



Famíly Offices



<u>Holy Tríníty</u>

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 Chrístíans

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

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

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St. Anthony



St. Mary





St. Peter



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
Monday, May 19	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	Homan & Hoying Families †	After Mass
Easter Weekday	6:45 pm	St. Peter	L/D Stanley & Viola Ahlers Family +	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Tuesday, May 20	7:15 am	St. Mary	L/D Bruns and Buzard Family +	After Mass
Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest; opt. mem.	6:45 pm	St. Joseph	Steve Kaiser +	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Wednesday, May 21 Saint Christopher	7:15 am (L/S)	MHC	Kenneth Vondrell +	After Mass
Wednesday, May 21 Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions; Martyrs; opt. mem.	Noon (L/S)	Holy Trinity	Gary Van Den Bosch †	11:30 am - end
Thursday, May 22 Saint Rita of Cascia,	7:15 am	St. Paul	Renee Huber +	After Mass
Religious; opt. mem.	6:45 pm	St. Anthony	Rick Pleiman +	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Friday, May 23	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	Carl Van Den Bosch †	After Mass
Easter Weekday	Noon (L/S)	MHC	Carol Hartnagel +	11:30 am - end
	9:00 am	MHC	Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life	After Mass
Saturday, May 24	4:00 pm	St. Anthony	John Brunswick †	3:15 - 3:45 pm
Easter Weekday	4:30 pm	Holy Trinity	L/D Charles Koester Family +	3:45 - 4:15 pm
	4:30 pm (L/S)	MHC	L/D Alvin & Rose Timmerman Family †	3:45 pm - end
	7:00 am	St. Joseph	L/D St. Joseph Ladies Sodality +	N/A
	8:00 am (<i>L/S</i>)	Holy Trinity	Dennis & Joann Bergman +	7:25 am - end
	9:00 am (<i>L/S</i>)	MHC	L/D Jerry & Irene Timmerman Family +	8:25 am - end
Sunday, May 25	10:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	Matthew Schwieterman, Jr. +	9:25 am - end
6 th Sunday of Easter	11:00 am	St. Paul	Members of the Holy Cross Family of Parishes	10:25 - 10:45 am
	11:00 am	St. Peter	L/D Raphael & Anna Garke Family †	10:25 - 10:45 am
	Noon	St. Mary	Virginia Boeckman +	11:25 - 11:45 am
	6:00 pm	Holy Trinity	L/D Jim & Lucille Ontrop Family †	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.

<u>Adoratíon Schedules</u>

 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, May 21, 7:15 am

Servers: Chase Fiely Lector: Ted Romer

Friday, May 23, 12:00 pm Servers: Zavier Bruns Lector: Diane Siegrist

Saturday, May 24, 9:00 am (Solemnity of MHC) Servers: Levi Sutter Lector: Paige Schulze

Saturday, May 24, 4:30 pm

Servers: Anthony Roessner, Vincent Wenning, Natalie Wenning, John Bihn Lector: Diane Siegrist EMHC: Ruth Beyke, Rose Tobe Sacristan: Maggie Hartings Ushers: Floyd Bergman, Don Lennartz, Joe Siegrist, Matt Whitacre

Sunday, May 25, 9:00 am

Servers: Chase Fiely, Milo Fiely, Ava Luster, Liam Luster Lector: Carol Jutte EMHC: Deacon Dan Kahlig, Wes Kahlig Sacristan: Lois Vogel Ushers: John Faller, Roger Broerman, Joe Grube, Harry Hart

– St. Joseph –

Tuesday, May 20, 6:45 pm

Servers: Logan Gaerke, Gavin Gaerke Lector: Lisa Roessner Sacristan: Shel Sutter Sunday, May 25, 7:00 am Servers: Matt Hess, Ben Homan, Eric Lamm, Dillan Schulze Lector: Pat Gehret EMHC: Eileen Lochtefeld

Sacristan: Kim Pottkotter Ushers: Steve Post, Bryan Pottkotter

- St. Paul -

Thursday, May 22, 7:15 am Servers: Hart Family Sunday, May 25, 11:00 am Servers: Evan Evers, Brady Evers, Hope Evers, Ty Evers Lector: Nikki Hawk EMHC: Nikki Hawk, Dennis Siefring Ushers: Joe Hawk Rosary: Jeff Meier, Jerry & Bec Bihn

– St. Peter –

Monday, May 19, 6:45 pm Servers: Chris Timmerman Lector: Nathan Fortkamp Sunday, May 25, 11:00 am Servers: Garrett Diller, Kale Diller, Easton Diller, Tyler Kahlig, Tate Kahlig, Wade Gaerke Lector: Katie Diller EMHC: Greg Diller Sacristan: Brenda Kahlig Ushers: Doug Kahlig, Mitchell Pugh

- Holy Trinity -

Monday, May 19, 7:15 am Servers: Clayton Schoen, Reagan Wenning Lector: Rene Klosterman Wednesday, May 21, 12:00 pm Servers: James Pottkotter, Francis Pottkotter Lector: Nancy Clune Friday, May 23, 7:15 am Servers: Lucas Broering, Oliver Link Lector: Rita Riethman Saturday, May 24, 4:30 pm Servers: Zachery Schwieterman, Isabella Schwieterman, David Dues Lector: Connie May EMHC: Dave Bertke, Mark Obringer, Brenda Schwieterman Sunday, May 25, 8:00 am Servers: Carter Heitkamp, Owen Heitkamp, Samuel Gerlach Lector: Landon Bruggeman **EMHC:** Betty Hamberg, Herb Hamberg Sunday, May 25, 10:00 am Servers: Andrew Wermert, Emmett Wermert, Heidi Wermert, Miles Bruns Lector: Holly Emerine EMHC: Cindy Schmidt, Cindy Geise, Kathy Schulze Sunday, May 25, 6:00 pm Servers: Brady Mathewson, Ryan Mathewson Lector: Terri Liette EMHC: Sarah Klosterman, Melinda Pleiman

- St. Anthony -

Thursday, May 22, 6:45 pm Servers: Wesley Geier Lector: Paul Welling Sacristan: Janet Brockman Saturday, May 24, 4:00 pm Servers: Mason Alig, Zach Ho

Servers: Mason Alig, Zach Homan, Lily Alig, Jack Link Lector: Bonnie Muhlenkamp EMHC: Tana Sudhoff Sacristan: Cindy Muhlenkamp Ushers: Jeff Sudhoff Rosary: Julie Brackman

– St. Mary –

Tuesday, May 20, 7:15 am Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby Lector: Viki Dues Sunday, May 25, 12:00 pm

Servers: Garrett Uhlenhake, Matthew Uhlenhake, Kate Uhlenhake Jacob Uhlenhake Lector: Martin Schoenherr EMHC: Amy Welling Ushers: Ben Uhlenhake, Dusty Uhlenhake



<u>Pastoral Staff</u>



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Summer Challenge

How do we think of Jesus? Certain phrases might come to mind, like "Mighty God", "Prince of Peace", "Wonder-Counselor"...maybe even "Problem Solver"? There are so many beautiful and Scriptural titles of our Lord. Even Holy Scripture, inspired as it is by the Holy Spirit, almost seems to struggle to describe this incredible God that we have. He is just so much that His breadth exceeds our capacity to fathom and describe. Words will always fall short.

And yet, despite how great our God is, due to our fallen nature, we often struggle to remain with God. Even if we see Him intellectually as the "greatest possible good" imaginable, we struggle to reflect that reality in our lives. For many of us, we have it written on our hearts, not with words, but with actions,

that Jesus is a "Burden". While we would never say those words out loud, sometimes this is just how we treat Him. One place where that can be loud and clear is when we go on vacation.



It's natural to think of vacation as a time to be away from work or school or chores or many of our other daily duties. But sometimes people go on vacation and take a vacation from God. Other times, God is an afterthought on vacation. We're getting ready to drive out or fly back home when suddenly we remember: how am I going to get to Mass this Sunday?

Vacations are a great thing. We all need them and I hope that, whether you travel elsewhere or just take some time off work to be at home, that you are able to take some time to decompress and be rejuvenated. But when you go on vacation this summer: take God with you! Vacation, in addition to helping reconnect with your family or friends or spouse, is also a great way to reconnect with your God. And there are many ways that you can do that. Here are a few simple suggestions:

- While traveling, take a break from the book, radio, podcast, or music and listen to a reflection or a Catholic podcast. The car is one of my favorite places to pray the Rosary. Dedicate some of that travel time to God.
- If you're reading a book on the beach, read a book of the Bible that you haven't read before. The Gospels are a great place to start!
- If you see some incredible sights, take some time to think about the God who created it. It's hard to look at something as wide and big as the ocean or the Grand Canyon and not appreciate the necessity of a God to have created all of this beauty.
- Take in a daily Mass or two. You have the time and it's a great opportunity to experience the universality of the Church. It's also a great way to connect you with different goals while you're on vacation (e.g. seeing parts of an unfamiliar city or having brunch).
- Don't forget the basics. Just taking the time to pray before meals or at the end of a great day with your family is a simple way to take God on your vacation.

For us as Catholics, Jesus isn't just something we do on Sundays or when we're upset or in trouble. Jesus should be the center of our lives. Let's show Him in some small way this week, no matter if you're at home or on vacation, that He is important to us and that we want Him in our lives.

In Christ,

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Fr. Witt



Holy Cross Family of Parishes

MASS CHANGE — The Saturday morning 9 am Mass on May 24 will be held at Mary Help of Christians instead of St. Joseph in observance of the Solemnity of Mary Help of Christians.

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.

MARIAN CONSECRATION WEEKLY GATHERINGS — will be Sunday, May 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 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.

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 22nd class is available for attendance. You do not need the book to attend. ALL are Welcome!

MEMORIAL DAY MASS CHANGES — Memorial Day Masses on Monday, May 26th will be held at 9 am at both Holy Trinity and Mary Help of Christians. There will be no 7:15 am Mass at Holy Trinity or 6:45 pm Mass at St. Peter that day. Also, there will be no adoration at St. Peter on Monday, May 26th, 2025.

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

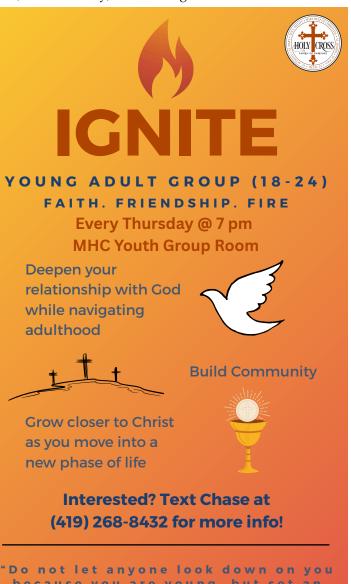
CCD REGISTRATION IS OPEN — Registration for 2025-2026 CCD classes are now open! Deadline for registration is June 30th. To register, scan the QR code provided below and follow these steps:

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MISSION LOTTERY WINNER — (4/23/25) Jack & Christy Diller, Fort Recovery, OH — Congratulations!



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





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(After Noon Mass)

Friday, June 20 ____ Sunday, June 22 (2:00pm)

40 hours will start with Noon Mass at St. Anthony leading up to Corpus Christi. Adoration will start after the Noon Mass. Sign up sheets are in the back of each of the 7 churches. One parishioner from each parish is asked to sign up in each time slot.

Note: Mary Help of Christians will not be having Noon Mass on Friday because it will be at St. Anthony instead.





Sign up by: Saturday, May 24th to participate in the Talent Show! (Questions: please contact either Family Parish Office.)



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



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.

Parish Information



ROSARY LEADERS NEEDED Please Coldwater contact the 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 CYO in the school hall following the graduation Mass on May by Roger Demange at 7:30 pm and free kids' movie at dusk. 18th. All are welcome and encouraged to come enjoy the meal Saturday, May 31st stands and jump houses open after 4:30 pm and congratulate our graduating seniors! 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.

K OF C PICNIC CAKE STAND NEEDS YOUR HELP! -The K of C Picnic Cake Stand would greatly appreciate any organ, mattresses/box springs, tube type TVs, large baked goods, such as cakes, cookies, cupcakes, brownies, and rice krispy treats. Cake mixes will be available at all entrances of Holy Trinity the weekend of May 24th and 25th. Baked goods can be dropped off at any time on Saturday, May 31st and Sunday, June 1st in the Holy Trinity parking lot, in the priest house garage. Hope to see you at the picnic!



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

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://mccoa.net/garage-sales. ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED: No paint/ stain/ chemicals, tires, piano/ 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.



S A C R I S T A N NEEDED — Please call the Coldwater Parish Office at (419) 678-4802 if you are interested in

becoming a sacristan for 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.



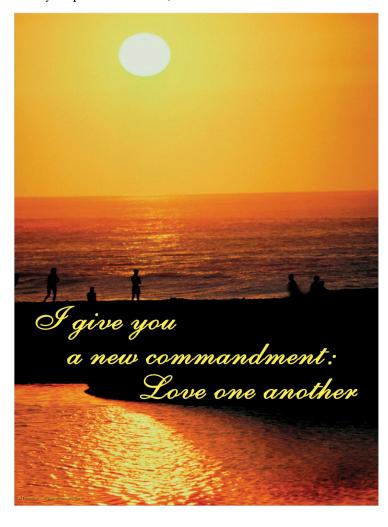
Lisa LeFevre

THANK YOU — Thank you to all who volunteered at, donated to, and shopped at the St. Joe Garage Sale in April. It was a success!

CHURCH CLEANING & FIXING — Clean up and fix up day at St. Joseph Church on Saturday, May 31st at 8:00 am. All help is deeply appreciated!

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

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





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.

BBQ Chicken Dinners

Sunday, June 29th • 4:00 - 5:00 PM <u>Donation:\$10.00 • Pre Sale Only</u>

NAME:

PHONE NUMBER

OF DINNERS:

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$_ (# OF DINNERS X \$10.00)

Deadline to order is June 8th, 2024

Please return top portion with money in an envelope marked "St. Peter Carnival" and place in the collection baskets at any of the Holy Cross Parishes.

Keep bottom portion as a reminder.

<u>St. Peter Catholic Church</u> <u>Family Carnival</u>

Sunday, June 29th, 2024 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Located at the St. Peter School Hall

BBQ Chicken Dinners

Provided by Wendel's BBQ

Sunday, June 29th, 2024 Pick up from 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Donation:\$10.00 (Pre Sale Only • Deadline to order 6/8/25)

Carry Out Dinners Include: 1/2 Chicken, Dinner Roll, Chips and Apple Sauce.

Contact Isaac Siegrist (419) 852-2710 with questions

MEN INQUIRING ABOUT THE PERMANENT DIACONATE — Any man who may be discerning a possible vocation to serve the Church as a Permanent Deacon should contact Deacon Mark Machuga, Director of the Office of the Diaconate, to discuss the discernment process, prerequisites, and the formation cycle. Deacon Mark can be reached at 513-263-6641 or deaconoffice@catholicaoc.org.

Relígious Education

Coldwater Religious Ed.

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

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

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2025/2026 CONFIRMATION MASS: Coldwater Confirmation Mass for the 2025/2026 school year is Oct 19th, 2025 at 3 pm @ Holy Trinity with Archbishop Casey presiding over this Mass.

Summer

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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

DATES TO NOTE:

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Jesus Son Man Glorify Children Little New Command Another Know

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Youth Ministry

Fort Fiat Youth Group

Contact: Natalie Ashbaugh nashbaugh.holycrossfop@gmail.com

SUMMER BREAK — Have a great summer break! We'll see you in June & July for summer rec nights! Watch Remind for dates, times and any updates.

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

Coldwater Youth Group

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

MONDAY, MAY 19 - 11:18 - 11:45 - High School Lunch @ Fr. Yauss (grades 9th - 12th)

TUESDAY, MAY 20 — 7 - 8 am - High School Bible Study @ Rooster Joe (grades 9th - 12th)

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

YOUTH MINISTRY 2025



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!

Saint of the Week - St. Rita of Cascia

Like Elizabeth Ann Seton, Rita of Cascia was a wife, mother, widow, and member of a religious community. Her holiness was reflected in each phase of her life. Born at Roccaporena in central Italy, Rita wanted to become a nun but was pressured at a young age into marrying a harsh and cruel man. During her 18-year marriage, she bore and raised two sons. After her husband was killed in a brawl and her sons had died, Rita tried to join the



Jim Burrows

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Augustinian nuns in Cascia. Unsuccessful at first because she was a widow, Rita eventually succeeded. Over the years, her austerity, prayerfulness, and charity became legendary. When she developed wounds on her forehead, people quickly associated them with the wounds from Christ's crown of thorns. She meditated frequently on Christ's passion. Her care for the sick nuns was especially loving. She also counseled lay people who came to her monastery. Beatified in 1626, Rita was not canonized until 1900. She has acquired the reputation, together with Saint Jude, as a saint of impossible cases. Many people visit her tomb each year. - Information obtained from franciscanmedia.org

The Little Ones



and I give them eternal life, and they will never perish; and no one In 10.27-28 will snatch them out of My hand.



To This Week's Youth Group Lunch Sponsor

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Community Interests

COLDWATER K OF C PICNIC CAKE STAND NEEDS **YOUR HELP!** — The K of C Picnic Cake Stand would greatly appreciate any baked goods, such as cakes, cookies, cupcakes, brownies, and rice krispy treats. Cake mixes will be available at all entrances of Holy Trinity the weekend of May 24th and 25th. Baked goods can be dropped off at any time on Saturday, May 31st and Sunday, June 1st in the Holy Trinity parking lot, in the priest house garage. Hope to see you at the picnic!

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

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.

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.

MERCER COUNTY CHURCH VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE -Summer league for both men and women. Teams forming for the League. Play on Tuesdays and Thursday in June and July. If you are interested in forming a team please contact Charmaine Bettinger at cbettinger.holycrossfop@gmail.com.

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.



Picnic Highlights

3 nights of free entertainment Budweiser products & vodka drinks Wine from Vineyard at Evergreen Farms Great food at family friendly prices Inflatables & activities for the entire family Free Pony Rides Sunday Afternoon Bingo & Games of Chance

Friday May 30th

6:00 - Food, Wine & Beer Stands open 7:30 - Entertainment by Roger DeMange 7:30 - Queen of Hearts ticket sales Dusk - Free Movie for the Kids 11:30 - Picnic Close

Saturday May 31st

4:30 - Mass in Holy Trinity Church 5:30 - All Stands Open following mass 6:30 to 8:30 - Dan/Dee Crafts 6:00 - Free Kiddie Barrel Train Rides 8:00 - Queen of Hearts Drawings Begin 7:00 - Entertainment by The Day Drinkers Dusk - Free Movie for the Kids 11:30 - Picnic Close

Sunday – June 1st

1:00 - All Stands Open 1:00 - Free Kiddie Barrel Train Rides 1:30 - Free Kiddie Tractor pull 2:00 - Free Euchre tournament

- 2:00 Free Lininger Pony Rides
- 2:00 Free Board Games
- 2:00 5:00 Dan/Dee Crafts
- 3:00 Music by Jeff and Hanna Acoustics

3:00 to 5:00 - Moeder BBQ Chicken Dinners D to 5:00 - Moeder DDQ Chicken Drainers organizations and Drive-up chicken dinners will be available organizations and charity

- 6:00 Mass in Holy Trinity Church
- 8:00 Stands Close
- 8:00 Raffle Drawing
- 9:00 Picnic Closes





The Day Drinkers



Jeff and Hanna Acoustics

Funds from last year supported charities.

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Contributions

April 21 - 27, 2025

St. Mary

Offertory.....\$ 785.00

Loose.....\$ 433.76

Total.....\$1,218.76

Perm. Improvement.....\$ 85.00 Candles.....\$

Offertory.....\$4,571.00

Loose.....\$2,884.00

Total\$7,455.00

Candles.....\$ 205.00

CRS\$2,784.63

*Online Giving Month\$7,555.00

51.00

Mary Help of Christians	Holy Trinity
Offertory\$5,324.00	Offertory\$6,217.00
Religious Ed\$ 30.00	Loose\$3,119.70
Holy Land\$ 70.00	Total\$9,336.70
Catholic Relief\$ 5.00	Perm. Improvement\$ 686.00
Cemetery\$ 10.00	Food Pantry\$ 848.00
Allocated Loose\$1,223.57	Candles\$ 128.00
	Youth Ministry\$ 15.00
St. Joseph	Good Friday\$ 105.00
Offertory\$1,391.00	-
Allocated Loose\$ 242.68	St. Anthony
	Offertory\$ 629.00
St. Peter	Loose\$ 322.00
Offertory\$2,670.00	Total\$ 951.00
Maintenance\$ 400.00	Good Friday\$ 120.00
Holy Land\$ 120.00	-

St. Paul			
Offertory	\$5	,311.00	
Maintenance	\$	100.00	
Holy Land	\$	125.00	
Allocated Loose			

Allocated Loose\$ 395.62

April 28 - May 4, 2025

Holy Trinity

Mary Help of Christians

Offertory	\$4,	237.00	
Catholic Relief	\$1,	488.00	
Flowers	\$	5.00	
Cemetery	\$	85.00	
Allocated Loose			

St. Joseph

Offertory\$	721.00
Catholic Relief\$	160.00
Cemetery\$	80.00
Allocated Loose\$	

St. Peter

Offertory\$1 Catholic Relief\$ Allocated Loose\$	994.00
St. Paul	

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Maintenance\$	100.00	*(
Allocated Loose\$	490.20	

St. Anthony	
Offertory\$	460.00
Loose\$	398.00
Total\$	858.00
Candles\$	73.00
CRS\$	430.00
*Online Giving Month\$	450.00

St. Mary

Offertory\$	605.00
Loose\$	458.00
Total\$1	,063.00
CRS\$	188.00
*Online Giving Month.\$	700.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Note: *Online Giving represents ALL eCatholic and EFT donations including Perm. Improvement and any other special collections that were donated online.



This week we highlight:

The Cornerstone Shop Selhorst Concrete Inc. Uhlenhake Landscape & Design LLC Howell, Gast-Schlater & Co., L.P.A.

N. J. Hogenkamp Sons, Inc - Coldwater C & B Sanning Auto Repair Midwest Dock & Door A & M RV Repair LLC