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Holy Trinity

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

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



Website:

www.holycrossfop.org

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/holycrossfop



St. Anthony



St. Joseph



St. Mary



St. Paul



St. Peter

Sunday, May 25, 2025
Sixth 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	Mass Intention	Time	Church	Confession
Monday, May 26 <i>Saint Philip Neri, Priest; Memorial</i>	Leroy Pohl †	9:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	After Mass
	Steve Grieshop †	9:00 pm (L/S)	MHC	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Tuesday, May 27 <i>Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop; opt. mem.</i>	Scott Dippold †	7:15 am	St. Mary	After Mass
	Lester & Millie Huelskamp †	6:45 pm	St. Joseph	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Wednesday, May 28 <i>Easter Weekday</i>	Greg McEldowney †	7:15 am (L/S)	MHC	After Mass
	Albert & Pauline Post †	Noon (L/S)	Holy Trinity	11:30 am - end
Thursday, May 29 <i>Saint Paul VI, Pope; opt. mem.</i>	Dale J. Sutter †	7:15 am	St. Paul	After Mass
	James Krieg †	6:45 pm	St. Anthony	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Friday, May 30 <i>Easter Weekday</i>	Dennis & Joann Bergman †	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	After Mass
	L/D Donald & Dolores Kahlig Family †	Noon (L/S)	MHC	11:30 am - end
Saturday, May 31 <i>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Feast</i>	L/D Ronald & Nancy Jones Family †	9:00 am	St. Joseph	After Mass
	Holthaus / Post Wedding	1:00 pm	Holy Trinity	N/A
	L/D Edgar & Rita Eyink Family †	4:00 pm	St. Anthony	3:15 - 3:45 pm
	Ralph & Dennis Broeker †	4:30 pm	Holy Trinity	3:45 - 4:15 pm
	Dan Diller †	4:30 pm (L/S)	MHC	3:45 pm - end
Sunday, June 1 <i>The Ascension of the Lord; Solemnity</i>	Dave Garke †	7:00 am	St. Joseph	N/A
	Members of the Holy Cross Family of Parishes	8:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	7:25 am - end
	Sawyer Overman †	9:00 am (L/S)	MHC	8:25 am - end
	Ginny Baucher †	10:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	9:25 am - end
	L/D Ves & Lucille Knapke Family †	11:00 am	St. Paul	10:25 - 10:45 am
	Jerry Obringer †	11:00 am	St. Peter	10:25 - 10:45 am
	L/D Louis Dirksen Family †	Noon	St. Mary	11:25 - 11:45 am
	John Fleck †	6:00 pm	Holy Trinity	5:15 - 5:45 pm

MASSSES 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

Adoration Schedules

Mon., SPT: 5:45 - 6:30 pm Wed., HT: 8 am - 11:45 am
 Tues., SM: 7:45 am - Noon Thurs., SPL: 7:45 am - 5 pm
 Tues., SJ: 8:30 am - 6:30 pm Thurs., SA: 5:45 - 6:30 pm
 Fri., MHC: 8 - 11:45 am

St. Joseph - First Fridays of the Month

8:30 pm Friday - 8:30 am Saturday

Contact Info.: Adoration.nw1@gmail.com

BULLETIN SUBMISSION NOTICE: Submissions must be received 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 –

Monday, May 26, 9:00 am

Servers: Emma Pearson, Grant Pearson

Lector: Les Wenning

Wednesday, May 28, 7:15 am

Servers: Joseph Bruns

Lector: Pauline Faller

Friday, May 30, 12:00 pm

Servers: Xavier Bruns

Lector: Kathy Portz

Saturday, May 31, 4:30 pm

Servers: Anthony Roessner, Vincent Wenning, Natalie Wenning, John Bihn

Lector: Missy Hart

EMHC: Missy Hart, Nancy Wuebker

Sacristan: Mark Roessner

Ushers: Floyd Bergman, Don Lennartz, Randy Wuebker, Ken Romer

Sunday, June 1, 9:00 am

Servers: Brodie Hart, Will Faller, Cora Pearson, Lucas Winner, Elijah Grieshop

Lector: Amy Klingshirn

EMHC: Amy Klingshirn, Karalee Jutte

Sacristan: Dan & Grace Jutte

Ushers: Mike Laux, Mark Metzger, Doug Schmitz, Greg Schmitz

– St. Joseph –

Tuesday, May 27, 6:45 pm

Servers: Logan Gaerke, Gavin Gaerke

Lector: Mary Gaerke

Sacristan: Paige Schulze

Saturday, May 31, 9:00 am

Servers: Tyler Dues

Lector: Jane Hipple

Sunday, June 1, 7:00 am

Servers: Tyler Dues, Joseph Bruns, James Pottkotter, Francis Pottkotter, Hudson Pottkotter

Lector: Jean Grube

EMHC: Jean Grube

Sacristan: Norma Pottkotter

Ushers: Allen Grube, Gary Pottkotter

– St. Paul –

Thursday, May 29, 7:15 am

Servers: Korbin & Hayden Wuebker

Sunday, June 1, 11:00 am

Servers: Russell Hart, Lauren Hart, Korbin Wuebker, Hayden Wuebker

Lector: Holly Wuebker

EMHC: Holly Wuebker, Chrissy Hart

Ushers: Matt Hart, John Meiring

Rosary: Mark & Marylene Bihn

– St. Peter –

Sunday, June 1, 11:00 am

Servers: Isaac Roessner, Alex Roessner, Charlie Roessner, Theresa Hipple, James Pottkotter, Francis Pottkotter

Lector: Jane Hipple

EMHC: Deacon Dan Kahlig

Sacristan: Jane Hipple

Ushers: Tom Lennartz, Tom Post

– Holy Trinity –

Monday, May 26, 9:00 am

Servers: Carter Heitkamp, Owen Heitkamp

Lector: Rene Klosterman

Wednesday, May 28, 12:00 pm

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby

Lector: Raquel Kaiser

Friday, May 30, 7:15 am

Servers: Kennley Siegrist, Grace & Mya Siegrist

Lector: Rita Riethman

Saturday, May 31, 4:30 pm

Servers: Zachery Schwieterman, Elisabeth Ebbing, David Dues

Lector: Yvonne Dues

EMHC: Connie May, Michelle Wilker, Denny Riethman

Sunday, June 1, 8:00 am

Servers: Oliver Link, Dana Knapke, Myra Knapke

Lector: Gary Griesdorn

EMHC: Mary Lou Wenning, Chuck Wenning

Sunday, June 1, 10:00 am

Servers: Emmitt May, Owen May, Kelly May, Brandon Wendel

Lector: Ed Hosbach

EMHC: Deb Kaiser, Carla Kahlig, Tony Hart, Luke Klosterman

Sunday, June 1, 6:00 pm

Servers: Brady Mathewson, Breann Mathewson

Lector: Dee Fullenkamp

EMHC: Dan Fullenkamp, Melinda Pleiman

– St. Anthony –

Thursday, May 29, 6:45 pm

Servers: Wesley Geier

Lector: Marty Knapke

Sacristan: Cindy Muhlenkamp

Saturday, May 31, 4:00 pm

Servers: Jacob Kahlig, Wesley Geier, Hallory Kahlig, Wesley Kahlig

Lector: Marty Knapke

EMHC: Janie Timmerman

Sacristan: Janie Timmerman

Ushers: Greg Alig

Rosary: Teri Minnich

– St. Mary –

Tuesday, May 27, 7:15 am

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby

Lector: Stephanie Wendel

Sunday, June 1, 12:00 pm

Servers: Benjamin Liette, Jay Liette, Reagan Liette, Andrew Moorman

Lector: Adam Liette

EMHC: Stephanie Wendel

Ushers: Craig Uhlenhake, Ken Siefing





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IS THERE LIFE AFTER DEATH?

What if it all ends after we die. What if it all goes black, nothing more, end of our existence; just rotting, lifeless flesh and bones in the ground; the end? What would that mean for the short span of years we have on this Earth?

We have been studying this in my Thursday night class during the month of May based on the book, Hope to Die: The Christian Meaning of Death and the Resurrection of the Body, by Catholic author, Scott Hahn. I highly recommend this book for spiritual reading. The class has sparked some good discussion on this existential theme. Of course, it's a subject that affects everyone.

On one hand, if there is nothing after death, it could mean an all-out drive to enjoy every minute of our existence. Eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die, as the saying goes. This is the definition of hedonism. To live for today and get as much pleasure out of it as you can. Unfortunately, your belly gets full, you get tired, you get drunk (and the hangover is not a good time!). There is a natural limit to pleasure. And this inevitably brings sadness and despair. What is the meaning of life if it all doesn't really satisfy your appetites, if it doesn't really fulfill your deepest desires?

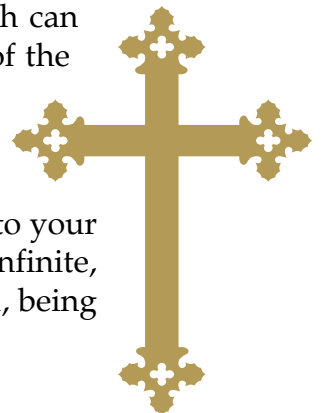
We could then take the humanitarian route. If life is short and all ends after death except for the collective memory of the one who passes away, we could do all we can for humanity and thereby be remembered for ages to come. This is a noble thought, but it falls short. We have an insatiable desire for more, for total fulfillment, for lasting peace and everlasting life. This deep desire is built into our mode of being, and touches the deepest core of who we are as human beings. If there is nothing else after death, and we are no more after we die, then why have any concern for what comes after us on Earth; it won't make a bit of difference to our own destiny. Just to be remembered doesn't satisfy these profound longings for more. In time you will inevitably be forgotten anyway. To live a life of sacrifice for others and not receive a "reward" of some sort just isn't worth it.

So, now we get to the heart of the problem. Why would evolution bring us to a desire for more – really, a longing for the infinite, the perfect, the divine – and not let us experience it? How unfair is Mother Nature! What a cruel result of unguided, random mutation and survival of the fittest! It can't be that way.

The most reasonable conclusion is that there is more after death; that we live on in a real way in the next life. People in every age of history have had a concept and belief in the afterlife in some way or another. Only modern man has relegated it to the mythical or imaginary level of the human psyche. But that doesn't make sense. We are made for more. We have a mind, a spirit, which can experience the spiritual side of life – truth, hope, beauty, love. We get glimpses of the divine among us. And the Divine has made contact with us by the revelation of His existence and nature through the Incarnate Son of God, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

So, when thoughts that there is no life after death enter your head, just look into your heart of hearts and reflect on the inescapable truth that we long for more, for the infinite, for total fulfillment, for God; then encounter Him who made you for Himself, and, being faithful to Him, enjoy His presence, now and for all eternity. Amen.

- Father Barry Stechschulte



Sacramental Information

Wedding Banns

III Alec Holthaus & Kylie Post
II John Linn & Paige Bihn

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.

Newly Baptized

St. Peter

Parker Lynn O'Connor
Child of Joseph & Katelynn

Maeve Charlene Dues
Child of Cole & Peyton



Memorial Day Prayer

— May 26, 2025 —

God of power and mercy, you destroy war and put down earthly pride. Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears, that we may all deserve to be called your sons and daughters. Keep in your mercy those men and women who have died in the cause of freedom and bring them safely into your kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this though Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

— from Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers

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.



In Loving Memory...

Gregory C. McEldowney
August 28, 1973 - May 2, 2025
(*St. Paul*)

Jane Weigel
May 27, 1952 - May 2, 2025
(*Holy Trinity*)

Jeffery J. Wenning
September 25, 1956 - May 9, 2025
(*Holy Trinity*)

Eileen H. Stelzer
March 28, 1934 - May 13, 2025
(*Holy Trinity*)

*I am the resurrection and the life,
says the Lord whoever believes
in me will never die.*

- John 11:26



Baptismal Sponsors

This is an honor, but so much more. Whether for Baptism or Confirmation, being a sponsor means that you are promising to assist the parents in raising this person in the Catholic Faith. In order to fulfill that responsibility, the sponsor needs to be a practicing Catholic. This means that prayer, scripture, the sacraments and especially Mass are important priorities in his/her life. This also means that a sponsor needs to be a fully initiated Catholic who has received the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion, Confirmation, and, if married, was married in the Catholic Church.

Baptismal Class

Fort Recovery Classes are held on Tuesdays at 7 pm. The next class at Fort Recovery for 2025 is July 8, 2025. Please call 419-375-4153 to register. Coldwater Classes are held on the 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

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.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES — All are welcome to attend the Memorial Day Service on Monday, May 26th, at Coldwater Memorial Park. The service will begin at 10 am. Following the service, a Cemetery Ceremony will be held at St. Elizabeth Cemetery in Coldwater at 10:45 am. Then a Cemetery Ceremony will take place at St. Mary at 11:00 am.

HOLY CROSS FAMILY OFFICES CLOSED — Both parish offices will be closed on Monday, May 26th in observance of Memorial Day.

EXPECTANT MOTHER'S BLESSING — The blessing of expectant mothers will be after all the Masses the weekend of May 31/June 1.

MARIAN CONSECRATION WEEKLY GATHERINGS — The last gathering is May 25th at Mary Help of Christians starting at 6 pm. Feel free to bring a snack to share with all. Everyone is welcome to attend!

MARIAN CONSECRATION WEEKLY MEETINGS — Last meeting will be held in Holy Trinity's Grotto on Tuesday, May 27th at 7:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend!

MISSION LOTTERY WINNER — (4/30/25) Lindsey McDermott, Arcanum, OH; (5/7/25) Matt Barman, Celina, OH — Congratulations!

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

WOMEN'S SOCIAL GROUP — The next meeting will be in Holy Trinity's **parish office basement** on Thursday, May 29th covering chapters 22 & 23 in the "Jesus I Trust in You" book. Please use the office ramp to enter the building, and office staff will direct you to the meeting location. It will also be discussed and decided if meetings will occur during the summer. All are welcome to attend!

MEN'S GROUP — Meetings will be suspended over the summer, picking back up sometime in the fall of 2025. The restart date will be determined closer to that time.

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.

Welcome New Members

Holy Trinity

Andrew and Joetta Schoen

Mitchel & Riley Schwieterman

Daniel & Allison Schmitmeyer

Stephen & Katharine Stayduhar

Mary Help of Christians

Alex & Chloe Schoen

along with their child Sophia

Will & Kendra Homan

along with their children

James & Sadie

St. Paul

Andrew & Tracy Bohman

along with their child Travis

Jared & Brenna Rindler

St. Peter

Brayden & Meghan Schoen



IGNITE

YOUNG ADULT GROUP (18-24)

FAITH. FRIENDSHIP. FIRE

Every Thursday @ 7 pm

MHC Youth Group Room

Deepen your
relationship with God
while navigating
adulthood



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

Build Community



**Interested? Text Chase 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

Century Farm Awards

Apply with
Roger Hoying
rbhoying@hotmail.com
419-733-4543

*Applications for
Catholic Families celebrating
100 years on their farm
are available.*

*We will honor these families at the
annual Farm Mass.*

*The Farm Mass will be
August 7th, 7:00pm, in Anna, OH*



ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI
CATHOLIC SOCIAL
ACTION OFFICE

Applications are available in all of our parishes.



Corpus Christi

40 Hours of ADORATION

Friday, June 20 ~ Sunday, June 22
(After Noon Mass) (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.



Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology

Ember Day

WHAT IS GOD'S MISSION FOR YOU?

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Ember Day is a retreat for high school men, aged 15-19. The day will include Mass with Archbishop-Emeritus Schnurr, sports, talks, and food. It's an opportunity for high school boys to meet the seminarians and learn more about vocation, priesthood, and fatherhood. Hosted by the Cincinnati seminarians and Fr. Michael Willig. Register here: <https://resources.catholicaoc.org/event/ember-day-june-6>.

JOYFEST

OPENS AT 5:30

**A TENT EVENT HOSTED AT MARY
HELP OF CHRISTIANS FIELD**

**MAY
31ST**

FOOD TRUCKS - BOUNCY HOUSES - PRIZES

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

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. Details of times and events are listed in the community interest sections of this bulletin. 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 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!



Mary Help of Christians

C E M E T E R Y

FUND — This past Fall, St. Mary's

Cemetery board members completed the concrete driveway

project and the second gravel driveway to Lester St. If you haven't already contributed to the cemetery fund (May 18th envelope), please consider contributing \$15, \$25, \$50 or more for the annual maintenance and replenishment of the cemetery fund for the next project. You can also contribute any time during the year by simply marking St. Mary's Cemetery Fund on an envelope. In closing we wish to thank Ken Tobe for cemetery maintenance and Gary Wendel for the snow removal. Cemetery lots can be purchased by contacting Thomas Shaw at the funeral home at 419-375-4717 or Ron Boeckman at 419-852-3115.

LOST & FOUND — There are quite a few missing items in the back of Church waiting to be claimed. All remaining items will be donated on June 1st.

*"Peace I leave with you;
my peace I give to you."*



St. Anthony

MEN'S SODALITY MEETING — St.

Anthony Men's Sodality meeting is on Monday, June 2nd at 7:30 pm in the parish hall. All men of the parish are welcome. We hope to see you there!

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. Joseph

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!

CLEANING — (June) **Michelle Stammen, Paige Schulze, Barb Schoenherr, Aimee Pottkotter, Annette Schmitt, Jenny Acheson, Claire Barlage

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

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

LOST & FOUND — There are quite a few missing items in the back of Church waiting to be claimed. All remaining items will be donated on June 1st.



St. Mary

LADIES SODALITY SENIOR CITIZENS GARAGE SALE DONATIONS — A trailer for

donations will be located on the east side of Church on June 7, 8, & 9 (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/organ, mattresses/box springs, tube type TVs, large entertainment centers, comforters.

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

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES — All are welcome to attend the Memorial Day Service on Monday, May 26th, at Coldwater Memorial Park. The service will begin at 10 am. Following the service, a Cemetery Ceremony will be held at St. Elizabeth Cemetery in Coldwater at 10:45 am. Then a Cemetery Ceremony will take place at St. Mary at 11:00 am.



St. Paul

LOST & FOUND

— There are quite a few missing items in the back of Church waiting to be claimed. All remaining items will be donated on June 1st.

DIAPER DRIVE FOR ESSER FAMILY QUADS — St. Paul Church will be doing a diaper and donation drive for the Esser family quad girls during the month of June. Donations can be delivered to the back of St. Paul Church or monetary donations or gift cards can be placed in the collection marked "Esser Family Quads." Pampers diapers sizes 3 - 5, wipes, swim diapers, and Alimentum & Elecare formula are all much appreciated. THANK YOU for your donation as it is VERY GREATLY appreciated!!



St. Peter

LOST & FOUND

— There are quite a few missing items in the back of Church waiting to be claimed. All remaining items will be donated on June 1st.

BBQ Chicken Dinners

Sunday, June 29th • 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Donation: \$10.00 • Pre Sale Only

NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

OF DINNERS: _____

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

Deadline to order is June 8, 2025

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.

St. Peter Catholic Church Family Carnival

**Sunday, June 29, 2025
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

Located at the St. Peter School Hall

BBQ Chicken Dinners

Provided by Wendel's BBQ

**Sunday, June 29, 2025
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

The Precepts of the Church

Given to us by the Church, these are the minimum obligations every practicing Catholic is expected to follow.

1. You shall attend Mass on Sundays & holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor.
2. You shall confess your sins at least once a year.
3. You shall humbly receive your Creator in Holy Communion at least once a year during the Easter Season.
4. You shall observe the prescribed days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church.
5. You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church.
6. You shall observe the Church's laws regarding marriage.

Religious Education

Coldwater Religious Ed.

Contact: Sarah Klosterman

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

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 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 RESET — We will be cleaning and organizing CCD and Youth supplies and spaces on the following dates and are looking for volunteers. This is a great service opportunity for any high schoolers in need of hours.

Holy Trinity:

June 9th from 9 am - 4 pm,
June 10th from 1 pm - 4 pm
June 11th from 1 pm - 4 pm

St. Anthony:

June 25th from 1 pm - 4 pm

St. Mary:

July 16th from 1 pm - 4 pm

Fort Recovery Religious Ed.

Contact: Harlie Metzger

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

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

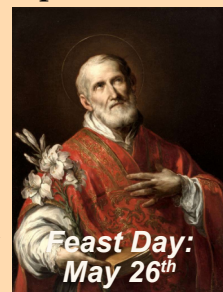
1. Select your parish
2. Click the Register Your Children button
3. Fill out the form



Please note: Children in grades 1 - 12 must attend their home parish for Wednesday classes. Little Flowers, Blue Knights, and Our Quest are included in this registration form.

Saint of the Week - St. Philip Neri

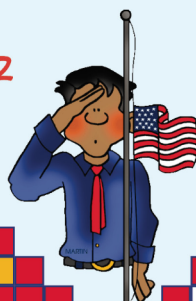
Philip Neri was a sign of contradiction, combining popularity with piety against the background of a corrupt Rome and a disinterested clergy: the whole post-Renaissance malaise. At an early age, Philip abandoned the chance to become a businessman, moved to Rome from Florence, and devoted his life and individuality to God. After three years of philosophy and theology studies, he gave up any thought of ordination. The next 13 years were spent in a vocation unusual at the time—that of a layperson actively engaged in prayer and the apostolate. As the Council of Trent (1545-63) was reforming the Church on a doctrinal level, Philip's appealing personality was winning him friends from all levels of society, from beggars to cardinals. He rapidly gathered around himself a group of laypersons won over by his audacious spirituality. Initially, they met as an informal prayer and discussion group, and also served poor people in Rome. At the urging of his confessor, Philip was ordained a priest and soon became an outstanding confessor himself, gifted with the knack of piercing the pretenses and illusions of others, though always in a charitable manner and often with a joke. He arranged talks, discussions, and prayers for his penitents in a room above the church. He sometimes led "excursions" to other churches, often with music and a picnic on the way. Some of Philip's followers became priests and lived together in community. This was the beginning of the Oratory, the religious institute he founded. A feature of their life was a daily afternoon service of four informal talks, with vernacular hymns and prayers. Giovanni Palestrina was one of Philip's followers, and composed music for the services. The Oratory was finally approved after suffering through a period of accusations of being an assembly of heretics, where laypersons preached and sang vernacular hymns! Philip's advice was sought by many of the prominent figures of his day. He is one of the influential figures of the Counter-Reformation, mainly for converting to personal holiness many of the influential people within the Church itself. His characteristic virtues were humility and gaiety. After spending a day hearing confessions and receiving visitors, Philip Neri suffered a hemorrhage and died on the feast of Corpus Christi in 1595. He was beatified in 1615 and canonized in 1622. Three centuries later, Cardinal John Henry Newman founded the first English-speaking house of the Oratory in London.



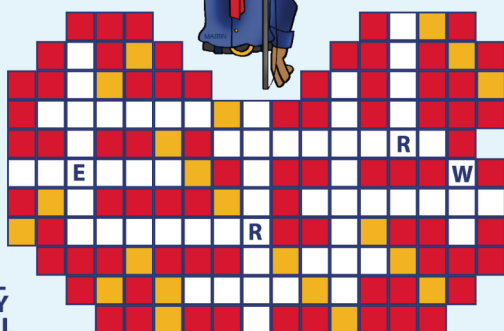
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Youth Ministry

Fort Fiat Youth Group

Contact: Natalie Ashbaugh
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

MEN'S GROUP — Wednesdays 7:30 pm at MHC, grades 7-12

REC NIGHT — Mondays starting in June from 7:30 - 9 pm at MHC, grades 6-12

ATTENTION:

PERMISSION FORMS — Please fill out the 2025-2026 summer and school year permission form by using this link. Permission slips need to be filled out by June 2nd. https://www.cognitofirms.com/HolyCrossFamilyOfParishes/_20252026ColdwaterReligiousEducationInHomeLessons

Coldwater Youth Group

Contact: Maria Gruss
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

TUESDAY, MAY 27 — 7 - 8 am - High School Bible Study @ Rooster Joe (grades 9th - 12th)

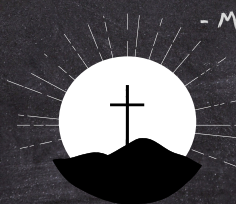
Attention: Stay tuned to Group Me for Sunday Events during May!

COLDWATER MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENTS

We need your input!

Take a quick moment to fill out our Youth Group survey. Your feedback helps shape events for the 2025-2026 school year!

- Maria Gruss



Thank You!

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A DOVE YOU CAN KEEP IN A
CAGE. IT IS GOD LIVING
IN US THAT UNCAGES US!



Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will follow My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our dwelling with him. Jn 14:23

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!



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.

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.

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.

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.

FALL REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR MOUNT ST. MARY'S SEMINARY & SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY — Evening and weekend courses are available for busy adults who want to grow in knowledge and love of their faith. Earn a master's degree, certificate, endorsement, CEUs, or take a class for personal enrichment. Fall semester begins the last week of August. Apply and enroll now at www.mtsm.org. Financial aid/tuition discount available for eligible students.

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@stisidorefamilly.org.

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.

CROSS THE BRIDGE FOR LIFE — Join thousands of others Sun., June 1st at 1 pm for the annual Cross the Bridge for Life across the Purple People Bridge to raise awareness for the sanctity of human life – born and unborn. Meet at Newport, KY's Riverfront Row Festival area for live music, food, face painting and balloons for children, brief presentations, and many booths sponsored by our local life-saving agencies! All are welcome to participate in this day of family fun and powerful witness. More info., see CrossTheBridgeForLife.org.

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

DAY OF PRAYER AND HEALING AFTER ABORTION: SATURDAY, MAY 31 — Have you or someone you know suffered from the loss of a child to abortion? We invite any woman who has experienced this loss to join us for a one-day retreat on Sat., May 31. This event offers women a safe and confidential space to share their experience, reflect on their past, and offer their future to Christ who makes all things new. A trained priest, counselor, and post abortive volunteer will be present to accompany participants along the journey of healing. The event location and details will be shared after completing the registration process. You can register for this event by calling (513) 784-0531, emailing ProjectRachel@catholicaoc.org, or by going to www.ProjectRachelOhio.org. All communications are kept in strict confidentiality.

MASS FOR CONCLUSION OF EUCHARISTIC YEAR OF MISSION — On Ascension Sunday, June 1st, 10 am at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains we will celebrate the conclusion of the Eucharistic Year of Mission! All are invited to this special Mass with Archbishop Casey to recognize the incredible work of our parishes and the greater Catholic community who consistently stand up and care for the poor and vulnerable. In this Jubilee Year of Hope, we are called to be Pilgrims of Hope not just for ourselves, but to carry and pour out Christ's Love and Mercy to others. This Mass is a celebration of what has been done, what is being done now, and what we can do in the future. For more information, please visit www.catholicaoc.org/yearofmission or contact Jillian Foster at jfoster@catholicaoc.org (513.263.4124).

58TH ANNUAL COLDWATER, OHIO



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PICNIC

Friday May 30th – Sunday June 1st

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
Drive-up chicken dinners will be available
6:00 - Mass in Holy Trinity Church
8:00 - Stands Close
8:00 - Raffle Drawing
9:00 - Picnic Closes

Funds from last year supported over 35 organizations and charities.



The Day Drinkers



Roger Demange



Jeff and Hanna Acoustics

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May 5 - 11, 2025

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Offertory.....\$4,518.00
 Catholic Relief.....\$ 21.00
 Flowers.....\$ 674.00
 Cemetery.....\$ 35.00
 Youth Group.....\$ 30.00
 Allocated Loose.....\$ 972.08

Holy Trinity

Offertory.....\$15,435.00
 Loose.....\$ 3,708.00
 Total.....\$19,143.00
 Good Friday.....\$ 2,356.00
 Candles.....\$ 179.00
 Alloc. Easter Vigil Loose.\$ 350.42

St. Joseph

Offertory.....\$ 950.00
 Flowers.....\$ 30.00
 Allocated Loose.....\$ 192.79

St. Peter

Offertory.....\$2,100.00
 Catholic Relief.....\$ 195.00
 Flowers.....\$ 270.00
 Maintenance.....\$3,200.00
 Allocated Loose.....\$ 314.30

St. Paul

Offertory.....\$2,036.00
 Flowers.....\$ 265.00
 Catholic Relief.....\$ 50.00
 Maintenance.....\$ 100.00
 Cemetery.....\$ 182.48
 Allocated Loose.....\$ 388.83

St. Anthony

Offertory.....\$ 2,551.00
 Loose.....\$ 710.00
 Total.....\$ 3,261.00
 Candles.....\$ 9.00
 Good Friday.....\$ 1,426.00
 Alloc. Easter Vigil Loose.\$ 34.82

St. Mary

Offertory.....\$ 2,206.00
 Loose.....\$ 1,309.01
 Total.....\$ 3,515.01
 Good Friday.....\$ 224.00
 Alloc. Easter Vigil Loose.\$ 28.82



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