



*Think of what is Above,
Not of what is on Earth.*



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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, August 3, 2025
Eighteenth 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, August 4 <i>Saint John Vianney, Priest; Memorial</i>	L/D Post and Schwieterman Families †	FJP	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	After Mass
	Mass Canceled	N/A	6:45 pm	St. Peter	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Tuesday, August 5 <i>The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major; opt. mem.</i>	Mary Sieftring †	FJP	7:15 am	St. Mary	After Mass
	Mass Canceled	N/A	6:45 pm	St. Joseph	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Wednesday, August 6 <i>The Transfiguration of the Lord; Feast</i>	Eric & Josh Fortkamp †	FJP	7:15 am (L/S)	MHC	After Mass
	Mass Canceled	N/A	Noon (L/S)	Holy Trinity	11:30 am - end
Thursday, August 7 <i>Saint Sixtus II Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint Cajetan, Priest; opt. mem.</i>	Vocations to the Priesthood/Consecrated Life	FJP	7:15 am	St. Paul	After Mass
	Mass Canceled	N/A	6:45 pm	St. Anthony	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Friday, August 8 <i>Saint Dominic, Priest; Memorial</i>	Sara Brackman †	FBS	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	After Mass
	L/D Cletus & Verena Tobe Family †	FAW	Noon (L/S)	MHC	11:30 am - end
Saturday, August 9 <i>Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin, Martyr; BVM on Saturday; opt. mem.</i>	L/D Nietfeld & Rammel Families †	FBS	9:00 am	St. Joseph	After Mass
	Shinabery / Lennartz Wedding	FAW	1:30 pm	MHC	N/A
	Marceil Alig †	FBS	4:00 pm	St. Anthony	3:15 - 3:45 pm
	Bernard & Rita Hoying †	FAW/DRK	4:30 pm	Holy Trinity	3:45 - 4:15 pm
	L/D Harold Kaiser Family †	FJP	4:30 pm (L/S)	MHC	3:45 - 4:15 pm
Sunday, August 10 <i>19th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Evelyn Muhlenkamp †	FJP	7:00 am	St. Joseph	N/A
	Carl Van Den Bosch †	FBS	8:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	7:25 am - end
	Dan Diller †	FEM	9:00 am (L/S)	MHC	8:25 am - end
	Ralph Gels Family †	FAW/DRK	10:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	9:25 am - end
	L/D Harold & Alvira Kaiser Family †	FEM	11:00 am	St. Paul	10:25 - 10:45 am
	L/D Stanley & Viola Ahlers Family †	FJP	11:00 am	St. Peter	10:25 - 10:45 am
	Keith Fullenkamp †	FBS	Noon	St. Mary	11:25 - 11:45 am
	Members of the Holy Cross Family	FAW/DRK	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, August 6, 7:15 am

Servers: Chase Fiely

Lector: Ted Romer

Friday, August 8, 12:00 pm

Servers: Chris Timmerman

Lector: Diane Siegrist

Saturday, August 9, 4:30 pm

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

Lector: Diane Siegrist

EMHC: Cindy Fullenkamp, Lisa Fullenkamp

Sacristan: Linda Lennartz

Ushers: Floyd Bergman, Don Lennartz, Joe Siegrist, Randy Wuebker

Sunday, August 10, 9:00 am

Servers: Brodie Hart, Paisley Hart, Grant Pearson, Emma Pearson

Lector: Trent Pearson

EMHC: Deacon Roger Kaiser, Lois Vogel

Sacristan: Lois Vogel

Ushers: Steve Vogel, Gary J. Wendel, Jeff Wendel, Randy Wendel

– St. Joseph –

Saturday, August 9, 9:00 am

Servers: Tyler Dues

Lector: Jane Hipple

Sunday, August 10, 7:00 am

Servers: Tyler Dues, Blaise Bergman, Brinley Steinbrunner, Rhea Steinbrunner

Lector: Ryan Steinbrunner

EMHC: Deacon Dan Kahlig

Sacristan: Matt Hess

Ushers: Gary Pottkotter, Grant Pottkotter

– St. Paul –

Thursday, August 7, 7:15 am

Servers: Russell Hart

Sunday, August 10, 11:00 am

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

Lector: Kathy Keller

EMHC: Angie Will, Holly Wuebker

Ushers: Dave Keller, Kevin Will

Rosary: Chris & Theresa Siefring

– St. Peter –

Sunday, August 10, 11:00 am

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

Lector: Jane Hipple

EMHC: Greg Diller

Sacristan: Jane Hipple

Ushers: Kegan Timmerman, Joe Will

– Holy Trinity –

Monday, August 4, 7:15 am

Servers: Carter Heitkamp, Owen Heitkamp, Gavin Heitkamp

Lector: Rene Klosterman

Friday, August 8, 7:15 am

Servers: Kennley Siegrist, Grace Siegrist, Mya Siegrist

Lector: Rita Riethman

Saturday, August 9, 4:30 pm

Servers: Lucas Broering, Henry Broering, Claire Bertke

Lector: Laura Baucher

EMHC: Dave Bertke, Michelle Wilker, Mark Obringer

Sunday, August 10, 8:00 am

Servers: A.J. Alig, Audrey Alig, Abby Alig

Lector: Nick Knapke

EMHC: Chuck Alig, Tim Wellman

Sunday, August 10, 10:00 am

Servers: Blake Wenning, Reagan Wenning, Kendall Wenning, Emma Siefring

Lector: Tessy Huwer

EMHC: Kathy Schulze, Deacon Roger Kaiser, Brenda Kaiser

Sunday, August 10, 6:00 pm

Servers: Levi Sutter, Eli Eyink

Lector: Charmaine Bettinger

EMHC: Sarah Klosterman, Deacon Roger Kaiser

– St. Anthony –

Saturday, August 9, 4:00 pm

Servers: Nolan Link, Lacey Link, Jack Link, Logan Alig

Lector: Cindy Homan

EMHC: Rodney Homan

Sacristan: Bonnie Muhlenkamp

Ushers: Corey Sudhoff

Rosary: Marty Knapke

– St. Mary –

Tuesday, August 5, 7:15 am

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby

Lector: Stephanie Wendel

Sunday, August 10, 12:00 pm

Servers: Austin Uhlenhake, Carson Uhlenhake, William Moorman, Volunteer Needed

Lector: Martin Schoenherr

EMHC: Craig Harting

Ushers: Tony Puthoff, Brian Siefring





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Book Reviews

Today, we're kicking off a new series for our bulletin: book reviews. There are so many good books out there, more than I can read. So to help connect you to some good and interesting books that will help you grow in your faith, we've enlisted the help of some of your fellow parishioners. While I'm writing this first book review, stay tuned to hear what parishioners are reading and what they have to say about it!

Drunks and Monks, by John H. Carmichael.

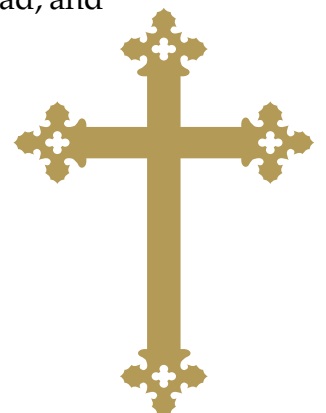
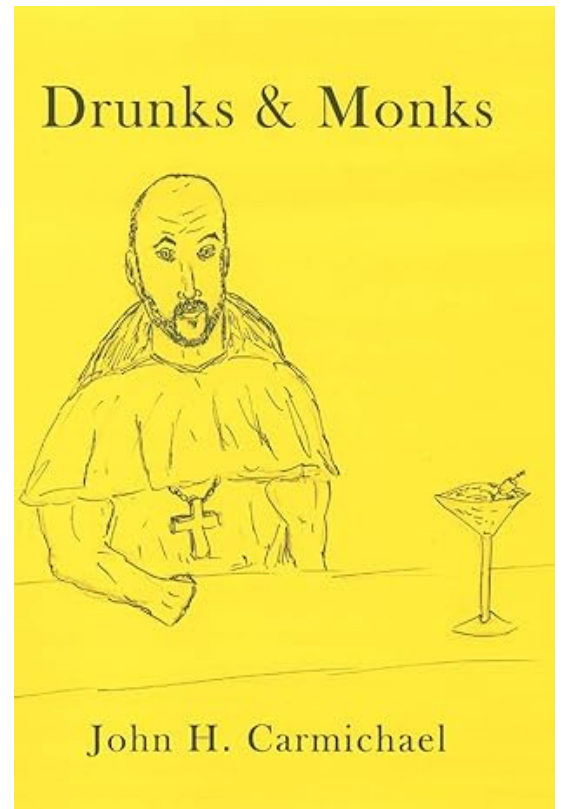
I don't know about you, but I've been a reader since I was a kid. I read just about anything: fiction, biographies, fantasy, and sci-fi. The only thing that I didn't like reading was anything that I had to read for school! While I eventually learned the skills and discipline to read the assigned readings, I've always loved books that could teach me something without feeling like I was in a classroom. That's one reason why Drunks and Monks is one of my favorite books.

Drunks and Monks is about a man who, just when he reaches the pinnacle of financial success, loses it all due to alcohol. Never having a drink in his life, he becomes an alcoholic overnight after winning an important case. His wife leaves him, and he finds himself basically homeless, jobless, and quickly running out of options. But in the midst of all of this, he eventually finds God and, in Him, finds the strength and the purpose to rebuild his life.

This book shows the painful journey of growing from mortal sin and lack of friendship with God, to reconciliation, building the virtues, growing in prayer, and so many other pieces of the spiritual life. If you want a good book that's fun, easy to read, and can help you to see the "next step" in the spiritual life, this is one to check out.

In Christ,

Fr. Witt



Sacramental Information

Wedding Banns

III Kody Shinabery & Kendra Lennartz

And the two shall become one.



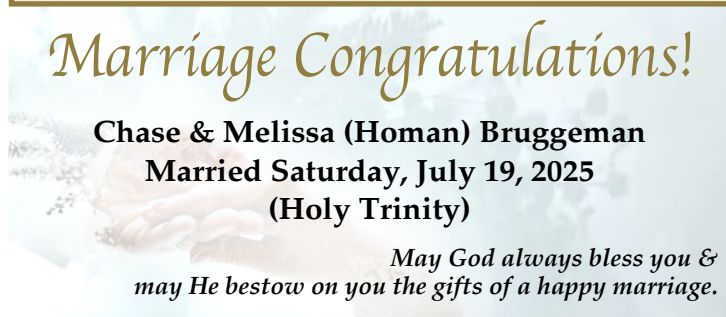
Sacrament of Matrimony

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!

Chase & Melissa (Homan) Bruggeman
Married Saturday, July 19, 2025
(Holy Trinity)

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



Newly Baptized

Holy Trinity

Kamryn Suanne Kunk
Child of Brandon & Katherine

Kinsleigh Marie Schwieterman
Child of Kevin & Michelle

Alvira Rae Schoen
Child of Ethan & Taylor

St. Joseph

Cecilia Clare-Etta Hess
Child of Matthew & Rachel

St. Paul

Owen Daniel Post
Child of Jason & Kayla

Benson Ellis Fiely
Child of Cody & Kelsey



In Loving Memory...

Joseph J. Homan
April 13, 1963 - July 15, 2025
(Holy Trinity)

Roger J. Timmerman
March 11, 1968 - July 15, 2025
(Mary Help of Christians)

Natalie Renee Siegrist
August 2, 2008 - July 20, 2025
(Mary Help of Christians)

Barbara Ann Siegrist
February 16, 1946 - July 20, 2025
(Mary Help of Christians)



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

Baptismal Sponsors

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

Baptismal Class

Fort Recovery Classes are held on Tuesdays at 7 pm. The next class at Fort Recovery for 2025 is October 7, 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

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.



Holy Cross Family of Parishes

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! — Fr. Witt will be leading a pilgrimage in 2026 and inviting anyone interested in attending to a "planning meeting" to discuss dates and destination possibilities. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 20th at 7:00 pm at Mary Help of Christians' library. Whoever comes to the meeting is going to have the most say in deciding the dates and destination that will be chosen.

VICTORY LAP GATHERING — On Sunday, August 17th following the 11 am Mass at St. Paul there will be a Victory Lap Gathering in honor of Deacon Roger Kaiser in the St. Paul hall from 12-1 pm. Light appetizers will be served.

SERVERS PICNIC — Coldwater and Fort Recovery Knights of Columbus are sponsoring The Holy Cross Family of Parishes Servers picnic on Sunday, August 17th from 2-5 pm at Mary Help Of Christians Church in Fort Recovery on the north lawn and parking lot. Taco bar lunch served at 2:15 pm and an ice cream bar served at 4:30 pm. All servers from Holy Cross Family of Parishes are invited to come out for food, fun, and games.

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

WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY — The next meeting is on Monday, August 11th at the shelter house at 4171 Burrville Rd, Coldwater, Ohio from 7:30 - 8:30 pm. Meetings will be held every 2nd Monday of the month. The book "Home" will continue to be discussed. Please have chapters 2 & 3 read before the meeting. The QR Code is provided for anyone who would like to purchase the book and join the meetings.



IGNITE — Join the group for faith & friendship every Thursday @ 7 pm in the MHC Youth Group Room. This group is for young adults ages 18 - 24. Deepen your relationship with God while navigating adulthood, build community, and grow closer to Christ as you move into a new phase of life. Contact Chase Kaiser at (419) 268-8432 for more information.

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!

MASS INTENTIONS REMINDER — Mass Intentions are open for scheduling through August 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.

MASS & ADORATION CANCELLATIONS — Due to several of our priests being away the following are canceled: Adoration, confessions & 6:45 pm Mass at St. Peter on Monday, August 4th; confessions & 6:45 pm Mass at St. Joseph on Tuesday, August 5; confessions & Noon Mass at Holy Trinity on Wednesday, August 6; and adoration, confessions & 6:45 pm Mass @ St. Anthony on Thursday, August 7.

CONFESSION CANCELLATION — Confessions during the 4:30 pm Mass at Mary Help of Christians are canceled on Saturday, August 9. (Note: confessions will still be available before Mass.)

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.

HOLY TRINITY LENDING LIBRARY NOW OPEN! — Our new library is located in the Coldwater parish office. All books will be free to borrow, and we ask that they be returned within 1 month. 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. Monetary donations for the upkeep and purchase of new books is always appreciated. Thank You!



Mass & Confession Schedule

Holy Trinity Thursday

Mass @ 5:30 pm (Confessions 5-6 pm)

Friday

Mass @ 6:15 am (Confessions 6-6:45 am)

Mass @ Noon (Confessions 11:30 am-12:30 pm)

Mass @ 7:30 pm (Confessions 7-8 pm)

Mary Help of Christians Thursday

Mass @ 7:30 pm (Confession 7-8 pm)

Friday

Mass @ 7:00 am (Confession 6:30-7:30 am)

Mass @ Noon (Confession 11:30 am-12:30 pm)

Mass @ 5:30 pm (Confession 5-6 pm)

Note: The regularly scheduled Thursday Adoration & Mass held @ St. Anthony are Canceled.

Holy Cross Spirit Days

September 8, 9, & 10



How do we share our Holy Cross Spirit
with our friends, family, and even strangers?

Sept. 8 and 9

Holy Trinity
Church

7 pm

Refreshments to
follow in the
Grotto.



September 10

for JH and HS youth
and parents

7 pm at the K of C
Corn Maze

3864 State Route 219,
Coldwater

*Featuring Jesse Romero
Catholic apologist and author*

In the Grotto following the talks on Monday and Tuesday, check
out the Stewardship Fair and learn more about groups that foster
a Holy Cross Spirit!

The weekend of Sept. 13 & 14 will also provide time to learn more
about opportunities at each of our individual parishes.

Three to get Married

A FOUR-PART DATE NIGHT SERIES

The Vineyard at Evergreen Farms
4249 Siegrist - Jutte Rd.
Coldwater, Ohio
6:00 PM

Join us for a refreshing evening featuring:

- a dynamic talk from a guest speaker
- dinner and drinks for two
- space to reflect, laugh, and grow together

9.18.25 "Priorities" - Fr. Witt

10.9.25 "Trust" - Alex Wallace

11.13.25 "Finances" - Kyle & Mindy Bettinger

12.11.25 "Action" - John Wood

Tickets: \$160 per couple for all four nights

Call any Holy Cross Parish Office to register. Space is limited to twenty couples married fifteen years or less.

Call to reserve your spot today.



Parish Information



Holy Trinity

MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

— Holy Trinity has several maintenance and improvement projects underway. To review these projects in detail, go to www.holycrossfop.org, click on the "more..." tab, then "Improvement Projects", then "Holy Trinity" to explore these projects and their current status.

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!

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.

THANK YOU — Thomas Schwieterman's family would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, meals and support during this difficult time. From the bottom of our hearts, Thank you! We have definitely felt the love from the community. May God bless all of you! And our Lady of Mount Carmel pray for you.



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.

CLEANING — (August) **Eileen Lochtefeld, Victoria Lochtefeld, Becki Metzger, Alysha Homan, Jenny Post, Rachel Hess

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.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

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



St. Paul

VICTORY LAP GATHERING

— On Sunday, August 17th following the 11 am

Mass at St. Paul there will be a

Victory Lap Gathering in honor of Deacon Roger Kaiser in the St. Paul hall from 12-1 pm. Light appetizers will be served.

How to Sign Up for FORMED:

- Go to FORMED.org
- Click "sign up as a parishioner" and find our parish (just type in the zip code: 45828).
- Make an account by entering your name and email, then you are good to go!

FORMED
THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
ON DEMAND.



St. Anthony

SACRISTAN NEEDED

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

LADIES SODALITY MEETING — St. Anthony Ladies Sodality on Monday August 18th at School Hall at 7:00 pm.

MUM SALE — The Fall potted mum sale is going on now to support the St. Anthony Ladies Sodality! Order forms are in the back of St. Anthony church, and they are also provided below! Please turn in your order forms and money by August 22nd. Any questions, please call/text Amanda Forsthoefel at 419-852-6698.

Mums!



Mums!



Mums!



For Sale!

St. Anthony Ladies Sodality Fall Potted Mum Sale

Please turn in your order forms and money by August 22 in the collection basket in the back of St. Anthony Church. Or send to Amanda Forsthoefel - 6432 Wabash road, celina OH 45822

Any questions, please call/text Amanda Forsthoefel at 419-852-6692

Pick up is Friday September 5 in front of the school hall from 4:30- 6:00 PM. Any questions, please call/text 419-852-6698

Color	Size	Price	# Ordered	Total
Red	8"	\$15.00		
Yellow	8"	\$15.00		
White	8"	\$15.00		
Orange	8"	\$15.00		
Purple Celosia (This is a decorative planter w/ 3 purple celosia plants in it.)		\$20.00		
TOTALS	-----	-----		\$

Customer Name _____

Phone # _____



St. Peter

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.

Teachers Needed

Holy Trinity

After School

1st Grade - God Loves Us, What is Sin?,
Blessed Trinity

2nd Grade - Parts of the Mass, Eucharist, What is Sin,
Reconciliation

3rd Grade - Jesus' Miracles, Parables Jesus Taught,
7 Sacraments, Apostle's Creed (2 needed)

4th Grade - The Ten Commandments,
God Is All Good, Temptation and Sin

6:30PM

1st Grade - God Loves Us, What is Sin?,
Blessed Trinity

3rd Grade - Jesus' Miracles, Parables Jesus Taught,
7 Sacraments, Apostle's Creed

4th Grade - The Ten Commandments,
God Is All Good, Temptation and Sin

5th Grade - Sacraments

6th Grade - Sacred Scripture, The Bible, Covenants
(Boys)

8th Grade - 4 Marks and Precepts of the Church,
(Boys) Morality, God's Plan for Marriage

8PM

9th Grade - Bible Study, Introduction to Confirmation,
Theology of the Body (2 needed)

12th Grade - Vocations, the Passion,
Catholic Social Teaching

St. Paul

PS/KG - 1-2 teachers needed, twice a month on
Sundays during 11:00am Mass

MHC

3rd Grade - Jesus' Miracles, Parables Jesus Taught,
Seven Sacraments, Apostle's Creed

4th Grade - 10 Commandments, Sin/Conscience,
Reconciliation, Works of Mercy,
Beatitudes

5th Grade - 7 Sacraments, Who is Mary/the Rosary,
Types of Prayer

7th Grade - Gospel Messages, Grace/Virtue,
Different Forms of Prayer, Sacraments

10th Grade (co-teacher, teach every other week) -
Gifts of the Holy Spirit, Saints, Confirmation

12th Grade - Vocations, The Passion,
Catholic Social Teaching

St. Marys

11th & 12th Grade - Vocations, The Passion,
Catholic Social Teachings

St. Anthony

11th & 12th Grade - Vocations, The Passion,
Catholic Social Teachings

St. Peter St. Joseph

Night Runners - once a month, monitor drop-off
and pick-up, assist teachers as
needed (listening to prayers,
running copies, etc.)

Coldwater Religious Education

Contact: Sarah Klosterman

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

Fort Recovery Religious Education

Contact: Harlie Metzger

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

Youth Ministry

Fort Fiat Youth Group

Contact: Natalie Ashbaugh
nashbaugh.holycrossfop@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS:

REC NIGHT — Mondays 7:30-9 p.m. at MHC, grades 6-12

WOMEN'S 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.

DONATIONS — Attached below is a link to an Amazon registry. If you would be willing to donate any items on the list to help the youth grow in their faith, it would be greatly appreciated. If the link doesn't work for some reason you can go to Registry, and under name type in Natalie Ashbaugh. The registry should pop up as Fort Fiat. Thank you and God bless!! https://www.amazon.com/registries/g1/guest-view/3C7NYE9J8KIYO?ref=gr_search_page_result



Coldwater Youth Group

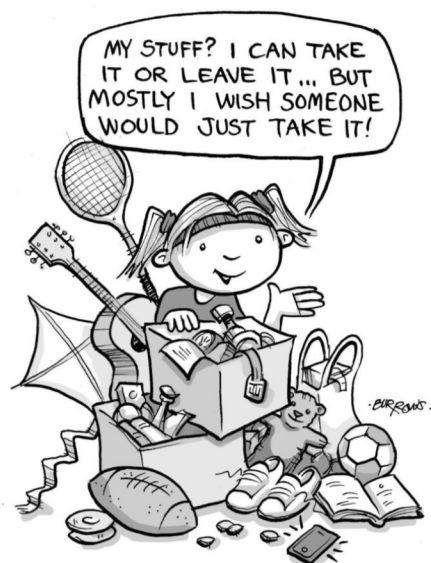
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5 — 7 - 8 am - Christ & Coffee @ Rooster Joe (grades 7th - 12th)

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



But He said to them, "Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not even when one is affluent does his life consist of his possessions." Lk 12:15

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- Saint of the Week -

Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

"Come," Edith gently whispered, taking her sister Rosa's hand, "let us go for our people!" These were Edith Stein's last words as the Nazis, enraged at the Dutch bishops' condemnation of their genocide, took into custody all Catholic converts from Judaism. Born Jewish, but non-practicing from her teens, Edith's search for truth led to a doctorate in philosophy, a brilliant career as professor and author and, finally, to the *Autobiography of Saint Teresa of Ávila*, which she read in one sitting, then declared, "That is the Truth!" Baptized on January 1, 1922, observed then as the feast of Jesus' initiation into the covenant of Abraham, confirmed on February 2, the feast of Jesus' Presentation in the Temple, Edith entered the cloistered Carmelites in Cologne, transferring to a convent in Holland when she realized that, because of the Nazi persecution of the Jews, her presence could imperil the safety of the other nuns. She died in the gas chambers of Auschwitz as a daughter of Israel and of the Church. — Peter Scagnelli



- Information obtained from diocesan.com

Story Time WITH THE SAINTS



Gotta Be Saints

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14TH

10:00 AM

AT THE GROTTTO

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

Thank You!

To This Week's Youth Group Lunch Sponsor

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Community Interests

PATRIOTIC ROSARY AT MERCER COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS — Please join us for the Patriotic Rosary at the Mercer County Fairgrounds on Veterans' Day Tuesday, August 12, 2025 @ 4:00 pm in the Cornerstone Chapel. Our patriotic music this year will be provided by the Sound Waves Chorus. Come join us as we pray for our Country!

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA — There will be no meetings in July or August. The September meeting will also be the D of I birthday party! It is always lots of fun! The Fatima Rosary for America is scheduled for Saturday, October 11th tentatively at the Monument Park and, if inclement weather, at the Ft. Recovery Visitor Center. So mark your calendars and please attend. The next meeting/birthday party is Tuesday, September 2nd. More details to come.

MINI-MAGNIFICAT SAVE THE DATE — There will be a MiniMagnificat Women's Conference held at St. Charles Living Center Saturday, September 20, 2025, featuring Father Nathan Cromly. More information to follow. Questions, call or text 419-305-6829.

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 @ <https://resources.catholicaoc.org/divine-worship-and-sacraments/news/golden-jubilee-masses-with-archbishop> or use the above QR code. You may also request your anniversary certificate from the archdiocese website as well @ <https://www.centerforthenewevangelization.org/marriage-family/resources/wedding-anniversary-certificate-request> or use the provided QR code.



ARMOR OF GOD ROSARY PROCESSION — The Armor of God Rosary Procession group will be meeting in front of Immaculate Conception church in Celina, Ohio for a rosary walk on August 30, 2025. Please bring a rosary, comfortable walking shoes and water. They will be walking downtown.

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>.

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.

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.



Does your family know your wishes for your final resting place?

GATE OF HEAVEN CEMETERY
Archdiocese of Cincinnati

Pre-Planning Seminar
Tuesday, August 26th |
11:00am, 2:00pm, or 6:00pm

RSVP to 513-489-0300

Gate of Heaven's Family Service Advisors are here to help you plan with dignity, honor your wishes, and offer your family peace of mind.

Maria Stein Retreat Center

Fundraising Gala 2025

The Gala will once again be held
"at the Lake" retreat center in Montezuma

August 26, 2025

Doors open at 5:30
Dinner served starting at 6:30

This gala is a unique opportunity to engage with the community while supporting our ongoing mission.

Individual tickets for the gala are \$50 each
Consider becoming a "Table Sponsor" by purchasing 10 tickets for the price of 9, a \$50 savings!

If you're unable to join us for dinner, you can still support the Retreat Center by visiting the **online auction and placing your bids!**



Tickets
scan to purchase



Website
for information



Auction
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2025 FATIMA USA

FRIDAY AUG 8TH 2025
7:30PM

ALL PRIESTS ARE INVITED TO CONCELEBRATE AT THE MASS

SPIRITUAL CENTER OF MARIA STEIN
2365 ST. JOHNS ROAD | MARIA STEIN OH



SCAN TO FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

MORE INFO ON REVERSE

"Sacrifice yourselves for sinners and say many times, especially when you make some sacrifice: 'O Jesus, it is for Thy love, for the conversion of sinners and in reparation for sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.'"

RETRIEVED FROM: OUR LADY OF FATIMA [ewtn.com]



2025 FATIMA USA

AUG 8TH 2025

Holy Mass with Fr. Sean Wilson begins at 7:30PM.

After dark, a candle-lit rosary will take form on the grounds as each prayer is recited.

The program will conclude with a candle light procession around the grounds after the rosary.

THE DETAILS

- ALL PRIESTS ARE INVITED TO CONCELEBRATE AT THE MASS
- FIRST COMMUNICANTS ARE WELCOME TO COME DRESSED UP AND PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCESSION.
- THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION WILL BE AVAILABLE BEFORE MASS.
- CANDLES + HOLDERS WILL BE AVAILABLE. [DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR CANDLES, HOLDERS, + EVENT EXPENSES]

PARKING + EVENT INFO

- HANDICAP PARKING AVAILABLE
- GENERAL PARKING ON GROUNDS
- BUS PARKING AVAILABLE
- NO FOOD SERVICES WILL BE AVAILABLE
- NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS OR LOST ARTICLES

WHAT TO BRING

- ROSARY
- LAWN CHAIR
- FLASHLIGHT
- WARM CLOTHING [PLEASE DRESS APPROPRIATELY FOR MASS]

MEET THE PRIEST

Fr. Sean Wilson, originally a native of Vandalia, OH, was ordained May 21, 2016. He is pastor of the Holy Face of Jesus Parish, which includes: Immaculate Conception in Botkins, St. John in Fryburg, St. Joseph in Wapakoneta, and St. Lawrence in Rhine.



Join Us For

A DAY IN THE HEART OF JESUS

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 18
8AM — 2PM

Montezuma
Retreat House
6731 St. Rt. 219
Montezuma, OH

SPEAKER
Fr. Jeddiah Tritle
Parochial Vicar at C1 Family of
Parishes, Spiritual Assistant of
"St. Joseph, Protector of the
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Through Our Lady of Mount Carmel

A Day of Recollection and Prayer

Mass | Keynote Address | Holy Hour | Confession
\$25 (due at the event) | Includes Breakfast and Lunch
For more information, email dayintheheartofjesus@gmail.com

FARM MASS

2025

All are welcome for the annual Farm Mass, to celebrate the gift of the earth and to recognize the new Century Family Farms!

Please bring lawn chairs and enjoy refreshments afterwards!

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13TH, 7:00PM
8183 HOYING RD, ANNA



Contact Jillian Foster jfoster@catholicaoc.org for more information.

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July 14- 20, 2025

Mary Help of Christians

Offertory.....\$4,035.00
 Holy Father\$ 20.00
 Cemetery.....\$ 10.00
 Youth Group\$ 30.00
 Allocated Loose\$ 878.94

Holy Trinity

Offertory.....\$5,432.00
 Loose.....\$3,505.39
 Total.....\$8,937.39
 Candles.....\$ 164.00
 Holy Father\$ 20.00

St. Joseph

Offertory.....\$1,160.00
 Allocated Loose\$ 183.55

St. Anthony

Offertory.....\$ 520.00
 Loose.....\$ 276.00
 Total.....\$ 796.00

St. Peter

Offertory.....\$5,011.00
 Maintenance.....\$ 300.00
 Allocated Loose\$ 296.96

St. Mary

Offertory.....\$ 920.00
 Loose.....\$ 417.00
 Total.....\$1,337.00
 Candles.....\$ 32.00

St. Paul

Offertory.....\$2,893.00
 Allocated Loose\$ 374.55



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