

*Upon this rock
I will build My Church*



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Family Offices

Holy Trinity

419-678-4802
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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

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St. Anthony



St. Joseph



St. Mary



St. Paul



St. Peter

Sunday, June 29, 2025
Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles; Solemnity

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 30 <i>The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church; opt. mem.</i>	Todd Ashbaugh †	FBS	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	After Mass
	Pauline Reinhart †	FJP	6:45 pm	St. Peter	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Tuesday, July 1 <i>Saint Junipero Serra, Priest; opt. mem.</i>	Carl † & Donna Van Den Bosch	FEM	7:15 am	St. Mary	After Mass
	L/D Urban & Bernice Dirksen Family †	FJP	6:45 pm	St. Joseph	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Wednesday, July 2 <i>Weekday</i>	Carol Hartnagel †	FJP	7:15 am (L/S)	MHC	After Mass
	Hugo & Hilda Adams Wedding Anniv.	FEM	Noon (L/S)	Holy Trinity	11:30 am - end
Thursday, July 3 <i>Saint Thomas, Apostle; Feast</i>	L/D Joe & Janice Hart Family †	FJP	7:15 am	St. Paul	After Mass
	Tom Padovano †	FEM	6:45 pm	St. Anthony	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Friday, July 4 <i>Weekday</i>	Gary Van Den Bosch †	FBS/FJP	9:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	N/A
	L/D Charles & Elizabeth Keller Family †	FEM	9:00 am (L/S)	N/A	N/A
Saturday, July 5 <i>Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; Saint Elizabeth of Portugal; BVM on Saturday; opt. mem.</i>	LaVern & Marlene Bettinger †	FBS	9:00 am	St. Joseph	After Mass
	Lou Ann Knoth †	FJP	4:00 pm	St. Anthony	3:15 - 3:45 pm
	Vernie Wynk †	FEM	4:30 pm	Holy Trinity	3:45 - 4:15 pm
	Matt Beyke †	FAW	4:30 pm (L/S)	MHC	3:45 pm - end
Sunday, July 6 <i>14th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Members of the Holy Cross Family of Parishes	FAW	7:00 am	St. Joseph	N/A
	Greg Dues †	FJP	8:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	7:25 am - end
	L/D Eugene & Esther Link Family †	FBS	9:00 am (L/S)	MHC	8:25 am - end
	Jeff Knapke †	FEM	10:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	9:25 am - end
	Elaine Brunswick †	FBS/DDK	11:00 am	St. Paul	10:25 - 10:45 am
	L/D Charles & Annie Huwer Family †	FAW/DRK	11:00 am	St. Peter	10:25 - 10:45 am
	Carl Fortkamp †	FJP	Noon	St. Mary	11:25 - 11:45 am
	Dale Sutter †	FEM	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);
 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, July 2, 7:15 am

Servers: Chase Fiely

Lector: Les Wenning

Friday, July 4, 9:00 am

Servers: Xavier Bruns

Lector: Diane Siegrist

Saturday, July 5, 4:30 pm

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

Lector: Diane Siegrist

EMHC: Irene Roessner, Mark Roessner

Sacristan: Mark Roessner

Ushers: Floyd Bergman, Don Lennartz, Joe Siegrist, Nick Dues

Sunday, July 6, 9:00 am

Servers: Will Faller, Cora Pearson, Lucas Winner, Elijah Grieshop, Ezekial Grieshop

Lector: Amy S. Wendel

EMHC: Tom Remaklus, Vicki Schmitz

Sacristan: Amy S. Wendel

Ushers: Greg Schmitz, Steve Vogel, Gary J. Wendel, Steve Wendel

– St. Joseph –

Tuesday, July 1, 6:45 pm

Servers: Logan Gaerke, Gavin Gaerke

Lector: Mary Gaerke

Sacristan: Norma Pottkotter

Saturday, July 5, 9:00 am

Servers: Logan Gaerke, Gavin Gaerke

Lector: Mary Gaerke

Sunday, July 6, 7:00 am

Servers: Joseph Bruns, Henry Bruns, James Pottkotter, Francis Pottkotter

Lector: Pat Gehret

EMHC: Kim Pottkotter

Sacristan: Kim Pottkotter

Ushers: Grant Pottkotter, Mel Bertke

– St. Paul –

Thursday, July 3, 7:15 am

Servers: Korbin Wuebker, Hayden Wuebker

Sunday, July 6, 11:00 am

Servers: AJ Siefring, Maddie Weigel, Katelyn Siefring, Lindsey Siefring

Lector: Marcia Weigel

EMHC: Deacon Dan Kahlig, Marcia Weigel

Ushers: Matt Reinhard, Doug Weigel

Rosary: Jerry & Bec Bihn

– St. Peter –

Monday, June 30, 6:45 pm

Servers: Levi Sutter

Lector: Nathan Fortkammp

Sunday, July 6, 11:00 am

Servers: Garret Diller, Kale Diller, Easton Diller, Tyler Kahlig, Tate Kahlig, Wade Gaerke

Lector: Katie Diller

EMHC: Deacon Roger Kaiser

Sacristan: Donna Brunswick

Ushers: Jake Gaerke, Shane Gaerke

– Holy Trinity –

Monday, June 30, 7:15 am

Servers: Archer Bihn, Claire Bertke

Lector: Rene Klosterman

Wednesday, July 2, 12:00 pm

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby

Lector: Rene Klosterman

Friday, July 4, 9:00 am

Servers: Myra Stammen, John Evers

Lector: Rita Riethman

Saturday, July 5, 4:30 pm

Servers: Elisabeth Ebbing, Emma Siefring, David Dues

Lector: Tara Berkenstock

EMHC: Denny Riethman, Mark Obringer, Brenda Schwieterman

Sunday, July 6, 8:00 am

Servers: Karson Homan, Kratyn Homan, Krew Homan

Lector: Abbie Homan

EMHC: Abbie Homan, Gary Diller

Sunday, July 6, 10:00 am

Servers: Max Ross, Madelyn Lange, Dana Knapke, Myra Knapke

Lector: Terry Liette

EMHC: Tony Hart, Cindy Hemmelgarn, Abbie Homan

Sunday, July 6, 6:00 pm

Servers: Liam Cowan, Carson Wermert

Lector: Pam Hicks

EMHC: Melinda Pleiman, Pam Hicks

– St. Anthony –

Thursday, July 3, 6:45 pm

Servers: Wesley Geier

Lector: Marty Knapke

Sacristan: Janet Brockman

Saturday, July 5, 4:00 pm

Servers: Mason Alig, Lilly Alig, Logan Alig, Hailey Grey

Lector: Janet Brockman

EMHC: Lisa Knapke

Sacristan: Bonnie Muhlenkamp

Ushers: Greg Alig

Rosary: Julie Brackman

– St. Mary –

Tuesday, July 1, 7:15 am

Servers: Volunteers Needed

Lector: Viki Dues

Sunday, July 6, 12:00 pm

Servers: Austin Uhlenhake, Carson Uhlenhake, Andrew Moorman, William Moorman

Lector: Betsy Uhlenhake

EMHC: Jay Uhlenhake

Ushers: Ben Uhlenhake, Matt Brockman





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Foundation of Faith: Celebrating St. Peter and Paul

Enhancing Faith Through Family Responsibility

As we celebrate the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, we reflect on the lives of two great apostles who, though different in background and temperament, were united in their love for Christ and their commitment to building His Church. Peter, the steadfast leader and “rock” upon whom Christ promised to build His Church (Matthew 16:18), and Paul, the fearless missionary who brought the Gospel to the Gentiles (Acts 13:47), left a legacy that calls each of us to strengthen our own role in the Church—beginning within our families.

The family is often referred to as the “domestic Church” (cf. Lumen Gentium 11), the first and most vital place where faith is passed on. It is within the home that children are first introduced to God’s love and to the life of prayer and virtue. Proverbs 22:6 reminds us, “Train the young in the way they should go; even when old, they will not swerve from it.” This training happens not only through words, but more powerfully through example. Parents who regularly pray with their children, attend Mass as a family, and keep God at the center of daily life lay a strong spiritual foundation. Saint Paul urges us in 1 Thessalonians 5:17 to “pray without ceasing,” a call that applies as much to family life as to personal devotion.

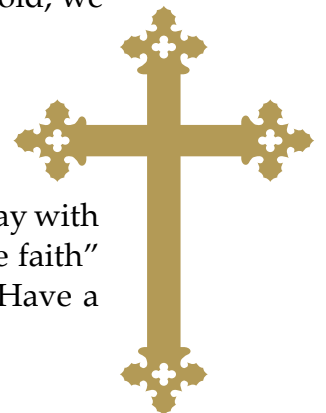
The lives of Peter and Paul also teach us that faith is not about perfection, but about transformation. Peter denied Jesus, and Paul once persecuted Christians—yet both became great saints. Families grow stronger in faith when parents live with humility, acknowledging their faults and turning back to God in repentance and love. As Saint Paul writes, “Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ” (1 Corinthians 11:1). This witness teaches children that following Christ is a lifelong journey of growth and grace.

Forgiveness and mercy are vital in every household. Family life often brings challenges, disagreements, and mistakes. But Scripture calls us to “bear with one another and forgive one another... as the Lord has forgiven you” (Colossians 3:13). A home rooted in forgiveness becomes a place of healing and spiritual strength.

Finally, faith must lead to action. Just as Peter and Paul gave their lives in service to the Gospel, families are called to serve—within the parish, in their communities, and in everyday acts of love. Joshua’s words should echo in every Christian home: “As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord” (Joshua 24:15).

This feast invites us to reflect deeply: Is Christ the center of our home? Are we building a faith that our children will carry into the world? In honoring Saints Peter and Paul, may our families be inspired to become strongholds of prayer, love, forgiveness, and mission—just as they were. And like Paul, may we one day say with confidence, “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith” (2 Timothy 4:7). Be pillars of faith in your families for God never lets us down. Have a fruitful and faithful journey of family life in Christ.

- Fr. Joseph Pasala

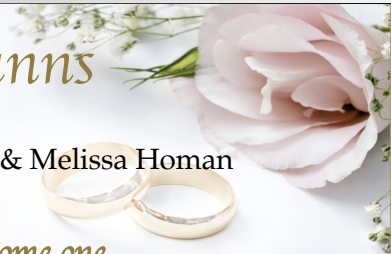


Sacramental Information

Wedding Banns

I Chase Bruggeman & Melissa Homan

And the two shall become one.



Sacrament of Matrimony

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

Marriage Congratulations!

Ryan & Amanda (Schmitmeyer) Lochtefeld
Married Saturday, June 21, 2025
(Holy Trinity)

Andrew & Mikayla (Post) Wendel
Married Saturday, June 21, 2025
(St. Paul)

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



Newly Baptized

Holy Trinity

Ellie Louise Fennig
Child of Adam & Kaitlyn

St. Paul

Nova Lynn Dirksen
Child of Wyatt & Emily

Kai William Dirksen
Child of Wyatt & Emily

Beau John Stammen
Child of Cody & Kaitlyn

Paul Joseph Schmackers
Child of Mason & Laura



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...

Robert "Bob" H. Fortkamp
May 2, 1956 — June 14, 2025
(St. Paul)

Thomas W. Litmer
July 30, 1934 — June 18, 2025
(St. Joseph)

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

- John 11:26



Welcome to the Holy Cross Family!



We welcome into Full Communion in the Catholic Church Kristen Timmerman, Hunter Bouse, and Gracy Temple who received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion on Thursday, June 19. We also welcome Matilda Ruth and Josephine Judith Timmerman who were baptized. Please pray for our newest members of the Holy Cross Family of Parishes.

Holy Cross Family of Parishes

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

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

VOLUNTEER MINISTERS NEEDED — We are in need of more ministers throughout our parishes, especially for weekday Masses. If you feel called to be a sacristan, lector, extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, server, adult server, or usher at a parish, please call either parish office to sign up. The more ministers we have per parish the less often people will need to be scheduled to do a ministry. Also are you already a minister at a parish? Please talk to your friends and family, and ask them to sign up to join a ministry. Thank you to everyone who volunteers to help out at any of our parishes. It is greatly appreciated!

HOLY TRINITY LENDING LIBRARY — Our new library is located in the Coldwater parish office, and it is opening Tuesday, July 1, 2025. 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 bring them to the parish office. Thank You!

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION — Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Leo. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Leo and be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers & sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.obolodisaniopietro.va/en.html.

MASS CHANGES — Mass will be held at 9 am at both Holy Trinity and Mary Help of Christians on Friday, July 4th. Note: The 7:15 am Mass @ Holy Trinity & the Noon Mass @ Mary Help of Christians are both canceled on Friday, July 4th.

SCAM WARNING — Please Ignore any Email, Phone, or Text messages supposedly from Fr. Witt asking for you to Purchase anything. These are Fraudulent messages from someone trying to Scam Parishioners. Also, AI can be used to fake phone numbers and email addresses and other forms of communication. Please be aware if you are being asked for personal information, especially in association with financial inquiries. These are more than likely fraudulent. We have especially been seeing a rise in fraudulent emails.

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.

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 meeting will be held on 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).

MISSION LOTTERY WINNER — (5/28/25) Rosie Krieg, Fort Recovery; (6/4/25) Meridith Jones, Fort Recovery; (6/11/25) Joe & Esther Heitkamp, Fort Recovery; & (6/18/25) Cathy Koesters, Fort Recovery — Congratulations!

EXPECTANT MOTHER'S BLESSING — The blessing of expectant mothers will be after all the Masses the weekend of July 5/6.

Announcing...

Queen of Peace Garden

"Join us and Archbishop Casey for the dedication after 4:30 pm Mass on Saturday, July 12, 2025. Snacks will be provided."



Welcome New Members

Holy Trinity

Seth and Brianna Obringer

Clay and Kristen Timmerman
along with their children
Matilda and Josephine

St. Anthony

Joshua Bruggeman & Kaitlyn Dunnuck
along with their child Zoey

St. Peter

Patrick & Sydney Klosterman
along with their child Cambrie

God our Father,

Giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty, & the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for your glory & dwell among your people. Send your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life & the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking & doing Your will. Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, patroness of our land, grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death." Lead us into a new millennium of life. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

- Author Unknown

HEARTS ON FIRE
Camping With Christ

"WHERE THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS, THERE IS FREEDOM"

2 CORINTHIANS 3:17

SAVE THE DATE

MAY 22 - 24, 2026

4171 Burrville Rd
Coldwater, Ohio



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REGISTRATION OPENING DAY**

 HEARTS ON FIRE: CAMPING WITH CHRIST



Women's Bible
STUDY

DISCUSS THE *Virtues* BOOK

Scan here to buy the book
Or Contact Olivia Wenning
at (419) 852-7822 by July 5th

THE SHELTER HOUSE

4171 Burrville Rd Coldwater, Ohio

JULY 14 | 7:30-8:30PM

Join us every 2nd Monday of each month!

VIGIL OF TWO HEARTS
Schedule of Events
St. Joseph

Friday, July 4

7 pm: Scriptural Rosary
7 - 8 pm: Confessions
8 pm: Holy Mass followed by Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament
8:30 pm - 12 midnight: Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament throughout the night with private and group prayer.


Saturday, July 5

12 - 8:40 am: Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
7:30 am: Morning Prayer (Lauds)
7:45 am: Scriptural Rosary
8:45 am: Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament
9 am: Holy Mass
9:30 am: Confessions



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 | 7:30-8:30PM

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

Parish Information



Holy Trinity

THANK YOU! —

A special thank you to the Do Right Painting crew for power-washing and painting the steps and railings to the entrance and fire exits of the Fr. Yauss and the entrances to the sacristies of the church. The generosity of your time and materials is greatly appreciated.

BRIARWOOD DRIVE — The social action committee is collecting personal items for the residents at Briarwood. Last day to donate is Sunday, June 29th. 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!



St. Mary

PATRIOTIC

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



St. Joseph

CLEANING —

(July) **Julie Bechtol, Lori Pottkotter, Sherri Pottkotter, Kim Pottkotter, Danielle Pottkotter, Emilie Pottkotter, Ashley Pottkotter

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 for anyone who purchased tickets. 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. Any questions call: 419-852-3767



St. Anthony

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.

BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT — Phase 1 Update: We have received a new quote from Blanck Studio for Phase 1 of painting Sanctuary and can be picked up at the entrance of church. Blanck Studio will complete the full project and has confirmed a February 2026 start date. The project is expected to take 1.5 to 2 months. We are also working with Enyart's Flooring to coordinate the installation timeline. All proceeds from the upcoming Garage Sale will support this project. We are still accepting donations and deeply appreciate your continued support. Together, we are preserving our worship space for future generations.

SACRISTAN NEEDED — Please call the Coldwater Parish Office at (419) 678-4802 if you are interested in becoming a sacristan for St. Anthony Church.

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

FORMED
THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
ON DEMAND.

Friday,
JULY 4th



For
FREEDOM
Christ has
SET US FREE

Galatians 5:1

INDEPENDENCE DAY

GOD BLESS AMERICA

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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.

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*

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.



Fort Recovery Religious Ed.

Contact: Harlie Metzger

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

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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.*

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

WOMEN'S GROUP — Tuesdays 7:30 pm at MHC, grades 9-12

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

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

KINGS ISLAND — We will be taking a trip to Kings Island on July 29th!! Please see the flyer for the permission slip and more information. Deadline to sign up is July 14th, and the cost is \$40 per person.

Coldwater Youth Group

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MONDAY, JUNE 30 — 11:30 - 12:30 - High School Summer Lunch @ Fr. Yauss (grades 9th - 12th)

TUESDAY, JULY 1 — 7 - 8 am - Christ & Coffee @ Rooster Joe (grades 7th - 12th)

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Thank You!

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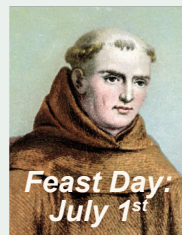
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Mondays
11:30 - 12:30
Please sign up at least
one week in advance
to the date you wish
to attend!

High School Only

Saint of the Week - Saint Junipero Serra

No one who has stood before the quiet majesty of Mission San Juan Capistrano, or the altogether different but no less lovely Mission Dolores in San Francisco, or any of the missions from San Diego to Sonoma can fail to bless the Franciscan padre who, while not founder of each, was inspiration for them all, Blessed Junipero Serra.



Abandoning the comfortable academic life to which his doctorate in theology entitled him, Serra journeyed to the New World where his tireless traveling, dramatic preaching, and penitential austerity converted thousands of native peoples. Saving souls and celebrating the sacraments were Padre Serra's primary mission but not his only one. Education in letters and crafts, trades and agriculture transformed the people, while roads and irrigation systems transfigured the landscape. His more than thirty years of ministry were not free from conflict with authorities or without controversy in the retrospectively critical eye of history. But when John Paul II beatified him in 1988, he praised Padre Serra for assisting his converts to use their new faith to advance their true human development. — Peter Scagnelli

- Information obtained from Diocesan.com

Story Time

WITH THE

SAINTS



Gotta Be Saints

THURSDAY, JULY 3RD

10:00 AM

AT THE GROTTO

ALL AGES WELCOME, PROGRAM IS
GEARED TOWARDS PRE K - 4TH GRADE

HOLY CROSS FAMILY YOUTH GROUPS

KINGS ISLAND

TUESDAY, JULY 29TH

**MASS BEFORE
DEPARTING: 9:00 AM
- LOCATION TBD**

PLEASE BRING A DISPOSABLE SACK LUNCH TO EAT ON THE WAY OR TO ENJOY ONCE WE ARRIVE AT THE PARK.

WE'LL LEAVE THE PARK AT 6:00 PM AND STOP AT A FAST FOOD RESTAURANT ON THE WAY HOME — BRING MONEY IF YOU'D LIKE TO PURCHASE SOMETHING.

ESTIMATED RETURN TIME: 9:00 PM

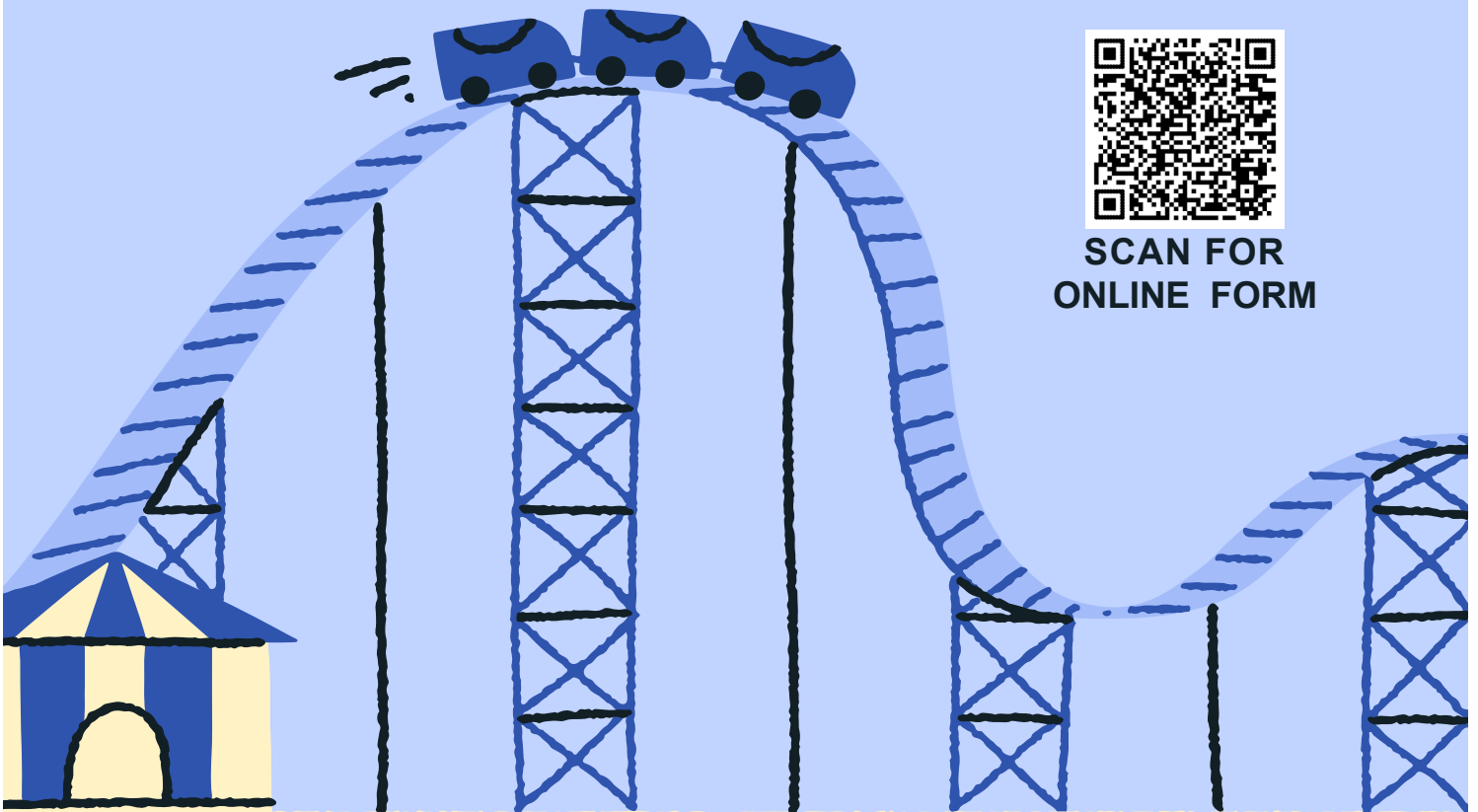
COST: \$40 PER PERSON

SIGN-UP DEADLINE: MONDAY, JULY 14TH

TO SIGN UP, PLEASE SUBMIT THE REQUIRED PERMISSION FORM ALONG WITH THE \$40 PAYMENT TO NATALIE OR MARIA BY THE DEADLINE.



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Community Interests

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.

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>.

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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RETRouvaille — HOPE for couples going through difficult times in their marriages. Retrouvaille is a program of healing and renewal consisting of one weekend and six follow-up sessions over the course of two months. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on September 5-7, 2025, call 513-486-6222 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org

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.

Supercharge Saturday

OUR HOPE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT

Saturday, August 9th

Ages 18-35 | Cost: \$35

1 - Day Retreat

Light Breakfast & Lunch Included

Register at brushfire.com/eagleeyeministries/602071

Registration ends Sunday, July 20th

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The Spiritual Center of Montezuma

6731 State Route 219 Celina, Ohio 45822

For questions contact Anna Kleinhenz
at kleinhenz.anna9@gmail.com



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St. John the Baptist

Maria Stein Community Fund

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.

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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.

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.

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.

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.



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JULY 19TH
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Join us for an edifying evening as
Emily discusses the Church's teaching
on the gift of life,
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