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Family Offices

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



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, June 22, 2025

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

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	Priest	Time	Church	Confession
Monday, June 23 <i>Weekday</i>	L/D Leonard & Mildred Prenger Family †	FBS	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	After Mass
	Jeff Timmerman †	FJP	6:45 pm	St. Peter	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Tuesday, June 24 <i>The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist; Solemnity</i>	Steve Bruns †	FEM	7:15 am	St. Mary	After Mass
	Onalee Fullenkamp †	FJP	6:45 pm	St. Joseph	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Wednesday, June 25 <i>Weekday</i>	Thomas A Wendel †	FEM	7:15 am (L/S)	MHC	After Mass
	Alvin May †	FBS	Noon (L/S)	Holy Trinity	11:30 am - end
Thursday, June 26 <i>Weekday</i>	Caleb Kunkle †	FEM	7:15 am	St. Paul	After Mass
	Marcel & Mary Ellen Welling †	FBS	6:45 pm	St. Anthony	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Friday, June 27 <i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus; Solemnity</i>	Randy Mescher †	FJP	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	After Mass
	L/D Maurice & Jeanette Grieshop Family †	FBS	Noon (L/S)	MHC	11:30 am - end
Saturday, June 28 <i>The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Saint Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr, Doctor of the Church; BVM on Saturday; opt. mem.</i>	Todd Ashbaugh †	FJP	9:00 am	St. Joseph	After Mass
	Palmer / Niekamp Wedding	FJP	1:30 pm	Holy Trinity	N/A
	Knapke / Briner Wedding	FEM	1:30 pm	St. Joseph	N/A
	Alice Niekamp †	FDP	4:00 pm	St. Anthony	3:15 - 3:45 pm
	L/D Heuing & Jutte Families †	FEM	4:30 pm	Holy Trinity	3:45 - 4:15 pm
	Jim Abels †	FBS	4:30 pm (L/S)	MHC	3:45 pm - end
Sunday, June 29 <i>Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles; Solemnity</i>	L/D William & Virginia Butsch Family †	FEM	7:00 am	St. Joseph	N/A
	George & Salome Zehringer †	FDP	8:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	7:25 am - end
	L/D Lavern & Alfrieda Wolters Family †	FJP	9:00 am (L/S)	MHC	8:25 am - end
	Vincent Gross †	FBS	10:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	9:25 am - end
	L/D Al & Mary Keller Family †	FJP	11:00 am	St. Paul	10:25 - 10:45 am
	L/D Louis & Wilma Knapke Family †	FEM/DDK	11:00 am	St. Peter	10:25 - 10:45 am
	Members of the Holy Cross Family of Parishes	FDP	Noon	St. Mary	11:25 - 11:45 am
	L/D of Lou & Ann Brunswick Family †	FBS	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

Tentatively Scheduled Celebrants listed above:

Fr. Alexander Witt (FAW); Fr. Ethan Moore (FEM); Fr. Joseph Pasala (FJP);
 Fr. Barry Stechschulte (FBS); Visiting Priest - Fr. Dale Peterka (FDP);
 Deacon Dan Kahlig (DDK); Deacon Roger Kaiser (DRK)

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 -

Wednesday, June 25, 7:15 am

Servers: Joseph Bruns

Lector: Pauline Faller

Friday, June 27, 12:00 pm

Servers: Chris Timmerman

Lector: Kathy Portz

Saturday, June 28, 4:30 pm

Servers: Jameson Heitkamp, Riley Heitkamp,
Zavier Bruns, Tucker Huntsman

Lector: Lisa Romer

EMHC: Linda Lennartz, Ted Romer

Sacristan: Ted Romer

Ushers: Floyd Bergman, Don Lennartz, Ken Romer,
Matt Whitacre

Sunday, June 29, 9:00 am

Servers: Josh Evers, Tony Evers, Kevin Dues,
Jackson Barga

Lector: Chris Bihn

EMHC: Scott Pearson, Trent Pearson

Sacristan: Lois Vogel

Ushers: Joe Dues, Joe Dues Jr., Mark Metzger,
Doug Schmitz

- St. Joseph -

Tuesday, June 24, 6:45 pm

Servers: Levi Sutter, Joseph Bruns

Lector: Lisa Roessner

Sacristan: Matt Hess

Saturday, June 28, 9:00 am

Servers: Levi Sutter

Lector: Paige Schulze

Sunday, June 29, 7:00 am

Servers: Matt Hess, Ben Homan, Eric Lamm, Dillan Schulze

Lector: Karen Bertke

EMHC: Karen Bertke

Sacristan: Matt Hess

Ushers: Mel Bertke, Bryan Pottkotter

- St. Paul -

Thursday, June 26, 7:15 am

Servers: Hart Family

Sunday, June 29, 11:00 am

Servers: Dan Siefing, Nick Siefing, Landon Sudhoff,
Raelyn Sudhoff, Coralai Sudhoff

Lector: Holly Wuebker

EMHC: Rita McEldowney

Holly Wuebker

Ushers: Jeff Meier, John Meiring

Rosary: Chris & Theresa Siefing

- St. Peter -

Monday, June 23, 6:45 pm

Servers: Chris Timmerman

Lector: Marilyn Pottkotter

Sunday, June 29, 11:00 am

Servers: Isaac Roessner, Alex Roessner, Charlie Roessner,
James Pottkotter, Francis Pottkotter, Theo Schmitz

Lector: Elaine Post

EMHC: Deacon Dan Kahlig

Sacristan: Lisa Roessner

Ushers: Tom Braun, Jim Knapke

- Holy Trinity -

Monday, June 23, 7:15 am

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby

Lector: Rene Klosterman

Wednesday, June 25, 12:00 pm

Servers: James Pottkotter, Francis Pottkotter

Lector: Nancy Clune

Friday, June 27, 7:15 am

Servers: Claire Bertke, Miles Bruns

Lector: Rita Riethman

Saturday, June 28, 4:30 pm

Servers: Lucas Broering, Henry Broering, Claire Bertke

Lector: Doug Bertke

EMHC: Dave Bertke, Michelle Wilker, Connie May

Sunday, June 29, 8:00 am

Servers: Carter Heitkamp, Owen Heitkamp, Gavin Heitkamp

Lector: Landon Bruggeman

EMHC: Kathy Bohman, Paul Bruggeman

Sunday, June 29, 10:00 am

Servers: David Dues, Elisabeth Ebbing, Mason Evers,
John Evers

Lector: Yvonne Dues

EMHC: Cindy Geise, Lynn Giere, Deb Kaiser

Sunday, June 29, 6:00 pm

Servers: Breann Mathewson, Ryan Mathewson

Lector: Ryan Sutter

EMHC: Sarah Klosterman, Amy Klingshirn

- St. Anthony -

Thursday, June 26, 6:45 pm

Servers: Leo Grigsby

Lector: Bonnie Muhlenkamp

Sacristan: Bonnie Muhlenkamp

Saturday, June 29, 4:00 pm

Servers: Bryant Evans, Allie Evans, Danielle Evans,
Wesley Geier

Lector: Joanne Alig

EMHC: Donna Sudhoff

Sacristan: Janet Brockman

Ushers: Jeff Sudhoff

Rosary: Marty Knapke

- St. Mary -

Tuesday, June 24, 7:15 am

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby

Lector: Stephanie Wendel

Sunday, June 29, 12:00 pm

Servers: Garrett Uhlenhake,
Matthew Uhlenhake, Cole Uhlenhake,
Henry Uhlenhake

Lector: Jay Uhlenhake

EMHC: Jay Uhlenhake

Ushers: Brian Uhlenhake, Craig Uhlenhake





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A HIDDEN SPIRITUAL GEM RIGHT NEXT DOOR

Many of you are looking for something to do as a family or by yourself during the summer break. And I know you are looking for ways to put more spiritual things into your lives, especially in order to give your kids a greater appreciation for their Catholic Faith. But you probably think you have to drive a long way to have a such a place to visit. Well, we have one right next door in Maria Stein: The Shrine of the Holy Relics.

The Relic Shrine is a spiritual gem, and I encourage you to plan a visit this summer. It is full of interesting, educational, and spiritual things to see and do. First of all, you have the Chapel of the Holy Relics containing close to 1,000 authenticated relics of our Lord, our Blessed Mother and the Saints. It's a fascinating place to pray and feel the closeness of our heavenly advocates. You can look up your namesake Saint, find the relic, and say a special prayer. The neat thing is that during this Jubilee Year, a plenary indulgence can be obtained when you visit and pray in this chapel, fulfilling all the other requirements, of course. Next door to the Relic Chapel is the beautiful main chapel, with adoration available several times a week and Mass on Saturday mornings at 10:00 am.



Originally, the Relic Shrine was the home of the Sisters of the Precious Blood. There is a free museum upstairs which traces the history of the congregation, along with the growth of the Catholic Church in our area.

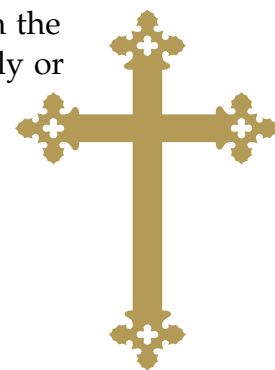
The grounds are well-kept and are a peaceful retreat from the hustle and bustle of life. In the courtyard behind the main building are pictures of the 39 parish churches in our area, arranged by the year they were established. It's incredible to see the many places of worship in the Land of the Cross Tipped Churches. There are also many statues of the Saints and a replica Lourdes Grotto.

On a lighter side, there is the Brunner Bakery, which sells the best cinnamon rolls on Wednesday and Friday mornings. And a very complete religious gift shop where you can find nearly anything that is Church related. They also have a pavilion with picnic tables and a nearby playground.

One little known spot on the grounds of the Shrine is the Chapel of the Poor Souls, located near the Sisters' cemetery. This tiny chapel has a carving relief under the altar depicting the poor souls in purgatory being grasped by angels and taken to heaven by our prayers. It's an inspirational place to pray.

I love going out to the Shrine on my day off where I just relax, pray and soak in the peaceful, prayerful atmosphere that it has. It's a wonderful place to take your family or just get away a little while by yourself and pray. I encourage everyone, especially if you've never been there before, to make a visit this summer to the Shrine of the Holy Relics in Maria Stein.

- Father Barry Stechschulte

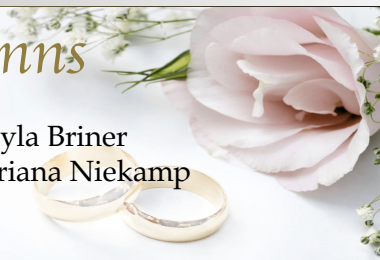


Sacramental Information

Wedding Banns

III Clark Knapke & Kayla Briner
III George Palmer & Briana Niekamp

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

Mary Help of Christians

Georgia James Hemmelgarn
Child of Brian & Hunter

St. Peter

Sophia Marie Alig
Child of Steven & Katie

St. Mary

Zoey Samantha Heitkamp
Child of Andrew & Hope

Maci Marie Siegrist
Child of Jeremy & Rachel



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

In Loving Memory...

Michael Franzer
May 11, 1952 - June 4, 2025
(Holy Trinity)

Catherine Bruggeman
April 18, 1932 - June 7, 2025
(Holy Trinity)

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



THE
BODY
AND
BLOOD
OF
CHRIST



Holy Cross Family of Parishes

CORPUS CHRISTI, COME ADORE OUR LORD! — 40 hours will start with Noon Mass at St. Anthony on Friday, June 20th leading up to Corpus Christi. Closing will be at 2 pm on Sunday, June 22nd. Adoration will start after the Noon Mass. We have asked for one parishioner from each parish to sign up in each time slot to spend time with our Lord, but all are also welcome to attend and participate at anytime during the 40 hours of adoration.

SAFE PARISH — Are you willing to occasionally assist our youth programs in ways such as driving for field trips, volunteering at events, and more? We are always looking for people who are 18 years and older to help us out! If you are interested in being added to our SafeParish list of adults, or would like more information, please contact Kathy Portz at kathyportz@gmail.com or Charmaine Bettinger at cbettinger.holycrossfop@gmail.com.

CONFESSION CANCELLATIONS — There will be no confessions at Holy Trinity on Wednesday, June 18th before or during the Noon Mass. There will also be no confessions at Mary Help of Christians on Saturday, June 21st during the 4:30 pm Mass.

ADORATION CANCELLATION — Mary Help of Christians will not have adoration on Friday, July 4th.

MASS CHANGES — Mass will be held at 9 am at Mary Help of Christians on Friday, July 4th instead of Noon due to the holiday. Mass will also be held at 9 am at Holy Trinity on Friday, July 4th.

OFFICES CLOSED — Both of our parish offices will be closed on Friday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

VISITING PRIEST — Fr. Dale Peterka will be visiting our parishes and celebrating a few Masses this weekend and next due to our priests being unavailable. He was ordained in 1968. His first assignment was in Russia, Ohio, followed by twenty-five years of parish work and teaching in Hamilton and Butler County. He became a pastor in 1986 and a hospital chaplain in 1999 in Cincinnati. Retiring in 2022, he now fills in where needed for Masses, confessions, and even baptisms, weddings and funerals. Fr. Peterka was Ohio state chaplain for the Knights of Columbus 1988-89. Please welcome him to our parishes!

PARISH FACILITY USAGE — Any parish groups in association with Holy Trinity, St. Anthony, or St. Mary that wish to use parish facilities for meetings or other events need to contact the Coldwater parish office to ensure we have no over bookings.

SPECIAL MASS BY THE ARCHDIOCESE — Mass will be held on Monday, June 23rd at 7 pm at St. Bernard Catholic church, Burkettsville. Archbishop Casey will preside over this Mass to pray for all the families and individuals affected by the bird flu. All are welcome to attend!

GARAGE SALE — Huge garage sale/bake sale July 22nd, 23rd & 24th from 9:00 am - 7:00 pm each day at the St. Anthony parish hall. PLUS on Monday July 21st, we are having an EARLY BIRD evening from 5:00 - 8:00 for anyone who wants to get first chance. Entry fee is only \$5. great opportunity to get ahead of the crowd. Anyone wishing to donate items for the garage sale; our "drop off" dates are: July 7th, 10th & 14th from 5:00 - 8:00 pm. Bake sale items can be dropped off any time on the evening of the 21st or any time on the 22nd, 23rd or 24th. All proceeds will be used for the beautification of the church. Thank you so very much; any questions please call: 419-852-8741.

CCD REGISTRATION FOR 2025 - 2026 — Please see the Religious Education section of the bulletin for more information. The deadline to register your children for religion is Monday, June 30, 2025.

WOMEN'S GROUP — The next meetings will be held on Thursday, June 26th & Wednesday, July 9th at 7:30 pm in the Grotto's St. Isidore room. A year ending party will be held on Wednesday, July 24th (time & location TBD).

Opening Tuesday, July 1, 2025 Holy Trinity Lending Library



We are excited to announce, starting on July 1st our Family of Parishes will now have a library located at both Holy Trinity and Mary Help of Christians Parish Offices. Our goal is to provide Catholic faith based books that will grow the faith and enrich the lives of our parishioners along with the local community within our Family of Parishes.

All books will be free to borrow, but monetary donations for the upkeep and purchase of new books is always appreciated. Also, we will accept any Catholic books that you are willing to donate that are in good or new condition. If donating books, please drop them by the parish office. **Thank You!**

All are Welcome!

Join us for a
Family guided
Holy Hour
with
Our Lord.

6:30-7:30 pm
Thursday, June 26th

SACRED HEART ADORATION @ St. Joseph



MEN'S BIBLE

★★★ STUDY ★★★

BYOB

"Boiiiis - bring your
own beer, bourbon,
and bibles."
- Father Ethan



AROUND THE FIRE PIT

4171 Burrville Rd Coldwater, Ohio

JULY 10 & JULY 24 | 7:30 - 8:30

Join us every 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month!



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EthicsPoint Hotline

Employees, parishioners, volunteers, vendors and other interested parties are encouraged to report suspected misconduct of any kind via the EthicsPoint hotline.

The EthicsPoint hotline provides a confidential means for reporting misconduct by calling 1-888-389-0381 or by submitting an online report through a link on the home page of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati website www.catholicaoc.org, and via the Offices tab and then the Finance, Safe Environment and Human Resources pages.

Report unethical behavior for any of the following areas:

- * Safe environment for children or youth
- * Workplace safety
- * Harassment or Inappropriate behavior (sexual or otherwise)
- * Accounting & Financial
- * Fraud & Theft
- * Gifts & Donations
- * Confidentiality
- * Catholic Schools

Direct questions regarding the EthicsPoint hotline to:

- Tom Jennings, Chief Financial Officer, tjennings@catholicaoc.org, (513) 263-6607
- Rob Reid, Director of Human Resources, rreid@catholicaoc.org, (513) 263-6611
- Meg Paul, Human Resources Consultant, mpaul@catholicaoc.org, (513) 263-3341

Parish Information



Holy Trinity

BRIARWOOD DRIVE —

The social action committee will be collecting personal items for the

residents at Briarwood the weekends of June 21st & 28th. Items needed: Puffs or Kleenex boxes (large or small), chapstick, body wash (men's unscented) & (women's scented), and/or body lotion (women's scented). NO bar soap. Please place items in the designated bins in the church entrances.

FIRST COMMUNION DATE CHANGE — First Communion at Holy Trinity is being moved for 2026. It will not be on the 4th Sunday of April. It will instead be held on Sunday, April 19th during the 10 am Mass.

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!

VBS SURVEYS — Please use the link or QR code to give your feedback on the 2025 VBS and to help in the planning of the 2026 VBS: <https://forms.gle/i6zQf5dj2DJQ2Ty7>



St. Paul

THANK YOU —

The family of John Will would like to thank everyone who helped with his funeral.

Special thanks to Fr. Witt and Deacon Dan Kahlig (What a great Homily Deacon Dan, we will never forget it), the servers, Mya Will (granddaughter), Roger Fortkamp (friend) and Dennis Siefing (cousin). Special thanks to my niece, Hannah Bihn singing Ave Maria, and organist, Susan Bertke and the Holy Cross Family Choir, you all sounded amazing! Also, Sue May and her team for the luncheon (it was delicious), Brockman & Boeckman Funeral Home (for your comforting words) and our Bereavement Ministry Coordinator, Nancy Reinhard (for keeping things running smoothly). Thanks also for the prayer service (Deacon Dan) and prayers for the last 12 weeks, I felt the strength through the Holy Spirit. Your prayers were very much appreciated!

- Diann Will

THANK YOU — The family of Greg McEldowney would like to thank everyone who helped in any way with Greg's funeral: Fr Alexander Witt, Deacon Dan Kahlig, Thomas Shaw and his staff, Ginny Fortkamp, Maria Bergman and the Holy Cross Family Choir, Carissa Will and the luncheon committee, John Parker and many others. We sincerely appreciate all of the support, prayers and spiritual Mass memberships offered for Greg and our family, the calls, texts, and cards. We are so thankful for such caring family, friends and community.

- The Family of Greg McEldowney



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. Mary

PATRIOTIC

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

ADULT SOCIAL NIGHT — Sunday, June 22 at 7:00 pm at the shelter house. Please bring your lawn chairs and drinks. Snacks will be provided by the Parish Council.



St. Joseph

CLEANING

— (June) **Michelle

Stammen, Paige

Schulze, Barb Schoenherr,

Aimee Pottkotter, Annette Schmitt,

Jenny Acheson, Claire Barlage

ST. JOE FESTIVAL INFORMATION — Sign up sheets are in the back of the church, please sign up by August 7th. The workers meeting will be August 7th at 6:30pm.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

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



St. Peter

ST. PETER

CHURCH

FAMILY CARNIVAL

— Sunday, June 29, 2025

from 2 - 5 pm located at the St.

Peter School Hall. BBQ chicken dinners will be available for pick up from 4 - 5 pm (1/2 chicken, dinner roll, chips & apple sauce). Chicken dinners are pre-sale only at \$10 each. Tickets are available to print out on the Events/Activities page of holycrossfop.org. Deadline to order chicken dinner tickets is June 8th. For questions, contact Isaac Siegrist @ (419) 852-2710.

St. Peter's Church Carnival

Sunday, June 29
2:00 - 5:00 pm



Games are open to all ages, even the adults are welcome to participate!

All money raised is put back into St. Peter. The Easter Egg Hunt, Gaga Pit, and Sandbox were all funded from previous Carnival proceeds.

A tote will be in the back of St. Peter Church if anyone would be willing to donate items for the junk food stand.

Any questions call: 419-852-3767

- Go to **FORMED.org**
- Click "sign up as a parishioner", find our parish, & enter zip code: 45828.

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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.

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.

SA: June 25th from 1 pm - 4 pm

SM: July 16th from 1 pm - 4 pm

2025/2026 SACRAMENT & RETREAT DATES TO NOTE:

Confirmation Mass: October 19th @ Holy Trinity, 3:00 pm

Confirmation Retreat: September 28, 2025 @ St. Anthony, 1:00 - 5:30 pm

2nd Grade Retreat: January 17th @ Coldwater HS, 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

First Reconciliation:

March 7th @ St. Anthony, 10:00 am

March 21st @ St. Mary, 10:00 am

March 14th @ Holy Trinity, sign up for a time slot will be sent

First Communion:

April 19th @ Holy Trinity, 10:00 am *(Please note the date!)*

April 25th @ St. Anthony, 4:00 pm

April 26th @ St. Mary, 12:00 pm

Crowning of Mary will take place with First Communion

Baccalaureate:

May 16th @ St. Anthony, 4:00 pm

May 16th or 17th @ Holy Trinity, TBD

May 17th @ St. Mary, 12:00 pm

**Please note that students may receive any of the Sacraments at any of our 7 parishes as long as it is communicated with the CRE*

Fort Recovery Religious Ed.

Contact: Harlie Metzger

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

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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.

2025/2026 SACRAMENT & RETREAT DATES TO NOTE:

Confirmation Mass: February 22nd @ MHC, 1:00 pm

Confirmation Retreat: September 28, 2025 @ St. Anthony, 1:00 - 5:30 pm

2nd Grade Retreat: January 17th @ Coldwater HS, 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

First Reconciliation:

March 7th @ St. Joe, 10:00 am

March 21st @ St. Paul, 10:00 am

March 28th @ MHC, 10:00 am

First Communion:

April 18th @ MHC, 4:30 pm

April 19th @ St. Paul, 11:00 am

April 26th @ St. Joseph, 11:00 am

Crowning of Mary will take place with First Communion

Baccalaureate:

May 17th @ MHC, 9:00 am

May 17th @ St. Paul, 11:00 am

May 17th @ St. Joseph, 11:00 am

**Please note that students may receive any of the Sacraments at any of our 7 parishes as long as it is communicated with the CRE*

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.*

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.



Youth Ministry

Fort Fiat Youth Group

Contact: Natalie Ashbaugh
nashbaugh.holycrossfop@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

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

BREAKFAST CLUB — We are in need of speakers for the 2025-26 school year. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact me for more information.

Coldwater Youth Group

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

TUESDAY, JUNE 24 — 7 - 8 am - Christ & Coffee @ Rooster Joe (grades 7th - 12th)

Note: No High School Summer Lunch on Monday, June 23rd!

Saint of the Week - Saint Irenaeus

The Church is fortunate that Irenaeus was involved in many of its controversies in the second century. He was a student, well trained no doubt, with great patience in investigating, tremendously protective of apostolic teaching, but prompted more by a desire to win over his opponents than to prove them in error.

As bishop of Lyons he was especially concerned with the Gnostics, who took their name from the Greek word for "knowledge." Claiming access to secret knowledge imparted by Jesus to only a few disciples, their teaching was attracting and confusing many Christians. After thoroughly investigating the various Gnostic sects and their "secret," Irenaeus showed to what logical conclusions their tenets led. These he contrasted with the teaching of the apostles and the text of Holy Scripture, giving us, in five books, a system of theology of great importance to subsequent times. Moreover, his work, widely used and translated into Latin and Armenian, gradually ended the influence of the Gnostics. The circumstances and details about his death, like those of his birth and early life in Asia Minor, are not at all clear. However in 2022, Pope Francis named Saint Irenaeus a Doctor of the Church.



- Information obtained from Franciscanmedia.org

FORT FIAT REC NIGHT

SLIP N KICK Night

SNACKS | DRINKS | MUSIC

MONDAY
JUNE 23RD
@MHC 7:30-9:00 PM

FORT FIAT VS.
COLDWATER YOUTH GROUP

**6TH - 12TH GRADE
WELCOME**

WEAR SWIMSUITS OR CLOTHES YOU ARE WILLING TO
GET WET AND A TOWEL FOR THE CAR RIDE HOME

Thank You!

To This Week's Youth Group Lunch Sponsor

Coldwater Flowers on the Corner

CW Summer Lunch



Scan to sign up

Mondays

11:30 - 12:30

Please sign up at least
one week in advance
to the date you wish
to attend!

High School Only

Community Interests

A GET-AWAY WEEKEND — Do you need a vacation? Give yourself and your spouse time away from the pressures of work and everyday responsibilities. Enjoy a chance to talk and listen to that special someone who loves you! Enrich your relationship by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Do you want to rediscover the joy you and your spouse had when you were first married? Come attend at our newest retreat location July 25-27 at the Jesuit Spiritual Center in Milford, Ohio. Only 3 spots left. Call or apply today! Apply today at <https://esharing.org/applyWeekend.php> For questions or more details contact: Andy and Melanie Reinersman at 859-653-8464, application@esharing.org or visit esharing.org

SUMMER DAY WITH THE SAINTS — Saints, sun, and summer! This is a fun and educational day for kids to enjoy at the Shrine and learn about the Saints. There will be saint-themed crafts, prayers, activities, and snacks. The same program is offered each day, choose between Tuesday, August 5th, Wednesday, August 6th, or Thursday, August 7th. Cost is \$10 per child and runs from 1 - 4 pm. This event is for children entering 1st through 6th grades. To register, log onto mariasteinshrine.org.

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

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.

CATHOLIC IN RECOVERY RETREATS — These retreats offer hope and healing for individuals and family members impacted by a variety of addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments. Retreat participants are given various opportunities to encounter the Lord and deepen their recovery through various talks, personal testimonies, meetings, prayer & reflection time, engaging the sacraments, & fellowship with others seeking recovery rooted in Catholic spirituality. Info.: <https://catholicinrecovery.com/events>.

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.

ZOOM & SEE RETREAT: SITTING AT THE WELL WITH JESUS

— Calling all Catholic, single women ages 18-45! Come and be with other discerning women to reflect on how Jesus calls us to a deeper relationship with him. This day of prayer will consist of two Zoom sessions on Saturday, July 19th at 10 am - 2 pm & 5 - 8 pm. We will begin by prayerfully contemplating the scripture story of the Woman at the Well, followed by a short presentation. You will also have an opportunity to engage in conversation with other discerning women and our Sisters, who will share about religious life, answer your questions, and provide helpful tools for discernment. For more information about this program, please email Sr. Mai-dung Nguyen (mai-dung.nguyen@oppeace.org) or you can call or text her at 405-248-7027. (Sister's name is pronounced "My-Zung When.")

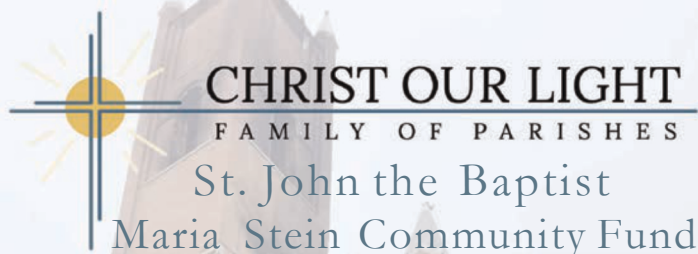


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JUBILEE YEAR 2025 — The Archdiocese of Cincinnati has launched a web page with information for the Jubilee Year 2025. Visit <https://catholicaoc.org/jubilee-2025> to learn about the Church's celebration of an Ordinary Jubilee every 25 years, obtaining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

RADIO ROSARY — Radio Rosary prayed on WCSM at 9:30 am every Sunday. The Radio Rosary is sponsored each week by local Catholic organizations and individuals.



On Thursday, May 29, 2025, St. John the Baptist parish community in Maria Stein, OH experienced a tragic fire in their beloved and historic church.

Your gift to the St. John the Baptist Maria Stein Community Fund will be used in support of this community for the needs that lie ahead on the path to recovery.

Donate by using the QR code or visit:

CatholicAOC.org/StJohnFund



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ART SHOW & SALE — Mark your calendars for the Shrine's 15th Annual Art Show from June 17 – June 30! Art pieces will be displayed on the 3rd floor in the Upper Room. See thought-provoking works of art from talented artists, including many available for purchase. While you're there, cast your vote for your favorite piece for the People's Choice Award. Media categories include Painting (oils and acrylics, water media, watercolor and aquatic medium), Drawing (graphite, charcoal, colored pencil, pastels, and pen/ink), and Three Dimensional (glass works, ceramics, and sculpture in the round or relief format). The Shrine is grateful for the support of local businesses and donors who sponsor the event each year. For information regarding sponsorship opportunities or the event, contact Diana Russell at 419-925-4532 or d.russell@mariasteinshrine.org.

ST. PEREGRINE CANCER PRAYER SERVICE — The Shrine is pleased to be able to offer the St. Peregrine Relic for prayer and veneration. Three times per year a prayer service is held for those who are on a journey with cancer, whether it be as a patient or as a caregiver. The next service will be held on Sunday, July 13th at 2 pm in the Shrine's Adoration Chapel. This event is free and open to the public. All who have been affected by cancer are encouraged to attend. For those battling cancer, you can submit your name or a loved one's name for prayer. Please contact Caleb Gaier at 419-925-4532 or c.gaier@mariasteinshrine.org.



Misa en Español

¿Acaso
no estoy
YO AQUÍ
que soy
tu MADRE?

**Iglesia de
Nuestra Señora de
Guadalupe**

6701 Ruta Estatal 219
Celina, OH 45866

**Santa Misa todos
los domingos
a las 4:00 pm**

**Confesiones antes
de la Santa Misa
a las 3:30 pm**



CHAPEL TOURS AT MARIA STEIN SHRINE — Every Tuesday and Thursday at 10 am, the Shrine is offering free relic chapel tours. No RSVP is required and tours last around 45 minutes. Meet in the Gathering Space across from reception. These tours run during the summer, ending the week before the Labor Day weekend.

CATHOLIC NURSE SOCIETY — We encourage all nurses to join us for fellowship, prayer and fun conversations that are uniquely about the joys, triumphs and hardships of being a nurse. Meetings are held at 11 am on the first Saturday of each month, second floor, at the Shrine of the Holy Relics in Maria Stein. We hope you will join us. Contact Janet Munday with any questions. (419) 954-1670 voice/text.

PREGNANCY CENTER — Choosing Life Pregnancy Center, located at 560 Touvelle Street in Celina, is open Monday-Friday from 11 am - 5 pm. The Everything Shoppe is open to the public. They accept donations of all sorts that is gently used or new, for example: baby-adult clothing, kitchenware, crafts, furniture, appliances, tools, etc. All of the proceeds from the shop go directly into the pregnancy center to help keep it up and running. The services they provide are free and for anyone with no age or income guidelines. They offer: Pregnancy tests with verification, 2D/4D ultrasounds, Parenting Classes online or in person, Adoption Planning, and Life skill classes. All of our clients can use their points they earn from parenting classes to purchase diapers, wipes, clothing, or any baby items.

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



QUO VADIS NIGHT

DEVON SCHULTZ

**SECOND
SESSION:**
GRANT GARKE'S
TESTIMONY

In Vino Veritas:
Alcohol, Virtue,
and the Catholic
Soul

**SUNDAY,
JUNE 22ND**
7.00 PM
Maria Stein
Spiritual Center

Quo Vadis
Where are you going?

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 Janie Timmerman - (SA) 419-375-2320
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June 2 - 8, 2025

Mary Help of Christians

Offertory.....\$3,367.00
 Cemetery.....\$ 825.00
 Youth Group.....\$ 30.00
 Flowers.....\$ 70.00
 Allocated Loose.....\$ 768.47

Holy Trinity

Offertory.....\$4,848.00
 Loose.....\$3,257.03
 Total.....\$8,105.03
 Perm. Improvement.....\$2,340.00
 Candles.....\$ 253.00

St. Joseph

Offertory.....\$ 735.00
 Allocated Loose.....\$ 152.41

St. Anthony

Offertory.....\$ 840.00
 Loose.....\$ 299.00
 Total.....\$1,139.00

St. Peter

Offertory.....\$1,720.00
 Maintenance.....\$ 265.00
 Allocated Loose.....\$ 248.47

St. Mary

Offertory.....\$1,051.00
 Loose.....\$ 641.00
 Total.....\$1,692.00
 Perm. Improvement.....\$ \$520.00

St. Paul

Offertory.....\$2,695.45
 Maintenance.....\$ 100.00
 Allocated Loose.....\$ 307.39



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