



# 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

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# Website: www.holycrossfop.org



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St. Anthony



St. Joseph



St. Mary



St. Paul



St. Peter

Sunday, March 9, 2025 First Sunday of Lent

**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, March 10</b> Lenten Weekday	7:15 am ( <i>L/S</i> )	Holy Trinity	FBS	Robert Ebbing †	After Mass
	6:45 pm	St. Peter	FAW	Dolores Fortman †	5:45 - 6:30 pm
<b>Tuesday, March 11</b> Lenten Weekday	7:15 am	St. Mary	FEM	Eugene Bruns †	After Mass
	6:45 pm	St. Joseph	FJP	Wayne Fullenkamp †	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Wednesday, March 12 Lenten Weekday	7:15 am ( <i>L/S</i> )	MHC	FJP	Peg Wolf †	After Mass
	Noon (L/S)	Holy Trinity	FEM	Albert Buening †	11:30 am - end
<b>Thursday, March 13</b> Lenten Weekday	7:15 am	St. Paul	FJP	Fran Schmitz †	After Mass
	6:45 pm	St. Anthony	FEM	Charlyn Stammen †	5:45 - 6:30 pm
<b>Friday, March 14</b> Lenten Weekday	7:15 am ( <i>L/S</i> )	Holy Trinity	FJP	Robert Beckman †	After Mass
	Noon (L/S)	MHC	FEM	L/D Beyke & Siegrist Families †	11:30 am - end
<b>Saturday, March 15</b> Lenten Weekday	9:00 am	St. Joseph	FBS	L/D John & Mary Ann Wendel Family †	After Mass
	4:00 pm	St. Anthony	FJP	Ralph Miller †	3:15 - 3:45 pm
	4:30 pm ( <i>L/S</i> )	Holy Trinity	FEM	Lois Brunswick †	3:45 pm - end
	4:30 pm ( <i>L/S</i> )	MHC	FAW	Pat Stammen †	3:45 pm - end
Sunday, March 16 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent	7:00 am	St. Joseph	FAW	Members of the Holy Cross Family of Parishes	N/A
	8:00 am ( <i>L/S</i> )	Holy Trinity	FJP	L/D Bertsch & Wolters Families †	7:25 am - end
	9:00 am ( <i>L/S</i> )	MHC	FBS	Wilma Link †	8:25 am - end
	10:00 am	Holy Trinity	FEM	L/D Dick & Bernice Poling Family †	9:25 am - end
	11:00 am	St. Paul	FBS	Melvin & Rita Stammen †	10:25 - 10:45 am
	11:00 am	St. Peter	FAW	L/D Bernard Overman Family †	10:25 - 10:45 am
	Noon	St. Mary	FJP	Pete Schaefer †	11:25 - 11:45 am
	6:00 pm	Holy Trinity	FEM	Larry Wolf †	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

SPT = St. Peter

MHC = Mary Help of Christians

SPL = St. Paul

Tentatively Scheduled Celebrants listed above:

Fr. Alexander Witt (FAW); Fr. Ethan Moore (FEM); Fr. Joseph Pasala (FJP); Fr. Barry Stechschulte (FBS)

#### Adoration Schedules

Mon., SPT: 5:45 - 6:30 pm
Tues., SM: 7:45 am - Noon
Tues., SJ: 8:30 am - 6:30 pm
Fri., MHC: 8 - 11:45 am

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.

# 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, March 12, 7:15 am

Servers: Chase Fiely
Lector: Les Wenning
Friday, March 14, 12:00 pm
Servers: Zavier Bruns
Lector: Julie Schmitz

Saturday, March 15, 4:30 pm

Servers: Carson Fullenkamp, Lane Zehringer,

Rachel Fortkamp **Lector:** Missy Hart

EMHC: Missy Hart, Maggie Hartings

Sacristan: Maggie Hartings

Ushers: Bobby Stump, Chuck Kaiser, Floyd Bergman,

Don Lennartz

Sunday, March 16, 9:00 am

Servers: Brodie Hart, Paisley Hart, Grant Pearson,

Emma Pearson, Vance Tobe **Lector**: Trent Pearson

EMHC: Trent Pearson, Mark Roessner

Sacristan: Mark Roessner

Ushers: Kevin Fortkamp, John Faller, Joe Grube,

Mark Metzger

- St. Joseph -

Tuesday, March 11, 6:45 pm

Servers: Joseph Bruns, Levi Sutter

Lector: Lisa Roessner Sacristan: Norma Pottkotter Saturday, March 15, 9:00 am Servers: James Pottkotter Lector: Paige Schulze Sunday, March 16, 7:00 am

Servers: Tyler Dues, Blaise Bergman, Sam Grigsby,

Leo Grigsby

**Lector:** Jean Grube **EMHC:** Jean Grube

Sacristan: Norma Pottkotter Ushers: Allen Grube, Ed Dues

- St. Paul -

Thursday, March 13, 7:15 am

Servers: Hart Family

Sunday, March 16, 11:00 am

Servers: Russell Hart, Lauren Hart, Korbin Wuebker,

Hayden Wuebker **Lector:** Holly Wuebker

EMHC: Deacon Dan Kahlig, Chrissy Hart

**Ushers:** Matt Hart, Jeff Meier **Rosary:** Jerry & Bec Bihn

- St. Peter -

Monday, March 10, 6:45 pm

Servers: Braxton Schmitz Lector: Nathan Fortkamp Sunday, March 16, 11:00 am

**Servers:** Reese Diller, Clete Timmerman, Levi Sutter Amber Timmerman, Chris Timmerman, Wade Gaerke,

Lector: Lisa Roessner EMHC: Lisa Roessner Sacristan: Lisa Roessner

Ushers: Jordan Steinbrunner, Joe Will

- Holy Trinity -

Monday, March 10, 7:15 am Servers: Oliver Link, Owen May

Lector: Rene Klosterman

Wednesday, March 12, 12:00 pm Servers: Samuel Gerlach, Oliver Link

Lector: Nancy Clune Friday, March 14, 7:15 am

Servers: Blake Wenning, Dillian Wenning

Lector: Rita Riethman Saturday, March 15, 4:30 pm

Servers: Lucas Broering, Elizabeth Ebbing, Josh Homan

**Lector:** Joyce Ontrop

**EMHC:** Dave Bertke, Michelle Wilker, Denny Riethman

Sunday, March 16, 8:00 am

Servers: Dana Knapke, Olivia Broering, Myra Knapke

Lector: Gary Diller

EMHC: Jennifer Kremer, Kathy Prenger

Sunday, March 16, 10:00 am

Servers: Grace Siegrist, Kennley Siegrist, Mya Siegrist,

Evan Schmitmeyer **Lector:** Stacy Beougher

EMHC: Melissa Homan, Nancy Wolters, Scott Noonan

Sunday, March 16, 6:00 pm

Servers: Liam Cowan, Ryan Mathewson

Lector: Dee Fullenkamp

**EMHC:** Dan Fullenkamp, Mindy Pleiman

– St. Anthony –

Thursday, March 13, 6:45 pm

Servers: Leo Grigsby Lector: Cindy Muhlenkamp Sacristan: Cindy Muhlenkamp Saturday, March 15, 4:00 pm

Servers: Mason Alig, Zach Homan, Lily Alig, Lacy Link

Lector: Bonnie Muhlenkamp EMHC: Tana Sudhoff Sacristan: Cindy Homan Ushers: Jeff Sudhoff Rosary: Julie Brackman

– St. Mary –

Tuesday, March 11, 7:15 am

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby

Lector: Stephanie Wendel Sunday, March 16, 12:00 pm

Servers: Andrew Moorman, Lana Kaiser,

Grace Siefring, William Moorman

**Lector**: Jordan Geier **EMHC**: Craig Harting

Ushers: Dave Hartke, Rick Uhlenhake



# HOLY CROSS FAMILY OF PARISHES PAMILY OF PARISHES

# Pastoral Staff

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## A Different Spin...

Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten season comes with a lot of promise and dare I say excitement to grow in our faith and personally take this spiritual stuff serious . What does that typically look like? Well, generally speaking we give something up that we like, but can live without and we might add something extra to help us feel closer to God. That's nice and honestly that's what I have done most of my life.

I'd like to propose a different spin on our next 40 days 🧐

What if the WHOLE POINT of Lent was to prepare for Pentecost?!? I know, I totally just lost you what even is Pentecost and when are you going to use the ninja emoji??? Well... there you go and Pentecost is the Feast where the Church celebrates the Holy Spirit raining fire upon the Apostles in the Upper Room 50 days after Jesus' Resurrection aka Easter. At this moment the original crew of the apostles who followed Jesus did so with POWER from HIGH. With courage and conviction they preached, they healed, they LIVED FAITH in GOD in a way that was magnetic drawings thousands to become followers of Jesus. BUT before this moment even after they encountered Jesus risen from the dead they were not capable of giving any real witness. Only after this effusion of the Holy Spirit does it seem like they really look like , sound like , and act like Jesus!

So what if we bundled the 40 days of Lent and the 50 days of Easter into 1 way of totally allowing God to transform our hearts and lives? Wait, you mean like the OG Exodus 90? Kind of.

Let's not get ahead of ourselves , what I am suggesting is that this Lent we pay attention to the Holy Spirit. Notice for example that the 1st words from our 1st Sunday's Gospel this Lent are, "Filled with the Holy Spirit." Coincidence I think not . What if we focused this Lent not merely on what we are "giving up" or "doing extra" but instead on the fact that, "Those who belong to Christ have crucified their flesh with its passions and desires, so that they live in the Spirit, and also follow the Spirit." Gal 5:24-25 & "For those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him." Rom 8:14,17

This Lent and our actions during it can be kindling to invite the fire of the Holy Spirit to blaze within us to set us free, and lead us to be more alive in Him through the HOLY GHOST POWER within us to be true witnesses of God's GLORY.

- Fr. Ethan



Use the QR Code to check out the Song: Holy Ghost Power by: Hillbilly Thomists

# Sacramental Information



II Damon Muhlenkamp & Emily Sudhoff

And the two shall become one.

# In Loving Memory...

Gregory Bergman
December 18, 1953 - February 13, 2025
(Mary Help of Christians)

David L. Schwartz September 28, 1946 - February 24, 2025 (Holy Trinity)

Charles John Keller
December 12, 1938 - February 24, 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

# Your ways, O Lord, ARE LOVE AND TRUTH TO THOSE WHO KEEP YOUR COVENANT.

# 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.

# Holy Trinity Aniston Julia Geier Child of Alex & Emily Xavier Gerard Stammen Child of Noah & Tana Eli Ryan Geier Child of Ryan & Bridget Emma Marie Tebbe Child of Tyler & Lisa Mary Help of Christians Mark John Roessner

#### **Baptismal Sponsors**

Child of George & Leah

Radley Marie Whitacre Child of Jacob & Michelle

Lyla Louise Schmitz Child of Adam & Carlie

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

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

# Holy Cross Family of Parishes

PARISH VITALITY REPORT — The Archdiocese (PVR) is ADD/UPDATE INFORMATION FOR ONE CALL NOW still available, and parishioner feedback will be accepted through March 31. The report and survey can be found at https://pathway.catholicaoc.org/parish-vitality-report.

**ANNOUNCEMENT** — Archbishop-designate Casey will be installed as the 11th Archbishop of Cincinnati at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains in Cincinnati on Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2 pm. Additional information about viewing the video live-stream of the installation liturgy will be forthcoming.

THEOLOGICALLY THIRSTY THURSDAYS — On March 13th, Fr. Ethan Hoying returns to Coldwater for "Loving Others: LGBTQ+ in the Family and Culture." Gather in "The Loft" at Tailpsin at 7 pm; speaker at 7:30. Follow @T3Coldwater on Facebook for more information!

**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 21st will be discarded.

EMPTY PILL BOTTLE COLLECTION — Until 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.

FATHER ETHAN'S LENTEN PREACHING SERIES PLUGGING IN THE HOLY GHOST PO MASS AT HOLY TRINITY SAT 4:30PM SUN 10AM & 6PM MAR. 8/9 - FILLED & LEAD MAR. 15/16 - WAKE UP CALL MAR. 22/23 - FIRE & FRUIT MAR. 29/30 - IN DIRE NEED APR. 5/6 - FAITH FACING DEATH APR. 12/13 - HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT

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.

**CANCELLATION** OF **OUR** MASS WEATHER CANCELLATION POLICY — Due to inconsistencies and many variables conflicting with our weather cancellation policy, we have decided to discontinue the policy. We will no longer be following the 2 hour school delays. If a Mass needs canceled or relocated for any reason we will alert all parishioners who are on the "Mass Time Change Alert" group through our One Call Now system. The notification will also be posted to our "Announcements" on holycrossfop.org as well as our Facebook page as soon as possible. Any Mass relocation to Holy Trinity or Mary Help of Christians will be live-steamed on our website. Note: the full screen option does not work on Stream Spot on our website.

NEW ADORATION — We will be offering adoration at different times at all of our parishes throughout the week starting on March 10, 2025. An "Adoration Time Change Alert" group has been set up in our One Call Now system if Adoration needs to be canceled due to funerals or any other reason. You can add yourself to the group using the add/ update directions above or contact either family office.

MISSION LOTTERY WINNER — (2/19/2025) #385 Ralph Fullenkamp — Congratulations!



# **Stations of the Cross**

### **Tuesdays**

7:00 pm @ Holy Trinity Led by Coldwater K of C March 11, 18 & 25; April 1, 8

**Fridays** 

After School - 3:45 pm @ Holy Trinity

Led by Fr. Joseph or Fr. Barry March 7, 14, 21, 28 & April 4, 11 \*\*Snacks provided after Stations

3:30 pm @ Mary Help of Christians

Youth Group, Led by Fr. Witt or Fr. Moore March 7, 14, 21, 28 & April 4, 11

\*\*Soup and games in the Undercroft after Stations

**Sundays** 

1:30 pm — Led by Fort Recovery K of C

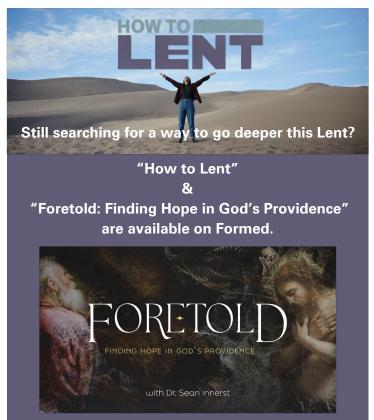
March 9 @ St. Paul Ma March 16 @ St. Joseph Apr March 23 @ St. Peter Apr

March 30 @ St. Paul April 6 @ St. Peter April 13 @ No Stations

Lenten Speaker
Fr. Ethan Hoying
Holy Trinity's Grotto
Tuesday, March 25

@ 7:00 pm

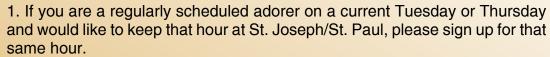


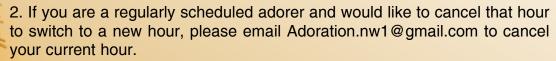


A limited supply of journals to complement these programs are available at both family offices at no charge. To sign up for an account on Formed,go to formed.org. Click on Formed for Parishes and then Find Your Parish Subscription.

# New Adoration - Start Date: March 10th







3. Feel free to sign up as a group to share an hour of adoration. We would like to have at least 3 adorers per time slot.

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	МНС	8:00 - 11:45 am	11:30 am - end



Please sign up with this QR Code or in the back of any church in our Family of Parishes.

# Last Day to Purchase items: Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>

Happy Easter Fundraiser!

Please join us in supporting our Holy Cross
Family of Parishes Fundraiser!

All proceeds will benefit

Building the Faith

Promoting Evangelization.

Products will be in the first week of April 2025.



Above are a few sample products. More product options and pricing is available online at https://designsemb.com/holy\_cross or call the Coldwater Family Office for more information @ 419.678.4802!



# Parish Information



ADORERS **NEEDED** — Enjoy a chance to spend time with the Lord in the

Blessed Sacrament at Holy Trinity

on Wed., Mar. 12th from 6 - 7:30 pm OR 7:30 - 9 pm. If interested in filling one of these time slots, please contact Sarah at sklosterman.holycrossfop@gmail.com or 419-678-3328.

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.



ADORERS

Blessed Sacrament at Mary Help of Christians on Wed., Mar. 12th from 6 - 7:15 pm OR 7:30 -8:45 pm. If interested in filling one of these time slots, please contact Sarah at sklosterman.holycrossfop@gmail.com or 419-678-3328.

**THANK YOU** — The Melvin Wendel family expresses our gratitude for the fitting funeral service for Mel. Special thanks to Fr Joseph, Deacon Kahlig, Kathy Staugler, servers, the choir and the lunch committee. - The Mel Wendel Family

**THANK YOU** — The family of Joni Blomeke would like to thank everyone who helped with Joni's funeral and luncheon. Thank you to Father Joseph Pasala, Thomas Shaw of Brockman-Boeckman Funeral Home, Kathy Staugler from Holy Cross Bereavement Ministry, Mary Help of Christians for the music and luncheon. Also, thank you to everyone who offered prayers, support, Masses, gifts, and donations. Your kindness during this difficult time is appreciated.



St. Anthony

ADORERS **NEEDED** — Enjoy a chance to spend time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament at St. Anthony

on Wed., Mar. 12th from 6:30 - 8 pm. If interested in filling this sklosterman. time slot, please contact Sarah at holycrossfop@gmail.com or 419-678-3328.

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.

SUMMER GARAGE SALE — YES, St. Anthony ladies sodality will be having the garage sale again this coming July. This gives everyone from all parishes to have time to collect items for the upcoming garage sale. We accept any items except bedding. This also gives the men time to go through their garage, tool shed or workshop; we would appreciate small or large tools of any type. All proceeds will be used for the beautification of St. Anthony Church. If you have any questions, call Janie @ 419-852-8741. Thank you!

**LADIES SODALITY** — Mar. 10<sup>th</sup>, meeting at 7 pm at school.

EASTER EGG HUNT — Saturday, April 19, 2025 at 1:00 pm for all kids 4th grade and below. Rain or shine! It will be held in the gym if the weather is bad.



St. Mary

ADORERS **NEEDED** — Enjoy a chance to spend time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary on

Wed., Mar. 12th from 7 - 8 pm OR 8 - 9 pm. If interested in filling one of these time slots, please contact Sarah at sklosterman.holycrossfop@gmail.com or 419-678-3328.

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

**LADIES SODALITY** — Hard copies of the February meeting minutes are located in the back of church.



St. Joseph

CLEANING — (March) \*\*Lisa (Chuck) Westgerdes, Kay Westgerdes, Kristina

Wilson, Nicole Westgerdes, Lisa

(Bob) Westgerdes, Kelly Lauber, Cameo Sudhoff, Susan Bertke



ADORERS **NEEDED** — Enjoy a chance to spend time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament at St. Paul on

Wed., Mar 12<sup>th</sup> from 6 - 7:15 pm OR 7:30 - 8:45 pm. If interested in filling one of these time slots, please contact Sarah at sklosterman.holycrossfop@gmail.com or 419-678-3328

SPRING MEETING — St. Paul's Ladies Sodality Spring meeting, Thursday April 3rd, Rosary at 6:30 pm and meeting to follow.



St. Peter

ADORERS **NEEDED** — Enjoy a chance to spend time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament at St, Peter on

Wed., Mar. 12<sup>th</sup> from 6 - 7:15 pm OR 7:30 - 8:45 pm. If interested in filling one of these time slots, please contact Sarah at sklosterman.holycrossfop@gmail.com or 419-678-3328.

SNOW REMOVAL COMMITTEE MARCH 2025 — \*Roland Homan, Dennis Schoenlein, Todd Westgerdes, Gene Schoenlein, Brad Westgerdes, Andy Siegrist, Don Siegrist, Keith Schoenlein, Mike Schoenlein, Rob Heinrichs, Vaughn Hipple, Nick Grey, Greg Muhlenkamp, Joe Will, Eric Brockman, Mike Heinrichs, Ethan Schoenherr, Charlie Vogel, Don Schoenlein, Alex Dues, Andrew Pottkotter, Jeff Hoying, Eric Rindler, Kegan Timmerman, Rob Muhlenkamp, Blayne Tobe, Joe Siefring. Please remove gravel from grass around gravel parking lot in front of the cemetery. Don't forget that Wednesday evenings is CCD. It is very important to have the snow cleared away as much as possible. THANKS!!!

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

# Religious Education

# Coldwater Religious Ed.

Contact: Sarah Klosterman

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

#### **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 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4:00 pm

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

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

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

St. Mary Baccalaureate 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 until 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.

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!

# 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

# Fort Recovery Religious Ed.

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#### ATTENTION:

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

**SACRAMENTAL DATES TO NOTE:** 

MHC First Reconciliation - Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4:30 pm

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

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

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

St. Peter/Joe Baccalaureate 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.



## 1st Sunday of Lent

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# Youth Ministry

# Coldwater Youth Group

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

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

**MONDAY, MARCH 10** — 11:18 - 11:45 am - High School Lunch @ Fr. Yauss (grades 9th - 12th)

**TUESDAY, MARCH 11** — 7 - 8 am - High School Bible Study @ Rooster Joe (grades 9th - 12th)

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12** — 7:30 - 8:30 pm - GIRLS Junior High Youth Group @ Fr. Yauss (grades 7th & 8th)

**SUNDAY, MARCH 16** — 7:15 - 8:45 pm - High School Youth Group - 30 min guided Adoration @ Holy Trinity, Social & Games to follow @ Fr. Yauss (grades 7th - 12th)



**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** — March 21st (Henry Cordonnier); April 4th (Fr Ethan); April 25th (Priest Q&A) at 7:15 a.m. in MHC undercroft, grades 6-12

**SOUP & STATIONS** — 3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28, 4/4, 4/11 @ MHC from 3:30-4:30 pm. Open to the public. All are welcome! **ATTENTION:** 

**ANNUAL FABM (Fertility Awareness Based Methods) TALK** — 3/16 @ 7:00 p.m. in MHC undercroft. Permission forms needed if a parent is not attending. See Remind.

**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.



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN — Holy Trinity 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Vacation Bible School "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 May

27-30 at 6:15 – 8:15 pm. Preschool registration will be capped at 100 participants. Event registration deadline April 21, 2025. Registration link for volunteers and participants vbspro. events/p/htvbs2025.



#### Saint of the Week - Saint Fina

God calls us to be saints no matter what our circumstances. Some young, some old, some rich, some poor, some in positions of power and some of humble means. Seraphina, or Fina for short, was just a child when God called her to demonstrate heroic virtue. She was a beautiful girl born into a poor family. After her father's death, she fell victim to a strange illness that paralyzed and misshaped her, making her unsightly, in constant pain and unable to move. Her mother was forced to leave her for hours at a time to work to provide for her family. Fina realized she was called to imitate Christ's suffering and clung to the



crucifix for consolation. Then her mother also died and she had only one friend who visited her and brought her food. She had a special devotion to Pope St. Gregory the Great, and often asked for his intercession. He appeared to her one week before her death and told her that God would give her rest on his feast day (March 12). The whole city, who had abandoned her during her time of need due to her illness and physical appearance, attended her funeral and began to pray to her. Her neighbors found white violets at her resting place and to this day the white violets that bloom in March are called St. Fina flowers. She was only fifteen years old when she died. May we all learn from the example of St. Fina to be patient in bearing our own crosses and draw strength from the sufferings of Jesus to endure them. — Tamii Urcia

- Information obtained from diocesan.com

#### The Little Ones

Jim Burrows

NO, GIVING UP CHOCOLATE FOR LENT IS NOT ONE OF JESUS'
TEMPTATIONS IN THE DESERT



Now Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led around by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days, and when they had ended, He was hungry.

Lk 4:1-2

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# Community Interests

LENTEN PRAYER SERIES — Wanting to grow in your prayer life this Lent? Ever feel stuck in your prayer life? Not sure of what personal prayer is supposed to look like? A five-week series on prayer will be offered at the Maria Stein Shrine on the following Thursdays from 7:00-8:15 pm during Lent: March 13<sup>th</sup> A Journey in Prayer, March 20<sup>th</sup> Who is God?, March 27<sup>th</sup> Battle in Prayer, April 3<sup>rd</sup> Communion of the Saints, April 10<sup>th</sup> Your Journey in Prayer, We will have the opportunity to engage in a different form of prayer at each session and address the challenges and possible misconceptions about prayer. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Caleb Gaier via email c.gaier@mariasteinshrine.org or call 419-925-4532.

SISTER JOYCE ANN ZIMMERMAN TO SPEAK AT SHRINE — Mark your calendar to join us on March 18<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> for our Adoration Guild Lenten Learning Series on Mary in Scripture, Church, and Liturgy, and Liturgical and Devotional Prayer. Both sessions will be held in the Shrine's Adoration Chapel and begin at 10:00am. They are free and open to the public.

ST. PEREGRINE PRAYER SERVICE — The Shrine is pleased to be able to offer the St. Peregrine Relic for prayer and veneration. Three times per year a prayer service is held for those who are on a journey with cancer, whether it be as a patient or as a caregiver. The next service will be held on Sunday, March 30th at 2pm in the Shrine's Adoration Chapel. This event is free and open to the public. All who have been affected by cancer are encouraged to attend. The Shrine is located at 2291 St. Johns Rd, Maria Stein, Ohio. For those battling cancer, you can submit your name or a loved one's name for prayer. Please contact Caleb Gaier at c.gaier@mariasteinshrine.org or call 419-925-4532.

**DO GOOD MEAL** — Do Good's "From Passover to Paschal" Seder meal celebration is taking place on the evenings April 8, 9, and 10. Doors will open at 5:30 pm, dinner will be served at 6:00 pm. The evening includes a traditional Passover meal and a guest speaker explaining how Passover has been transformed by Christ's Passion and Resurrection. Registration is required. For more information or to register, visit www.dogoodrm.com.

**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.

SPIRITUS DEI WELLNESS CENTER — Celina, Ohio. Presents a Lenten Meditation Group. Join us as we meditate using the book The Hours of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ by Luisa Piccarreta. Meditate at home, then join us every Thursday 6:30-8PM at Spiritus Dei Wellness Center in Celina from March 13 through April 10 as we explore the depths of our Lord's passion. To Learn more and to sign up, go to www.myspiritus.org.

**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.

CATHOLIC FAITH ENRICHMENT — This opportunity is open to all Catechists and Laity looking to deepen their understanding and knowledge of the Catholic Faith and strengthen their teaching and evangelization abilities. Join on Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> from 9 am - 3 pm at the Holy Angels School in Sidney, Ohio. Doors open at 8:30am, the intro is at 9:00am and classes begin at 9:30am. Topics to include: The Mass, Prayer, The Sacraments, Sacred Scripture & much more! There will be food trucks on site for lunch. Cost \$20 payable at the door. RSVP by March 8<sup>th</sup>. To register please visit https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8GX5CL7

FUNDRAISER — Join us for a head-shaving fundraiser to benefit the St. Baldrick's Foundation. St. Baldrick's is the world's largest non-government funder of childhood cancer research grants. It is committed to funding the most promising research to find cures for childhood cancers. In addition to head shaving, a pony tail "chopping" will be done for ponies that are at least 8 inches long and donated. The event is Friday, March 14th in the MHC Undercroft from 7-9pm. Register online or donate at https://www.stbaldricks.org/events/CFL2025. Contact Diane Roessner at mdroessner@bright.net or 419-733-6544 for questions.

**BREAKFAST BUFFET** — The Knights of St. John in Maria Stein. Monthly breakfast buffet on March 16<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 - 12:30. The cost is Adults \$10.00; 7-12 \$5.00; 6 and under eat free.

FREE CONSULTATION — Nick Clune a Certified CPMAP Mentor trained through the CatholicPsych Institute will be offering free consultations at the Maria Stein Relic Shrine on March 13, 2025. Consultations will be for 15 minutes per person. He specializes in helping men & women build fulfilling relationships, overcome anxiety and depression, and discover deeper meaning in life through the integration of psychology, spirituality, and catholic anthropology.



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# **HOLY ANGELS: MARCH 8TH/9TH**

Gymnasium at Holy Angels Catholic School Saturday, March 8th: 3PM—6PM & Sunday, March 9th: 7AM—3PM Come to the cafeteria for donuts and to the gym for the exhibit.

# ST. MICHAEL: MARCH 13TH-23RD

St. Michael Hall

Friday, March 14th until Thursday, March 20th from 9AM-9PM
Cookies will be available after all weekend Masses on March 15th, 16th and after the 6:00pm
Mass on Tuesday, March 18th at the St. Michael Hall.

St. Michael Church and Chapel Thursday, March 20th (evening) until Sunday, March 23rd from 7AM-9PM

## **SACRED HEART OF JESUS: MARCH 24TH-31ST**

Gathering Space in Sacred Heart of Jesus Church from 7AM-8PM

STS. PETER & PAUL: APRIL 2ND-9TH

Donut Sunday on April 6th | Sts. Peter & Paul Church Basement



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