



Holy Trinity

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Mon - Thurs: 8:30 am - 12:30 pm & 1 pm - 5 pm Fri: 8:30 am - 1 pm

Family Offices



Mary Help of Christians

419-375-4153 403 Sharpsburg Road Fort Recovery, Ohio 45846 Mon: 9 am - 3 pm Tues - Thurs: 8 am - 5 pm

Fri: 9 am - 1 pm

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St. Anthony



St. Joseph



St. Mary



St. Paul



St. Peter

Sunday, May 4, 2025 Third Sunday of Easter 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	Mass Intention	Confession
Monday, May 5	7:15 am (<i>L/S</i>)	Holy Trinity	Ernie Kuess †	After Mass
Easter Weekday	6:45 pm	St. Peter	L/D Neil & Pat Diller Family †	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Tuesday, May 6 Easter Weekday	7:15 am	St. Mary	Eugene Bruns †	After Mass
	6:45 pm	St. Joseph L/D Alvin Wendel Family †		5:45 - 6:30 pm
Wednesday, May 7 Easter Weekday	7:15 am (<i>L/S</i>)	MHC	L/D Sylvester & Alice Guggenbiller Family †	After Mass
	Noon (L/S)	Holy Trinity	Edwin & Mildred Prenger †	11:30 am - end
Thursday, May 8 Easter Weekday	7:15 am	St. Paul	Ed Wehrkamp †	After Mass
	6:45 pm	St. Anthony	Dave Bruggeman †	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Friday, May 9 Easter Weekday	7:15 am (<i>L/S</i>)	Holy Trinity	Clem & Regina Dues Families †	After Mass
	Noon (L/S)	MHC	Joseph Bihn †	11:30 am - end
Saturday, May 10 Saint John of Avila, Priest, Doctor of the Church; Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest; opt. mem.	9:00 am	St. Joseph	Leo Hart †	After Mass
	4:00 pm	St. Anthony	Thomas Kremer †	3:15 - 3:45 pm
	4:30 pm	Holy Trinity	Steve Zehringer †	3:45 - 4:15 pm
	4:30 pm (<i>L/S</i>)	MHC	Jack & Edna Heitkamp 50 th Wedding Anniv.	3:45 pm - end
Sunday, May 11 4 th Sunday of Easter	7:00 am	St. Joseph	Members of the Holy Cross Family of Parishes	N/A
	8:00 am (<i>L/S</i>)	Holy Trinity	Richard Muhlenkamp †	7:25 am - end
	9:00 am (<i>L/S</i>)	MHC	Jeanette Grieshop †	8:25 am - end
	10:00 am (<i>L/S</i>)	Holy Trinity	Mike Phlipot †	9:25 am - end
	11:00 am	St. Paul	L/D Ray Knapke Family †	10:25 - 10:45 am
	11:00 am	St. Peter	Neil & Pat Diller 60 th Wedding Anniv.	10:25 - 10:45 am
	Noon	St. Mary	Bernard & Pauline Siefring †	11:25 - 11:45 am
	6:00 pm	Holy Trinity	John & Irma Fleck †	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

Adoration Schedules

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

rotations for the Masses will be varied during this time period. Contact Info.: Adoration.nw1@gmail.com

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

Ministry Schedule

Notice: The below scheduled ministers are responsible for finding a substitute if they are unable to fill the originally assigned position.

- Thank You!

- Mary Help of Christians -

Wednesday, May 7, 7:15 am

Servers: Chris Timmerman, Charlie Roessner

Lector: Les Wenning
Friday, May 9, 12:00 pm
Servers: Zavier Bruns
Lector: Ted Romer
Saturday, May 10, 4:30 pm

Servers: Jameson Heitkamp, Riley Heitkamp,

Zavier Bruns, Tucker Huntsman

Lector: Kathy Portz

EMHC: Linda Lennartz, Lisa Fullenkamp

Sacristan: Kathy Portz

Ushers: Floyd Bergman, Don Lennartz, Nick Dues,

Dan Schmitz

Sunday, May 11, 9:00 am

Servers: Brodie Hart, Paisley Hart, Grant Pearson,

Emma Pearson

Lector: Amy S. Wendel

EMHC: Tim Barman, Bill Gaerke **Sacristan:** Amy S. Wendel

Ushers: Steve Wendel, Harry Hart, Kevin Fortkamp,

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- St. Joseph -

Tuesday, May 6, 6:45 pm

Servers: Joseph Bruns, Levi Sutter

Lector: Paige Schulze Sacristan: Paige Schulze Saturday, May 10, 9:00 am Servers: Tyler Dues Lector: Mary Gaerke

Sunday, May 11, 7:00 am

Servers: Tyler Dues, Blaise Bergman, Tanner Grube,

Brinley Steinbrunner
Lector: Ryan Steinbrunner
EMHC: Deacon Roger Kaiser
Sacristan: Shel Sutter

Ushers: Jerry Sutter, Ed Dues

- St. Paul -

Thursday, May 8, 7:15 am Servers: Hart Family Sunday, May 11, 11:00 am

Servers: Katelyn Siefring, Dan Siefring, Nick Siefring,

Maddie Weigel, Lindsey Siefring

Lector: Kathy Keller

EMHC: Deacon Dan Kahlig, Theresa Siefring

Ushers: Chris Siefring, Dave Keller **Rosary:** Chris & Theresa Siefring

- St. Peter -

Monday, May 5, 6:45 pm Servers: Levi Sutter

Lector: Tim Hart

Sunday, May 11, 11:00 am

Servers: Coby Schmitz, Braxton Schmitz, Hoyt Schmitz,

Corbyn Schmitz, Logan Gaerke, Gavin Gaerke

Lector: Lisa Roessner EMHC: Clark Knapke Sacristan: Lisa Roessner

Ushers: Kegan Timmerman, Mike Roessner

- Holy Trinity -

Monday, May 5, 7:15 am

Servers: Lucas Broering, Jack Bettinger

Lector: Rene Klosterman Wednesday, May 7, 12:00 pm

Servers: Samuel Gerlach, Oliver Link

Lector: Raquel Kaiser Friday, May 9, 7:15 am

Servers: Jack Bettinger, Archer Bihn

Lector: Rita Riethman Saturday, May 10, 4:30 pm

Servers: Liam Cowan, Claire Bertke, Emma Siefring

Lector: Gary Lefeld

EMHC: Connie May, Mark Obringer, Brenda Schwieterman

Sunday, May 11, 8:00 am

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby, Oliver Link

Lector: Ken Hoying

EMHC: Karen Hoying, Ralph Alig

Sunday, May 11, 10:00 am

Servers: Joshua Schoen, Jack Bettinger, Jonathan Lange,

Josh Homan

Lector: Tessy Huwer

EMHC: Stephanie Rutschilling, Karen Stammen,

Brooke Stammen

Sunday, May 11, 6:00 pm

Servers: Levi Sutter, Elisabeth Ebbing

Lector: Pam Hicks

EMHC: Charmaine Bettinger, Sarah Klosterman

– St. Anthony –

Thursday, May 8, 6:45 pm

Servers: Leo Grigsby Lector: Cindy Muhlenkamp Sacristan: Cindy Muhlenkamp Saturday, May 10, 4:00 pm

Servers: Zach Homan, Wesley Geier, Hallory Kahlig,

Wesley Kahlig

Lector: Cindy Homan EMHC: Rodney Homan Sacristan: Cindy Homan Ushers: Corey Sudhoff Rosary: Teri Minnich

- St. Mary -

Tuesday, May 6, 7:15 am

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby

Lector: Viki Dues

Sunday, May 11, 12:00 pm

Servers: Derek Dues, Trent Dues, Austin Uhlenhake, Carson Uhlenhake

Lector: Viki Dues **EMHC:** Jay Uhlenhake

Ushers: Jason Kaiser, Alex Uhlenhake



HOLY CROSS PAMILY OF PARISHES PAMILY OF PARISHES

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Basking in the Glory

If there's a season of the Church that I feel like I live badly, it's definitely the Easter season. The Church gives us 50 days to celebrate and reflect on the Resurrection of our Lord, but I have to admit that after 40 days of Lent and all the "extras" that come with it, I'm ready to call it in! Like many of you, I'm just trying to end the school year well: finish CCD, get through First Communion and Baccalaureate Masses, try to enjoy the weather before it gets too hot...the list goes on!

And it got me thinking: in many ways, basking in the Glory of our Lord's Resurrection could be a very restful thing. After all, how does the Lord spend the 40 days He has on earth after His Resurrection before ascending into Heaven? He meets with them in the familiar space of the Upper Room (John 20:19-31), He talks with them on the road and eats with them (Luke 24:13-35), He makes them breakfast (John 21:12)...in a word, Jesus just hangs out with them. If He is the true Sun that warms and brings light to the world, He just lets the Apostles bask in the comfort of His light.



That's why this Easter season, I'm going to try to spend more time in Adoration. After all, what is Adoration except basking in the glorious light of our Resurrected Lord? He is there, waiting for us. He knows that we're exhausted this time of year, which is why He tells us that if we come to Him, He will give us rest (Matthew 11:28-30). He's not asking us for anything in Adoration except that we be attentive to His loving presence as He binds up our wounds and renews our spirits (Luke 10: 29-37).

If you're also exhausted this time of year, don't think of Adoration as "just one more thing on my list". Just come and rest with Him. Let Him be your comfort, your rest, your healing, and anything else you need this time of year. Tell Him that you trust that He will leave you more energized and restored, that He will take care of you better than Netflix and your favorite spot on the couch. He will definitely rejuvenate you more than mindless scrolling on your phone! Do we really trust Him to take care of us like the loving Father He tells us He is?

This Easter season, I plan to spend more time in Adoration. I hope to see you there!

In Christ,

Fr. Witt



Sacramental Information

Wedding Banns I Nick Link & Conner Muhlenkamp And the two shall become one.

Congratulations 4 Welcome to the Family!

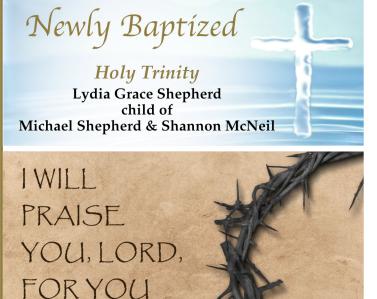


WELCOME and Congratulations to those who joined the Catholic Church at our Holy Cross Family of Parishes Easter Vigil Masses on April 19. At Mary Help of Christians those receiving full initiation by receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist were Madalin Davis, Kaylee Deeter, and Brad Frasher. At Holy Trinity, Carlee Goodwin was received into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church. Please welcome them and keep them in your prayers as their journey of faith continues.



Sacrament of Matrimony

The Sacrament of Holy Matrimony involves more than just "booking" a particular date for a wedding. Please keep in mind that church dates are limited. It is highly recommended to book the church when booking your reception hall. Also, since the marriage preparation process usually takes several months to complete, please contact the Family Office at least nine months in advance to start the marriage preparation process.



Baptismal Sponsors

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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 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
 3rd Sunday
 4th Sunday

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

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

Holy Cross Family of Parishes

CONGRATULATIONS ROGER! — We want to congratulate Roger Kaiser on his Permanent Diaconate Ordination on April 26th, 2025. We wish him the best and ask for parishioners to continue praying for him in his ministry.

CONGRATULATIONS KRAIG! — We want to congratulate Kraig Gruss on his Transitional Diaconate Ordination on April 26th, 2025. We wish him the best in his ministry, and we ask for parishioners to pray his continued journey to the priesthood.

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

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 prayers for a safe trip and a safe return.



WELCOMING OUR NEW FT. RECOVERY YOUTH MINISTER — Hello everyone! I'm Natalie Ashbaugh, and I'm thrilled to be the new Youth Ministry Coordinator at Ft. Recovery. I am a 2023 Coldwater graduate and recently earned my degree in Graphic and Multimedia Design from Wright State Lake Campus. I spend most of my time engaged as a Quo Vadis missionary, golfing, baking, and enjoying time with friends and family. I look forward to helping Fort Fiat grow not only in numbers but also in bringing each child closer to Jesus Christ.

CHICKEN DINNERS — Chicken Dinner Fundraiser 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 4th. 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.

BOOK STUDY WITH FR. BARRY — Join Fr Barry for study and discussion on the topic of the meaning of Christian death and the resurrection of the body. The May 8th, 15th, & 22nd classes are available for attendance. You do not need the book to attend. ALL are Welcome!

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

ROSE SALE — The Mercer County Right to Life Mother's Day Rose Sale will be held after the Masses Mother's Day weekend (May 10/11th).

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.

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

CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH — Fr. Olszewski will be visiting our parish next weekend to speak at a few our the Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach, which was founded to forge a stronger and more supportive link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns serving the poor in the Caribbean, Africa, Southeast Asia, and Central and South America.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION — First Communion Masses are being held this weekend at the following locations: Saturday, May 3rd at St. Anthony at 4 pm Saturday, May 3rd at Mary Help of Christians at 4:30 pm Sunday, May 4th at St. Paul at 11 am

Sunday, May 4th at St. Mary at 12 pm

MARIAN CONSECRATION WEEKLY GATHERINGS will be Sunday, May 4th, 11th, 18th, & 25th 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 on the soccer field. Everyone is welcome to attend any or all gatherings.

MARIAN CONSECRATION WEEKLY MEETINGS — will be held in Holy Trinity's Grotto on Tuesday, May 6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th at 7:30 pm. Meetings will start with a parishioner led rosary followed by discussions led by Fr. Ethan. Everyone is welcome to attend any or all meetings.



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 ageold, 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.

Faith Fueled Friday's Cinco De Mama eveni. Opening Our Eyes To Gŏd's Plan

with Julie Schlater

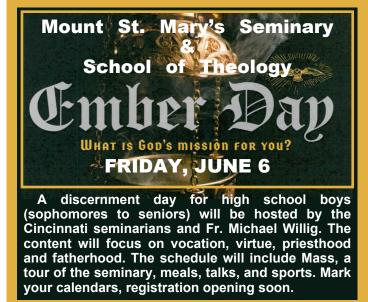


NOW with shopping! See our on our FB page!

Friday May 9, 2025 vendor line-up Mary Help of Chrisiians Undercroft 6:00 "sip and shop" 7:00 speaker

> Margarijas, drinks, and snacks Free-will donaiion RSVP îo Sarah @419-234-3152





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MAY 31ST

OPENSAT 5:00
ATENTEVENT HOSTEDAT MARY
HISTOROF CHIRTSTRANS FIELD

HOLY CROSS COTTAGENTSHOW STARTING AT 7:00



ALL TALENTS WELCOME

FOOD TRUCKS-BOUNCY HOUSES-PRIZES

Use the following link: https://forms.gle/d96VQC3RmY5Q5YT37 or the QR Code above to sign up for HOLY CROSS GOT TALENT SHOW.

Sign up by: Saturday, May 24th to participate in the Talent Show!

(Questions: please contact either Family Parish Office.)

Parish Information



R O S A R Y
L E A D E R S
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!

2025 K OF C SPRING CLOTHING DRIVE — Saturday, May 10th from 9 am - 12 Noon. This is a Drive Thru Drop off held at Holy Trinity Church south parking lot. Donation request: New or gently used clothing of all sizes. All donations should be packaged in sturdy cardboard boxes. High demand request items: New underwear & socks.

K OF C PICNIC — Knights of Columbus picnic with proceeds benefitting over 35 organizations and charities. Friday, May 30th, stands and jump houses open 6 pm with Entertainment by Roger Demange at 7:30 pm and free kids' movie at dusk. Saturday, May 31st stands and jump houses open after 4:30 pm Mass with entertainment by the Day Drinkers at 7 pm and free kids' movie at dusk. Sunday, June 1st, stands and jump houses open at 1 pm, free pony rides at 2 pm, Entertainment by Jeff and Hanna Acoustics at 3 pm, Chicken dinners 3 - 5 pm and open mic night at 7 pm. For more information or to volunteer at a stand please contact Trustee Shaun Seitz 419-733-1002.



St. Mary

V A C A T I O N BIBLE SCHOOL

St. Mary SummerBible School will be June 25, 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.



PETER

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 18th. All are welcome and encouraged to come enjoy the meal and congratulate our graduating seniors!

CHURCH GROUND CLEANUP & MULCHING — Men's Sodality will be doing the church ground cleanup/mulching beginning at 6 pm Monday, May 19th (rain date: May 20th). Pizza and a sodality meeting to follow.



St. Peter

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

ST.

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.



St. Anthony

T H U R S D A Y 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.

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 5th grade are invited to participate in this year's VBS program. 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 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.



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! 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.



St. Joseph

The children of Marjorie Schoenherr would like to thank

THANK YOU —

everyone who helped with our

Mother's funeral. Special thanks to Fr. Ethan Moore, Mass Servers Mel Bertke and Tom Sudhoff, Maria Bergman and the St. Joseph Choir, Norma Pottkotter and helpers for the luncheon, Holy Cross Family Bereavement, Thomas Shaw with Brockman Boeckman Funeral Home. Thank you to everyone who offered prayers and visited our Mother in the nursing home. Your kindness is appreciated.

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

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

Tues., Sept. 2nd - Thurs., Sept. 4th - Festival Set-Up Friday, September 5th - St. Joe Cornhole Tournament

Religious Education

Coldwater Religious Ed.

Contact: Sarah Klosterman

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

SACRAMENTAL DATES TO NOTE:

- 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 30th. To register, scan the QR code provided below and follow these steps:

- 1. Select your parish.
- 2. Click the Register Your Children button.
- 3. 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.

2025/2026 CONFIRMATION NOTICE: Due to the installation of the new Archbishop the 2025/2026 confirmation dates are to be determined at a later date.

Summer Reset

WE WILL BE CLEANING AND ORGANIZING CCD AND YOUTH SUPPLIES AND SPACES.

Father Yauss

June 9 - 9am - 4pm | 5-7 volunteers (Pizza lunch will be provided)

June 10 - 1pm - 4pm | 2-4 volunteers

June 11 - 1pm - 4pm | 2-4 volunteers

St. Anthony School Hall

June 25 - 1pm - 4pm | 2-4 volunteers

St. Mary School Hall

July 16 - 1pm - 4pm | 2-4 volunteers

If interested in assisting please reach out to Sarah Klosterman sklosterman.holycrossfop@gmail.com

Fort Recovery Religious Ed.

Contact: Harlie Metzger

hmetzger.holycrossfop@gmail.com, 419-375-4153

SACRAMENTAL DATES TO NOTE:

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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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 25th.



3rd Sunday of Easter

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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 9th (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

LEADERSHIP AWARD — Congratulations to Evan Evers & Marlee Fiely on being awarded the 2025 leadership awards!

Coldwater Youth Group

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

MONDAY, MAY 5 — 11:18 - 11:45 - High School Lunch @ Fr. Yauss (grades 9th - 12th)

TUESDAY, MAY 6 — 7 - 8 am - High School Bible Study @ Rooster Joe (grades 9^{th} - 12^{th})

Attention: Stay tuned to Group Me for Sunday Events during May!

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Jesus said to him, "Tend My sheep."

Jn 21:17

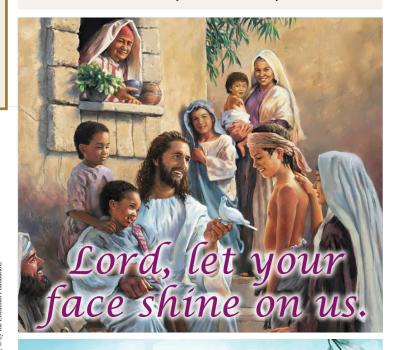
Saint of the Week St. Damien Joseph de Veuster of Moloka'i

In the mid-1990s, a heavily bearded, bespectacled Robin Williams appeared on Late Night with David Letterman, whose host was clearly taken aback. Letterman inquired as to why the wild look. Uncharacteristically subdued, the usually manic comic responded that he was producing and starring in a movie about a most extraordinarily compassionate man, Damien, the Leper Priest of Moloka'i. Some saints transcend religious and ethnic boundaries to touch the heart that beats in each human being: Francis of Assisi;



Mother Teresa; and, though Williams' film was never completed, his admiration speaks, as does Damien's statue outside the capitol in Honolulu, of this newest saint's universal appeal. Far from his native Flanders' idyllic beauty and rich culture, Damien volunteered to bear Christ's light into Moloka'i's bleak leper colony, building decent homes, opening schools, establishing clinics, planting farms, sharing the sufferings—and the social stigma—of those with whom he delighted to identify: "We lepers," he would proudly say when finally he contracted leprosy. Saint Damien challenges us to identify the lepers of our own day, to examine our compassion for and our identification with them. — Peter Scagnelli

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Community Interests

2025 K OF C SPRING CLOTHING DRIVE — Saturday, May 10th from 9 am - 12 Noon. This is a Drive Thru Drop off held at Holy Trinity Church south parking lot. Donation request: New or gently used clothing of all sizes. All donations should be packaged in sturdy cardboard boxes. High demand request items: New underwear & socks.

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.

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.

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.

MCRTL - MOTHER'S DAY ROSE SALE — 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.

THE CATHOLIC ADULT SINGLES CLUB — This is a Catholic club for adults 21 and older that has social events every weekend and a club meeting once a month. For more information please call (567) 510-8197.

ST. ANTHONY T-BALL — St. Anthony T-ball/baseball for children ages. 4-10 years old, will be Monday nights at 6:30 pm. 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.

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.

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.

FT. RECOVERY DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA — Meeting Tuesday, May 6 at 7:45 pm at the K of C Hall in Ft. Recovery.

QUO VADIS NIGHT — Sunday, May 11th at 7:00 pm at the Maria Stein Spiritual Center. We will be playing Catholic Jeopardy. 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 18th, 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.

COLDWATER K OF C PICNIC — Proceeds benefit over 35 organizations and charities. Friday, May 30th, stands and Jump houses open 6 pm with Entertainment by Roger Demange at 7:30 pm and free kids' movie at dusk. Saturday, May 31st stands and jump houses open after 4:30 pm Mass with entertainment by the Day Drinkers at 7 pm and free kids' movie at dusk. Sunday, June 1st, stands and jump houses open at 1 pm, free pony rides at 2 pm, Entertainment by Jeff and Hanna Acoustics at 3 pm, Chicken dinners 3 - 5 pm and open mic night at 7 pm. For more information or to volunteer at a stand please contact Trustee Shaun Seitz 419-733-1002.

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 Tues. & Thurs. evenings, May 27 - 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.

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.

MINISTRY TO SURVIVORS OF ABUSE (REPORTING) —

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati regards child abuse in all its forms as gravely sinful and criminal. Anyone who knows of or suspects child abuse by a legitimate member of the clergy or hierarchy, employee, or volunteer of the archdiocese should first report the abuse to the appropriate secular legal authority and then to Ms. Teresa Maley, Coordinator of Ministry to Survivors of Abuse of the Archdiocese, at 513.263.6623 or 1.800.686.2724 ext. 6623.

SAINTS OF HOPE GUIDED MEDITATIONS — Celebrate the Holy Year at the Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics with guided meditations on Saints whose lives give witness to hope in our world. Meditations include Bl. Carlo Acutis, St. Monica, St. Rita Cascia, and St. Francis of Assisi. Be a Pilgrim of Hope in 2025 by coming to the Maria Stein Shrine! These guided meditations are free, open to the public and will last approximately 45 minutes, no registration is required. The Shrine is located at 2291 St Johns Rd, Maria Stein, OH. Sunday May 4 at 2 pm; Wednesday May 7 at 10 am & 6 pm; Thursday May 8 at 10 am; Friday May 9 at 2 pm.

2025 TASTE OF THE SHRINE — On Thursday, May 22nd, from 5pm - 8pm, the Maria Stein Shrine will host the fifth annual Taste of the Shrine! This unique event will give attendees the opportunity to enjoy the historic beauty and charm of the Shrine. Enjoy fellowship while sampling some of the finest food and drink available in God's country. This event is held in the Shrine Courtyard. Early bird discount on tickets, 30 for \$30, is available now through May 16th. After May 16th, tickets are 24 for \$30. Tickets can be used to purchase food and drinks from participating vendors, samples of food and drink will be priced at 1-10 tickets each. In addition, there will be a \$1,000 raffle drawing during the event at 7:00pm. Silent and live auction! You will have the opportunity to bid on items from local businesses. Food & Drink and Raffle tickets can be purchased at the Shrine, online at mariasteinshrine.org or by calling 419-925-4532. The Shrine is located at 2291 St Johns Rd, Maria Stein, OH.

JESUS AND THE JUBILEE SUMMER BOOK STUDY — Learn more about the Biblical Roots of the Jubilee Year at one of the Holy Sites designated by the Archbishop, the Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics. In biblical times, a jubilee was a time to rejoice, and this is still the case when the Church announces a jubilee. This study will get to the roots of the Jubilee, showing how this practice was established to preserve freedom, family, and the fullness of God's blessing for the ancient Israelites. This study will last three Fridays at 10 am on May 30, June 6 & June 13, meet in the Gast gallery. This study

is free and open to the public, sign up online at mariasteinshrine.org. Books are available for purchase in the Pilgrim Gift Shop.

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.

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

SHOE COLLECTION — Coldwater Kiwanis is collecting new and gently used shoes for those in third world countries. Shoes must be wearable, NO high heels or winter boots. Drop-off May 1 - 31 at Innergy Fitness, Chief's, Briarwood and Coldwater Library.



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