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Holy Trinity

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

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

Family Offices



Mary Help of Christians

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

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



Website:

www.holycrossfop.org

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/holycrossfop



St. Anthony



St. Joseph



St. Mary



St. Paul



St. Peter

Sunday, July 13, 2025
Fifteenth 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 14 <i>Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin; Memorial</i>	Jim Heyne †	FJP	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	After Mass
	L/D Virgil & Eleanor Schoenlein Family †	FAW	6:45 pm	St. Peter	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Tuesday, July 15 <i>Saint Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor of the Church; Memorial</i>	Ralph "Cappy" Stammen †	FEM	7:15 am	St. Mary	After Mass
	L/D Carroll & Marlene Abels Family †	FJP	6:45 pm	St. Joseph	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Wednesday, July 16 <i>Our Lady of Mount Carmel; opt. mem.</i>	Jerry & Lucille Laux †	FEM	7:15 am (L/S)	MHC	After Mass
	Alvin May †	FJP	Noon (L/S)	Holy Trinity	11:30 am - end
Thursday, July 17 <i>Weekday</i>	L/D Peter Eischen Family †	FEM	7:15 am	St. Paul	After Mass
	Elaine Bruns †	FJP	6:45 pm	St. Anthony	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Friday, July 18 <i>Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest; opt. mem.</i>	Richard Faller †	FEM	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	After Mass
	Brian Krieg †	FJP	Noon (L/S)	MHC	11:30 am - end
Saturday, July 19 <i>BVM on Saturday; opt. mem.</i>	Sally Siegrist †	FAW	9:00 am	St. Joseph	After Mass
	Bruggeman / Homan Wedding	FGE	1:30 pm (L/S)	Holy Trinity	N/A
	Elizabeth Schindler †	FEM	4:00 pm	St. Anthony	3:15 - 3:45 pm
	Larry Salm †	FJP	4:30 pm	Holy Trinity	3:45 - 4:15 pm
	L/D Cy Brunswick Family †	FBS	4:30 pm (L/S)	MHC	3:45 pm - end
Sunday, July 20 <i>16th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	L/D Zeno & Juliana Brackman Family †	FBS	7:00 am	St. Joseph	N/A
	Rick Pleiman †	FEM	8:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	7:25 am - end
	Members of the Holy Cross Family of Parishes	FAW	9:00 am (L/S)	MHC	8:25 am - end
	Virginia Ontrop Buehler †	FJP	10:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	9:25 am - end
	L/D Ron Stammen Family †	FAW/ DRK	11:00 am	St. Paul	10:25 - 10:45 am
	L/D Dale & Marilyn Bruns †	FBS	11:00 am	St. Peter	10:25 - 10:45 am
	David & Eileen Siefring †	FEM	Noon	St. Mary	11:25 - 11:45 am
	Christa Rosenbeck †	FJP	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); Fr. Greg Evers
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 16, 7:15 am

Servers: Joseph Bruns

Lector: Pauline Faller

Friday, July 18, 12:00 pm

Servers: Chris Timmerman

Lector: Julie Schmitz

Saturday, July 19, 4:30 pm

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

Lector: Kathy Portz

EMHC: Kathy Portz, Nancy Wuebker

Sacristan: Kathy Portz

Ushers: Floyd Bergman, Don Lennartz, Randy Wuebker, Chuck Kaiser

Sunday, July 20, 9:00 am

Servers: Milo Fiely, Chase Fiely, Blake Homan, Vance Tobe, Gabriel Jutte

Lector: Pauline Faller

EMHC: Lori Thien, Jodi Wendel

Sacristan: Dan & Grace Jutte

Ushers: Jeff Wendel, John Faller, Kevin Fortkamp, Joe Grube

– St. Joseph –

Tuesday, July 15, 6:45 pm

Servers: Logan Gaerke, Gavin Gaerke

Lector: Danielle Pottkotter

Sacristan: Shel Sutter

Saturday, July 19, 9:00 am

Servers: Logan Gaerke

Lector: Mary Gaerke

Sunday, July 20, 7:00 am

Servers: Tyler Dues, Haley Easton, Blaise Bergman, Tanner Grube, Hudson Pottkotter

Lector: Jean Grube

EMHC: Jean Grube

Sacristan: Shel Sutter

Ushers: Allen Grube, Jerry Sutter

– St. Paul –

Thursday, July 17, 7:15 am

Servers: Russell Hart

Sunday, July 19, 11:00 am

Servers: Riley Stammen, Liza Knapke, Kate Knapke, Hailey Grisez, Olivia Grisez

Lector: Jackie Evers

EMHC: Deacon Roger Kaiser, Jackie Evers

Ushers: Steve Keller, John Fortkamp

Rosary: Joe & Kim Knapke

– St. Peter –

Monday, July 14, 6:45 pm

Servers: Theo Schmitz

Lector: Nathan Fortkamp

Sunday, July 20, 11:00 am

Servers: Reese Diller, Clete Timmerman, Amber Timmerman, Chris Timmerman, Theresa Hipple, Kinley Schoenlein

Lector: Mindy Bettinger

EMHC: Karen Timmerman

Sacristan: Marilyn Pottkotter

Ushers: Tom Post, Bob Roessner

– Holy Trinity –

Monday, July 14, 7:15 am

Servers: Henry Broering, Jack Bettinger

Lector: Rene Klosterman

Wednesday, July 16, 12:00 pm

Servers: James Pottkotter, Francis Pottkotter

Lector: Raquel Kaiser

Friday, July 18, 7:15 am

Servers: Jack Bettinger, Archer Bihn

Lector: Rita Riethman

Saturday, July 19, 4:30 pm

Servers: Lucas Broering, Henry Broering, Claire Bertke

Lector: Gary Lefeld

EMHC: Denny Riethman, Mark Obringer, Brenda Schwieterman

Sunday, July 20, 8:00 am

Servers: Dana Knapke, Myra Knapke, Clara Knapke

Lector: Gary Griesdorn

EMHC: Brenda Kaiser, Jennifer Kremer

Sunday, July 20, 10:00 am

Servers: Liam Cowan, Brandon Wendel, Jack Bettinger, Miles Muhlenkamp

Lector: Rene Klosterman

EMHC: Luke Klosterman, Bob Rose, Stephanie Rutschilling

Sunday, July 20, 6:00 pm

Servers: Emmett Wermert, Heidi Wermert

Lector: Dee Fullenkamp

EMHC: Melinda Pleiman, Sarah Klosterman

– St. Anthony –

Thursday, July 17, 6:45 pm

Server: Wesley Geier

Lector: Janet Brockman

Sacristan: Janet Brockman

Saturday, July 19, 4:00 pm

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

Lector: Paul Welling

EMHC: Ellen Sudhoff

Sacristan: Janet Brockman

Ushers: Sam Muhlenkamp

Rosary: Marty Knapke

– St. Mary –

Tuesday, July 15, 7:15 am

Servers: Volunteers Needed

Lector: Viki Dues

Sunday, July 20, 12:00 pm

Servers: Andrew Moorman, William Moorman, Lana Kaiser, Leo Huelskamp

Lector: Amy Welling

EMHC: Amy Welling

Ushers: Kevin Welling, Carl Harting





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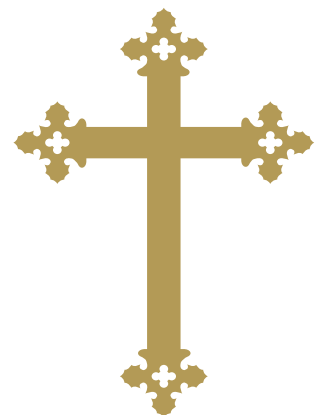
How do I do that prayer thing again??? 🙏🙏

Okay, so it's summertime ☀️ now which means we want to be outside more 🌿, go swimming 💦 whenever we can, and eat a whole lot of ice cream 🍦. Or maybe that's just me 😊. Summer is also a great season to grow in new ways of prayer. We are given a true treasure trove 📖 of devotions from our history and tradition as Church 🏛️ such as the rosary 📿, praying with Scripture, different litanies, novenas, powerfully written prayers by saints, and of course, the highest form of prayer and devotion, the Holy Sacrifice of the ☀️ Mass ☀️. They are all awesome, and I highly recommend 🙏 finding a daily driver 🚗 as part of your Monday-Friday 📅 lifestyle.

When defining prayer, we like to settle around something that sounds like "a conversation with God". That's a "Midwest nice" kinda definition which means it's polite and says goodbye five 🙌 times before actually leaving anywhere, but I wonder how helpful it truly is 😊. Sure, to talk with God 🗣️, that's good, but what do I talk about? What does He want to hear from me? Actually, how do I talk to Him? Now we are getting somewhere... God wants you to be YOU 🙌. He wants to share in all the personal and intimate details of your heart ❤️. Nothing is too small or too much for Him to hear 🗣️ from you and me. He wants us to love 💕 our life and what's in it, but also He knows when times are tough 😊. He isn't avoidant or simply not around when we find ourselves on the struggle bus 🚌.

Prayer in a real way is when we allow our humanity 🧑 to be open to God's divinity which makes things wide open for us. While thinking 🤔 in summer mode 🌴, this can 🗄️ look like hitting that momentary pause button ⏸️ by delighting in a gorgeous sunset 🌅, marveling at the goodness of a little bonfire 🔥, or just being thankful 😊 for time together with family and friends. It's actually taking the time ⌚, with the interior voice 🗣️ inside us, to literally say something like, "God you are so Good" or "Wow, Lord thank you" or one of my go-tos is "GLORRRRRRRRRRY 🙌🙌🙌🙌". There is no need to over complicate things, but rather to start seeing the parts of everyday as an invitation ✉️ to experience a way of sharing life with God. The more we immerse ourselves in this "conversation", I think 😊, the more LIFE itself BECOMES our PRAYER 🙌!

- Fr. Ethan



Sacramental Information

Wedding Banns

III Chase Bruggeman & Melissa Homan
I Isaac Rush & Sarah Siefring

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

Holy Trinity

Dallan Andrew Travis
Child of Martin & Lisa

St. Anthony

Daphne Jean Sudhoff
Child of Kyle & Stephanie

St. Peter

Madelyn Grace Schoenherr
Child of Ethan & Ashley

Join us for an
Adult guided
Holy Hour
with
Our Lord.

6:30-7:30 pm
Thursday, July 24

Adult ADORATION @ St. Joseph

*"You shall love the Lord,
your God, with all your
heart, with all your being,
with all your strength, and
with all your mind, and your
neighbor as yourself."*

In Loving Memory...

Dorothy Siefring

January 19, 1939 - June 25, 2025
(Holy Trinity)

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

- John 11:26

Marriage Congratulations!

Clark & Kayla (Briner) Knapke
Married Saturday, June 28, 2025
(St. Joseph)

George & Briana (Niekamp) Palmer
Married Saturday, June 28, 2025
(Holy Trinity)

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

Baptismal Sponsors

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

Baptismal Class

Fort Recovery Classes are held on Tuesdays at 7 pm. The next class at Fort Recovery for 2025 is July 8, 2025. Please call 419-375-4153 to register. Coldwater Classes are held on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 7 pm. Please call 419-678-4802 to register. The Baptismal Class is required for all first-time parents.

Baptismal Schedule

1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday
12:30 pm - MHC	12:30 pm - St. Peter	12:30 pm - St. Paul	12:30 pm - St. Joseph
1:30 pm - Holy Trinity	1:30 pm - St. Mary	1:30 pm - Holy Trinity	1:30 pm - St. Anthony

Holy Cross Family of Parishes

DEACON ROGER KAISER RECEPTION — Please join us in congratulating Roger Kaiser on his recent ordination to the Diaconate. Everyone is invited, Sunday, July 27th following the 8 am Mass at Holy Trinity to congratulate Roger with donuts and coffee in The Grotto.

ANNOUNCEMENT — We would like to share the good news of Trent Pearson's acceptance to the diaconate formation for the Diocese of Cincinnati! The intent is for him to start formation this fall at Mount Saint Mary's School of Theology. This journey will take approximately three years with ordination hopefully occurring in 2028. We ask for you to pray for Trent and his family throughout this journey as he works toward following God and serving as a future deacon. Congratulations, Trent!

WELCOME! — Seminarian John Kiernan is staying with us for the next month. He is from the great state of New Hampshire, or as he says, "The Shire". He went to college at Troy University in Alabama. God brought him to Price Hill Cincinnati through Seton Fellows, a missionary teaching organization. After joining forces with Father Ethan Moore and Uptown Catholic, Mr. K moved back home to "The Shire" to be a youth minister and young adults event coordinator. The call to enter seminary formation never left; after 2 years, he came back to the heart of it all, Ohio, and is hoping to continue formation at Mount Saint Mary's in the fall. He loves sports, riding motorcycle, wood carving, and playing the penny whistle. Please pray for him!



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 23rd 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.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY — Meet around the fire pit at 4171 Burrville Rd, Coldwater, Ohio from 7:30 - 8:30 pm every 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month. BYOB! "Boiiiis - bring your own beer, bourbon, and bibles." - Fr. Ethan

SCAM WARNING — Please Ignore any Email, Phone, or Text messages supposedly from Fr. Witt asking you to purchase anything. These are Fraudulent messages from someone trying to Scam Parishioners. Also, AI can be used to fake phone numbers, 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.

MASS INTENTIONS REMINDER — Mass Intentions are open for scheduling through July 2026. As a reminder, each individual parishioner at the Coldwater parishes is allowed one Mass Intention and each individual parishioner at the Fort Recovery parishes is allowed two Mass Intentions per calendar year. The suggested donation for a Mass Intention is \$5. Example formats for Mass Intentions are as follows: John Doe; John & Jane Doe; L/D John & Jane Doe Family; L/D Jones & Doe Families, John & Jane Doe Wedding Anniversary.

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!

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!

HOLY TRINITY 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.

Welcome New Members

Holy Trinity

Samuel & Lauren Broering

Brandon and Katherine Kunk
along with their child Kamryn

Mary Help of Christians

Wesley & Kendra Wenning
along with their children
Palmer & Bronson

St. Mary

Lucas Zwiebel & Miley Briner

St. Peter

Evan & Ashley Westgerdes

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!

HEARTS ON FIRE

Camping With Christ

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

2 CORINTHIANS 3:17



MAY 22 - 24, 2026

4171 Burrville Rd
Coldwater, Ohio



**FOLLOW OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR
REGISTRATION OPENING DAY**

HEARTS ON FIRE: CAMPING WITH CHRIST

SEEK

TO THE HEIGHTS

2026

(This is 4-day Conference)

Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 1-5, 2026

General registration cost is \$575 until October 29th

Student registration is \$545 until October 29th

This conference put on by FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) is all about Encounter, Community, and Transformation. There are tracks for university students as well as a Making Missionary Disciple track for parishioners, priests, seminarians, lay leaders, and adults in any stage of their faith journey. Every Event Pass includes the following:

- Lunch each full day of the conference
- Entrance to all sessions with in-demand Catholic speakers
- Access to evening concerts and entertainment
- Conference resources, such as the SEEK app and access to our discounted hotel room block
- A one-of-a-kind encounter with Jesus Christ and the Church through the sacraments

At this time we would like to gauge if there is enough interest in arranging transportation and housing for a group.

Please contact Cindy Muhlenkamp at cmuhlenkamp.holycrossfop@gmail.com if you are interested in attending or call the Coldwater Parish Office @ 419-678-4802.

FROM THE SAFE ENVIRONMENT OFFICE:

With summer activities in full swing, we would like to remind all parish/school employees and volunteers of the requirements of the *Decree on Child Protection*. All employees and volunteers are required to have completed **The Archdiocese of Cincinnati SafeParish™: Protecting Children From Sexual Abuse - Arch. of Cincinnati Edition**. In addition, employees are required to complete an online background check, manual fingerprinting, and B4 form once prior to beginning employment. Ohio Department of Education licensees may have additional requirements, and school offices or athletic departments should be consulted if there are any questions. Volunteers are required to complete an online background check prior to volunteering with youth. Employees and volunteers are required to stay current in completing SafeParish™ quarterly bulletins.

With the school year beginning for most in August, please make sure you are up to date on completing the quarterly bulletins or you will not be able to work/volunteer with youth until your SafeParish™ account is approved. Please direct questions regarding bulletin completion to your parish/school safe environment coordinator.



**Thank you for all you are doing &
please stay safe and healthy!**

BECOMING CATHOLIC

OCIA

Order of Christian Initiation Of Adults



Holy Cross Family of Parishes (Holy Trinity, Mary Help of Christians, St. Anthony, St. Joseph, St. Mary, St. Paul and St. Peter Parishes) welcomes you as you explore a relationship with Jesus and the Church He founded. Our community will make this spiritual journey with you through the **ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS** known as OCIA (formerly known as RCIA).

It is the process by which those who wish to explore the Catholic Faith are welcomed and introduced to the beliefs and practices of the Church. We will pray with you and help you form a deeper relationship with God the Father, His Son, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit through our study and through our conversations. We will study the Bible, the Sacraments, the Mass, the Ten Commandments, and so much more. We will explain Catholic practices and beliefs.

Our call to conversion lasts a lifetime. **The OCIA process in most cases takes less than a year. It starts in September and continues to April.**

There are situations in which this process takes a shorter length of time. It is a series of classes and gatherings to prepare adults who desire to learn about the Catholic Faith.

• **We welcome unbaptized adults** (special arrangements are made for preparing children) for the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. • **We welcome adults and children who have been previously baptized in another faith** who desire full communion with the Catholic Church through a profession of faith and reception of the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. • **We also welcome Baptized Catholics who have not continued their religious instruction** and are seeking to renew their life in the Church by receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist.

The day and time for our sessions are set to fit the needs of those who register. We generally meet for one and one-half hours once a week. All materials used are provided for you; there is no charge.

The full OCIA process consists of four stages or periods of formation:

1. **Period of Inquiry (Pre-catechumenate)** – a time of learning and discernment, ending sometime near December with the Rite of Acceptance for the unbaptized and the Rite of Welcoming for the baptized.
2. **Period of Catechumenate** – a time when the instruction provides a more in-depth focus on the doctrines of the Catholic faith. This period ends at the beginning of Lent with the Rite of Sending and the Rite of Election.
3. **The Period of Purification and Enlightenment** – coincides with the season of Lent. It is a time of more spiritual preparation for the Catechumens, to deepen their knowledge and relationship to Christ. This stage culminates at the Easter Vigil liturgy, when those preparing receive the Sacraments of Initiation or are received into full communion with the Church.
4. The final stage is **The Period of Mystagogy**, a Greek word meaning “leading into the mysteries” or “learning about the mysteries.” Mystagogy takes place from Easter through Pentecost. The newly initiated begin their lifelong pilgrimage of growth as the mysteries of their faith unfold.

If you or someone you know is interested in exploring the Catholic faith through OCIA and wishes to receive more information or request a registration packet, please contact the OCIA coordinators using one of the following methods:

gfortkamp.holycrossfop@gmail.com; Ginny Fortkamp 419-375-4153 (Fort Recovery parishes)

cmuhlenkamp.holycrossfop@gmail.com; Cindy Muhlenkamp 419-678-4802 (Coldwater parishes)

Parish Information



Holy Trinity

ROSARY LEADERS

NEEDED — Please contact the Coldwater Office if you would be willing to

volunteer as a Rosary Leader before any of the weekend Masses. Currently we are in need of leaders for the Sunday 10 am Mass.

FUNERAL SERVERS — If you are interested in serving Mass at funerals at Holy Trinity church, please call 419-678-4802 for more information. Thank You!

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Mary Help of Christians

SEWING GROUP

— The sewing group will meet at the Mary Help of Christians Undercroft on July

14th at 9:00 am. If there is a funeral on Monday we will not meet until August. If you are interested in joining our group you may stop in on Monday to just see what we make because we sew various items other than blankets and walker bags. The group would like to thank everyone who donated to them this past several years. It is really appreciated.



St. Mary

COLLECTION ENVELOPE

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.



St. Joseph

COUNTRY

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

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 6:30 pm.

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

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

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



St. Anthony

COLLECTION ENVELOPE

ERROR — St. Anthony and St. Mary

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.

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.



St. Peter

COMMUNITY CENTER CLASSROOM

CLEANING — Monday,

July 21st & Tuesday, July 22nd. 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.

ST. PETER RELIGION BUILDING UPDATE — Thanks to the generosity of so many in our community of parishes, St. Peter has successfully funded the project to renovate the exteriors of the religion buildings. The St. Peter Parish Council would like to thank you all for joining in this effort to keep these two buildings active and useful places for our parish community. Your willingness to support the needs of the St. Peter Parish is a great way to glorify God by your life.

- Go to **FORMED.org**
 - Click "sign up as a parishioner",
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Religious Education

Coldwater Religious Ed.

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SUMMER RESET — We will be cleaning and organizing CCD and Youth supplies and spaces at St. Mary on July 16th 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

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.

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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

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The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



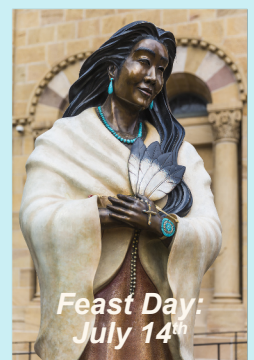
THE
TEN COMMANDMENTS,
CONDENSED VERSION

“Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the robbers’ hands?” And he said, “The one who showed compassion to him.” Then Jesus said to him, “Go and do the same.” Lk 10:36-37

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Saint of the Week - Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

Though the New York State Thruway runs close by the North American Martyrs’ Shrine, traffic’s roar never pierces the peace enveloping Auriesville—Ossernon to Native Americans—in the lovely Mohawk Valley, where Kateri Tekakwitha was born barely ten years after the martyrdom of Isaac Jogues and his Jesuit and lay companions. Daughter of a Christian Algonquin mother and non-Christian Mohawk chief, Kateri’s parents died in a smallpox epidemic widely blamed on the missionaries. Moreover, many Native Americans had experienced exploitation at the hands of “Christian” traders and trappers, further discrediting the faith Kateri embraced in baptism, then pledged to live even more intensely in vowed virginity. Misunderstanding led to harassment, prompting her move to a Christian village farther north along the Saint Lawrence River. Despite this, Kateri’s faith remained undaunted, her selfless charity undiminished. Both before and after her death at twenty-four, this young “Lily of the Mohawks” drew countless converts to Christ by the fragrance of her goodness. Through us, does “the aroma of Christ” (2 Corinthians 2:15), attract others to the beauty of his gospel? — Tami Urcia



Feast Day:
July 14th

- Information obtained from Diocesan.com

Youth Ministry

Fort Fiat 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

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:

TUESDAY, JULY 15 — 7 - 8 am - Christ & Coffee @ Rooster Joe (grades 7th - 12th)

Note: No High School Summer Lunch on Monday, July 14th!

KINGS ISLAND TRIP — We are going to Kings Island on July 29th. Permission slips are due by July 14th, 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.cognitofirms.com/HolyCrossFamilyOfParishes/OneTimeActivityAuthorizationKingsIsland>

Story Time

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THURSDAY, JULY 24TH

10:00 AM

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TUESDAY, JULY 29TH

MASS BEFORE
DEPARTING: 9:00 AM
- LOCATION TBD

COST: \$40 PER PERSON

SIGN-UP DEADLINE: MONDAY, JULY 14TH

TO SIGN UP, PLEASE SUBMIT THE
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CW Summer Lunch



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Mondays
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one week in advance
to the date you wish
to attend!

High School Only

Community Interests

MERCER COUNTY YOUNG CONSERVATIVES MEETING — The next meeting is on Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at 7 pm at Coldwater Park in shelter house #2. Fr. Ethan Moore will be our guest speaker covering the topic of Human Dignity. This club is for teenagers residing in Mercer County. Parents are always welcome attend with their children.

QUO VADIS NIGHT — On July 13th at the Shrine starting at 7 pm, we will have a scavenger hunt! Meet at the Maria Stein Shrine courtyard. This event is for anyone ages 18-29.

BREAKFAST BUFFET — The Knights of St John will be having their monthly buffet on July 20th from 8:30 - 12:30. The cost is adults \$10.00, 7-12 year olds \$5.00, 6 and under eat free.

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 30th, 2025. 7th-12th 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 3rd, 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@stisidorefamilia.org.

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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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.

CELEBRATION OF CARING — Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley's CELEBRATION OF CARING, an annual fundraiser to support its Northern Miami Valley programming, will be held Fri., Aug. 8 at the Round Barn at Orrmont, 150 Fox Drive, Piqua. The event runs from 6 - 10:30 pm. Admission is \$60 per person and includes complimentary beer and wine, dinner by Mrs. B's Catering, and entertainment by Spittin' Image. The night will include "Showcase of Prizes," raffle items, and a 50-50 drawing. To register, visit www.cssmv.org/Events. For more information, email snydere@cssmv.org. Sponsorship opportunities available.

SENSORY FRIENDLY MASSES AVAILABLE — 1st Sunday of each month 12:30 pm, St. John Fisher Church, Newtown. 3rd Saturday of each month 5:00 pm, St. Christopher Church, Vandalia. All Masses, St. Leo Church, Cincinnati Sensory Friendly Room. All Masses, St. Maximilian Kolbe Church, Liberty Township, Sensory Friendly Space.



Thursday, July 17th 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
Papal Audience of Pope Leo XIV!

ST. PEREGRINE CANCER PRAYER SERVICE — The Shrine is offering the St. Peregrine Relic for prayer and veneration. 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 AUCTION — 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.

CELEBRATE YOUR JUBILEE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY WITH ARCHBISHOP CASEY - Couples celebrating jubilee anniversaries (25th, 50th, 55th, 60th, etc.) in 2025 are invited to Mass with Archbishop Casey on September 6 (Dayton) or 7 (Cincinnati). Family members are welcome to attend as well, and a special blessing will be offered to the jubilarian couples. Couples should RSVP online by August 25.

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JULY 20 INFORMATION SESSION: CERTIFICATE COURSES THROUGH MOUNT ST. MARY'S SEMINARY AND SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY — Mount St. Mary's Seminary and School of Theology is excited to return to the Northern part of the Archdiocese for certificate classes beginning this Fall! Classes for the Fall Semester will be held at Sacred Heart Church in McCartyville on Saturdays beginning August 23. These theology courses allow lay Catholics to grow in faith, knowledge, and skills necessary to become what Pope Francis called a "missionary disciple," serving families, parishes, and communities effectively. A general information session about the classes and the offerings of the School of Theology will be held on Sunday, July 20, at Sacred Heart at 9 am and 11 am (or following the 8 am and 10 am morning Masses). A staff member from the School of Theology will be on hand to answer questions and provide further information about enrollment and registration. All new potential students who attend will be entered into a drawing for a free credit hour of tuition.

WITNESS TO LIFE: CATHOLIC CLARITY FOR THE MODERN WORLD — Nationally renowned Catholic writer 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).

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.

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>.

SUPERCARGE 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-eye-retreats/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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June 23 - 29, 2025

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 Allocated Loose\$1,136.54

St. Joseph

Offertory.....\$1,755.00
 Holy Father\$ 298.00
 Allocated Loose\$ 225.41

St. Peter

Offertory.....\$1,983.00
 Holy Father\$ 674.00
 Maintenance.....\$ 100.00
 Allocated Loose\$ 367.48

St. Paul

Offertory.....\$1,770.00
 Maintenance.....\$ 100.00
 Holy Father\$ 362.00
 Allocated Loose\$ 454.62

Holy Trinity

Offertory.....\$ 5,189.00
 Loose.....\$ 3,393.00
 Total\$ 8,582.00
 Food Pantry\$ 2,430.00
 Candles.....\$ 204.00
 Holy Father\$ 3,649.11
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St. Anthony

Offertory.....\$ 535.00
 Loose.....\$ 256.00
 Total\$ 791.00
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St. Mary

Offertory.....\$ 725.00
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