGHT



### Read About Parish Vitality & Tell Us What You Think

Curious about progress toward parish vitality and the goals of Beacons of Light in our 57 Families of Parishes? Archbishop Schnurr has released the 2025 Parish Vitality Report to bring everyone in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati up to date. In addition to facts, figures, stories and witness, there's an opportunity for you to give feedback on your experience of parish life, which will be used in future planning for our Family of Parishes.

Check it out at :  
[catholicaoc.org/pvr](http://catholicaoc.org/pvr)



## You Are Invited To Join Father Barry Stechschulte

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

Please call the Coldwater Office at  
419-678-4802

to discuss the trip with  
Fr. Barry before signing up!

### 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.

## Empty Pill Bottle Collection



FEB 1 - APR 15, 2025

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

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



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

Thank you for your help in supporting this mission!  
Any questions, please email [ashley.woeste@gmail.com](mailto:ashley.woeste@gmail.com) or call/text 419-305-3440.



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Matthew 25 Ministries



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

## Join in praying the Rosary before our Masses within the Holy Cross Family of Parishes

(Feel free to cut this guide out & take it to Mass with you!)

### How to Pray the Rosary

1. Make the Sign of the Cross.
2. Pray the Apostles' Creed while holding the Crucifix.
3. On the first bead, pray an Our Father.
4. Pray one Hail Mary on each of the next three beads.
5. Pray the Glory Be followed by the Fatima Prayer.
6. For each of the five decades, announce the Mystery then Pray the Our Father.
7. For each set of ten beads, Pray ten Hail Marys while meditating on the Mystery.
8. After finishing each decade, Pray the Glory Be followed by the Fatima Prayer.
9. After the five decades are completed, Pray the The Salve Regina followed by the Rosary Prayer and then the St. Michael Prayer.

### Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

### Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

### Hail Mary

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

### Fatima Prayer

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell; lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who are in most need of thy mercy.

### The Salve Regina

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

### Rosary Prayer

V. Let us pray.

R. O God, whose Only Begotten Son, by his life, Death, and Resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech thee, that while meditating on these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

### St. Michael Prayer

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world for seeking the ruin of souls. Amen



# Parish Information



## Holy Trinity

**USHERS MEETING FOR NEW & CURRENT USHERS** — Thursday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Grotto.

Training for all ushers regarding the new technology, medical devices, and Mass procedures. Also, please attend this meeting if you are interested in becoming a new usher.

**SOUP SUPPER** — There will be a Lenten Soup Supper after the 5:30 pm Mass in the Grotto on Ash Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. Free will donations are greatly appreciated.

**ROSARY LEADERS NEEDED** — Please contact the Coldwater Office if you would be willing to volunteer as a Rosary Leader before any of the weekend Masses. Currently we are in need of leaders for the Sunday 10 am Mass.



## Mary Help of Christians

### BLOOD DRIVE

— Volunteers are needed to help with the blood drive on Mon.,

Feb. 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.

**THANK YOU** — For all of those who remembered Robert in his passing and the support they gave to his family during this difficult time. A huge thank you to Deacon Dan Kahlig for a beautiful funeral service, Tom Shaw and the staff at Brockman-Boeckman Funeral, and Kathy Staugler, for their tremendous support! Thank you to the Funeral luncheon ladies for the meal after Robert's service, it was very much appreciated!  
- Family of Robert L. Portz



## 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.

**INTERIOR BEAUTIFICATION UPDATE** — Thank you for all the feedback and suggestions during the meeting. If you were unable to attend, there are quote sheets at the entrance of church. We continue to seek donations and any fundraising ideas. Please prayerfully consider donating. If you have any questions, you can reach out to JoAnne Alig, Sharon Alig, or Cindy Homan.

**HOMEMADE SOUP SUPPER** — March 1<sup>st</sup> after 4 pm Mass. Come and try different soups and join in an evening of fun activities with a movie for kids, bingo, and cards. If you would like to make a soup, bread, or dessert contact Cindy Homan, 419-852-9686 or Ralph Leugers, 419-305-4429. Open to the public and free will donation. All proceeds to sponsor the Interior Beautification project.



## St. Mary

### PATRIOTIC ROSARY

— Please join us for the patriotic rosary every Tuesday at 7:30 pm at St. Mary Church.



## 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 for pick up on Feb. 23 for anyone who purchased tickets. Carry-out is only from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm in the parish hall. Questions call Ken at 419-375-2588.



## St. Peter

### SNOW REMOVAL COMMITTEE FEBRUARY 2025

— \*Rick Heitkamp, 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

## GOURMET POPCORN FUNDRAISER

St. Anthony Church is teaming up with Tin Acre Gourmet Popcorn to raise funds for church improvements related to the Beautification project. From Feb. 16 to Mar. 5, you can order delicious flavors like Buckeye, Salted Caramel, Caramel, Chicago Blend, Birthday Cake, and White Chocolate Cheesecake popcorn. Pick up will be on Apr. 12 at the parish hall from 9-12. Scan the QR code or visit [www.tinacre.com/st-anthony-fundraiser](http://www.tinacre.com/st-anthony-fundraiser) to place your order. Orders can be placed in the box at the entrance of the church as well. For questions, ordering, or to arrange an alternative pick-up, contact Amanda Forsthoefel @ 419-852-6698.



# Religious Education

## Coldwater Religious Ed.

Contact: Sarah Klosterman

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### ATTENTION:

Remaining Coldwater parent catechesis dates are March 12 & 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 15<sup>th</sup>. Available time slots can be viewed through the link.



### SACRAMENTAL DATES TO NOTE:

**HT First Reconciliation** - Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am  
**St. Mary First Reconciliation** - Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am  
**St. Anthony First Reconciliation** - Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am  
**HT First Communion** - Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am  
**St. Anthony First Communion** - Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4:00 pm  
**St. Mary First Communion** - Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 pm  
**St. Anthony Baccalaureate Mass** - Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 pm  
**HT Baccalaureate Mass** - Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am  
**St. Mary Baccalaureate Mass** - Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 9<sup>th</sup> and go until April 13<sup>th</sup>. 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.*



**CHILDREN'S STATIONS & SNACKS** — Children's Stations and Snacks will take place every Friday during Lent (excluding Good Friday). We will meet the children in front of the elementary library and walk over as a group. Stations will run until approximately 3:45 – 4:00 pm. Students of all ages are welcome to join. If you are interested, please sign up using the QR code!



## Fort Recovery Religious Ed.

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### ATTENTION:

Remaining FR parent catechesis dates are March 12 & April 9.

### SACRAMENTAL DATES TO NOTE:

**Confirmation Mass** - Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 pm at MHC  
**MHC First Reconciliation** - Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00 am  
**St. Paul First Reconciliation** - Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am  
**St. Peter/Joe First Reconciliation** - Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am  
**St. Peter/Joe First Communion** - Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am at St. Peter  
**MHC First Communion** - Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4:30 pm  
**St. Paul First Communion** - Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am  
**MHC Baccalaureate Mass** - Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am  
**St. Paul Baccalaureate Mass** - Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am  
**St. Peter/Joe Baccalaureate Mass** - Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## CHILDREN'S STATIONS AND SNACKS

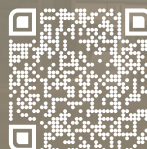
Fridays during Lent

\*Excluding Good Friday\*

After school - 3:45

Students will meet at the Elementary Library and will walk over as a group

@ Holy Trinity



Sign up here

# Congratulations!



to our students who have been confirmed!

# Youth Ministry

## Coldwater Youth Group

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### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16** — 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, FEBRUARY 18** — 7 - 8 am - High School Bible Study @ Rooster Joe (grades 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>)

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19** — 7:30 - 8:30 pm - BOYS Junior High Youth Group @ Fr. Yauss (grades 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>)

**NOTE: No High School Youth Group on Sunday, Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

## Fort Fiat Youth Group

Contact: Alyssa Overman

aoverman.holycrossfop@gmail.com

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**TO THE HEIGHTS** — Tuesdays 3:30-4:30 pm at MHC, grades 6-8

**MEN'S GROUP** — Wednesdays 9-10 pm at MHC, grades 7-12

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

**BREAKFAST CLUB** — February 21<sup>st</sup> (Jacob Kleinhenz); March 7<sup>th</sup> (Fr Witt) from 7:15-8 am & March 21<sup>st</sup> (Henry Cordonnier) 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 or in the back of each FR church. Please get your nominations in by 3/31.

## The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



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## Saint of the Week - Saint Peter Damian

Feast Day: February 21<sup>st</sup>



Maybe because he was orphaned and had been treated shabbily by one of his brothers, Peter Damian was very good to the poor. It was the ordinary thing for him to have a poor person or two with him at table and he liked to minister personally to their needs. Peter escaped poverty and the neglect of his own brother when his other brother, who was archpriest of Ravenna, took him under his wing. His brother sent him to good schools and Peter became a professor. Already in those days, Peter was very strict with himself. He wore a hair shirt under his clothes, fasted rigorously and spent many hours in prayer. Soon, he decided to leave his teaching and give himself completely to prayer with the Benedictines of the reform of Saint Romuald at Fonte Avellana. They lived two monks to a hermitage. Peter was so eager to pray and slept so little that he soon suffered from severe insomnia. He found he had to use some prudence in taking care of himself. When he was not praying, he studied the Bible. The abbot commanded that when he died Peter should succeed him. Abbot Peter founded five other hermitages. He encouraged his brothers in a life of prayer and solitude and wanted nothing more for himself. The Holy See periodically called on him, however, to be a peacemaker or troubleshooter, between two abbeys in dispute or a cleric or government official in some disagreement with Rome. Finally, Pope Stephen IX made Peter the cardinal-bishop of Ostia. He worked hard to wipe out simony—the buying of church offices—and encouraged his priests to observe celibacy and urged even the diocesan clergy to live together and maintain scheduled prayer and religious observance. He wished to restore primitive discipline among religious and priests, warning against needless travel, violations of poverty, and too comfortable living. He even wrote to the bishop of Besancon complaining that the canons there sat down when they were singing the psalms in the Divine Office. He wrote many letters. Some 170 are extant. We also have 53 of his sermons and seven lives, or biographies, that he wrote. He preferred examples and stories rather than theory in his writings. The liturgical offices he wrote are evidence of his talent as a stylist in Latin. He asked often to be allowed to retire as cardinal-bishop of Ostia, and finally Pope Alexander II consented. Peter was happy to become once again just a monk, but he was still called to serve as a papal legate. When returning from such an assignment in Ravenna, he was overcome by a fever. With the monks gathered around him saying the Divine Office, he died on February 22, 1072. In 1828, he was declared a Doctor of the Church.

- Information obtained from franciscanmedia.org

# Community Interests

**RETRouvaille** – HOPE for couples going through difficult times in their marriages. Retrouvaille is a program of healing and renewal consisting of one weekend and six follow-up sessions over the course of two months. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on April 4-6, 2025, call 513-486-6222 or visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org)

**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.

**SACRED HEART RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT** — Sacred Heart Radio is your local Catholic media connection helping you to learn, live and share the truth of your faith 24-7! Listen on 740 AM & 910 AM or download the app at [sacredheartradio.com](http://sacredheartradio.com).

**PORK LOIN DINNER** — The Fort Recovery Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Pork Loin Dinner on Sunday, March 9. A drive thru pick-up will be available between 4-6 pm at the NEW K of C Hall. Dinners are presale only. You can order your dinners by using an envelope found in the back of the Family Churches. Ordering information is inside the envelope. Please try to place your order by February 26 with the final turn in being March 2. Thank you for supporting your local Knights of Columbus.

**LAST CALL! UPCOMING EVENT FOR JUNIORS AND SENIORS: 2025 MERCER COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE ORATORY CONTEST** — Mercer County RTL will facilitate its annual Oratory Contest for all juniors and seniors living in Mercer County. Contestants are asked to research, write, and present an original pro-life speech on ONE of the following: abortion, infanticide, or euthanasia that is 5-7 minutes in length. Contestants are to submit a video entry of their speech by February 21st to [prolifegeneration.mercercounty@outlook.com](mailto:prolifegeneration.mercercounty@outlook.com). Please look for a confirmation email upon receiving your submission. All contestants who submit a video entry will receive a \$100 participation prize! Then, the top 6 contestants will be invited to present on March 9th at the Preferred Insurance Center in Coldwater at 1:00 pm. The prize amounts for the top 6 finalists who present on Sunday, March 9th, are as follows: 1st place: \$1,000, 2nd place: \$750, 3rd place: \$500, 4th – 6th place: \$250. We ask that all interested contestants e-mail [Julie.Link09@gmail.com](mailto:Julie.Link09@gmail.com) if you have any further questions. Thank you!

**HOW TO STAY**  
**Catholic in College**  
 PRESENTED BY HENRY CORDONNIER  
**FOR H.S. SENIORS ONLY**


**TOPICS INCLUDE:** Finding Friends Safety Wokeness  
 Alcohol/Drugs Social Media Worship  
 Pornography Sexuality and more!

*"I am the vine, you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5*

4-week program for high school seniors from 7:00–9:00 pm on the following Sundays:  
**March 2, 9, 16, 23, 2025**

High school seniors are invited to join us in the basement of Do Good Restaurant and Ministry every Sunday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 pm for a four week program, How to Stay Catholic in College, led by Henry Cordonnier, beginning Sunday, March 2 and ending March 23. Henry will cover many topics of interest to seniors going off to college. The goal is to help students to not only survive, but thrive and grow in their faith during their college years. Our students need to be prepared, so they will not be blindsided by the evil they will face. During his four years at Miami University, Henry lived a very sinful life until his spiritual awakening that changed his life forever. Using examples from his own life, and the knowledge and experience he gained from teaching high school for 40 years and as a frequent speaker at youth groups, Henry hopes to encourage high school seniors to stay close to Christ as they set off on a new chapter in life.

For further information or to sign up, please contact Henry at **937-295-2626**. Sign up is not required. Attendants are asked to enter Do Good's "Event Entrance" door located on the west side of Do Good. This program is open to all high school seniors, including homeschoolers, regardless of denomination. Parents and grandparents, please tell your seniors about this opportunity!

 Do Good Restaurant and Ministry | 25 West Main Street, Osgood, Ohio 45351  
 419-582-GOOD(4663) | [www.dogoodrm.com](http://www.dogoodrm.com)

**Serra Club**  
 **Spaghetti DINNER**  
**ST. REMY HALL - RUSSIA**  
**5:00 - 7:00** DINE IN OR CARRY OUT  
**March 1**

**What:** We will serve Spaghetti with Father Fox's sauce (meatless sauce available), garlic Texas Toast, garden salad, and a dessert buffet. Dine in or Carry-out dinners will be available.  
**Cost:** Free Will Donation  
**Cause:** All donations go to the Run for the Call fundraiser, which supports Archdiocesan Seminarians. Run for the Call is an initiative made up of men and women of all ages who are dedicated through prayer, sacrifice, and running to promoting a culture of vocations and raising money to support seminarians of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. The funds raised pay for special retreats and unexpected expenses of seminarians.  
**Sponsored by:** The Serra Club of Cincinnati NW Deanery  
**Contact:** Heather Borchers for dinner details at 937-451-8363.

  **Support Our Seminarians!** 

**DAMASCUS WOMEN'S RETREAT:** March 14-16, 2025. Join with other mothers, sisters, and friends to be renewed and live confidently in the truth of who you are as a beautiful, powerful, and beloved daughter of God. There will be prayer, keynotes, breakouts, community, and adventure. For more information or to register check out <https://www.damascus.net/womens-retreats>.

**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 [jergensj@stsusanna.org](mailto:jergensj@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.

**CREIGHTON PROVIDERS COURSE** — Do you find yourself longing to uphold the sanctity of life in a more intentional way...to teach the gift of human sexuality through a scriptural lens? Do you want to help women, couples and families discover their capacity for life giving love?.. Join our Ohio Valley Fertility Care Practitioner Education Program today! Join the mission of providing authentic women's healthcare! Click the QR code to find out more.



**NORTHWEST MEN'S CONFERENCE** — The 2025 Northwest Men's conference is being offered here in the Northwest region once again. On Saturday, March 1st, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm, at Romers in St. Henry. The St. Henry cluster will be offering a 7:00 am Mass prior to the conference at St. Henry church on E. Main St. This is a great day for men from high school age to 100. It is a great opportunity for growth in your faith, fellowship, Sacramental Confession, Mass, and a day filled with dynamic speakers. This year's theme is "Work! For the LORD is with You". Keynote speaker: Fr. Nathan Cromly, President of Saint John Institute. Guest Speakers: Fr. Mark Hoying, and John Packer Stevenson. Tickets are available for \$35 ea. This includes Breakfast, Lunch, & Conference materials. Tickets can be purchased through EventBrite using: <https://NWMC.EVENTBRITE.COM>. If you are unable to purchase through EventBrite please Contact Mark Hibner 419-733-9970 for tickets.

**COLDWATER K OF C** — Council #1991 Family Bowling. Sunday, March 2nd, 2025, 1 pm - 5 pm at Pla-Mor Lanes, Coldwater. Bring your family and enjoy this great outing. K of C will pay for bowling.

**HEALING MASSES** — Healing Masses for 2025 will be on Mar. 11, Apr. 8, May 13, Sept. 9, Oct. 14, and Nov. 11. The Healing Masses will be held at the Montezuma Retreat Center Chapel at 7:00 pm.

**SHROVE TUESDAY** — March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025, also commonly referred to as "Fat Tuesday", the Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics will be hosting a free pancake dinner starting at 5:30 pm. The dinner will be held on the 3rd floor in The Upper Room (elevator available). Shrove Tuesday falls right before Lent, which is a time of absolution and penance for many Christians. During the 40 days of Lent, some people fast, while others give up something they enjoy. The reason pancakes are eaten on this day is because they were a good way for people to use up their milk, eggs, sugar, and flour. After dinner, at 6:30 pm, we will gather in the Adoration Chapel for the Burial of the Alleluia. During the season of Lent, the Church does not use the word Alleluia - a joyful cry of praise to God. The omission of alleluia during Lent goes back at least to the fifth century in the western church. Many churches embrace the practice of physically "burying" the alleluia as a symbol of this solemn Lenten change. This family-friendly event is open to people of all ages. A free will donation will be accepted.

**SPRING SALE IN THE PILGRIM GIFT SHOP** — Check out the Spring Sale in the Pilgrim Gift Shop at the Maria Stein Shrine, March 6<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy 20% off store-wide (exclusions apply). This is the perfect time to shop for First Communion Gifts. The Shrine is located at 2291 St. Johns Rd, Maria Stein, OH.

**STATIONS & SOUP AT THE SHRINE** — Each Friday during Lent (excluding Good Friday), join the staff and volunteers at the Shrine for Stations and Soup. Stations of the Cross begin at 11:45 am in the Adoration Chapel, with time for veneration of a Relic from the Passion of Our Lord. After prayer, all are invited for a meatless soup lunch in the Upper Room (elevator available). Free-will offering accepted!

**SCHOENSTATT CLASSES** — Would you like to grow in a closer relationship with Christ & the Blessed Mother and connect your faith with daily life? This is an invitation to join us for new Schoenstatt classes! Schoenstatt is a Catholic movement that strives to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the example and guidance of Mary. The love of Mary opens new avenues to a vibrant relationship with Christ, in the Holy Spirit to God the Father...and to a renewal of love of neighbor and self. Schoenstatt has helped many to grow in a deeper understanding of our beautiful Catholic faith! **NEW SCHOENSTATT CLASSES:** 10 classes on Monday nights starting February 24<sup>th</sup> from 7 - 8:30 at St Nicholas church basement in Osgood. Contact: Katelyn Wolters at 937-638-4184 or email [katelynawolters@gmail.com](mailto:katelynawolters@gmail.com) Cost is \$25 (for the books we use) <http://www.mountschoenstatt.org/schoenstatt/200> - questions. [www.schoenstattofohio.org](http://www.schoenstattofohio.org) and join us on Facebook

**CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS & AUXILIARY** — Membership is open to all honorably discharged Catholic veterans and their families (Active, Reserve, National Guard). Wartime service is not required - just 90 days of active-duty service. We advocate for and support all veterans, regardless of faith, through our programs of Catholic Action, Americanism, Youth Activities, and Veteran Welfare. We are proud of our service, and we love our faith! We would like you to join us and continue serving "For God, For Country, For Home." Ohio has 17 Posts, and we are looking to grow our service to veterans, our Church, and our communities in your parish / area. Contact us for more information: Department of Ohio, CWV: 614-221-7601 or [ohiocwv@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ohiocwv@sbcglobal.net)

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