

- The Good Shepherd -

*"My sheep hear my voice;
I know them, and they follow Me."*



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Holy Trinity

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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

Family Offices



St. Anthony



St. Joseph



St. Mary



St. Paul



St. Peter

Website:

www.holycrossfop.org

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/holycrossfop



Sunday, May 11, 2025
Fourth 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 12 <i>Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr; opt. mem.</i>	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	Ralph Gels †	After Mass
	6:45 pm	St. Peter	Pauline Reinhart †	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Tuesday, May 13 <i>Our Lady of Fatima; opt. mem.</i>	7:15 am	St. Mary	Eugene Bruns †	After Mass
	6:45 pm	St. Joseph	George & Anna Marie Hart †	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Wednesday, May 14 <i>Saint Matthias, Apostle; Feast</i>	7:15 am (L/S)	MHC	Tracy Westgerdes †	After Mass
	Noon (L/S)	Holy Trinity	Donald J. Muhlenkamp †	11:30 am - end
Thursday, May 15 <i>Saint Isidore; opt. mem.</i>	7:15 am	St. Paul	Rich Meier †	After Mass
	6:45 pm	St. Anthony	Joe Diller †	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Friday, May 16 <i>Easter Weekday</i>	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	L/D of Anthony Moorman & Alex Clune Families †	After Mass
	Noon (L/S)	MHC	Joan Timmerman †	11:30 am - end
Saturday, May 17 <i>Easter Weekday</i>	9:00 am	St. Joseph	L/D Gene & Pat Sieftring †	After Mass
	4:00 pm	St. Anthony	Graduates & Their Families	3:15 - 3:45 pm
	4:30 pm	Holy Trinity	Brad Wendel †	3:45 - 4:15 pm
	4:30 pm (L/S)	MHC	Jeff Knapke †	3:45 pm - end
Sunday, May 18 <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>	7:00 am	St. Joseph	Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life	N/A
	8:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	L/D Steinlage & Koesters Families †	7:25 am - end
	9:00 am (L/S)	MHC	Graduates & Their Families	8:25 am - end
	10:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	Graduates & Their Families	9:25 am - end
	11:00 am	St. Paul	Graduates & Their Families	10:25 - 10:45 am
	11:00 am	St. Peter	Graduates & Their Families	10:25 - 10:45 am
	Noon	St. Mary	Graduates & 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

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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 14, 7:15 am

Servers: Joseph Bruns

Lector: Elly Boeckman

Friday, May 16, 12:00 pm

Servers: Xavier Bruns

Lector: Julie Schmitz

Saturday, May 17, 4:30 pm

Servers: Carson Fullenkamp, Lane Zehringer, Rachel Fortkamp

Lector: Kathy Portz

EMHC: Kathy Portz, Esther Heitkamp

Sacristan: Kathy Portz

Ushers: Floyd Bergman, Don Lennartz, Jeff Fullenkamp, Bobby Stump

Sunday, May 18, 9:00 am (Baccalaureate Mass)

Servers: Josh Evers, Tony Evers, Jackson Barga, John Bihn

Lector: Graduate

EMHC: Brad Evers, Michelle Evers

Sacristan: Steve & Amy Schmitz

Ushers: Jeff Wendel, Ken Romer, Chuck Keller, Nick Dues

- St. Joseph -

Tuesday, May 13, 6:45 pm

Servers: Tyler Dues, Joseph Bruns

Lector: Tim Hart

Sacristan: Norma Pottkotter

Saturday, May 17, 9:00 am

Servers: Theresa Hipple

Lector: Jane Hipple

Sunday, May 18, 7:00 am

Servers: Tyler Dues, Blaise Bergman, Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby

Lector: Karen Bertke

EMHC: Karen Bertke

Sacristan: Christa Fullenkamp

Ushers: Mel Bertke, Dave Lennartz

- St. Paul -

Thursday, May 15, 7:15 am

Servers: Korbin & Hayden Wuebker

Sunday, May 18, 11:00 am (Baccalaureate Mass)

Servers: Reece LeFevre, Camden LeFevre, Olivia Knapke, Lauren Hart

Lector: Graduate

EMHC: Julie Bruns, Chrissy Hart

Ushers: Mike Bruns, Matt Hart

Rosary: Harry & Barb Schoen

- St. Peter -

Monday, May 12, 6:45 pm

Servers: Theo Schmitz

Lector: Marilyn Pottkotter

Sunday, May 18, 11:00 am (Baccalaureate Mass)

Servers: Will Westgerdes, Reed Westgerdes, Clete Timmerman, Amber Timmerman, Chris Timmerman, Wade Gaerke

Lector: Graduate

EMHC: Ben Knapke

Sacristan: Lisa Roessner

Ushers: Tom Braun, Joe Will

- Holy Trinity -

Monday, May 12, 7:15 am

Servers: Oliver Link, Owen May

Lector: Rene Klosterman

Wednesday, May 14, 12:00 pm

Servers: Samuel Gerlach, Oliver Link

Lector: Rene Klosterman

Friday, May 16, 7:15 am

Servers: Blake Wenning, Dillan Wenning

Lector: Rita Riethman

Saturday, May 17, 4:30 pm

Servers: Lucas Broering, Claire Bertke, Emma Siefing

Lector: Joyce Ontrop

EMHC: Dave Bertke, Michelle Wilker, Denny Riethman

Sunday, May 18, 8:00 am

Servers: Zachary Schwieterman, Dana Knapke, Myra Knapke

Lector: Gary Diller

EMHC: Jennifer Kremer, Kathy Prenger

Sunday, May 18, 10:00 am (Baccalaureate Mass)

Servers: Evan Schmitmeyer, Madelyn Lange, Need Volunteers

Lector: Jenny Dippold, Need Volunteer

EMHC: Need Volunteers

Sunday, May 18, 6:00 pm

Servers: Elisabeth Ebbing, Olivia Broering

Lector: Charmaine Bettinger

EMHC: Sarah Klosterman, Amy Klingshirm

- St. Anthony -

Thursday, May 15, 6:45 pm

Servers: Wesley Geier

Lector: Janet Brockman

Sacristan: Janet Brockman

Saturday, May 17, 4:00 pm (Baccalaureate Mass)

Servers: Volunteers Needed

Lector: Volunteers Needed

EMHC: Volunteers Needed

Sacristan: Volunteers Needed

Ushers: Volunteers Needed

Rosary: Volunteer Needed

- St. Mary -

Tuesday, May 13, 7:15 am

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby

Lector: Stephanie Wendel

Sunday, May 18, 12:00 pm (Baccalaureate Mass)

Servers: Will Moorman, Volunteers Needed

Lector: Jackie Broering, Volunteer Needed

EMHC: Stephanie Wendel, Volunteers Needed

Ushers: Volunteers Needed





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Mother's Day

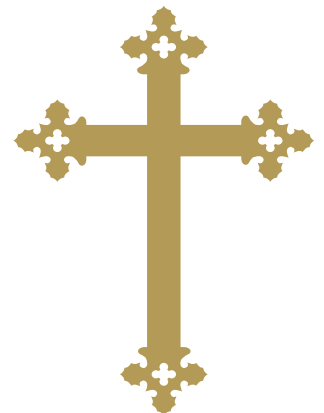
In the animal kingdom 🐯🐅🐆🐇🐈🐉🐊🐋 it is incredible to witness the instinct present found in mothers caring for their kin. We've all seen those videos of zebra moms rescuing their little one from a lion 🦁 or warthog mommas going ham 🐗 on a croc 🐊 coming after their baby, or maybe it's just me 😬. Nature has a way to capture something that seems essential to motherhood, heck we often even refer to Moms as Momma Bear 🐻. As incredible 💥 as this is found out in the wild, there is nothing like a Mother's love 💕. We all have a mom 👩👧👦👨, which means we lived inside them for 9 months as they cared for us, nurtured us, and brought us into this world 🌍. What a gift 🎁! Each and every mom is unique and loves ❤️ in their own personal way.

Yet all of us share a single spiritual Mother in Mary 👑. She is given to us by God to be with us and to guide us with a tenderness that always directs us to her Son 🙈. Jesus more than anybody desires 🍏 us to take Mary into the home 🏠 of our interior life. To think the overwhelming majority, 30 out of 33 years, of Jesus' life was spent simply spending time 🕒 and being with Mary, His Mother. So too then in the order of our life of faith 🙏 is our Momma Mary present to us providing us the grace we need to follow the Father's Will. In fact, one title of Mary is the Mediatrix of all Graces 🙌. HUH? I know right, what a sick Mom flex 💪. But, what does that mean? In God's great economy 📈 of salvation He made it so all Grace (the free gift 🎁 of God providing supernatural assistance for us to live for His GLORY 🙌) is given by God and dispensed by Mary. Back up ⏮ wait what? Ok, so Jesus in His sacrifice 🩸 on the cross 🛎 won for all mankind the victory of salvation and is the source of ALL GRACE, yet Mary who was there too plays a pivotal role in graces given to us all. She is there, as a Mom, just as she was always there for Jesus, now she is for each of us.

What this means is that Mary is actively aware of our heart ❤️ and our needs, and dearly wants to care for us like a good Mom. Today, let us pray in thanksgiving for Mary, our Mom, who is there for us 😊, supporting us, loving us, and leading us to Jesus and guiding us by God's grace.

As we continue our 33 day journey 🛤 of Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary, providentially this week we touch on Mary through reflections on "Mary, your True Mother in the Order of Grace" a further invitation 📧 to "Know your Mother" and to "Let Her Feed You & Nourish You" we can see 👁 that this Mom is here for us, and the more we live as her sons and daughters the more we will become like Jesus 🙈.

- Fr. Ethan



Sacramental Information

Wedding Banns

II Nick Link & Conner Muhlenkamp
I Alec Holthaus & Kylie Post

And the two shall become one.

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.

Marriage Congratulations!

Tony & Courtney (Stalder) Schulze
Married Saturday, May 3, 2025
(Holy Trinity)

Joshua & Haley (Kahlig) Homan
Married Saturday, May 3, 2025
(St. Paul)

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

Newly Baptized

Holy Trinity
Simon Joseph Wendel
Child of Joshua & Emily

St. Anthony
Ruth Marie Sudhoff
Child of Issac & Erika

St. Joseph
Roman Daniel Faller
Child of Brent & Sarah

In Loving Memory...

Marjorie T. Schoenherr
November 29, 1932 — April 20, 2025
(St. Joseph)

Margaret "Peg" C. Faller
January 15, 1958 - April 20, 2025
(Mary Help of Christians)

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

Baccalaureate Masses



Masses will be held the weekend of May 17/18.

Saturday, May 17
St. Anthony: 4:00 pm

Sunday, May 18
Mary Help of Christians: 9:00 am
Holy Trinity: 10:00 am
St. Paul: 11:00 am
St. Peter: 11:00 am
(Includes St. Joseph & St. Peter Baccalaureates)
St. Mary: Noon

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 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. 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

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.



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).

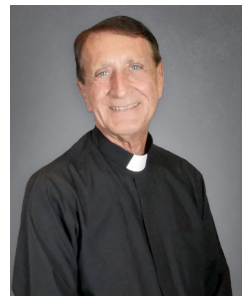
BOOK STUDY WITH FR. BARRY — Join Fr Barry for study and discussion on the topic of the meaning of Christian death and the resurrection of the body. The May 15th & 22nd classes are available for attendance. You do not need the book to attend. ALL are Welcome!

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 15th.

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 16th.


VBS — Registration forms for Vacation Bible School at St. Peter, St. Paul, and MHC are available in the back of each Ft. Recovery 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.

CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH — Please welcome Fr. Olszewski, who will speak at a few of our 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. Please be generous in your response to Fr. Olszewski's appeal. Brochures will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry.



MISSION LOTTERY WINNER — (4/16/25) Jake & Heather Wenning, Fort Recovery, OH — Congratulations!

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



Starting May 15th

IGNITE

YOUNG ADULT GROUP (18-24)
HOLY CROSS FAMILY OF PARISHES
FAITH. FRIENDSHIP. FIRE

Every Thursday @ 7 pm
MHC Youth Group Room




Deepen your relationship with God while navigating adulthood

Build Community

Grow closer to Christ as you move into a new phase of life

Interested? Text Chase Kaiser at (419) 268-8432 for more info!

"Do not let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers..."
- 1 Timothy 4:12





First Holy COMMUNION

Congratulations!

to All of the First Communicants who received their First Holy Communion over the last few weeks.

Photos will be available on our Facebook page!



MASS INTENTIONS REMINDER — Mass Intentions are open for scheduling now through May 2026. As a reminder, each individual parishioner at the Coldwater parishes is allowed one Mass Intention and each individual parishioner at the Fort Recovery parishes is allowed two Mass Intentions per calendar year. The suggested donation for a Mass Intention is \$5. Example formats for Mass Intentions are as follows: John Doe; John & Jane Doe; L/D John & Jane Doe Family; John & Jane Doe Wedding Anniversary.

MARIAN CONSECRATION WEEKLY GATHERINGS — will be Sunday, May 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 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.



**Mount St. Mary's
Seminary
&
School of Theology**

Ember Day
WHAT IS GOD'S MISSION FOR YOU?

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

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.

*World Day
of Prayer for
VOCATIONS*

*Seek HIS FACE
Know HIS LOVE
Serve HIS PEOPLE*



*The 62nd
World Day
of
Prayer for Vocations*

This day is fulfilling the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, and consecrated life including societies of apostolic life and secular institutes. More information and resources for promoting vocations can be found at:

<https://Worlddayofprayerforvocations.com>

Sunday, May 11, 2025

JOYFEST

**MAY
31ST**

**OPENS AT 5:30
A TENT EVENT HOSTED AT MARY
HELP OF CHRISTIANS FIELD**

**HOLY CROSS GOT TALENT SHOW
STARTING AT 7:00**

SIGN UP



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.)

The background of the entire page is a soft-focus image of pink cherry blossoms with green leaves. The flowers are in various stages of bloom, creating a delicate and beautiful texture.

Mother's Day

Motherhood comes in many forms, not just the biological. There are adopted mothers, spiritual mothers, godmothers, saintly mothers and of course the most beautiful & wonderful example of mothers, Our Blessed Mother.

- ♥ To those who gave birth this year to their first child – we celebrate with you.
- ♥ To those who lost a child this year – we mourn with you.
- ♥ To those who are in the trenches with little ones every day and wear the badge of food stains – we appreciate you.
- ♥ To those who experienced loss this year through miscarriage, failed adoptions, or running away – we grieve with you.
- ♥ To those who walk the hard path of infertility, fraught with pokes, prods, tears, and disappointment – we walk with you. Forgive us when we say foolish things. We don't mean to make this harder than it is.
- ♥ To those who are foster moms, mentor moms, and spiritual moms – we need you.
- ♥ To those who have warm and close relationships with your children – we celebrate with you.
- ♥ To those who have disappointment, heartache, and distance with your children – we sit with you.
- ♥ To those who lost their mothers this year – we grieve with you.
- ♥ To those who experienced abuse at the hands of your own mother – we acknowledge your experience.
- ♥ To those who lived through driving tests, medical tests, and the overall testing of motherhood – we are better for having you in our midst.
- ♥ To those who will have emptier nests in the upcoming year – we grieve and rejoice with you.
- ♥ And to those who are pregnant with new life, both expected and surprising – we anticipate with you.

Parish Information



Holy Trinity

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!

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. Anthony

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 vbsstanthony.com. 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=w1_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. Mary

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

LADIES SODALITY SENIOR CITIZENS GARAGE SALE DONATIONS — A trailer for donations will be located on the east side of Church on June 7, 8, and 9th (Saturday-Monday). You may also drop off donation items on site during select Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. See link for available dates and times. <https://mcco.net/garage-sales>. **ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:** No paint/ stain/ chemicals, tires, piano/ organ, mattresses/box springs, tube type TVs, large entertainment centers, comforters.

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



St. Joseph

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



St. Peter

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, Kelsey Grieshop, Brittany Siefiring, Teresa Meyer, Valerie Heitkamp, Peyton Dues, Ruth Siefiring, Sarah Sudhoff, Jamie Albers.



Mary Help of Christians

SEWING GROUP

— Sewing on Mon., May 12 from 9 am - 3 pm in the Undercroft. If

anyone is interested in sewing with us or has any questions, please come enjoy the day or just a few hours. If there is a funeral luncheon on Monday we will not meet until June 9, 2025. Questions about the sewing group, please call RuthEtta at 419-375-4064 or Eileen at 419-852-3534.

Religious Education

Coldwater Religious Ed.

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SACRAMENTAL DATES TO NOTE:

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.

Fort Recovery Religious Ed.

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SACRAMENTAL DATES TO NOTE:

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

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

St. Peter/Joe Baccalaureate Mass - Sunday, May 18th, 11:00 am (at St. Peter)

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

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.

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



SUNDAYKIDZ

4th Sunday of Easter

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Eternal Parish Greater Hand One

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Youth Ministry

Fort Fiat Youth Group

Contact: Natalie Ashbaugh
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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 12 — 11:18 - 11:45 - High School Lunch @ Fr. Yauss (grades 9th - 12th)

TUESDAY, MAY 13 — 7 - 8 am - High School Bible Study @ Rooster Joe (grades 9th - 12th)

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

Saint of the Week - St. Isidore the Farmer

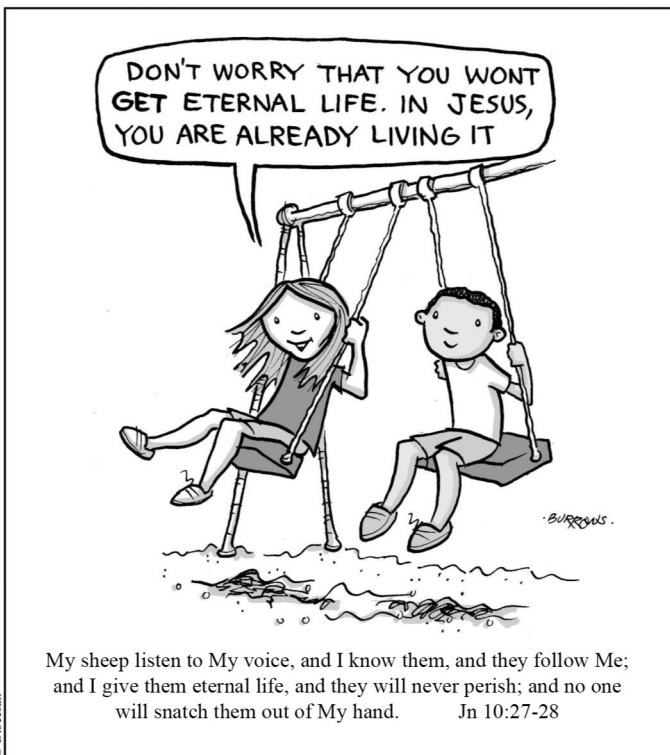
Isidore has become the patron of farmers and rural communities. In particular, he is the patron of Madrid, Spain, and of the United States National Rural Life Conference. When he was barely old enough to wield a hoe, Isidore entered the service of John de Vergas, a wealthy landowner from Madrid, and worked faithfully on his estate outside the city for the rest of his life. He married a young woman as simple and upright as himself who also became a saint—Maria de la Cabeza. They had one son, who died as a child. Isidore had deep religious instincts. He rose early in the morning to go to church and spent many a holiday devoutly visiting the churches of Madrid and surrounding areas. All day long, as he walked behind the plow, he communed with God. His devotion, one might say, became a problem, for his fellow workers sometimes complained that he often showed up late because of lingering in church too long. He was known for his love of the poor, and there are accounts of Isidore's supplying them miraculously with food. He had a great concern for the proper treatment of animals. He died May 15, 1130, and was declared a saint in 1622, with Saints Ignatius of Loyola, Francis Xavier, Teresa of Avila, and Philip Neri. Together, the group is known in Spain as "the five saints."

- Information obtained from franciscanmedia.org



The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



YOUTH MINISTRY 2025

Summer Events

High School Lunch

MEETINGS ARE 11:30 AM EVERY MONDAY @ THE FR. YAUSS LUNCH IS PROVIDED! GRADES 9 -12 ARE WELCOME TO COME! (PLEASE USE QR CODE TO SIGN UP TO ENSURE WE HAVE THE ENOUGH FOOD PREPARED)



Christ & Coffee

MEETINGS ARE 7 AM EVERY TUESDAY @ ROOSTER JOE'S! BRING A BIBLE! GRADES 7-12 ARE WELCOME TO COME!



Thank You!

To This Week's Youth Group Lunch Sponsor

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Community Interests

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.

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.

MERCER COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE - 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.

2025 TASTE OF THE SHRINE — On Thursday, May 22nd, from 5 - 8 pm. 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 pm. 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.

JESUS & THE JUBILEE SUMMER BOOK STUDY — Learn 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. The study will be 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.

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.

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@stisidorefamilia.org.

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.

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.

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.

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.

QUO VADIS NIGHT!

SUNDAY, MAY 11

**CATHOLIC
JEOPARDY
NIGHT**

7 P.M. AT THE SPIRITUAL CENTER

2365 St. Johns Rd. Maria Stein, OH 45860

This event is for any young adult ages 18-29.

Quo Vadis
Where are you going?

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April 21-27, 2025

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