

Famíly Offíces



Holy Tríníty

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

<u>Mary Help of Christians</u>

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

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

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St. Anthony



St. Mary





St. Peter

Sunday, March 16, 2025 Second 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	
Monday, March 17 Saint Patrick, Bishop; opt. mem.	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	FBS	Joan Hesson †	After Mass	
	6:45 pm	St. Peter	FAW	Cy Brunswick †	5:45 - 6:30 pm	
Tuesday, March 18 Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Doctor of the Church; opt. mem.	7:15 am	St. Mary	FEM	Steve Lange +	After Mass	
	6:45 pm	St. Joseph	FJP	L/D Joseph & Cleopha Brunswick Family +	5:45 - 6:30 pm	
Wednesday, March 19 Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Solemnity	7:15 am (L/S)	MHC	FBS	Mary Link †	After Mass	
	Noon (L/S)	Holy Trinity	FAW	Arthur Bettinger +	11:30 am - end	
Thursday, March 20 Lenten Weekday	7:15 am	St. Paul	FBS	Evelyn Muhlenkamp +	After Mass	
	6:45 pm	St. Anthony	FAW	Elaine Bruns †	5:45 - 6:30 pm	
Friday, March 21 Lenten Weekday	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	FBS	Lavern Muhlenkamp +	After Mass	
	Noon (L/S)	MHC	FAW	Aaron Fennig †	11:30 am - end	
Saturday, March 22 Lenten Weekday	9:00 am	St. Joseph	FEM	Steve & Dorothy Knapke Family +	N/A	
	1:30 pm	St. Anthony	FEM	Muhlenkamp/Sudhoff Wedding	N/A	
	4:00 pm	St. Anthony	FJP	Jane Braun +	3:15 - 3:45 pm	
	4:30 pm (L/S)	Holy Trinity	FEM	Jeanene M. Kremer +	3:45 pm - end	
	4:30 pm (L/S)	MHC	FAW	Carol Hartnagel +	3:45 pm - end	
Sunday, March 23 3 rd Sunday of Lent	7:00 am	St. Joseph	FAW	Greg Bergman +	N/A	
	8:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	FJP	Richard Muhlenkamp Family +	7:25 am - end	
	9:00 am (L/S)	MHC	FBS	L/D Cyril & MaryAnn Fortkamp Family †	8:25 am - end	
	10:00 am	Holy Trinity	FEM	Members of the Holy Cross Family of Parishes	9:25 am - end	
	11:00 am	St. Paul	FBS	Mary Rammel +	10:25 - 10:45 am	
	11:00 am	St. Peter	FAW	Hannah Knapke	10:25 - 10:45 am	
	Noon	St. Mary	FJP	L/D Floyd & Lois Hemmelgarn Family +	11:25 - 11:45 am	
	6:00 pm	Holy Trinity	FEM	Linda L. Dues †	5:15 - 5:45 pm	

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

Reference for Church Abbreviations

SA = St. Anthony HT = Holy Trinity

SJ = St. Joseph SM = St. Mary SPL = St. Paul SPT = St. Peter

MHC = Mary Help of Christians

Tentatively Scheduled Celebrants listed above:

Fr. Alexander Witt (FAW); Fr. Ethan Moore (FEM);

Fr. Joseph Pasala (FJP); Fr. Barry Stechschulte (FBS)

<u>Adoratíon Schedules</u>

Mon., SPT: 5:45 - 6:30 pm Wed., HT: 8 am - 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.

Mínístry 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 19, 7:15 am

Servers: Chris Timmerman, Charlie Roessner Lector: Elly Boeckman Friday, March 21, 12:00 pm Servers: Korbin Wuebker, Hayden Wuebker

Lector: Diane Siegrist

Saturday, March 22, 4:30 pm

Servers: Vincent Wenning, Natalie Wenning, Zavier Bruns Lector: Les Wenning EMHC: Lisa Fullenkamp, Lisa Zehringer Sacristan: Tom & Debbie Bueter Ushers: Dan Schmitz, LaVern Grube, Floyd Bergman, Don Lennartz

Sunday, March 23, 9:00 am

Servers: Chase Fiely, Milo Fiely, Lucas Winner, Ava Luster, Liam Luster
Lector: Julie Schmitz
EMHC: Roger Wenning, Cheryl Wenning
Sacristan: Roger & Cheryl Wenning
Ushers: Greg Schmitz, Mike Laux, Paul Alig, Roger Broerman

– St. Joseph –

<u> Tuesday, March 18, 6:45 pm</u>

Servers: Coby Schmitz, Braxton Schmitz Lector: Danielle Pottkotter Sacristan: Shel Sutter Saturday, March 22, 9:00 am Servers: Sam Grigsby Lector: Ryan Sutter Sunday, March 23, 7:00 am Servers: Matt Hess, Ben Homan, Eric Lamm, Dillan Schulze Lector: Aimee Pottkotter EMHC: Deacon Dan Kahlig Sacristan: Matt Hess Ushers: Grant Pottkotter, Dave Lennartz

- St. Paul -

Thursday, March 20, 7:15 am Servers: Korbin Wuebker, Hayden Wuebker Sunday, March 23, 11:00 am Servers: Evan Evers, Brady Evers, Hope Evers, Ty Evers Lector: Lindsey Reinhard EMHC: Lindsey Reinhard, Julie Bruns Ushers: Matt Reinhard, Steve Keller Rosary: Joe & Kim Knapke

– St. Peter –

Monday, March 17, 6:45 pm Servers: Tyler Kahlig Lector: Tim Hart Sunday, March 23, 11:00 am Servers: Coby Schmitz, Hoyt Schmitz, Braxton Schmitz, Corbyn Schmitz, Logan Gaerke, Gavin Gaerke Lector: Jack Gaerke EMHC: Jack Gaerke Sacristan: Brenda Kahlig Ushers: Jake Gaerke, Jim Knapke

- Holy Trinity -

Monday, March 17, 7:15 am Servers: Clayton Schoen, Reagan Wenning Lector: Rene Klosterman Wednesday, March 19, 12:00 pm Servers: James Pottkotter, Francis Pottkotter Lector: Raquel Kaiser Friday, March 21, 7:15 am Servers: Blake Wenning, Dillian Wenning Lector: Rita Riethman Saturday, March 22, 4:30 pm Servers: Zachery Schwieterman, Isabella Schwieterman, David Dues Lector: Connie May EMHC: Connie May, Mark Obringer, Brenda Schwieterman Sunday, March 23, 8:00 am Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby, Josh Homan Lector: Dan Fullenkamp EMHC: Dan Tobe, Ralph Alig Sunday, March 23, 10:00 am Servers: Andrew Wermert, Emmett Wermert, Heidi Wermert, Miles Bruns Lector: Holly Emerine EMHC: Cindy Schmidt, Cindy Geise, Kathy Schulze Sunday, March 23, 6:00 pm Servers: Max Ross, Levi Sutter Lector: Ryan Sutter **EMHC:** Charmaine Bettinger, Sarah Klosterman

– St. Anthony –

Thursday, March 20, 6:45 pm

Servers: Wesley Geier Lector: Paul Welling Sacristan: Bonnie Muhlenkamp Saturday, March 22, 4:00 pm Servers: Jacob Kahlig, Wesley Geier, Hallory Kahlig, Wesley Kahlig Lector: Marty Knapke EMHC: Janie Timmerman Sacristan: Bonnie Muhlenkamp Ushers: Greg Alig Rosary: Teri Minnich

– St. Mary –

Tuesday, March 18, 7:15 am Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby Lector: Viki Dues

Sunday, March 23, 12:00 pm

Servers: Derek Dues, Austin Uhlenhake, Trent Dues, Kate Uhlenhake Lector: Stephanie Wendel EMHC: Karla Kunk Ushers: Brian Siefring, Nick Uhlenhake



<u>Pastoral Staff</u>



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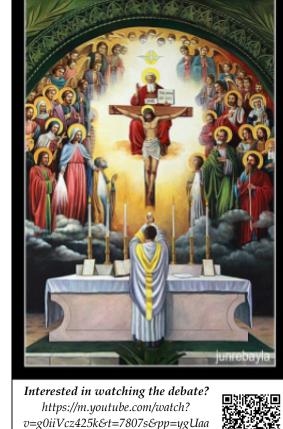
If I Could Really See...

I was listening to a debate between a Catholic apologist named Joe Heschemeyer and a Protestant pastor named James White. The entire debate was about whether the Mass really sanctifies us. Naturally, as Catholics, we would say "yes"! The Mass is the place and the instrument by which Jesus' one and eternal sacrifice on the Cross is brought into our here and now so that, by eating the Flesh of the Son of Man, we may have eternal life (see John 6).

But the thing that really struck me during the debate was the Protestant pastor's description of the Mass. Over and over again, he described the Catholic view of the Mass as "coming to the Cross of the Lord". Even though he, as a non-Catholic, would not hold this view. I still thought that it was a beautiful way to accurately sum up what we believe the Mass is. The Mass is coming to the Cross of the Lord. And it made me wonder: how many of us really think of the Mass in that simple way?

Jesus is truly present in the Holy Eucharist. The same man-God who walked the streets of Galilee 2,000 years ago lives in our tabernacles and gives Himself to us in Holy Communion. When we see the Eucharist, do we really engage our Catholic imagination with this fact? Do we really take the time to consider that this is Jesus before us? That underneath the appearance of bread and wine is Jesus: bloodied and bruised by the beatings, His arms outstretched encompassing the whole earth, His shoulder probably pulled out of its socket, His back and head still dripping blood, His face covered in a mixture of sweat, blood, and tears, on His face a look of pain, but a pain that says, "yes, this is worth it, all of this is worth it for my beloved child who has entered into this church today!"

If this is what I could see when I saw the Eucharist, what



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would my genuflection look like? What would I be thinking about? Could I let my mind and my heart be distracted if I could see clearly the look on His face that says that my coldness of heart is more painful than all of the torture He endured? Would I resent having to be at Mass if I could see the nails in His hands? Would I call the Mass too long if I sat there next to His weeping, inconsolable Mother as He suffered for three hours? If I walked up to Him, would it be with a sense of boredom or indifference? Would I leave Him and His mother alone early? Would I just go back to my life unchanged by that encounter? Would I mock His death, if not in my words, but by my actions if I saw the Blood trickling down the wood of that cross? Would I be crazy enough to sin if I saw so clearly what my sin cost Him? Would I drive past the church without even looking at it? Would I be more kind, generous, compassionate, or forgiving if I could meet His eyes as He looked at me?

In a way, it's a mercy of God that we can't see the physical transformation of the Eucharist...I don't think I could stomach it or bear the fact that my heart can be so cold and distracted at Mass sometimes. What would my life look like if every time I knelt down in church or came before the Holy Eucharist, I took the time to imagine all this and realize that this is truly Him; that this is what I would see if I could truly see? Thanks be to God, both for the reality of the Eucharist: that Jesus is truly present under the appearance of bread and wine...but also thanks be to God that He mercifully and patiently waits for me to realize that He is there and to love Him with all my heart!

In Christ,

Fr. Witt

Sacramental Information

Wedding Banns

III Damon Muhlenkamp & Emily Sudhoff

And the two shall become one.

Newly Baptízed

St. Peter Warner Lucas Will Child of Aaron & Alison

St. Mary Brayden Michael Homan Child of Dustin & Amanda

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 3rd 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

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

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

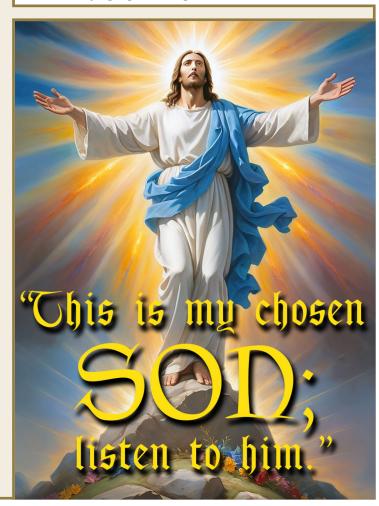
 3rd Sunday
 4th Sunday

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

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

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 Cross Famíly of Paríshes

NEW ADORATION — The new Adoration times and locations have started within our Family of Parishes. Please email Adoration.nw1@gmail.com for any changes to your sign up or to do a new sign up for an hour of adoration. Feel free to sign up as a group to share an hour of adoration. It is preferred to have at least 3 adorers per time slot. Also, all are welcome to attend any of the locations & times listed below without signing up:

Monday: St. Peter from 5:45 - 6:30 pm

Tuesday: St. Mary from 7:45 am - Noon

Tuesday: St. Joseph from 8:30 am - 6:30 pm

Wednesday: Holy Trinity from 8 - 11:45 am

Thursday: St. Paul from 7:45 am - 5 pm

Thursday: St. Anthony from 5:45 - 6:30 pm

Friday: Mary Help of Christians from 8 - 11:45 am

ADORATION TIME CHANGE ALERT GROUP — Adoration is being offered at different times at all of our parishes throughout the week. 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 below or contact either family office.

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



WELCOME WEEKEND — Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology in Cincinnati is hosting a welcome weekend for men ages 18 - 35 who are interested in learning about discernment and priesthood. It begins the evening of Fri., Mar. 28 and concludes the morning of Sun., Mar. 30. Attendees will spend the night at the seminary and participate in community liturgies as well as prayer, social time, and talks about discernment and seminary life. Register using this link: https://resources.catholicaoc.org/event/welcome-weekend.

Stations of the Cross

Tuesdays

7:00 pm @ Holy Trinity

Led by Coldwater K of C: March 18, 25 & April 1, 8

Fridays

After School - 3:45 pm @ Holy Trinity

Led by Fr. Joseph or Fr. Barry: Mar. 21, 28 & Apr. 4, 11 **Snacks provided after Stations

3:30 pm @ Mary Help of Christians

Youth Group, Led by Fr. Witt or Fr. Moore March 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 16 @ St. Joseph April 6 @ St. Peter March 23 @ St. Peter April 13 @ No Stations March 30 @ St. Paul

JESUS GAVE US THE BEATITUDES, COME JOIN FR. WITT AS HE GIVES US THE

MATTITUDES

6 GOSPEL ATTITUDES THAT WILL LEAD US TO EXPERIENCE DEEPER THAN EVER BEFORE!

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

The Temptation in the Desert The attitude: The Mass is not about me.

Mass Saturday: MHC at 4:30 PM; Mass Sunday: SJ at 7:00 AM, & SPT at 11:00 AM



HOW TO IMPLEMENT: https://watch.formed.org/presence



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4QsImNU8iwQ



PARISH VITALITY REPORT — The Archdiocese (PVR) is WOMEN'S SOCIAL GROUP — We meet on the first & third 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 3rd at 2 pm. Additional information about viewing the video live-stream of the installation liturgy will be forthcoming.

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, & St. Mary parishioners. 2016 pictorials installation of the new Archbishop that day. that are not picked up by Mon., Apr. 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.

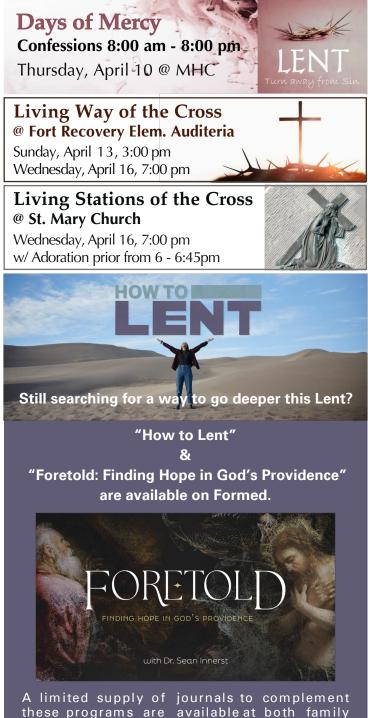
MISSION LOTTERY WINNER — (3/5/25) Mark Westgerdes Sidney, OH- Congratulations!



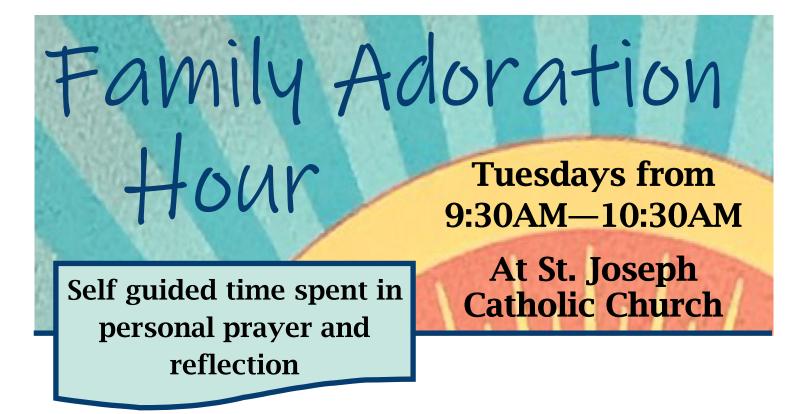
Adoration 6-7 pm St. Joseph Catholic Church Thurs. of every month, 7:30 - 9 pm in Holy Trinity Grotto's St. Isidore room. We are reading the book "Jesus I Trust in You" led by Fr. Ethan Moore. Next meeting is Thursday, March 20th.

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 Friday, March 21st.

DAY OF MERCY — Please note that the Thursday, April 3rd Day of Mercy at Holy Trinity has been canceled due to the



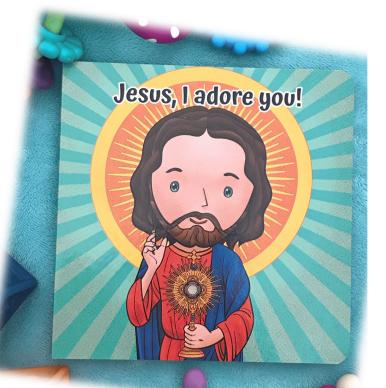
these programs are available at both family offices at no charge. To sign up for an account on Formed, go to formed.org. Click on Formed for Parishes and then Find Your Parish Subscription.



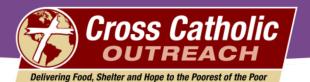
This hour will be open to all but available as an opportunity for families with young children to come and spend time with our Lord without the need for total silence or finding childcare.

You can attend for the whole hour or come and go as you need.

To ensure there is always someone there during that hour, if you are interested in signing up for a 30 min. time slot, please reach out to Jamie Fortkamp.



E: Jamiefortkamp@outlook.com P: 567-644-2305



Water for Life Join Our Parish's Lenten Almsgiving Project

The season of Lent challenges us to unite in sacrifice. It's a time to listen intently to Jesus' call on our lives and find ways to share his love in our hurting world. This Lent, our parish is joining Catholics across the U.S. to raise money for lifesaving water projects in Africa. Our alms will help Cross Catholic Outreach build 145 community water systems, blessing **238,903 people** with a lifetime supply of safe, clean water.



Glory drinks water drawn from a narrow stream in Malawi's Diocese of Karonga.

Project Plan

Our donations will set a series of steps in motion, resulting in safe, abundant water!

- **1.** A local nomination process will be used to select villages with the greatest need for clean water. This often involves collaboration among Church leaders, village chiefs and medical professionals.
- 2. The land will be surveyed to determine the ideal location for a community water system.
- 3. Plans will be finalized based on local needs whether it's for a simple hand-pump community well or a solarpowered water tower.
- 4. A professional crew will drill to the proper depth, ensuring water will flow during the dry season.
- **5.** Villages will elect a committee to oversee the care and sustainability of the water source, and families will be trained in sanitation and hygiene practices.
- **6.** Families will contribute a small payment to their local water committee to cover future maintenance needs, ensuring clean water will flow for many years to come.

Scan the code or visit CrossCatholic.org/Lent to learn how you can transform lives in Africa this Lent!



Parish Information



RICE BOWLS Lenten donations for Catholic Relief Services can be found at the entrances of church. Please

pick one up and return it by Easter Sunday.

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.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN — Holy Trinity 3rd Annual



"Wilderness Vacation Bible School Adventure Through the Sacraments" for children in preschool (age 4 & up; 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.



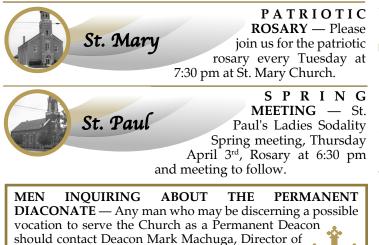


THURSDAY ADORATION -Please join us for our Eucharistic Adoration which is held every Thursday

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 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!

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.



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.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER: Sunday, April 13th - Registration & Donut Sunday Sunday, April 20th - Easter Sunday Mass, 8:00 am Tues., Sept. 2nd - Thurs., Sept. 4th - Festival Set-Up

Friday, September 5th - St. Joe Cornhole Tournament

St. Joseph

GARAGE SALE — (April 23 - April 25) We will be holding a garage sale during the FR sales at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Drop off donations & set up: April 21st (3 - 8 pm), April 22nd (2 - 6 pm). Sale Opens: April 23rd (3 - 8 pm), April 24th (9 am - 6 pm), April 25th (8 am - 4 pm). Help will be needed setting up, running the sale, and packing up leftover items to be donated. Pre-bagged baked goods can also be donated and will be priced \$1/sandwich bag. To volunteer or for more information, contact Paige Schulze (419-852-7638).

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

saint Joe Social

Sunday, April 6th

Easter Egg Hunt @ 1:30pm Friends of St. Joe Gun Raffle @ 2:00pm

The Ladies Sodality will Bring a snack to share provide a meat and cheese and your own drinks and veggie tray

> If interested in helping with the Easter egg hunt, please let Michele know!

(419 - 852 - 0106)

CLEANING -

Westgerdes,

**Lisa

(March)

Kay Westgerdes, Kristina

(Chuck)

Wilson, Nicole Westgerdes, Lisa



S N O W REMOVAL СОММІТТЕЕ 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!!!

EASTER EGG HUNT — The St. Peter Carnival will be holding their 1st Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19, at 10:30 am. All children 4th grade and younger are invited to attend. Meet in the St. Peter Church Basement: rain or shine!

Religious Education

Coldwater Religious Ed.

Contact: Sarah Klosterman sklosterman.holycrossfop@gmail.com, 419-678-3328

ATTENTION:

Remaining Coldwater parent catechesis date is April 2. SACRAMENTAL DATES TO NOTE:

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 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

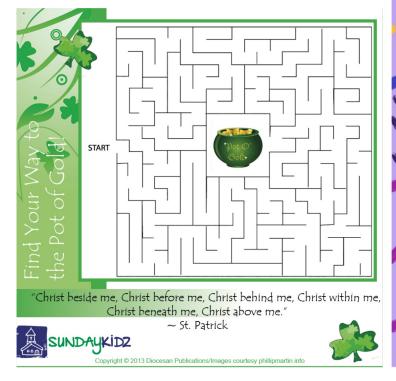
*Please note that your child can receive the Sacraments at any of our 7 parishes as long as it is communicated with the CRE.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD — Children's Dittain Liturgy of the Word for this spring continues through April 13th. Please sign up to help via the QR code.

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.

Contact: Harlie Metzger hmetzger.holycrossfop@gmail.com, 419-375-4153

ATTENTION:

Remaining FR parent catechesis date is April 9.

SACRAMENTAL DATES TO NOTE:

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 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.



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Youth Ministry

Coldwater Youth Group

Contact: Maria Gruss mgruss.holycrossfop@gmail.com, 419-678-3328

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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)

TUESDAY, MARCH 18 — 7 - 8 am - High School Bible Study @ Rooster Joe (grades 9th - 12th)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19 — 7:30 - 8:30 pm - BOYS Junior High Youth Group @ Fr. Yauss (grades 7th & 8th)

NOTE: No High School Youth Group on Sunday, March 23rd.



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 am. in MHC undercroft, grades 6-12

SOUP & STATIONS — 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 or website.

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.



Saint of the Week - Saint JOSEPH (HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY)

Joseph, someone once joked, was indeed the perfect husband: the only major character in Jesus' story who never utters a word! But the Gospel recounts and the liturgy celebrates his silent witness of faith-filled deeds: "With a husband's love he cherished Mary, the Virgin Mother of God; with fatherly care he watched over Jesus" (Preface of Saint Joseph, Sacramentary). Catholic devotion, therefore, hails



him as patron-protector of the universal Church. Some cultures set a festive "Saint Joseph's Table," welcoming the poor and strangers to feast with family and friends. Tradition keeps today as the anniversary of his death, which we presume was peaceful, with Jesus and Mary present. Thus, Catholics invoke Joseph as "patron of a happy death." Descended from David's house, which God finished "building" through Joseph's provision of a home for Mary and Jesus, he was, fittingly, a carpenter by trade; thus, patron of workers. Spring, nature's rebirth, begins between his feast and Annunciation (March 25), appropriately, since Joseph's silent obedience and Mary's "Let it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38) usher in humanity's spiritual rebirth. –Peter Scagnelli

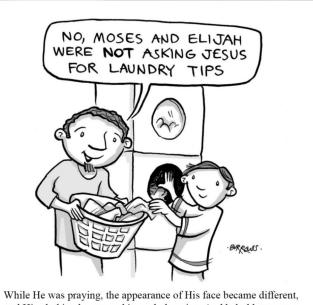
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The Little Ones



While He was praying, the appearance of His face became different, and His clothing became white and gleaming. And behold, two men were talking with Him; and they were Moses and Elijah, who, appearing in glory, were speaking of His departure, which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Lk 9:29-31

Community Interests

LENTEN PRAYER SERIES — 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 20th Who is God?, March 27th Battle in Prayer, April 3rd Communion of the Saints, & April 10th 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 18th & 27th 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 10:00 am. 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 2 pm 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. For those battling cancer, you can submit your name or a loved one's for prayer. Please contact Caleb Gaier at name c.gaier@mariasteinshrine.org or call 419-925-4532.

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.

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

MEN'S LENTEN PROGRAM — Mon., Mar. 17th @ 7 pm. Caddy's in Minster will be hosting "Get off the sidelines and join the team" with guest speaker, Craig Stammen. Craig is a Versailles native and retired MLB pitcher. He's also a husband, father of four, and a devout Catholic. Also, on Thurs., Apr. 10th @ 7 pm. St. Augustine Rectory Basement will be hosting "Removing barriers to Faith with Truth" with guest speaker, John Lalley. John is an active member in Schoenstatt and has a Masters Degree in Theological Studies in Marriage and Family from the John Paul II Institute. Both nights are presented by Brothers in Faith in collaboration with St. Augustine Exodus 90, Men's CRHP and K of C #21158.

HEALING MASSES — Healing Masses for 2025 will be on 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.

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

PARISH MISSION W/ FR. LEO PATALINGHUG - Holy Face of Jesus Parish is having a Parish Mission March 30 -April 1 at St. Joseph Church, Wapakoneta (101 West Pearl Street Wapakoneta 45895). Fr. Leo Patalinghug, international speaker, best-selling author, and former martial arts instructor, will be giving the mission. There will be a new talk each night starting at 6:30 pm. Topics include The Road to Holiness, Spiritual Combat, and The Summit (Finding God in the Eucharist). Confessions will be heard before and after Fr. Leo's talks, a bookstore will be available with Fr. Leo's books, and the rosary will be prayed each night before the talk begins. Schedule of events and further details can be found at holyfaceparish.org/the-summit-parish-mission/

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 Guadelupe. 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.

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 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.

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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 6:30-8 pm at Spiritus Dei Wellness Center in Celina 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.

RADIO ROSARY — Radio Rosary prayed on WCSM at 9:30 am every Sunday. The Radio Rosary is sponsored each week by local Catholic organizations and individuals.

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