

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 Chrístíans</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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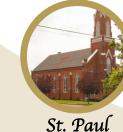
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St. Anthony



St. Joseph





St. Peter

Sunday, March 30, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Lent

St. Mary



Famíly Offíces

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.

<i>Liturgy Schedule</i> (Note: This schedule is subject to change per priest availability)							
Day	Time	Church	Priest	Mass Intention	Confession		
Monday, March 31 Lenten Weekday	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	FBS	Henry & Anna Gels Family +	After Mass		
	6:45 pm	St. Peter	FAW	L/D Joseph & Cleopha Brunswick Family †	5:45 - 6:30 pm		
Tuesday, April 1 Lenten Weekday	7:15 am	St. Mary	FEM	Matt Schwieterman, Sr. +	After Mass		
	6:45 pm	St. Joseph	FJP	L/D Bob & Marilyn Wendel Family †	5:45 - 6:30 pm		
Wednesday, April 2	7:15 am (<i>L/S</i>)	MHC	FAW	Charlie Keller †	After Mass		
Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit; opt. mem.	Noon (L/S)	Holy Trinity	FBS	Viola Albers †	11:30 am - end		
Thursday, April 3 Lenten Weekday	7:15 am	St. Paul	FAW	L/D Jerry & Norma Grieshop Family †	After Mass		
	6:45 pm	St. Anthony	FBS	Bruce Stover +	5:45 - 6:30 pm		
Friday, April 4 Saint Isadore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; opt. mem.	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	FAW	L/D Stammen & Steinbrunner Families †	After Mass		
	Noon (L/S)	MHC	FBS	Chuck Post †	11:30 am - end		
Saturday, April 5 Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest; opt. mem.	9:00 am	St. Joseph	FJP	L/D Joseph & Mary Keller Family +	After Mass		
	4:00 pm	St. Anthony	FJP	Bob & Ginny Schaefer +	3:15 - 3:45 pm		
	4:30 pm (<i>L/S</i>)	Holy Trinity	FEM	Luke & Luella Brackman 50 th Wedding Anniv.	3:45 - 4:15 pm		
	4:30 pm (L/S)	MHC	FAW	L/D Bob & Helen Smith Family +	3:45 pm - end		
Sunday, April 6 5 th Sunday of Lent	7:00 am	St. Joseph	FAW	L/D George & Anna Marie Hart Family †	N/A		
	8:00 am (<i>L/S</i>)	Holy Trinity	FJP	Members of the Holy Cross Family of Parishes	7:25 am - end		
	9:00 am (L/S)	MHC	FBS	L/D Orville Jutte Family +	8:25 am - end		
	10:00 am	Holy Trinity	FEM	Virgil Muhlenkamp +	9:25 am - end		
	11:00 am	St. Paul	FBS	L/D Ray & Grace Knapke Family †	10:25 - 10:45 am		
	11:00 am	St. Peter	FAW	Steve Knapke +	10:25 - 10:45 am		
	Noon	St. Mary	FJP	Michael Padovano †	11:25 - 11:45 am		
	6:00 pm	Holy Trinity	FEM	Ralph Miller +	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 Tues., SM: 7:45 am - Noon Tues., SJ: 8:30 am - 6:30 pm Fri., MHC: 8 - 11:45 am Wed., HT: 8 am - 11:45 am Thurs., SPL: 7:45 am - 5 pm Thurs., SA: 5:45 - 6:30 pm

St. Joseph - First Fridays of the Month 8:30 pm Friday - 8:30 am Saturday

Contact Info.: Adoration.nw1@gmail.com

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

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, April 2, 7:15 am

Servers: Chase Fiely Lector: Elly Boeckman Friday, April 4, 12:00 pm Servers: Joseph Bruns

Lector: Ted Romer Saturday, April 5, 4:30 pm

Servers: Anthony Roessner, John Bihn, Will Wenning Lector: Kathy Portz EMHC: Ruth Beyke, Tom Lochtefeld Sacristan: Maggie Hartings Ushers: Randy Wuebker, Nick Dues, Floyd Bergman, Don Lennartz Sunday, April 6, 9:00 am

Servers: Josh Evers, Tony Evers, Jackson Barga, Elijah Grieshop Lector: Tom Remaklus EMHC: Tom Remaklus, Lois Vogel Sacristan: Lois Vogel Ushers: Steve Vogel, Steve Wendel, Greg Schmitz, Joe Dues Jr.

– St. Joseph –

Tuesday, April 1, 6:45 pm

Servers: Tyler Dues, Hoyt Schmitz Lector: Paige Schulze Sacristan: Paige Schulze Saturday, April 5, 9:00 am Servers: Joseph Bruns Lector: Paige Schulze Sunday, April 6, 7:00 am Servers: Joseph Bruns, James Pottkotter, Francis Pottkotter, Hudson Pottkotter Lector: Danielle Pottkotter EMHC: Kim Pottkotter Sacristan: Kim Pottkotter Ushers: Ken Lamm, Steve Post

- St. Paul -

Thursday, April 3, 7:15 am Servers: Maddie Weigel Sunday, April 6, 11:00 am

Servers: Alexis Grisez, Hailey Grisez, Landon Sudhoff, Raelyn Sudhoff Lector: Diane Siefring EMHC: Theresa Siefring, Dennis Siefring Ushers: Ross Homan, John Meiring Rosary: Chris & Theresa Siefring

– St. Peter –

Monday, March 31, 6:45 pm Servers: Levi Sutter Lector: Ryan Sutter Sunday, April 6, 11:00 am Servers: Mason Diller, Garrett Diller, Kale Diller, Easton Diller, Tyler Kahlig, Tate Kahlig Lector: Nathan Fortkamp EMHC: Ben Knapke Sacristan: Marilyn Pottkotter Ushers: Kegan Timmerman, Mike Roessner

- Holy Trinity -

Monday, March 31, 7:15 am Servers: Blake Wenning, Dillan Wenning Lector: Rene Klosterman Wednesday, April 2, 12:00 pm Servers: Greg Laux, Oliver Link Lector: Raquel Kaiser Friday, April 4, 7:15 am Servers: Audrey Alig, Abby Alig & A.J. Alig Lector: Rita Riethman Saturday, April 5, 4:30 pm Servers: Lucas Broering, Emma Siefring, Gabriel Simper Lector: Tara Berkenstock **EMHC:** Connie May, Mark Obringer, Brenda Schwieterman Sunday, April 6, 8:00 am Servers: Zachary Schwieterman, Isabelle Schwieterman, Josh Homan Lector: Paul Howell EMHC: Abbie Homan, Linda Brunswick Sunday, April 6, 10:00 am Servers: Max Ross, Mandi Hart, Archer Bihn, Josh Evers Lector: Raduel Kaiser EMHC: Holly Emerine, Deb Griesdorn, Nick Schmitmeyer Sunday, April 6, 6:00 pm Servers: Brady Mathewson, Ryan Mathewson Lector: Terri Liette EMHC: Sarah Klosterman, Mindy Pleiman

– St. Anthony –

Thursday, April 3, 6:45 pm Servers: Wesley Geier Lector: Janet Brockman Sacristan: Janet Brockman

Saturday, April 5, 4:00 pm

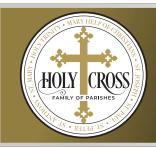
Servers: Bryant Evans, Allie Evans, Nolan Link, Lacey Link Lector: Joanne Alig EMHC: Lisa Knapke Sacristan: Cindy Muhlenkamp Ushers: Sam Muhlenkamp Rosary: Julie Brackman

– St. Mary –

Tuesday, April 1, 7:15 am Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby Lector: Viki Dues Sunday, April 6, 12:00 pm

Servers: Benjamin Liette, Jay Liette, Reagan Liette, Carson Uhlenhake Lector: Betsy Uhlenhake EMHC: Barbara Uhlenhake Ushers: Rick Hemmelgarn, Brian Uhlenhake

<u>Pastoral Staff</u>



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Eucharistic Adoration enhances our Relationship with God

The Eucharist is a fire which inflames us - St. John Damascene

The Holy Cross family of parishes is so blessed to have adoration of the Eucharistic Lord in all the parishes. It is a great opportunity for everyone of us with our personal relationship with Jesus our Lord, who is really present in the Blessed Sacrament. We will have the same experience of Moses, who had an encounter with God in the burning bush, like people of Israel who had felt the presence of the Lord with possession of the ark. So we have the Eucharist as the real presence of the Lord only if we believe in it.

Eucharistic Adoration is a profound way to enhance our relationship with Christ. By spending time in His real presence, we come closer to understanding His love for us. The Eucharist, which is the Body of Christ, invites us into a personal encounter with Him. This time of quiet prayer and reflection allows us to listen attentively to His voice in our hearts. Through Adoration, we grow in intimacy with Jesus, allowing Him to speak directly to our souls. Each moment spent before the Blessed Sacrament is an opportunity to deepen our love and devotion to Christ. The stillness of Adoration fosters a space where we can reflect on His sacrifice for our salvation. We are reminded of His ultimate gift on the Cross, and this deepens our gratitude and reverence.

As we adore Him, we also learn to humble ourselves, recognizing His greatness and our dependence on His mercy. Eucharistic Adoration teaches us to sit in God's presence with patience and openness. The peace we experience before the Eucharist fills us with a sense of calm and spiritual refreshment. In His presence, we find strength to carry on in faith, especially during times of trial or uncertainty. Adoration enables us to be healed spiritually as we bring our burdens and sorrows before Christ. We also experience a deepening of our faith, coming to truly believe in His presence in the Eucharist. The grace we receive through Adoration transforms our hearts, making us more loving and compassionate. Time spent before the Blessed Sacrament inspires a deeper commitment to follow Christ's example in our daily lives.

Eucharistic Adoration fosters an openness to God's will, helping us discern the path He desires for us. As we spend more time with Christ, our prayers become more intimate, focused, and heartfelt. It is also a time to intercede for others, asking Christ to bless and guide those in need. In Eucharistic Adoration, we become more aware of Christ's constant presence in our lives, especially during moments of loneliness or struggle. The experience encourages us to live with the same love and mercy that Christ shows us. The longer we adore Him, the more we desire to imitate His virtues, such as humility, patience, and kindness. It also brings us closer to the Church as a whole, uniting us with the global community of believers in prayer and worship. Adoration deepens our understanding of the Eucharist, strengthening our connection to the sacrament of the altar. It is through Adoration that we are invited to experience the joy of being loved by Christ, the source of all joy. Eucharistic Adoration strengthens our resolve to live out our faith and to share Christ's love with others. It calls us to greater holiness, challenging us to live according to the example Christ set for us. The presence of Christ in the Eucharist transforms our hearts, inviting us to be more compassionate and forgiving. Time in Adoration reminds us of the eternal love Christ has for us, a love that never fades. It teaches us to trust in God's providence, knowing that He is always with us. As we adore Christ, we are filled with hope, knowing that He is the source of all life and

salvation. Through Eucharistic Adoration, our relationship with Christ is enriched, and we are drawn closer to Him with every moment spent in His presence. This is the great opportunity to build our relationship with Christ and help the children to experience how wonderful it is being in the presence of the Lord.

"A Holy hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament is worth more than a thousand years of human glory" – St. Padre Pio

- Fr. Joseph Pasala



Marríage Congratulations!

Damon & Emily (Sudhoff) Muhlenkamp Married Saturday, March 22, 2025 (St. Anthony)

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

VIGIL OF TWO HEARTS Schedule of Events St. Joseph

Friday, April 4

7 pm: Scriptural Rosary 7 - 8 pm: Confessions 8 pm: Holy Mass followed by Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament 8:30 pm - 12 midnight: Adoration of the Most Blessed

Sacrament throughout the night with private and group prayer.

Saturday, April 5

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

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



Newly Baptized

St. Anthony Louis Herbert Braun Child of Jacoby & Abbi

In Loving Memory...

James Danbeck April 8, 1936 - March 11, 2025 (Holy Trinity)

> Dennis J. Brunswick July 1, 1933 - March 12, 2025 (Holy Trinity)

> > Dale H. Kaup January 1, 1938 - March 19, 2025 (St. Anthony)

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

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

 2nd Sunday
 3rd Sunday
 4th Sunday

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

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

Holy Cross Family of Parishes

HOLY CROSS FAMILY YOUTH MINISTRY OPENING —

We are looking for someone new to lead our youth ministry program at Ft. Recovery. Alyssa Overman will be leaving her position as our Fort Recovery Youth Ministry Coordinator at the end of this religion year to stay at home with her expectant baby. If interested, please contact Amy Lennartz at the Fort Recovery office: alennartz.holycrossfop@gmail.com or 419-375-4153.

EASTER LILIES — Those wishing to donate money towards Easter flowers in memory of a loved one may do so by putting the donation in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers" along with your loved one's name. Return the envelope by placing it in the collection basket or taking it to one of the Family Offices by Thurs., April 10. Just a reminder that there are envelopes sent quarterly in the your packet that you can use to donate towards flowers that adorn the altars during the entire year.

ST. ANTHONY VBS — June 16 – 19, 2025 from 6:15 – 8:15 pm held at the St. Anthony School. We will discover amazing things about the seven sacraments. Children preschool-aged (and independently potty trained) through entering 5th grade are invited to participate. Volunteers aged 6th grade and up are also needed. Registration is open to all parishes and faiths. Participants and volunteers can register by scanning the QR code below or by visiting vbspro.events/p/vbsstanthony. Donations welcome and greatly appreciated. Donations can be made in the following ways: Cash donations can be dropped off or mailed to the Coldwater Parish Office (c/o St. Anthony VBS) or dropped in the locked box in the back of St. Anthony Church. Registering on the VBS event website as a "Donation Volunteer" will allow us to reach out to you for specific needs for VBS week. Items from our amazon wishlist can be purchased at the following address: https://www.

amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/27HH8YQ98R0V? ref_=wl_share. Questions can be directed to Nikki Link via email at vbsstanthony@gmail.com. Make any checks payable to St. Anthony Church.



EXPECTANT MOTHER'S BLESSING — The blessing of expectant mothers will be after all the Masses the weekend of April 5/6.

DAY OF MERCY — Confessions will be available from 8 am - 8 pm on Thurs., Apr. 10 at Mary Help of Christians. Also, priests from outside of our parishes will be available 5 - 8 pm.

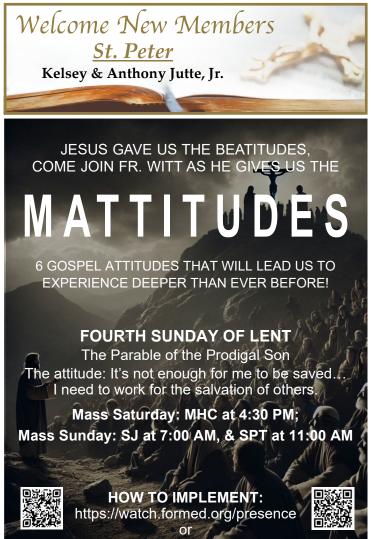


BULLETIN NOTICE — The May 4th, 11th, & 18th bulletins will need to be completed before the end of April. Due to this, all bulletin submissions for the April 20th & 27th bulletins must be submitted by Mon., April 8th. All bulletin submissions for the May 4th, 11th, & 18th bulletins must be submitted by Mon., April 15th. If you have information that you would like featured in any of these bulletins please note the bulletin dates you would like your information featured in. *Thank You*!

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., April 3rd.

MEN'S GROUP ANNOUNCEMENT — Meetings are every first and third Fri. of every month, 4:30 am in the Grotto. Men of all ages are welcome to attend any or all meetings. Contact David Bettinger @ 419-852-2582 with any questions. The next meeting is on Friday, April 4th.

THEOLOGICALLY THIRSTY THURSDAYS - On Apr. 10th Fr. Alexander Witt will be speaking on "The Least Loved Sacrament". Gather in "The Loft" at Tailspin at 7 pm; speaker will start at 7:30 pm. Follow Theologically Thirsty Thursdays on Facebook @T3Coldwater for more information.



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4QslmNU8iwQ

ADORATION — Thank you to all who have signed up for time slots! We were able to get at least 2 per time slot at all of the parishes, but we can always use more adorers. Please contact adoration.nw1@gmail.com or your specific Parish Representative to sign up for an hour with Our Lord each week. Representatives are as follows:

St. Joseph - Matt Hess: m.hess@mariasteinshrine.org, Maria Bergman: blondie.mca@gmail.com, Paige Schulze: schulze. paige@gmail.com

St. Paul - Rita McEldowney: ritamcel@outlook.com, Bec Bihn: becbihn@yahoo.com

Holy Trinity - Norma Wermert: wermert4302@yahoo.com, Rita Rengers: ritarengers@hotmail.com,

Mary Help of Christians - Dave Tobe: t0tes80@bright.net, Michelle Evers: bmevers1996@gmail.com, Julie Schmitz: staff. holycrossfop@gmail.com,

St. Mary - Diane Geier: tgeier@hometowncable.net

Note: The New Adoration times are listed on page 2 of this bulletin as well as on our website: holycrossfop.org.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS — The following are remaining dates for stations within our family of parishes:

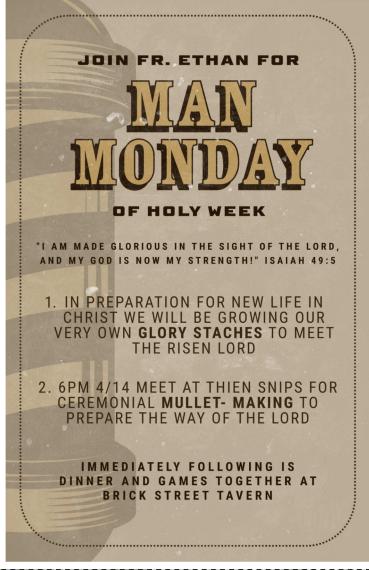
Tuesdays @ Holy Trinity, 7 pm: Led by Coldwater K of C, April 1 & 8.

Fridays @ Holy Trinity, 3:15 pm: Led by Fr. Joseph or Fr. Barry, April 4, 11 **Snacks provided after Stations.

Fridays @ Mary Help of Christians, 3:30 pm: Youth Group, Led by Fr. Witt or Fr. Moore, April 4, 11 **Soup and games in the Undercroft after Stations.

Sundays @ 1:30 pm — Led by Fort Recovery K of C: March 30 @ St. Paul, April 6 @ St. Peter. No Stations on April 13.

PARISH VITALITY REPORT — The Archdiocese (PVR) is 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.



Name Buggestions for the Rosary Walk

Please use this form to suggest any name ideas you have for the new Rosary Walk & Stations of the Cross at Mary Help of Christians. Suggestions are open to all. Please have suggestions turned in by April 13. The Parish Council, along with Fr. Witt will compile a list of the best and most popular name suggestions, which will be voted on later

in April or early May. The same rules apply to names as the rules we had for naming our Family of parishes: Please suggest Saint names or an approved devotion in the Church. Completed forms can be brought to either parish office, or placed in the back of a Holy Cross church to be collected.Thanks for your help!

Name Suggestion:

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JESUS DIES UPON THE CROSS

Reason for the suggestion:

JOIN US FOR A CHRIST CENTERED WEEKEND FULL OF CAMPING, FUN, FRIENDS + FAMILY!

HEARTS ON FIRE: CAMPING WITH CHRIST

YOU, your entire family + all your friends (Fort Recovery, Coldwater, + Saint Henry communities)

RV/Camper/Tent + daily visitors welcome Cost : Free will donation

June 6-8, 2025 | 4171 Burrville Rd. **Coldwater**, Ohio

Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner (HOG + ALLIGATOR ROAST) Childcare (ages 0-5) provided on Saturday (6/7/25, 9am-5pm) **Catholic Mass, Adoration + Confession (pending approval)**

FOR MORE INFORMATION FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK @ **HEARTS ON FIRE: CAMPING WITH CHRIST**

Contact: christcamp2025@gmail.com or text/call (419)852-1522// (419)852-0812



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HEARTS ON FIRE: CAMPING WITH CHRIST Proceeds to benefit upcoming retreats: Welcome.

CHICKEN DINNER FUNDRAISER Sunday, May 18, 2025

Pick up 3:30-6pm St.Mary Catholic Church Hall - Philothea

\$12



Half chicken **Baked beans** Chocolate chip cookie Dinner roll with butter

For more information email christcamp2025@gmail.com call/text (419) 852-1522 or (419) 852-0812



SCAN QR CODE TO

RSVP BY MAY 4

Parish Information

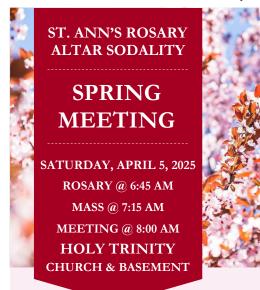


STATIONS OF THE CROSS — The K of C will be leading stations of the cross followed by a rosary for our CCD

students. This will be on April 2nd at Holy Trinity from 6:30 pm-7:30 pm. All parishioners are welcome to join!

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.



St. Ann's Rosary Altar Sodality would like to welcome you, as a member of Holy Trinity Church, to renew your membership or join this amazing group of women.

Please join us for our Annual Spring Meeting. Rosary and Mass will be celebrated upstairs in church prior to the 8:00 am meeting. A light breakfast will be provided.

How to Sign Up for FORMED:

- · Go to FORMED.org.
- · Click "sign up as a parishioner".
- Find our parish (just type in the zip code: 45828).
- Make an account by entering your name & email.

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DONUT SUNDAY — All are welcome to enjoy donuts in the Undercroft

after 9 am Mass on Sun., April 13th! You can also register your child(ren) for CCD and VBS at this event. Thank you to the Ladies Sodality for their help with this event!

LIVING WAY OF THE CROSS — This will be held at Ft. Recovery Elementary's Auditeria on Sunday, April 13 @ 3:00 pm and Wednesday, April 16 @ 7:00 pm.



THANK YOU! -A big thank you to all who prepared the soups, breads, & desserts! It was a fun evening for all ages.

We are grateful to report that \$1,500 will be used towards the restoration of the stained glass window in the choir loft.

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.

SACRISTAN NEEDED — Please call the Coldwater Parish Office at (419) 678-4802 if you are interested in becoming a sacristan for St. Anthony Church.



For all kids 4th grade & below.

Rain or shine! It will be held in the gym if the weather is bad.



SPRIN G CHURC Η **CLEANING**

Ladies Sodality Sign up for spring church cleaning is in

the back of church. Please have the cleaning completed sometime between April 6-12. Thank you!

HOT DOG LUNCH & EASTER EGG HUNT - Men's Soldality will provide a hotdog lunch after Mass on April 6th followed by the Easter Egg Hunt.

LIVING STATIONS — The Living Stations of the Cross will be done at St. Mary's Church, starting at 7 pm on Wed., April 16th. We will have adoration prior to the Stations from 6 - 6:45.

LADIES SODALITY MEETING — Monday, April 14 at 7 pm in the school hall. All ladies of the parish are encouraged and welcome to attend! Meeting Minutes will be in the back of church by two weeks after each meeting.

SAVE THE DATE — St. Mary Summer Bible School will be June 2 - 5, 2025 from 6:30 - 8:15. Sign up will be coming soon!

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

CALL or TEXT

As Soon As Possible

Julie Pleiman at 419-953-7116

> Angie Kunk at 419-852-5736

RSVP

by:



DONUT SUNDAY — All are welcome to enjoy donuts in Sanderell Hall after 7:00 am Mass on Sunday,

April 13th! You can also register your child(ren) for CCD and VBS at this event. Thank you to the Ladies Sodality for their help with this event!

GARAGE SALE — There will be a garage sale benefiting St. Joseph Church at the FR Knights of Columbus Hall during the Fort Recovery Garage Sales. Donations will be accepted on April 21 (from 3-8 pm) and 22 (from 2-6 pm). The sale will run April 23-25. Contact Paige Schulze at 419-852-7638 with questions. When you're doing your spring cleaning, let what you no longer need turn into someone else's treasure!

CLEANING — (April) **Carol Dues, Ashley Dues, Rhonda Crouch, Rachel Hess, Brittany Kaup, Shel Sutter

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

saint Joe Social

Sunday, April 6th

Easter Egg Hunt @ 1:30pm

Friends of St. Joe Gun Raffle @ 2:00pm

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

If interested in helping with the Easter egg hunt, please let Michele know! (419-852-0106)

740 AM & 910 AM



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DONUT SUNDAY — All are welcome to enjoy

donuts in Saint Paul's Hall after 11:00 am Mass on Sunday,

April 13th! You can also register your child(ren) for CCD and VBS at this event. Thank you to the Ladies Sodality for their help with this event!

ICON OF SACRED HEART — Ft. Recovery KofC Council will be presenting the Icon of the Sacred Heart after the Way of the Cross at St. Paul on March 30th.

SPRING MEETING — St. Paul's Ladies Sodality Spring meeting, Thurs., Apr. 3rd, Rosary at 6:30 pm & meeting to follow.

St. Paul's CYO - Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 19 Farish Hall at 10:30 am

All area children fourth grade & younger are invited to attend.





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CHURCH SPRING CLEANING — Scheduled for April 3rd, 4th, & 5th. We ask that you pick a day and bring a bucket and rag. The cleaning supplies will be provided.

ST. PETER CENTER — Cafeteria spring cleaning: **Theresa Westgerdes & Becky Jutte, Kim Reinhard, Anita Jutte, Tami Brunswick, Christina Bergman, Jill Ranly, Nikki Kremer, Angie Kremer, Jayne Pearson, Julie Gaerke, Danielle Dues, Jennie Jutte, Linda Schoenherr, Emily Brockman, Ashley Schoenherr, Brenda Kahlig, Kristi Post, Sara Evers, Cheryl Westgerdes, Heather Rose, Pam Siegrist, Marilyn Pottkotter.



Religious Education

Coldwater Religious Ed.

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ATTENTION:

Remaining Coldwater parent catechesis date is April 2.

SACRAMENTAL DATES TO NOTE:

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 — Official Children's Liturgy of the Word for this spring continues through April 13th. Please sign up to help via the QR code.



K OF C STATIONS OF THE CROSS — The K of C will be leading stations of the cross followed by a rosary for our CCD students. This will be on April 2nd at Holy Trinity from 6:30 pm-7:30 pm. All parishioners are welcome to join!





SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH

FOLLOWING THESE MASSES:

7:00AM (SANDERELL HALL) 9:00AM (MHC UNDERCROFT) 11:00AM (ST PAUL HALL) 11:00AM (ST PETER CHURCH BASEMENT)



ALL ARE WELCOME!

CCD AND VBS REGISTRATION WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT THIS EVENT!

WANT TO REGISTER FOR CCD IN ADVANCE? FOLLOW THIS LINK: HTTPS://WWW.HOLYCROSSFOP.ORG/RELIGIOUS-EDUCATION

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:

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)

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Youth Ministry

Coldwater Youth Group

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 30 - 7:15 - 8:45 pm- High School Youth Group @ Fr. Yauss (grades 9th - 12th) Games & Social

MONDAY, MARCH 31 — 11:18 - 11:45 am - High School Lunch @ Fr. Yauss (grades 9th - 12th)

TUESDAY, APRIL 1 — 7 - 8 am - High School Bible Study @ Rooster Joe (grades 9th - 12th)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2 - 7:30 - 8:30 pm - BOYS Junior High Youth Group @ Fr. Yauss (grades 7th & 8th)

SUNDAY, APRIL 6 — 7:15 - 8:45 pm - High School Youth Group - Saint Night - Discover Blessed Carlos Acutis!



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 — April 4th (Fr. Ethan); April 25th (Priest Q&A) & May 9th (Megan Osterholt) at 7:15 am in MHC Undercroft, grades 6-12

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

END OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION - 5/14 7-8:30 pm at Mary Help of Christians

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

LEADERSHIP AWARD SUBMISSIONS — Forms can be found in Remind, in the back of each FR church or by emailing aoverman.holycrossfop@gmail.com. Please get your nominations in by 3/31.

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.

Saint of the Week - Saint Francis of Paola

A witness to miracles from a young age, Francis of Paola later went on to perform many himself. His parents struggled with infertility, so turned to the intercession of St. Francis of Assisi. Their devout prayers bore them a son, whom they named Francis out of gratitude. As an infant, Francis suffered from swollen eyes and was again healed by his namesake. His parents promised him a friary education, where young Francis voluntarily abstained from meat, practiced solitude, and prayed fervently. After a year, he went on a pilgrimage with his parents to Assisi



which deepened his devotion. Upon their return, Francis committed to the life of a hermit, first on family property before moving to a remote cave near the sea. A couple others were inspired by his journey and joined him, forming a small hermitage with a chapel. Over several decades, they expanded to a larger church and monastery as more followers joined. They became known as the Minims Friars, minim meaning least to convey their humility. They valued poverty, chastity, obedience, and later added veganism to their vows. Francis is said to have performed many miracles: prophetic speaking, food appearing from nothing, casting out demons, and raising the dead. Despite a life of solitude, he was sought out by many, popes and kings even calling on him for counsel. In his old age, Francis returned to complete solitude for three months, before passing on Good Friday-fitting for a life of perpetual Lent. Francis embodied love for God through radical vocation, giving his all in everything he did. While we may not be as radical in our own lives, the same call of love is extended to us today. — Meghan McDonagh

- Information obtained from diocesan.com

2 Cor 5:18-19

The Little Ones Jim Burrows WE MIGHT BE HERE AWHILE ~@:-CONFESSIONAL from the New American Standard Bible ® (NASB), © by the Lockman BURPOUS Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their wrongdoings against them, and He has committed

to us the word of reconciliation.

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Community Interests

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 pm.

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/

MEN'S LENTEN PROGRAM — 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.

D OF I MEETING — The next Ft. Recovery Daughter's Isabella meeting will be held Tuesday, April 1st at 7:45 pm at the K of C hall in Ft. Recovery.

LENTEN PRAYER SERIES — A five-week series on prayer will be offered at the Maria Stein Shrine on the following Thursdays from 7 - 8:15 pm during Lent: 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.

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

Polarization Impact

Thursday, April 3, 7:00-8:30pm, St. Charles, Carthagena

Democrats, Republicans, and Independents seemingly live in separate and divided worlds and the pandemic has deepened this divide. But political disagreements are important for a healthy democracy.

The problem is that the **political divisions are limiting our ability to function effectively as a country**. People tend to trust and associate only with people on their side which has intensified the division between the two parties.

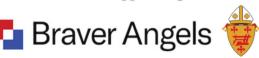
A Pew Research Study in October 2019 found a majority of respondents wanted less divisiveness and more cooperation. Both Trump (86%) and Biden (89%) supporters said that their preferred candidate, if elected, should focus on addressing the needs of all Americans, **"even if it meant disappointing some of his supporters."**

Seminar Content:

- Polarization has increased over the last 40+ years
- Key Sources Contributing to it
- What We Can Do

For more information, contact Jillian Foster at jfoster@catholicaoc.org

Learn more about Braver Angels at https://braverangels.org/





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