# esus, I Trust in You.



## 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

## 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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St. Peter



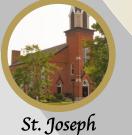


## Famíly Offíces





St. Anthony



St. Mary

St. 9

St. Paul

#### 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.

Líturgy Schedule (Note: This schedule is subject to change per priest availability)					
Day	Time	Church	Mass Intention	Confession	
<b>Monday, April 28</b> Saint Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr; Saint Louis	7:15 am <b>(L/S)</b>	Holy Trinity	Sara Brackman +	After Mass	
Grignion de Montfort, Priest; opt. mem.	6:45 pm	St. Peter	L/D Urban & Bernice Dirksen Family +	5:45 - 6:30 pm	
<b>Tuesday, April 29</b> Saint Catherine of Siena,	7:15 am	St. Mary	Louie & Joan Reigelsperger & Sandy Collett +	After Mass	
Vigin, Doctor of the church; Memorial	6:45 pm	St. Joseph	Peggy Hart +	5:45 - 6:30 pm	
Wednesday, April 30	7:15 am ( <b>L/S</b> )	MHC	L/D Elmer & Joan Wendel Family †	After Mass	
Saint Pius V, Pope; opt. mem.	Noon (L/S)	Holy Trinity	Robert Wellman +	11:30 am - end	
Thursday, May 1	7:15 am	St. Paul	L/D Cletus & Martha Dues Family †	After Mass	
Saint Joseph the Worker; opt. mem.	6:45 pm	St. Anthony	Orville Niekamp †	5:45 - 6:30 pm	
<b>Friday, May 2</b> Saint Athanasius, Bishop,	7:15 am <b>(L/S)</b>	Holy Trinity	Robert & Barbara Bettinger +	After Mass	
Doctor of the Church; Memorial	Noon (L/S)	MHC	Paul Grisez +	11:30 am - end	
	9:00 am	St. Joseph	L/D Ermin & Regina Wendel Family +	N/A	
<b>Saturday, May 3</b> Saints Philip and James, Apostles; Feast	1:00 pm	St. Paul	Homan / Kahlig Wedding	N/A	
	1:30 pm	Holy Trinty	Schulze / Stalder Wedding	N/A	
	4:00 pm	St. Anthony	First Communicants & Their Families	3:15 - 3:45 pm	
	4:30 pm	Holy Trinity	Jim Rengers +	3:45 - 4:15 pm	
	4:30 pm <b>(L/S)</b>	MHC	First Communicants & Their Families	3:45 pm - end	
	7:00 am	St. Joseph	L/D Harold & Joan Ranly Family +	N/A	
	8:00 am ( <b>L/S</b> )	Holy Trinity	Dave Bruggeman +	7:25 am - end	
	9:00 am ( <i>L/S</i> )	MHC	L/D Linus & Hilda Brunswick Family †	8:25 am - end	
Sunday, May 4	10:00 am ( <i>L/S</i> )	Holy Trinity	L/D Stanley & Viola Ahlers Family †	9:25 am - end	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	11:00 am	St. Paul	First Communicants & Their Families	10:25 - 10:45 am	
	11:00 am	St. Peter	L/D Cy & Donna Brunswick Family +	10:25 - 10:45 am	
	Noon	St. Mary	First Communicants & Their Families	11:25 - 11:45 am	
	6:00 pm	Holy Trinity	Members of the Holy Cross Family of Parishes	5:15 - 5:45 pm	

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

#### **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

**Note:** The "Priest" Column has been removed from the above chart due to Fr. Joseph being on vacation, and the priests rotations for the Masses will be varied during this time period.

#### Adoration Schedules

 Mon., SPT: 5:45 - 6:30 pm
 Wed., HT: 8 am - 11:45 am

 Tues., SM: 7:45 am - Noon
 Thurs., SPL: 7:45 am - 5 pm

 Tues., SJ: 8:30 am - 6:30 pm
 Thurs., SA: 5:45 - 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, April 30, 7:15 am

Servers: Zavier Bruns Lector: Pauline Faller Friday, May 2, 12:00 pm

**Servers:** Joseph Bruns **Lector:** Kathy Portz

#### Saturday, May 3, 4:30 pm (First Communion Mass) Servers: Vincent Wenning, Natalie Wenning, John Bihn, Lucas Winner Lector: Elaine Post EMHC: Dan Jutte, Grace Jutte Sacristan: Sharon Metzger Ushers: Chuck Kaiser, Kevin Fortkamp, Dan Jutte,

Mike Thein Sunday, May 4, 9:00 am

Servers: Josh Evers, Tony Evers, Jackson Barga, Vance Tobe Lector: Pauline Faller EMHC: Lois Vogel, Gail Dues Sacristan: Lois Vogel Ushers: Steve Vogel, Jeff Wendel, Gary J. Wendel, Greg Schmitz

#### – St. Joseph –

Tuesday, April 29, 6:45 pm Servers: Logan Gaerke, Gavin Gaerke Lector: Mary Gaerke Sacristan: Matt Hess Saturday, May 3, 9:00 am Servers: James Pottkotter, Francis Pottkotter Lector: Paige Schulze Sunday, May 4, 7:00 am Servers: Joseph Bruns, James Pottkotter, Francis Pottkotter, Hudson Pottkotter Lector: Paige Schulze EMHC: Christa Fullenkamp Sacristan: Christa Fullenkamp Ushers: Bryan Pottkotter, Grant Pottkotter

#### - St. Paul -

Thursday, May 1, 7:15 am Servers: Maddie Weigel Sunday, May 4, 11:00 am (First Communion Mass) Servers: Liza Knapke, AJ Siefring, Riley Stammen, Mya Will, Kate Knapke Lector: Marilyn Fortkamp EMHC: Deacon Dan Kahlig, Marilyn Fortkamp Ushers: Roger Fortkamp, Ross Homan Rosary: Ken & Lil Knapke

#### – St. Peter –

Monday, April 28, 6:45 pm Servers: Chris Timmerman Lector: Nathan Fortkamp Sunday, May 4, 11:00 am

Servers: Reese Diller, Clete Timmerman, Levi Sutter, Amber Timmerman, Chris Timmerman, Kinley Schoenlein Lector: Jack Diller EMHC: Abe Timmerman Sacristan: Marilyn Pottkotter Ushers: Jim Knapke, Jordan Steinbrunner

#### - Holy Trinity -

Monday, April 28, 7:15 am Servers: Myra Stammen, Archer Bihn Lector: Rene Klosterman Wednesday, April 30, 12:00 pm Servers: James Pottkotter, Francis Pottkotter Lector: Nancy Clune Friday, May 2, 7:15 am Servers: Audrey Alig, Abby Alig, A.J. Alig Lector: Rita Riethman <u>Saturday, May 3, 4:30 pm</u> Servers: Zachery Schwieterman, Isabella Schwieterman, David Dues Lector: Gary Lefeld EMHC: Dave Bertke, Denny Riethman, Michelle Wilker Sunday, May 4, 8:00 am Servers: Oliver Link, Samuel Gerlach, Carter Heitkamp Lector: Matt Grigsby EMHC: Joseph Rose, Kathy Bohman Sunday, May 4, 10:00 am Servers: Archer Bihn, Dillan Wenning, Blake Wenning, Reagan Wenning Lector: Ed Hosbach EMHC: Melissa Homan, Cindy Hemmelgarn, Tony Hart Sunday, May 4, 6:00 pm Servers: Brady Mathewson, Ryan Mathewson Lector: Charmaine Bettinger EMHC: Sarah Klosterman, Melinda Pleiman

#### – St. Anthony –

#### Thursday, May 1, 6:45 pm Servers: Wesley Geier Lector: Bonnie Muhlenkamp Sacristan: Bonnie Muhlenkamp Saturday, May 3, 4:00 pm (First Communion Mass) Servers: Lacey Link, Nolan Link, Wesley Geier

Lector: Cindy Muhlenkamp EMHC: Rodney Homan Sacristan: Volunteer Needed Ushers: Sam Muhlenkamp

#### – St. Mary –

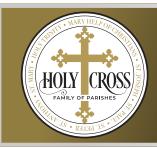
#### <u>Tuesday, April 29, 7:15 am</u>

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby Lector: Stephanie Wendel

#### Sunday, May 4, 12:00 pm (First Communion Mass)

Servers: Matt Uhlenhake, Garrett Uhlenhake, Josie Welling, Austin Uhlenhake Lector: Jordan Geier, Amy Welling EMHC: Jay Uhlenhake, Barb Uhlenhake, Tracy Liette, Jen Uhlenhake, Craig Harting Ushers: Kyle Bettinger, Ben Uhlenhake

## <u>Pastoral Staff</u>



Rev. Alexander Witt, Pastor: fr.witt.aoc@gmail.com Rev. Ethan Moore, Parochial Vicar: frethan.holycrossfop@gmail.com Rev. Joseph Pasala, Parochial Vicar: pasalajoseph7@gmail.com Rev. Barry Stechschulte, Parochial Vicar: fatherbarry10964@gmail.com Deacon Daniel Kahlig: dkahlig.holycrossfop@gmail.com

### WHAT ARE YOU GIVING UP FOR EASTER?

During Lent we did the traditional "giving something up". I gave up soda pop and it was difficult but very fruitful for me personally. What did you do for Lent this year? How did it go? I hope it has helped you in your life as a believing Christian, doing practical sacrifices in order to build self-control, combat sin, and live a more virtuous, holy life. Now, what are you going to do during the Easter Season? Of course, the Easter Season should be marked with the joy and celebration of Christ's resurrection. Surely, we need this time as a kind of reward for a good sacrificial Lent.

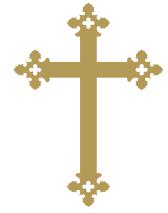
But we can use the Easter Season to solidify and make permanent those virtues we gained throughout Lent. So, what should we do for the Easter Season? I would start with some kind of specific prayer or devotional practice such as praying the Glorious Mysteries of the rosary, or making a Morning Offering each day. Or you could continue delving into the Bible, maybe by reading the New Testament letters of St Paul, St Peter, and St James.

Another thing you could do would be to attend the 4-week class that I'm giving in the month of May. Each Thursday of May I will be digging into the Christian meaning of death and the resurrection of the body. It's a very interesting and challenging topic that will inspire and motivate you to live a better life. We'll be talking about life, death, heaven and hell, the funeral liturgy, and the bodily resurrection of the dead and what that means as to how we look at both our life and our death. I highly recommend this class. Each week is an independent lesson, so you can come to whatever one you want or can.

Also, a great way to continue the spirit of prayer you've worked on during Lent would be to come to the Saturday morning prayer group at Holy Trinity. Each Saturday at 6:45 am, we meet in church and pray the Liturgy of the Hours, the official prayer of the Church. It usually takes about a half an hour to do. Then we go for coffee at one of the spots in Coldwater or Celina. It is meant for just men, but I don't think they'd mind if women attended as well. Through this prayer group, you can devote a regular time dedicated to praying each week. There is a phone app, iBreviary, that you can download for free and use for this prayer group. It's a great way to kick-start your Saturdays and give the Lord some of your time each week to praise Him and pray with and for the Church.

So, let's not waste what we have gained by our Lenten observances. Let's sail ahead in our spiritual lives by doing something specific this Easter Season.

- Fr. Barry Stechschulte



# Sacramental Information

# Wedding Banns

III Tony Schulze & Courtney StalderIII Joshua Homan & Haley Kahlig

#### And the two shall become one.

# Newly Baptized

*St. Paul* Vivian Annmarie Kahlig Child of Aaron & Elizabeth

#### St. Peter

Cambrie Lynn Klosterman Child of Patrick & Sydney

## In Loving Memory...

Jerome "Jerry" W. Laux March 3, 1951 — April 8, 2025 (St. Anthony)

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

#### **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 July 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

 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.

## VIGIL OF TWO HEARTS Schedule of Events St. Joseph

#### Friday, May 2

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, May 3

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



Fírst Holy Communion

April 27<sup>th</sup> - Holy Trinity - 10:00 am April 27<sup>th</sup> - St. Peter - 11:00 am May 3<sup>rd</sup> - St. Anthony - 4:00 pm May 3<sup>rd</sup> - MHC - 4:30 pm May 4<sup>th</sup> - St. Paul - 11:00 am May 4<sup>th</sup> - St. Mary - 12:00 pm



Mass Tímes > & Locatíons

# Holy Cross Family of Parishes

**CONGRATULATIONS GATHERING** — There will be coffee & donuts after the 8 am Mass in Holy Trinity's Grotto on April 27<sup>th</sup> to congratulate Kraig Gruss for being ordained as a Transitional Deacon. Everyone is welcome to attend and congratulate Kraig.

VBS — Registration forms for Vacation Bible School at St. Peter, St. Paul, and MHC are available in the back of each FR Church and on our website. Please note that this requires a physical paper to be turned in, completed forms should be returned to the Fort Recovery office no later than Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>.

**ROSE SALE** — The Mercer County Right to Life Mother's Day Rose Sale will be held after the Masses Mother's Day weekend (May  $10/11^{\text{th}}$ ). Roses will be sold at 1 for \$2 or 3 for \$5. If you are interested in helping sell the roses please call Janet at 419-678-3288.

**CONFESSION CANCELLATIONS** — Due to only having 3 priests available the weekend of May 3rd & 4th, there will be no confessions during the following Masses: Saturday - 4:30 pm @ Mary Help of Christians Sunday - 9 am @ Mary Help of Christians Sunday - 10 am @ Holy Trinity

LITURGY SCHEDULE CHANGE — Since we will have only 3 priests available for a lengthy amount of time while Fr. Joseph is away, the "Priest" column of information has been removed from the liturgy schedule on page 2. Please keep Fr. Joseph in your prayer for a safe trip and a safe return.

CCD REGISTRATION FOR 2025 - 2026 - Please see the Religious Education section of the bulletin for more information.

## Book Study w/ Fr. Barry Stechschulte Join Fr Barry for study and discussion on the topic of the meaning of Christian death and the resurrection of the body. Thursdays Hope to Die 7 pm

Holy Trinity's Grotto

> May 1<sup>st</sup> May 8th

May 15th

May 22<sup>nd</sup>

ALL are Welcome! It's not necessary to order the book. Starts Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>

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CHICKEN DINNERS — Chicken Dinner Fundraiser is by Hearts on Fire: Camping with Christ. Dinners will be a half chicken, baked beans, dinner roll with butter, and chocolate chip cookie. Pick up is on Sunday, May 18, 2025 from 3:30 - 6 pm at St. Mary Catholic church hall in Philothea. Tickets are pre-



sale only at \$12 each, and the last day to purchase tickets is May 4<sup>th</sup>. For more information email christcamp2025@gmail. com or call/text (419) 852-1522 or (419) 852-0812. E-tickets are also available through the QR Code. Proceeds benefit future Welcome Retreats within the Holy Cross Family of Parishes.

EXPECTANT MOTHER'S BLESSING - The blessing of expectant mothers will be after all the Masses the weekend of May 3/4.

FLOWERS FOR MARY — During the month of May, all are welcome to bring flowers from their homes and gardens to place them around or near the Mary statue at any of our parishes. The month of May is dedicated in a special way to our Blessed Mother, and it's also the month that brings flowers. It is an age-old, beautiful, easy tradition that the lay faithful with their family would always offer flowers to Mary during May. This is a symbol of their love for her and a way to ask her to reign over their family, their children, and their hearts. Might I suggest to our families that this is an excellent way to live the faith at home. Sometime during this month take an



evening as a family to bring flowers up to Mary at church, say a decade of the rosary together, and go out for ice cream afterwards! Please make sure your name is written on the bottom of your vase if you eventually would like it returned to you.

MISSION LOTTERY WINNER — (4/9/25) Taylor Wendel, Coldwater, OH — Congratulations!

MAY CROWNING — This year, May Crowning will take place at the end of each of our First Communion Masses. As both celebrations are combined, please be aware that these Masses will be quite full. We kindly ask parishioners to consider attending a different Mass that weekend to allow space for the families of our First Communicants. The front pews at each of these Masses will be reserved for the First Communicants and their parents, so if you do attend, please avoid sitting in those designated areas.

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. The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.

MEN'S GROUP — 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, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.



Offices to give us some idea of how many will be attending, that would be appreciated. Although, you do not have to sign up to attend and don't let it keep you from attending if you forget to sign up. Faith Fueled Friday's Cinco De Mama event.

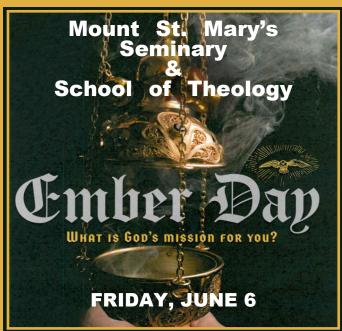
## Opening Our Eyes To God's Plan

## with Julie Schlater

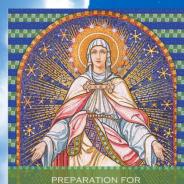


NOW with shopping! See our vendor line-up on our FB page! 6:00 "sip and shop" 7:00 speaker

> Margariias, drinks, and snacks Free-will donaiion RSVP io Sarah @419-234-3152



A discernment day for high school boys (sophomores to seniors) will be hosted by the Cincinnati seminarians and Fr. Michael Willig. The content will focus on vocation, virtue, priesthood and fatherhood. The schedule will include Mass, a tour of the seminary, meals, talks, and sports. Mark your calendars, registration opening soon.



TOTAL CONSECRATION TO THE IMMACULATE according to Saint Maximilian M. Kolbe



BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE IN OUR CHURCHES. (PLEASE, ONLY PICK UP ONE BOOK PER FAMILY!)

## Daily Reflections & Weekly Gatherings – Beginning April 28<sup>th</sup> –

*KICKOFF MEETING* will be held in Holy Trinity's Grotto at 7:30 pm on Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> for the start of the Consecration.

**DAILY VIDEO REFLECTIONS** by Fr. Ethan will be available via a One Call email & text or on our Facebook. To sign up for the daily One Call reflections use the update portal on our website and choose the "Total Consecration Daily Reflections" group, or call either parish office to sign up. Please sign up for the One Call prior to April 28<sup>th</sup>.

**WEEKLY GATHERINGS** will be Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, & 25<sup>th</sup> at Mary Help of Christians starting at 6 pm. We will gather for evenings of family prayer and fun starting with a brief Children's Catechesis, then a group rosary, followed by a fire side chat at the fire pit at the rectory. We will have time for the adults to snack and share (feel free to bring some grub to share with all), and the kiddos will have some planned fun in the soccer field.

**WEEKLY MEETINGS** will be held in Holy Trinity's Grotto on Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, & 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. Meetings will start with a parishioner led rosary followed by discussions led by Fr. Ethan.

*JOY FEST* will be a celebration event culminating the Consecration on May 31<sup>st</sup> at Mary Help of Christians from 5:30 - 8 pm. This will be a celebration you won't want to miss!

JOIN THE FAMILY WIDE CONSECRATION TO THE VIRGIN MARY!



#### Sunday, April 27, 2 - 4:15 pm @ St. Paul & 3:00 - 4:00 pm @ Holy Trinity

Jesus told St. Faustina, "Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy."

Holy Trinity 2:30 - 4:00 pm - Confessions 3:00 - 4:00 pm - Adoration



**St. Paul** 2:00 - 2:45 pm Overview of The Divine Mercy and solemn veneration of the Divine Mercy Image

2:00 - 4:00 pm — Confessions

3:00 -  $4:00\ \text{pm}$  — Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and also recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet and a Rosary

4:00 - 4:15 pm — Benediction

\*Pamphlets for the Chaplet of Divine Mercy are in the back of all Holy Cross Parishes. The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday.

For more information on The Divine Mercy and steps to receive extraordinary graces, please refer to the Marian website at the following link or QR code above.

thedivinemercy.org

If you have any questions about Divine Mercy Sunday @ St. Paul, please contact Joe Knapke @ 419-852-5188.

"For those hoping to go to confession to obtain the plenary indulgence available on Divine Mercy Sunday, please note that limited confessions will be offered during the Holy Hour. However, the indulgence can still be obtained, under the normal conditions, by going to confession within 8 days."







# **STEUBENVILLE** APRIL 28, 7 PM

Mandatory meeting for all youth attending this summer's Steubenville Conference. One parent must also attend. If you can't attend, please contact Maria at mgruss.holycrosssfop@gmail.com to make alternative arrangements.

# Parish Information



RECTORY HOUSEKEEPING NEEDED — Holy Trinity is looking for

someone to clean the Rectory

starting May 1<sup>st</sup>. If interested, please contact Charmaine Bettinger at 419-678-4802 or email cbettinger. holycrossfop@gmail.com.

**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.

**FUNERAL SERVERS** — If you are interested in serving Mass at funerals at Holy Trinity church, please call 419-678-4802 for more information. Thank You!



ST. ANTHONY VBS — June 16 – 19, 2025 from 6:15 – 8:15 pm held at the St. Anthony School. Gear up for a

hike through the wilderness, where we will discover amazing things about the seven sacraments. Throughout this adventure, children will deepen their understanding of the seven sacraments as well as their love for Jesus! Children preschool-aged (and independently potty trained) through entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to participate in this year's VBS program. Volunteers aged 6<sup>th</sup> 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 are also 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 above 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.

**BALLOON ROSARY** — St. Anthony CCD classes will be having a balloon rosary on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. All parishioners and families are welcome to attend! Light refreshments will be provided.

**INTERIOR BEAUTIFICATION UPDATE** — Thanks to your incredible generosity through the Soup Supper, Popcorn Sales, 50/50 Raffle, and Meals with the Priests during the Fish Fry, we are excited to announce that we now have enough funds to cover the cost of the choir loft window! These funds will go directly to Window Creations to complete this part of the project. Selhorst Concrete inspected the church basement and outside foundation and no visible issues with foundation shifting. An updated Project Plan will be coming in the next couple of weeks.

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



CLEANING — (May) \*\*Casey Steinbrunner, Janet Steinbrunner, Sandy Stein, Hillary Stein, Ann Backs, Lisa LeFevre

#### **UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:** Tues., Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> - Thurs., Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> - Festival Set-Up Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup> - St. Joe Cornhole Tournament



V A C A T I O N BIBLE SCHOOL — St. Mary Summer Bible School will be June 2

- 5, 2025 from 6:30 - 8:15. St. Mary

Philothea Bible School sign up is available now! Our theme this year is Warriors for Christ! We will learn about how the Holy Spirit can lead us through life and how we are given "armor" to protect ourselves from all of the evils of the world.



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

**GRADUATION MEAL** — There will be a meal hosted by the CYO in the school hall following the graduation Mass on May 18<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome and encouraged to come enjoy the meal and congratulate our graduating seniors!



ST. PETER CENTER —

Cafeteria spring cleaning: \*\*Lisa Braun & Cathy Link, Pat Guggenbiller,

Lynn Link, Karen Timmerman, Theresa Heinrichs, Darlene Sudhoff, Amy Dues, Debra Kahlig, Kelsey Dues, Angie Koester, Lisa Dues, Brenda Kunk, Katie Alig, Kelsee Grieshop, Brittany Siefring, Teresa Meyer, Valerie Heitkamp, Peyton Dues, Ruth Siefring, Sarah Sudhoff, Jamie Albers.



# **Relígious Education**

Coldwater Religious Ed.

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**BALLOON ROSARY** - St. Anthony CCD classes will be having a balloon rosary on April 30th at 7pm. All parishioners and families are welcome to attend! Light refreshments will be provided.

#### SACRAMENTAL DATES TO NOTE:

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.

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN** — Registration for 2025-2026 CCD classes are now open! Deadline for registration is June 30<sup>th</sup>. To register, scan the QR code provided below and follow these steps:

1. Select your parish.



Click the Register Your Children button.
 Choose In-Class or In-Home.

- Holy Trinity: select either the In-Class or In-Home button.
- St. Anthony and St Mary: use the link at the top of the page

if choosing In-Home

4. Fill out the form.



Fort Recovery Religious Ed.

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SACRAMENTAL DATES TO NOTE:

**St. Peter/Joe First Communion -** Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am (at St. Peter)

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

**VBS** - Registration forms for Vacation Bible School at St. Peter, St. Paul, and MHC are available in the back of each FR Church and on our website. Please note that this requires a physical paper to be turned in, completed forms should be returned to the Fort Recovery office no later than Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>.





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# Youth Ministry

Coldwater Youth Group

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

**SUNDAY, APRIL 27** — 7:15 - 8:45 pm @ The Grotto - Guest Speaker, Henry Cordonnier!!! Parents are also welcome to attend. (grades 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>)

**MONDAY, APRIL 28** — 11:18 - 11:45 - High School Lunch @ Fr. Yauss (grades 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>)

**MONDAY, APRIL 28** — 7 pm @ The Grotto - Mandatory Parent/Youth Steubenville Meeting for all youth attending this summer's Steubenville Conference.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 29**—7-8 am - High School Bible Study @ Rooster Joe (grades 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30 — 7:30 - 8:30 pm - GIRLS Junior High Youth Group @ Fr. Yauss (grades 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>) Attention: Stay tuned to Group Me for May events!

#### Saints of the Week - St. Philip & James, Apostles

Call Philip the gospel's "Answer Man." "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Nathaniel asked Philip, who had proclaimed Jesus "the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets" (John 1:45). Jesus asked Philip, "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" (John 6:5). Greeks brought Philip their request: "We would like to see Jesus" (John 12:21). Philip's answer to each question: bring people to Jesus! At the Last

Supper, finally, Philip had a request of his own: "Show us the Father!" (John 14:8). Jesus had three last questions for Philip: "You still don't know me? How can you ask that? Don't you believe?" And an answer: "I am in the Father and the Father is in me" (John 14:10). Today's James is not John's brother, Zebedee's son, but, tradition says, author of the New Testament Letter of James, who died praying for his murderers in Jesus' words: "Forgive them, for they know not what they do." Few historical details for either saint, but lessons aplenty: Bring every question we have and everybody we meet to Jesus; be, as James' letter challenges, "doers of the word and not hearers only" (James 1:22). —Peter Scagnelli

#### St. Catherine of Siena

Imagine the pope receiving a young woman still in her twenties who addresses him as "my sweet Christ on earth," then orders: "Get back to Rome where you belong!" Amazingly, Gregory XI complied! Yet this was but one astonishing incident in the extraordinary life of Catherine of Siena, a truly unique medieval woman. Youngest of twentyfive children, Catherine refused marriage and



became a Dominican Tertiary at sixteen, cloistering herself at home in contemplative prayer, austere penances, and mystical experiences, culminating in "spiritual espousal" to Christ. Then, incarnating the Dominican ideal of "passing on to others the fruits of contemplation," Catherine left her solitude to care for the poor, nurse the sick, comfort the dying, and bury the dead. Increasingly renowned for converting souls and healing bodies, she was sought after to broker peace during civil wars and Church schisms. All this, and like Jesus, whom she called "my "Divine Spouse," she died at thirty-three! Four hundred letters and her spiritual classic The Dialogue inspired Paul VI to name her, together with Teresa of Ávila, the first women "doctors of the Church." – Peter Scagnelli

- Information obtained from diocesan.com

Fort Fiat Youth Group

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

MEN'S GROUP — Wednesdays 9-10 pm at MHC, grades 7-12 LADIES GROUP — Tuesdays 7:15-8 am at MHC, grades 9-12 BREAKFAST CLUB — May 9<sup>th</sup> (Megan Osterholt) at 7:15 am in MHC Undercroft, grades 6-12

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

**OUR QUEST LEADER NEEDED** — We are looking for a new Our Quest leader for the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls group. The group meets once a month. Plans will be provided to you but you are also welcome to make your own plans. Email hmetzger.holycrossfop@gmail.com if interested.



513-263-6641 or deaconoffice@catholicaoc.org.

# Community Interests

**RELIGIOUS BROTHERS DAY, MAY 1** — Religious Brothers Day on Thursday, May 1 offers the opportunity to celebrate and give thanks for religious brothers in our lives, including 82 here in our archdiocese. It also offers an opportunity to consider how we all invite, walk with, and encourage young people to discern God's call in their life. Please visit www.religiousbrothers.org to download prayers, prayer services, reflections, and other resources to celebrate Religious Brothers Day.

**FIRST COMMUNION SALE** — The Pilgrim Gift Shop at the Maria Stein Shrine invites you to shop during the whole month of April and receive 10% off all First Communion items. This offer cannot be combined with other offers and only applies to First Communion items. The gift shop hours are Mon. – Thurs. 9:30 am until 6 pm, Fri. and Sat. 9:30 am – 4 pm, and Sun. noon – 4 pm.

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

**2025 RETREAT CENTER GALA** — Tue, Aug 26, 2025. Come and be a part of an extraordinary event with homemade food, delightful company, and endless entertainment! The doors will open promptly at 5:30 p.m., welcoming you to a fun-filled evening featuring tantalizing appetizers, refreshing drinks, a sumptuous dinner, and mouthwatering desserts. As the night unfolds, seize the chance to win an array of fabulous prizes through our exciting raffle of gift baskets and engaging Silent and Live auctions. Ends at 8:30 pm. Check out https://event. gives/retreatcentergala25 for more information. Located at: 6731 OH-219, Celina, OH 45822.

**ST. ANTHONY T-BALL** — St. Anthony T-ball/baseball for children ages. 4-10 years old, will be Monday nights at 6:30pm. Starting on May 5th and continuing through June. There will be a sign up-up sheet at the back of St. Anthony church. You can also text Bryce Schlater at 419-763-9715.

**DAY OF RENEWAL** — Anchored in the Hearts of Jesus & Mary. Tuesday, May 13, 2025 from 7:45 am - 2 pm starting with Rosary, program, lunch, and ending with Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Speakers: Fr. Stephen Jones (Parochial Vicar NW V) & Susan Bernhold (Schoenstatt Diocesan Council, Archdioceses of Cincinnati). Holy Family Catholic Church, Frenchtown: 11255 Oh 185, Versailles, OH 45380. Free will donations accepted. Light lunch and water will be provided.

**JUBILEE YEAR 2025** —The Archdiocese of Cincinnati has launched a web page with information for the Jubilee Year 2025. Visit https://catholicaoc.org/jubilee-2025 to learn about the Church's celebration of an Ordinary Jubilee every 25 years, obtaining the Jubilee Indulgence, pilgrimage sites within the archdiocese, and a special pilgrimage to Italy in October 2025.

**MERCER COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE - MOTHER'S DAY ROSE SALE** — Volunteers will be selling roses after the Masses on Mother's Day weekend, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Roses will be sold at 1 for \$2 or 3 for \$5. If you are interested in helping sell the roses call Janet at 419-678-3288. The Mercer County Right to Life is very appreciative of all the volunteers, and all the people supporting this fundraiser, by purchasing these roses. Thank you so much for helping to defend the "Right to Life" of all innocent human beings, from the moment of conception, until natural death.

**QUO VADIS NIGHT** — Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Shrine of the Holy Relics. We will have Mindy Bettinger talking. This event is for any young adult ages 18-29.

**FREE BIKE SAFETY & RODEO:** Coldwater Kiwanis and Coldwater Police Department are hosting a free Bike Safety/ Rodeo on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 11 am - 1 pm. It is open to Coldwater residents and will be held on the parking lot near the Community Gardens/Dog Park. You can register and license your bike, participate in an obstacle/safety course, learn about bike safety, check your helmet fitting, get your bike blessed, and register for door prizes. The first 200 participants are eligible for a free bike helmet. You can also purchase a K-Burger for lunch. Thank you to Coldwater Eagles and Coldwater Hardware for helping sponsor this event.

**EXPLORE THEOLOGY THROUGH LITERATURE THIS SUMMER AT MOUNT ST. MARY'S SEMINARY & SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY** — "The Thomistic Philosophy and Theology of J.R.R. Tolkien" course will examine the influence of St. Thomas Aquinas on the imagination of J.R.R. Tolkien. Taught by esteemed philosophy professor Deacon Tracy Jamison, this new graduate-level, two-credit course will meet Tuesday and Thursday evenings, May 27 through June 26. Students may register for either online or in-person classes and may take the course for credit or on an audit basis. Contact the registrar at 513.233.6118 or registrar@mtsm.org for more information.

**SPANISH MASS** — Mass will be held every Sunday at 4 pm, Confessions at 3:30 pm, Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 pm, and the Rosary at 3:15 pm all in Spanish at Our Lady of Guadalupe. Pre-Baptismal classes are the second Sunday of the month from 11 am - 2 pm held in the church basement. Baptisms are the fourth Sunday of the month starting in June during 4 pm Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe. For more information or anyone in need of these opportunities please register with: Dr. Maria Garcia at (937) 281-4525 or Jenny Martinez at ministeriohispano@stisidorefamily.org.

THE GIFT OF FERTILITY: MOTHER & DAUGHTER WORKSHOP — Saturday, May 10 from 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Maria Stein Spiritual Center. Hosted by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, The Gift of Fertility: Mother & Daughter Workshop is geared toward moms with their young daughters (ages 10-14), providing a beautiful context for strengthening their bond and learning about God's plan for growing up. Speakers include Sr. Philomena Marie of the Sacred Heart, CFE, Melissa Rahm, Cassie Subler, and Dr. Trina Winner. The cost is \$50 per family and includes handouts, a light breakfast and lunch. Sign up online no later than May 2. Learn more and sign up at: https://www. centerforthenewevangelization.org/event/the-gift-offertility-2025.

**EASTER SERIES ON PRAYER** — Julia Monnin will lead participants through SECTION IV of the Catechism of the Catholic Church (the section on Prayer) as part of a Journeys Revealed Ministries' An Intimate Sharing Between Friends Series. Wednesday, April 23 - May 28 from 9:30 – 11:30 am at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Wapakoneta, OH in the Adult Center. There is no need to register and no cost to attend. Come as you are able to any/all sessions. Learn more at journeysrevealed.com/ccc\_partiv

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