



### Famíly Offices



### <u>Holy Tríníty</u>

419-678-4802 120 E. Main St. P.O. Box 107 Coldwater, OH 45828

Mon - Thurs: 8:30 am - 12:30 pm & 1 pm - 5 pm Fri: 8:30 am - 1 pm

### Mary Help of Chrístíans

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

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

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Sunday, July 6, 2025

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 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, July 7	Joseph L. Schneider +	FBS	7:15 am ( <b>L/S</b> )	Holy Trinity	After Mass	
Weekday	L/D Donald & Dolores Kahlig Family +	FAW	6:45 pm	St. Peter	5:45 - 6:30 pm	
<b>Tuesday, July 8</b> Weekday	Jane Braun +	FEM	7:15 am	St. Mary	After Mass	
	Joni Blomeke †	FJP	6:45 pm	St. Joseph	5:45 - 6:30 pm	
Wednesday, July 9 Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs; opt. mem.	L/D John & Cleopha Bihn Family †	FBS	7:15 am ( <i>L/S</i> )	MHC	After Mass	
	Eugene & Eileen Bruns †	FAW	Noon (L/S)	Holy Trinity	11:30 am - end	
<b>Thursday, July 10</b> Weekday	John Will +	FBS	7:15 am	St. Paul	After Mass	
	Phyllis Kessen †	FAW	6:45 pm	St. Anthony	5:45 - 6:30 pm	
Friday, July 11	L/D Meier & Steinbrunner Families †	FBS	7:15 am ( <i>L/S</i> )	Holy Trinity	After Mass	
Saint Benedict, Abbot; Memorial	Joseph Huber †	FAW	Noon (L/S)	MHC	11:30 am - end	
<b>Saturday, July 12</b> BVM on Saturday; opt. mem.	L/D Charlie & Janie Keller Family †	FEM	9:00 am	St. Joseph	After Mass	
	John Alig +	FBS	4:00 pm	St. Anthony	3:15 - 3:45 pm	
	Gerald Ruchty +	FJP	4:30 pm	Holy Trinity	3:45 - 4:15 pm	
	Peggy Hart +	FAW	4:30 pm <b>(L/S)</b>	MHC	3:45 pm - end	
	Lester & Millie Huelskamp †	FAW	7:00 am	St. Joseph	N/A	
<b>Sunday, July 13</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Ken Schwieterman +	FBS	8:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	7:25 am - end	
	Allen Dues †	FEM	9:00 am ( <i>L/S</i> )	MHC	8:25 am - end	
	L/D John Penno Family †	FJP	10:00 am ( <i>L/S</i> )	Holy Trinity	9:25 am - end	
	Leo Schoen Family †	FEM	11:00 am	St. Paul	10:25 - 10:45 am	
	Kenneth & Beatrice Alig 60 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniv.	FAW	11:00 am	St. Peter	10:25 - 10:45 am	
	Ralph & EllaMae Liette †	FBS	Noon	St. Mary	11:25 - 11:45 am	
	Members of the Holy Cross Family of Parishes	FJP	6:00 pm	Holy Trinity	5:15 - 5:45 pm	

**MASSES ONLINE** — Watch Masses at Holy Trinity & Mary Help of Christians online, indicated by (*L/S*) with the time. Masses are also archived and viewable on a later day and can be accessed on the website: holycrossfop.org

### **Reference for Church Abbreviations**

- SA = St. AnthonyHT = Holy TrinitySJ = St. JosephSM = St. MarySPL = St. PaulSPT = 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
 Thurs., SA: 5:45 - 6:30 pm

 St. Joseph - First Fridays of the Month
 8:30 pm Friday - 8:30 am Saturday

 Contact Info.: Adoration.nw1@gmail.com

BULLETIN SUBMISSION NOTICE: Submissions must be receive by 8:00 am, 10 days prior to the Sunday publication date unless otherwise noted. Please submit info to bulletin.holycrossfop@gmail.com.

# Mínístry Schedule

Notice: The below scheduled ministers are responsible for finding a substitute if they are unable to fill the originally assigned position. - Thank You!

### - Mary Help of Christians -

Wednesday, July 9, 7:15 am Servers: Charlie Roessner, Chris Timmerman Lector: Ted Romer Friday, July 11, 12:00 pm Server: Joseph Bruns

Lector: Lisa Romer

### Saturday, July 12, 4:30 pm

Servers: Carson Fullenkamp, Anthony Roessner, Zavier Bruns, Vincent Wenning, Jameson Heitkamp, Lane Zehringer Lector: Debbie Bueter Sacristans: Debbie & Tom Bueter Ushers: Floyd Bergman, Don Lennartz, Jeff Fullenkamp, LaVern Grube

#### Sunday, July 13, 9:00 am

Servers: Brodie Hart, Paisley Hart, Grant Pearson, Emma Pearson
Lector: Elly Boeckman
EMHC: Roger Wenning, Cheryl Wenning
Sacristan: Roger & Cheryl Wenning
Ushers: Randy Wendel, Don Willmann, Paul Alig, Roger Broerman

### – St. Joseph –

#### <u>Tuesday, July 8, 6:45 pm</u>

Servers: Tyler Dues, Levi Sutter Lector: Paige Schulze Sacristan: Paige Schulze Saturday, July 12, 9:00 am Server: Theresa Hipple Lector: Jane Hipple Sunday, July 13, 7:00 am

Servers: Tyler Dues, Blaise Bergman, Brinley Steinbrunner, Rhea Steinbrunner Lector: Ryan Steinbrunner EMHC: Christa Fullenkamp Sacristan: Norma Pottkotter Ushers: Gary Pottkotter, Ed Dues

### - St. Paul -

<u>Thursday, July 10, 7:15 am</u>

Server: Maddie Weigel <u>Sunday, July 13, 11:00 am</u> Servers: Olivia Knapke, Reece LeFevre, Camden LeFevre, Vance Tobe Lector: Amanda Brackman EMHC: Joe Knapke, Carl Link Ushers: Doug Evers, Kevin Wuebker Rosary: Mark & Marylene Brunswick

### – St. Peter –

Monday, July 7, 6:45 pm Server: Tate Kahlig Lector: Marilyn Pottkotter Sunday, July 13, 11:00 am

Servers: Will Westgerdes, Reed Westgerdes, Carter Fortkamp, Brinley Fortkamp, Addison Fortkamp, Derek Fortkamp Lector: Lisa Roessner EMHC: Lisa Roessner Sacristan: Lisa Roessner Ushers: Tom Lennartz, Dan Overman

### - Holy Trinity -

Monday, July 7, 7:15 am Servers: Myra Stammen, John Evers Lector: Rene Klosterman Wednesday, July 9, 12:00 pm Servers: Samuel Gerlach, Oliver & Jude Link Lector: Nancy Clune Friday, July 11, 7:15 am Servers: Audrey Alig, Abby Alig, A.J. Alig Lector: Rita Riethman Saturday, July 12, 4:30 pm Servers: Isabelle Schwieterman, Alex Schwieterman, Emma Siefring Lector: Terry Liette EMHC: Dave Bertke, Michelle Wilker, Mark Obringer Sunday, July 13, 8:00 am **Servers:** Samuel Gerlach, Carter Heitkamp, Jude Link **Lector:** Dan Fullenkamp **EMHC:** Linda Brunswick, Dan Fullenkamp Sunday, July 13, 10:00 am Servers: Miles Bruns, Owen May, Emmit May, Kelly May Lector: Connie May EMHC: Brenda Kaiser, Deacon Roger Kaiser, Brenda Kaiser Sunday, July 13, 6:00 pm Servers: Levi Sutter, Eli Eyink

Lector: Charmaine Bettinger EMHC: Pam Hicks, Amy Klingshirn

### - St. Anthony -

### <u>Thursday, July 10, 6:45 pm</u>

Server: Leo Grigsby Lector: Cindy Muhlenkamp Sacristan: Cindy Muhlenkamp

Saturday, July 12, 4:00 pm Servers: Nolan Link, Lacey Link, Jack Link, Troy Geier Lector: Cindy Homan EMHC: Rodney Homan Sacristan: Cindy Homan Usher: Corey Sudhoff Rosary: Teri Minnich

### – St. Mary –

Tuesday, July 8, 7:15 am Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby Lector: Stephanie Wendel Sunday, July 13, 12:00 pm

Servers: Benjamin Liette, Jay Liette, Reagan Liette, Kali Uhlenhake Lector: Adam Liette EMHC: Tracy Liette Ushers: Dan Dues, Dave Fullenkamp







### Two Years in a Row!

This past Easter, we had a bit of a problem at some of our Masses. Maybe you were at one of those Masses and you noticed it. In case you didn't, the problem was that we ran out of Hosts at some of our Masses! And this wasn't the first time we had this problem. In addition to this happening at some of our Masses last Easter, this is also something that we've experienced a couple of times since this Easter.

Now, I do want to assure people that this is not happening due to negligence. At each of our Sunday Masses, we have a group of dedicated parishioners who help us set up for Mass, including working with the priests to make sure that we have the right amount of Hosts. This is a little trickier than it might sound. While we have tabernacles so that we can have a bit of a "cushion", the Tabernacle can only hold so many vessels. So we have to walk a tight-ish rope between too many and too few. We always try to error on the side of too many, but it is more of an art than a science. It is aided by the fact that we keep a pretty accurate track of the numbers (thank you, ushers!), so we usually have a pretty good idea of how many people to expect per Mass. But at each of these Masses, despite all of these tools at our disposal, those numbers have been blown out of the water.

While it might be annoying or disappointing not to be able to receive Holy Communion because we ran out of Hosts, I do want to point out that, if the reason for it isn't due to negligence, then it's actually happening for a pretty positive and exciting reason. It's happening because people are coming back to Mass. It's happening because people are realizing that they need Jesus. Over the last three years, our Mass attendance has been steadily rising. As of last year, we have 500+ more people attending Mass on average than in previous years. I expect that when we take count in October,



that number will have continued to increase. So what can you do to help?

### People Who Are Coming Back

We are so happy that you are coming back! The Catholic Church is the Church Jesus established for the salvation of the world and for the salvation of your soul (see Lumen Gentium, 8)! It is good that you are here! But in order to really come back there is something that you need to do: make a good Confession before receiving Holy Communion. The Church teaches us that we should do this as a way of reconciling to God before participating in the incredible gift of the Eucharist. It is just like a husband and a wife needing to reconcile after a fight before "going back to normal". It can be difficult or nerve-wracking to go to Confession, but the priests are here to help you and, trust me, it will be well worth it!

### People Who Have Been Here

We are so grateful for your faithful presence. I know that you will do what you can to help welcome people back. Maybe that will be by greeting someone with a warm smile or telling them that you're glad they came. Maybe it will be by affirming a parent or family who are struggling with their kids. Maybe there will be an opportunity to be generous or charitable and win someone over to Christ. Even if it's as simple as welcoming someone to your pew or yielding to someone in the parking lot with a smile and a Mercer County wave. I know that your hearts, like mine and like Jesus', burn with a desire for our churches to be packed to the gills with people hungering for God and knowing they can find Him here in the Sacraments. Keep doing whatever you can to help us welcome people back to Christ's flock!

In Christ,

Fr. Witt



### Sacramental Information Sacrament of Matrimony Wedding Banns 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 Chase Bruggeman & Melissa Homan Π 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 And the two shall become one. the marriage preparation process. Marriage Congratulations! Newly Baptized St. Joseph **Kenneth Eugene Lochtefeld** Child of Andrew & Victoria Marin Elizabeth Sudhoff Child of Andrew & Natalie Aspen Cleo Sudhoff Child of Andrew & Natalie St. Anthony Matilda Ruth Timmerman Child of Clay & Kristen Josephine Judith Timmerman Child of Clay & Kristen **Zoey Rose Bruggeman** Child of Joshua & Kaitlyn Andrew & Mikayla (Post) Wendel **Madison Marlene Grieshop** Married Saturday, June 21, 2025 Child of Jason & Jessica

(St Paul)

# Holy Cross Famíly of Paríshes

**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!

NEW MEN'S BIBLE STUDY — Meet around the fire pit at 4171 Burrville Rd, Coldwater, Ohio from 7:30 - 8:30 pm every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month starting on July 10<sup>th</sup>. BYOB! "Boiiiiis - bring your own beer, bourbon, and bibles." - Fr. Æthan

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

A LOOSE CASH REMINDER — Since our Family of Parishes has formed, our different policies for loose cash have remained. For those who are unaware, in the Coldwater parishes, wherever the cash is donated is where it will stay at that particular church. Fort Recovery parishes collect all of the cash, and then divide the cash amongst the parishes, proportional to the number of families that belong to each particular church. If you'd like your money to stay at that church you attended in the Fort Recovery churches (or a church other than the one you attended, for that matter), place your cash in any marked envelope. (It doesn't have to be the envelopes provided to you by your registration, it just has to be marked to go to a particular church, and that's where the money will be sent.) Now that vacation season is among us, this is also a good time to remember that when you go to Mass while on vacation, you can still put your envelope for your home parish in that collection too — anywhere in the world! As long as it has your home parish & parish address listed the money will be sent home!

Soin us for the dedication of the... Queen of Peace Garden July 12, Archbishop Robert Casey will visit Mary Help of Christians to celebrate the 4:30 pm Mass. Afterward, His Excellency will dedicate our new Rosary walk & stations, now named Queen of Peace Garden. Join us for a small celebration immediately after. We will have a tent set up on the west side of the church, with snacks JESUS DIES UPON THE CROSS provided. Bring your own drinks and lawn chairs if you'd like to sit. XII We hope to see you there!

**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.

**YEAR END GATHERING** — A combined women's group (7:30 pm Thursday) and men's group (4:30 am Friday) year end gathering will be held on Wednesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4087 Fleetfoot Rd., Coldwater, Ohio 45828 from 7:30 - 9:00 pm. Bring a snack to share and your own drinks. All are welcome to come and enjoy some fellowship if you attended either of these groups this past year.

**WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING** — The next women's group meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in the Grotto's St. Isidore room. We will be finishing up the book "Jesus, I Trust in You" at this meeting.

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





# THE SHELTER HOUSE

4171 Burrville Rd Coldwater, Ohio

JULY 14 | 7:30-8:30PM

Join us every 2nd Monday of each month!

# Parish Information



F I R S T COMMUNION DATE CHANGE — First Communion at Holy

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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!



COLLECTION E N V E L O P E ERROR — St. Mary and St. Anthony Online Giving parishioners, you may

have received collection envelopes in the mail. There was an error transferring the data to the envelope company this time. Feel free to pull out the special collection envelopes if you wish to use them and disregard the Sunday envelopes. Sorry for the confusion.

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



THANK YOU — The family of Tom Litmer would like to thank everyone who helped in any way with Tom's funeral

especially Ginny Fortkamp, Thomas Shaw and his staff for their kind words and their organization skills. Thank you to the St. Joseph choir for their beautiful voices. Mel Bertke & Tom Sudhoff for serving. We would also like to thank Norma Pottkotter and her staff for the delicious luncheon. We sincerely appreciate all the support, prayers, calls, texts and cards. We are blessed to have such a caring family, friends and community. - The Family of Thomas Litmer

**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 7<sup>th</sup>. The workers meeting will be August 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

**COUNTRY STORE** — Items for the country store can be left under the table at the back of church for the St. Joe Festival.

#### UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

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





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**BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT** — Phase 1 Update: We have received a new quote from Blanck Studio for Phase 1 of painting the Sanctuary, and it 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.



### Drop Off Dates for Baked Goods

Anytime on the evenings of July 21st - 24th (We are asking St. Anthony parishioners, or anyone, to please provide baked goods for this bake sale.)

### Garage Sale Dates

July 22nd, 23rd, & 24th from 9 am - 7 pm

(Monday July 21st we are having an EARLY BIRD evening from 5 - 8 pm for anyone who wants to get first chance. Entry fee is only \$5.00. It's a great opportunity to get ahead of the crowd.

Anyone from the surrounding parishes are welcome to shop. (Bake sale will be while supplies last.)

Any questions or concerns please call Janie at 419-852-8741.

Thank you for your support!



THANK YOU — The family of Bob Fortkamp wishes to thank everyone who helped in any way with Bob's

funeral. Fr. Barry Stechschulte and Fr. Matt Jozefiak for their kind words and compassion, Deacon Roger Kaiser and everyone who made the funeral Mass memorable - the Godchildren who did readings and served as pallbearers, Susan Bertke for the music and the choir for singing, Tyler Dues and Jerry Bihn for serving, Carissa Will for putting together the funeral luncheon (and all who helped by bringing dishes) and many others. Thomas Shaw and Ginny Fortkamp for planning all arrangements for the funeral Mass. For Father Matt, Ginny Fortkamp, Fort Recovery VFW and Fort Recovery K of C Council Auxiliary for all the prayers and support at the funeral home and for everyone who lined up spiritual Masses. The whole Holy Cross Family, neighbors, friends and relatives for words of comfort, shared memories, cards and prayers. The community we are blessed to be a part of - thank you for the loving support.



#### COMMUNITY C E N T E R C L A S S R O O M CLEANING — Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup> & Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>. The

north building will be open from 8 am - 8 pm on Monday, 7/21 and from 8 am - 5 pm. on Tuesday, 7/22. Please bring your own cleaning rags and buckets. Thank you! Committee members: Angie Roessner, Jane Hipple, Anna Post, Lisa Kahlig, Katie Diller, Lisa Ontrop, Ginny Schoenlein, Kim Rammel, Chelsea Overman, Andrea Rammel, Alison Will, Elle Dues, Evelyn Will, Jessica Kremer, Casey Evers, Taylor Timmerman, Madelyn Link, Sarah Rindler, Mary Lou Daniels, Rachel Siegrist, Brooke Pugh & Jenny Schoenlein.



# **Religious Education**

Coldwater Religious Ed.

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

**SUMMER RESET** — We will be cleaning and organizing CCD and Youth supplies and spaces at St. Mary on July 16<sup>th</sup> from 1 - 4 pm and are looking for volunteers. This is a great service opportunity for any high schoolers in need of hours.

### 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

 $2^{nd}$  Grade Retreat: January  $17^{th}$  @ 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  $14^{\mbox{\tiny th}}$  @ 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 16<sup>th</sup> @ St. Anthony, 4:00 pm

May 16th or 17th @ Holy Trinity, TBD

May 17<sup>th</sup> @ 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 2025/2026 SACRAMENT & RETREAT DATES TO NOTE:

Confirmation Mass: February 22<sup>nd</sup> @ MHC, 1:00 pm

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

 $2^{nd}$  Grade Retreat: January 17th @ Coldwater HS, 8:30 am - 12:00  $\rm pm$ 

First Reconciliation:

March 7<sup>th</sup> @ St. Joe, 10:00 am March 21<sup>st</sup> @ St. Paul, 10:00 am March 28<sup>th</sup> @ MHC, 10:00 am

First Communion:

April 18<sup>th</sup> @ MHC, 4:30 pm

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

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• Click "sign up as a parishioner", find our parish, & enter zip code: 45828.



# Youth Ministry

### Fort Fíat Youth Group

Contact: Natalie Ashbaugh nashbaugh.holycrossfop@gmail.com

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

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

KINGS ISLAND TRIP — We are going to Kings Island on July 29<sup>th</sup>. Permission slips are due by July 14<sup>th</sup>, and we are in need of 2-3 chaperones who are willing to drive. Please contact Natalie if you are interested. More details can be found on the flyer. Also, here is a link to the permission slip: https://www. cognitoforms.com/HolyCrossFamilyOfParishes/ OneTimeActivityAuthorizationKingsIsland

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

Coldwater Youth Group

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

**TUESDAY, JULY 8** — 7 - 8 am - Christ & Coffee @ Rooster Joe (grades 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>)

#### Note: No High School Summer Lunch on Monday, July 7th!

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### Saint of the Week - Saint Benedict, Abbot

It may be difficult for us to relate to someone who preferred to live by himself in a cave contemplating the mysteries of God. But if we are honest with ourselves, perhaps some of our most profound moments have been when we were alone in prayer. Born in central Italy, both Benedict and his sister Scholastica were drawn to religious life at a young age. He became a hermit for



some time, but as others learned of his holiness, wisdom and ability to perform miracles, they began to follow him. Benedict came up with the idea of having devout lay people and monks live together in a monastery so that they could worship together in fraternity and unity. He began construction on Monte Cassino in Naples and started developing a rule of prayer, study, work and communal living under the guidance of an abbot. Benedict introduced to his community the idea that manual labor was not the work of slaves, but dignified, honorable and conducive to sanctity. His monks fasted and abstained from meat, but severe and self-inflicting austerity was not encouraged. During the Middle Ages, all western monasticism was eventually brought under the Rule of St. Benedict, which influenced European education, art and literature. Today the Rule includes two branches: The Order of St. Benedict and the Order of Cistercians. Saint Benedict is the patron saint not only of Monastics, but also all of Europe, of schoolchildren, and those suffering from kidney disease or poisoning. Let us invoke the intercession of this incredible monk who enriched our world through his holy life, writings and prayer. - Tami Urcia - Information obtained from Diocesan.com

## The Little Ones



Now after this the Lord appointed seventy-two others, and sent them in pairs ahead of Him to every city and place where He Himself was going to come. Lk 10:1

Jim Burrows

# **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.



### **Community Interests**

**GARAGE SALE** — The Marion Catholic Communities SON Ministry (Serving Our Neighbors) annual garage sale will be held Wed., July 23 from 5 - 9 pm, Thurs., July 24 from 9 am – 6 pm, and Fri., July 25 from 9 am – 3 pm which is Bag Day. This is a huge garage sale held at American Legion Hall in Maria Stein. You will find nice clean clothes, furniture, toys, baby items and so much more. Also, we will have some delicious homemade baked good items baked by our parishioners. This is our huge fundraiser. The SON Ministry serves a hot meal to the less fortunate of Mercer County, helps with a school in Haiti, assisting Bro. Jason with needs for his parish in Georgia and many more projects. There is something for everyone. Come see if you can find a treasure!

**MCRTL T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST** — Mercer County Right to Life annual T-Shirt Design Contest. This year there will be a cash prize of \$300 dollars for the winning design! The winning design will be used for the 2026 'Pro-Life T-Shirt Day'. All participants will receive a \$20 gift card to McDonald's. Contest rules: Designs must have a maximum of 2 colors and utilize one side of a shirt. Design entries to be submitted to: prolifegeneration.mercercounty@outlook.com by September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025. 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students from Mercer County are eligible, as well as those who worship in Mercer County. Please include the contestant's name in the subject line of the entry submission. In the message portion please list the contestant's address, age, and school. Scores will be based equally on inspiration and creativity. Good luck!

**MCRTL POSITION** — Vice President Position Available for 2025: We still have a vice president position open for 2025 and are looking for a volunteer! Please be in contact with one of our officers if you are interested!

**OHIO MARCH FOR LIFE** — The Ohio March for life is Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, at our state capital. Mercer County Right to Life will be taking a bus. The cost will be \$25 for adults and \$10 for students. Scholarships are available. To check out the 2025 Ohio March for Life please check our website's events: www.mercerlife.org/events

**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@stisidorefamily.org.



Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup> 7 PM Social 7:30 Speaker ~ Loramie Brew Bank Fr. Ethan Hoying The Papacy and the gift of being in St. Peter's Square for the first apad Audience of Pope Leo XIV **ZOOM & SEE RETREAT: SITTING AT THE WELL WITH JESUS** — Calling all Catholic, single women ages 18-45! Come and be with other discerning



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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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.")



**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 5<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, or Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$10 per child and runs from 1 - 4 pm. This event is for children entering 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grades. To register, log onto mariasteinshrine.org.

**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.



ST. PEREGRINE CANCER PRAYER SERVICE — The Shrine WITNESS TO LIFE: CATHOLIC CLARITY FOR THE is offering the St. Peregrine Relic for prayer and veneration. MODERN WORLD — Nationally renowned Catholic writer The service is 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.

**CHOOSING LIFE AUCITON** — Choosing Life Pregnancy Center will be having auction items on their Facebook Page instead of a regular auction. Every first and third Wednesday-Sunday at 6 pm there will be items on Facebook to bid on. We hope you can hop on and join us for that! Additionally, if you are interested in donating to Choosing Life, you can: Mail/ Bring in Check/Cash to Choosing Life; Venmo: @PregnancyCenter.

**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.

#### THURSDAY

July 31st 7:00 pm

WHERE

Do Good Restaurant and Ministry Osgood, Ohio 45357

The concert will take place outdoorsbring your lawn chairs and blankets.

ADMISSION

FREE



**PRAISE & WORSHIP** 

Do Good Restaurant and Ministry is excited to once again host our FREE annual Outdoor Praise and Worship Concert with the Vigil Project. A talented group of men and women will be performing beautiful music that is guaranteed to fill your soul with the love of the Lord.

Bring your family and friends and come on out to the garden area behind Do Good for a relaxing and heart filling evening. For your convenience we will once again bring a beverage bar out to the back patio. Hope you come out to enjoy it!



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Brothers and sisters, while we are here let us do good.

and speaker Emily Stimpson Chapman and her husband Christopher Chapman will be speaking at Russia Local School auditorium/varsity gym on July 19th @ 6:30 pm. Doors open at 6 pm. Emily will speak on the gift of life, the cross of infertility, and the ethical implications of IVF. Chris will be speaking on the grace received at Confirmation and morally courageous decisions in today's culture. Q&A to follow. Free admission (funded by the Friends of St Remy and anonymous donors).

**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.

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.

SUPPORT FOR ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, MARIA STEIN - The "St. John the Baptist Maria Stein Community Fund" has been established to help the parish's recovery in the wake of the devastating church fire on May 29. Anyone interested in donating to this recovery can do so at https://catholicaoc. org/StJohnFund.

**SUPERCHARGE SATURDAY** — Eagle Eye Ministries is hosting a Young Adult 1-Day Retreat "Our Hope Does Not Disappoint" on Saturday, August 9th at the Montezuma Retreat Center. A light breakfast & Lunch is included. The retreat is open to those 18-35 years old. Cost is \$35. Registration ends on Sunday, July 20th. For Registration: https://brushfire.com/eagleeyeministries/eagle-eyeretreats/602071. For questions contact Anna Kleinhenz at keinhenz.anna9@gmail.com

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.

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