



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 Pg. 2 - Mass, Confession, Adoration, & Liturgy Schedules

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St. Anthony



St. Joseph



St. Mary



St. Paul



St. Peter

Sunday, August 10, 2025
Nineteenth 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 11	Bernice Poling †		7:15 am (<i>L/S</i>)	Holy Trinity	After Mass
Saint Clare; Memorial	Marlene McCullough †	FAW	6:45 pm	St. Peter	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Tuesday, August 12 Saint Janes Frances de Chantal, Religious; opt. mem.	Dan Myers †		7:15 am	St. Mary	After Mass
	L/D John & MaryAnn Wendel Family †		6:45 pm	St. Joseph	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Wednesday, August 13 Saints Pontain, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs: opt. mem.	Art Boeckman †		7:15 am (<i>L/S</i>)	MHC	After Mass
	L/D Raymond & Mary Wenning Family †		Noon (L/S)	Holy Trinity	11:30 am - end
Thursday, August 14 Saint Maximilian Kolbe,	Poor Souls in Purgatory †		7:15 am	St. Paul	After Mass
	Michael Balster †	FJP	5:30 pm (<i>L/S</i>)	Holy Trinity	5:00 - 6:00 pm
Priest, Marty; Memorial	L/D Donald Kunk Family †	FAW	7:30 pm (<i>L/S</i>)	MHC	7:00 - 8:00 pm
Friday, August 15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Solemnity	Raymond P. Timmerman †		6:15 am	Holy Trinity	6:00 - 6:45 am
	Mary Jean Evers †	FEM	7:00 am (<i>L/S</i>)	MHC	6:30 - 7:30 am
	L/D of Vince & Jean Fortkamp Family †	FAW	Noon (L/S)	Holy Trinity	11:30 am - 12:30 pm
	Arnold & Jean Beumer †	FBS	Noon	MHC	11:30 am - 12:30 pm
	Robert Portz †	FEM	5:30 pm (<i>L/S</i>)	MHC	5:00 - 6:00 pm
	Anne Fullmer †		7:30 pm (<i>L/S</i>)	Holy Trinity	7:00 - 8:00 pm
Saturday, August 16 Saint Stephen of Hungary; BVM on Saturday; opt. mem.	Tom Litmer †	FAW	9:00 am	St. Joseph	After Mass
	Leon Homan †	FAW	4:00 pm	St. Anthony	3:15 - 3:45 pm
	Ralph & Dennis Broeker †	FJP	4:30 pm	Holy Trinity	3:45 - 4:15 pm
ορι. παπι.	L/D Harry & Pauline Bergman Family †	FBS/ DRK	4:30 pm (<i>L/S</i>)	MHC	3:45 pm - end
Sunday, August 17 20 th Sunday in Ordinary Ťime	Wayne Fullenkamp †	FBS/ DRK	7:00 am	St. Joseph	N/A
	Gary Swain †	FEM	8:00 am (<i>L/S</i>)	Holy Trinity	7:25 am - end
	Members of the Holy Cross Family	FAW	9:00 am (<i>L/S</i>)	MHC	8:25 am - end
	Fritz & Betty Giere †	FJP	10:00 am (<i>L/S</i>)	Holy Trinity	9:25 am - end
	L/D Paul & Berdella Keller Family †	FAW/ DDK	11:00 am	St. Paul	10:25 - 10:45 am
	Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life	FBS/ DRK	11:00 am	St. Peter	10:25 - 10:45 am
	Ivo Heitkamp †	FEM	Noon	St. Mary	11:25 - 11:45 am
	Salome Zehringer †	FJP	6:00 pm	Holy Trinity	

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. Anthony HT = Holy Trinity SJ = St. Joseph SM = St. Mary SPT = St. Peter SPL = St. Paul

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

Wed., HT: 8 am - 11:45 am Mon., SPT: 5:45 - 6:30 pm 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

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 13, 7:15 am

Servers: Zavier Bruns **Lector:** Les Wenning

Thursday, August 14, 7:30 pm (Vigil of the Assumption)

Servers: Josh Evers, Tony Evers, Kevin Dues, Jackson Barga, Elijah Grieshop, Ezekial Grieshop

Lector: Tom Remaklus **EMHC:** Lois Vogel, Gail Dues **Sacristan:** Lois Vogel

Ushers: Steve Vogel, Chuck Keller,

Nick Dues, Don Willmann

Friday, August 15, 7:00 am (Assumption)

Servers: Chase Fiely, Milo Fiely

Lector: Ted Romer EMHC: Ted Romer Sacristan: Amy Schmitz

Friday, August 15, 12:00 pm (Assumption)

Servers: Cora Pearson, Zavier Bruns

Lector: Debbie Bueter **EMHC:** Tom Bueter

Sacristan: Tom & Debbie Bueter

Friday, August 15, 5:30 pm (Assumption)

Servers: Grant Pearson, Emma Pearson, Anthony Roessner, Carson Fullenkamp, Vincent Wenning, Natalie Wenning

Lector: Julie Schmitz

EMHC: Wes Kahlig, Kathy Portz

Sacristan: Kathy Portz

Ushers: Paul Alig, Roger Broerman,

Doug Schmitz, Greg Schmitz Saturday, August 16, 4:30 pm

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

Lector: Les Wenning

EMHC: Tom Bueter, Debbie Bueter **Sacristan:** Tom & Debbie Bueter **Ushers:** Floyd Bergman, Don Lennartz,

LaVern Grube, Chuck Kaiser Sunday, August 17, 9:00 am

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

Lector: Keshia Willmann

EMHC: Deacon Roger Kaiser, Bill Gaerke **Sacristan:** Steve & Amy Schmitz **Ushers:** Joe Dues, Joe Dues Jr.,

Kevin Fortkamp, Joe Grube



– St. Joseph –

Tuesday, August 12, 6:45 pm

Servers: Joseph Bruns, Henry Bruns

Lector: Paige Schulze Sacristan: Norma Potkotter Saturday, August 16, 9:00 am

Servers: Levi Sutter Lector: Mary Gaerke Sunday, August 17, 7:00 am

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

Lector: Pat Gehret

EMHC: Deacon Roger Kaiser **Sacristan:** Norma Pottkotter **Ushers:** Ed Dues, Gary Pottkotter

- St. Paul -

Thursday, August 14, 7:15 am

Servers: Russell Hart

Sunday, August 17, 11:00 am

Servers: AJ Siefring, Maddie Weigel, Katelyn Siefring, Lindsey Siefring Lector: Mary Lochtefeld EMHC: Deacon Roger Kaiser,

Andrew Dirksen

Ushers: Joe Hawk, Jared Hemmelgarn

Rosary: Jerry & Bec Bihn

- St. Peter -

Monday, August 11, 6:45 pm

Servers: Chris Timmerman

Lector: Tim Hart

Sunday, August 17, 11:00 am

Servers: Will Westgerdes, Theo Schmitz, Carter Fortkamp, Brinley Fortkamp, Addison Fortkamp, Derek Fortkamp

Lector: Elaine Post **EMHC:** Abe Timmerman **Sacristan:** Brenda Kahlig

Ushers: Tom Braun, Jake Gaerke

- St. Mary -

Tuesday, August 12, 7:15 am

Servers: Volunteers Needed Lector: Viki Dues

Sunday, August 17, 12:00 pm

Servers: Austin Uhlenhake,

Carson Uhlenhake, William Moorman,

Henry Uhlenhake

Lector: Stephanie Wendel **EMHC:** Mary Ann Harting

Ushers: Ben Uhlenhake, Brian Uhlenhake

- Holy Trinity -

Monday, August 11, 7:15 am

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Huelskamp

Lector: Rene Klosterman

Wednesday, August 13, 12:00 pm Servers: Oliver Link, Leo Grigsby Lector: Rene Klosterman

Thursday, August 14, 5:30 pm (Vigil of

the Assumption)

Servers: Henry Broering, Lucas Broering,

Gabriel Simper, Emma Siefring,

Claire Bertke

Lector: Ken Hoying

EMHC: Karen Hoying, Linda Brunswick <u>Friday, August 15, 6:15 am (Assumption)</u>

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby,

Archer Bihn

Lector: Rita Riethman **EMHC:** Denny Riethman

Friday, August 15, 12:00 pm (Assumption)

Servers: Samuel Gerlach, Oliver Link,

Jude Link, Leo Huelskamp **Lector:** Rene Klosterman

EMHC: Deacon Roger Kaiser, Brenda Kaiser Friday, August 15, 7:30 pm (Assumption)

Servers: Max Ross, Mason Evers,

Jack Bettinger, Dillan Wenning, John Evers

Lector: Nick Knapke

EMHC: Stephanie Rutschilling, Chuck Wenning, Carla Kahlig Saturday, August 16, 4:30 pm

Servers: Leo Huelskamp, Emma Siefring,

David Dues

Lector: Yvonne Dues

EMHC: Denny Riethman, Michelle Wilker,

Brenda Schwieterman Sunday, August 17, 8:00 am

Servers: Karsyn Homan, Kratyn Homan,

Krew Homan

Lector: Janelle Rollins

EMHC: Herb Hamberg, Betty Hamberg

Sunday, August 17, 10:00 am

Servers: Jack Bettinger, Archer Bihn, Lucas Broering, Henry Broering

Lector: Terry Liette

EMHC: Tony Hart, Connie May, Deb Kaiser

Sunday, August 17, 6:00 pm Servers: Breann Mathewson,

Ryan Mathewson

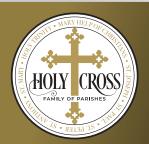
Lector: Dee Fullenkamp

EMHC: Dan Fullenkamp, Pam Hicks

- St. Anthony - Saturday, August 16, 4:00 pm

Servers: Nolan Link, Lacey Link,

Wesley Geier, Troy Geier
Lector: Joanne Alig
EMHC: Deacon Dan Kahlig
Sacristan: Janie Timmerman
Ushers: Sam Muhlenkamp
Rosary: Julie Brackman



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Deacon Roger Kaiser: rkaiser.holycrossfop@gmail.com

Bulletin Reflection from the Summer Seminarian

Holy Cross Family of Parishes – Fort Recovery & Coldwater, OH

My summer has consisted of multiple rhythms of life: from a **33-day Eucharistic pilgrimage** in my native land of New Hampshire (which I fondly call "the Shire"), to the bells rung by **Franciscan brothers** in Massachusetts, it now concludes in the **glory-filled fields of corn and cattle here in Mercer County**. In the peace that rural farm life and Catholic Christendom provide, I pray you *do not take for granted the heart of it all...*

My time on summer assignment has not disappointed. It has been thrilling, and at times even dangerous—ask the couple of trees I inadvertently ran into (a certain Timmerman will reassure you that the tree is okay)...

But I've been asking myself: <u>how do we remain dangerous for the King</u>, <u>Jesus Christ?</u> In a world that prizes comfort and safety, Christ calls His disciples to something greater—**to risk everything for the Gospel.** That is the kind of holy danger the world needs.

The Church is in a year of Jubilee, and its theme—"Pilgrims of Hope"—is *not wishful thinking*. It is the fruit of endurance, as St. Paul writes: "We even <u>boast of our afflictions</u>, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance, proven character, and proven character, hope—" (Romans 5:3–4). In this family of parishes, I've seen the spirit of St. Joseph alive—in hardworking fathers, faithful mothers, and families who trust God in uncertainty, tragedy, and joy. We are all on a path toward the Father, and the saints walk beside us—especially St. Joseph, protector, provider, and preserver of the Holy Family and ours. *And why does hope not disappoint?* "…because the **love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit** that has been given to us." (Romans 5:5)

My discernment with the Franciscans of the Poor Christ this summer confirmed that while I may not be called to religious vows, I am called to a life of simplicity and greater poverty. What comforts—though often good in themselves—might keep us from fully receiving Christ's call to holiness? This is our only priority; whether in marriage, priesthood, or religious life, our universal calling is to be saints. And that road is not wide. It is, as Jesus says: "Enter through the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the road broad that leads to destruction... But how narrow the gate and constricted the road that leads to life. *And those who find it are few*" (Matthew 7:13–14).

As I return to seminary and continue preparation for the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, I do so with gratitude and hope. This journey is not mine to willfully control. Whenever I try to grasp, I lose my way. But when I surrender—when I come to Jesus as a laborer, heavy-laden with burdens—He fulfills His promise: "I will give you rest... for my yoke is easy, and my burden light" (Matthew 11:28, 30). And he is a Good Shepherd. *The best*.

Please pray for me, as I pray for you. May we walk this narrow way together—faithful, full of joy, and yes... **living ALL-IN for JESUS CHRIST**—for it is the only way to a <u>life abundant</u> and a <u>life everlasting</u>.

Stay dangerous for the King!!!

Godspeed,

John(ny) Ambrose Gabriel Kiernan

Discipleship I, Archdiocese of Cincinnati

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.

MISSION LOTTERY WINNER — (7/16/25) Ron Muhlenkamp, Coldwater, OH; (7/23/25) Mike Fullenkamp, Greenville, OH; (7/30/25) Rena Thien, Fort Recovery, OH

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.

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! "Boiiiiis - bring your own beer, bourbon, and bibles." - Fr. £than

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

"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.





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
<u>Thursday</u>

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

Friday

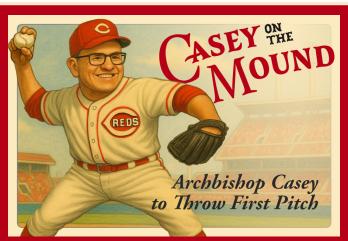
Mass @ 7:00 am (Confession 6:30-7:30 am)
Mass @ Noon (Confession 11:30 am-12:30 pm)
Mass @ 5:30 pm (Confession 5-6 pm)

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

SERVER TRAINING AVAILABLE — Servers Training will be held on Monday, August 11th at 3:30 pm at Holy Trinity for those who were not able to make the earlier training. Please call the Holy Trinity Office at 419-678-4802 to let us know if your child will be attending or for any questions.

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.

IGNITE — The regular Thursday meetings are canceled, but adults ages 18 - 24 are still welcome to join the group for faith & friendship. The group is geared towards deepening 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.



Join us as Archbishop Robert G. Casey of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati throws out the first pitch at an upcoming Cincinnati Reds home game. Media are invited to capture footage of Archbishop Casey's ceremonial first pitch on Saturday, August 30 at Great American Ballpark. The pitch will be around 6:25 p.m., prior to the game between the Cincinnati Reds and the St. Louis Cardinals, which begins at 6:40 p.m. The first pitch will be part of a special night at Great American Ballpark with the Archdiocese of Cincinnati! In addition to Archbishop Casey's participation, the evening will include a celebration of Catholic schools across the archdiocese who educate 42,000 students annually. Catholic school principals from all 87 grade schools and 24 high schools will be invited onto the field around 6:20 pm to be recognized before the game. Join us at the ballpark by purchasing discounted tickets for the August 30 game through Reds ticketing at the following link: https:// www.gofevo.com/event/Archdiocesecincinnati2. each discounted ticket purchased through this website, \$5 will be donated to the Catholic Education Foundation of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

Celebrate Safe Haven Sunday

Join parishes across the diocese in equipping families to live porn-free.

In a constantly-connected digital world, Safe Haven Sunday helps you start the conversation of online purity or continue it.

Most teens and young adults believe that not recycling is more immoral than viewing pornography. Fight back against today's culture that normalizes inappropriate images with the free ebook Equipped. This resource will show you the four walls of protection and how to implement them in your home today!



Safe Haven Sunday is an initiative sponsored by Covenant Eyes that gives parents guidance on raising and protecting their children. Scan the code to get your copy of Equipped: Smart Catholic Parenting in a Sexualized Culture:





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Celebrate with us all week leading up to our namesake Feast day of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on September 14th by wearing a Holy Cross Spirit T-Shirt!

Proceeds Benefit Future Speaker Events!

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

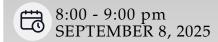
In the Grotto following the talk on Monday, check out the Stewardship Fair and learn more about groups that foster a Holy Cross Spirit!

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



HOLY CROSS FAMILY NIGHT - SEPTEMBER 8TH -

- Meet & Greet w/ Jesse Romero
- Enjoy Refreshments
- Learn how to get involved
 - Meet with representatives of groups & organizations that encompass our Family of Parishes
 - Sign Up & Join!





Location:
Holy Trinity's Grotto

Stop in & Sign Up!

INDIVIDUAL PARISH WEEKEND - SEPTEMBER 13TH/14TH -

- Enjoy Refreshments
- Learn how to get involved
 - Meet with representatives of ministries, groups & organizations that pertain to your particular parish
 - Sign Up & Join!



SEPTEMBER 13, 2025 & SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

Questions: (419) 678-4802

Parish Hall or Basement (After Each Weekend Mass)

Stop in & Sign Up!

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



MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT **PROJECTS** Holv

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!

BOX OF JOY — Holy Trinity VBS will be participating in the Box of Joy ministry, a Christmas shoe-box gift outreach organized by local Catholic schools, parishes and groups nationwide for our mission project for May 2026. We will bless children suffering from extreme poverty by filling boxes with toys and other gifts, sharing the joy of Christmas, and planting seeds of hope through the Gospel. We encourage everyone to take advantage of the discounted school supplies and tax free holiday to start thinking about what could be included in the boxes while it is discounted! We have set a goal to bless at least 25 impoverished children in Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean! Materials can be dropped off in the boxes by each entrance to Holy Trinity now through August 30th! Collection boxes will be set out again in May 2026 with a supply list of what is still needed. For more info, contact the Project Leader Raquel Kaiser 419-953-7804 or Megan Keller 419-852-9563 and check out boxofjoy.org for more information!





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.



SEWING GROUP

The sewing group will August 11 at the M H of C

funeral on Monday we will not meet until September. 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. 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

ST JOE HOMECOMING FESTIVAL — The 42nd Annual festival will be held on the grounds of St. Joseph Church Sept. 5th - 7th. Festival set-up will be Sept. 2nd - 4th. See below for schedule of events during the festival:

Friday, September 5

7:00 pm Beer Stand Opens, Drinks/Food Available

7:00 pm Sign in starts for Corn Hole Tournament

8:00 pm Corn Hole Tournament

Saturday, September 6

4:30 pm Outdoor Mass (please bring lawn chairs)

5:30 pm Almost World-Famous Chili Available

5:30 pm Food/Drink Stands Open

6:00 pm All Stands Open

7:30 pm Amateur Horseshoe (Sign in @ 7:00 pm)

10:00 pm Music by DJ Wicked Sound

Sunday, September 7

1:00 pm Food/Drink Stands Open

1:00 pm Browns vs. Bengals Football on TV

2:00 pm All Stands Open

2:00 pm Beanbag Tournament (Sign in @ 1:30)

2:00 pm Horseshoe Tournament (Sign in @ 1:30)

2:00 pm Kiddie Tractor Pull (Sign in @ 1:30)

4:00 pm BBQ Chicken Dinners (Drive Thru/Carryout Available)

5:00 pm Live Music by Mike Hemmelgarn

7:30 pm Raffle Drawing - Over \$8,000 in Prizes!



ST. **PETER** RELIGION BUILDING UPDATE

Thanks 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.



C H I C K E N
DINNERS — Sept.
27th 4 - 6:30 pm at St.
Anthony Parish Hall.
Chicken dinners will consist of 2

piece Broasted Chicken, baked potato, green beans, roll & butter, & cookie. Dine-in or Carryout is available. Dine-in drinks will be available (water and lemonade). Cost is \$12.00. All proceeds to be used for the beautification of the church at St, Anthony. Tickets will be available after the 4 pm Mass on the following Saturdays at St Anthony: Aug. 16th, Aug. 30th, & Sept. 13th. You can also contact Bonnie Muhlenkamp @ 419-852-5301 if you would like to purchase tickets.

THANK YOU! — We are pleased to say that the St. Anthony Garage Sale was a huge success again this year. This is only possible because of such support from not only St. Anthony but the parish cluster and the entire community. We, the committee, cannot thank you enough who donated items, those who help set-up, work during the sale, and also the dreaded job of tearing down. Without the participation of so many volunteers, the garage sale would not be possible; so, thank each and everyone for a job well done. This will allow us to help get our church beautified. - Garage Sale Committee

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 22. Any questions, please call/text Amanda Forsthoefel at 419-852-6698.



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	<u>Total</u>
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

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Religious Education

Coldwater Religious Ed.

Contact: Sarah Klosterman

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

TEACHERS NEEDED:

Holy Trinity - 3:15 - 4:30pm

- 1st Grade God Loves Us, What is Sin?, Blessed Trinity
- 2nd Grade Parts of the Mass, Eucharist, What is Sin, Reconciliation
- 3^{rd} Grade Jesus' Miracles, Parables Jesus Taught, Seven Sacraments, Apostle's Creed (2 Needed)
- 4th Grade The Ten Commandments, God is All Good, Temptation and Sin

Holy Trinity - 6:30 - 7:45pm

- 1st Grade God Loves Us, What is Sin?, Blessed Trinity
- 4th Grade The Ten Commandments, God is All Good, Temptation and Sin
- 6th Grade Sacred Scripture, The Bible, Covenants (Boys)
- 8^{th} Grade 4 Marks and Precepts of the Church, Morality, God's Plan for Marriage (Boys)

Holy Trinity - 8 - 9:15pm

9th Grade - Bible Study, Introduction to Confirmation, Theology of the Body (2 needed) 12th Grade - Vocations, World Religions, Catholic Social Teaching

St. Anthony

11th/12th Grade - Vocations, the Passion, Catholic Social Teaching

St. Mary

*All lesson plans and supplies will be provided to you. There are 27 class nights in total. Please contact Sarah Klosterman with any questions or to learn more!

Fort Recovery Religious Ed.

Contact: Harlie Metzger hmetzger.holycrossfop@gmail.com, 419-375-4153

TEACHEHRS NEEDED:

Mary Help of Christians

- 4^{th} 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. Peter/St. Joseph

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

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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 LADIES GROUP — Ladies Group will resume on Sept. 2nd

MEN'S GROUP — Men's Group will resume on Sept. 3rd

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 Natalie Ashbaugh. The registry should pop up as Fort Fiat. Thank you for your generosity! https:// www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/ 3C7NYE9J8KIYO?ref=gr_search_page_result



ONE CALL — We are switching to One Call to communicate as a youth group. If you would like to be added to the FR Youth Group or FR Ladies Group please email nashbaugh. holycrossfop@gmail.com to be added.

KICKOFF PARTY — Mark your calendars for the 17th of August. We will be having our annual Kickoff party. It will include swimming, yard games, music, and snacks. See the flyer below for more information.

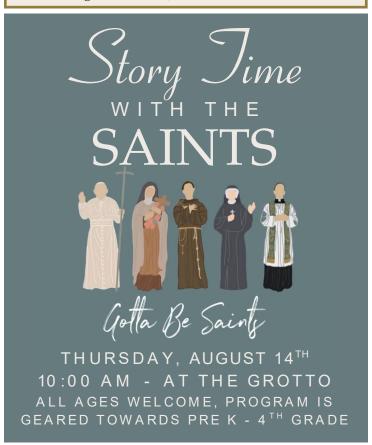


Coldwater Youth Group

Contact: Maria Gruss

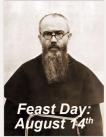
mgruss.holycrossfop@gmail.com, 419-678-3328 **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

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



Saint of the Week - Saint Maximilian Kolbe

Perhaps most well known for his martyrdom in a concentration camp where he offered to die in place of a father with a family, his story of sainthood began much earlier. He entered the minor seminary of the Conventual Franciscans in his native Poland at a young age and was ordained a priest at 24. He founded The Militia of the Immaculata to fight evil through the positive witness of a holy life. He also began a



magazine to spread the good news and it eventually reached one million subscribers. All that he did was driven by his devotion to the Blessed Mother, for it was she who appeared to him holding in her hands one white and one red crown, asking him if he would like to have purity or martyrdom. He chose both and lived out his days dedicated to her and her son, until he died by starvation and lethal injection to save another man's life. Although we may not be called to physically die for another, there are many ways we can die to ourselves each day in love and service to others. Let us follow the example of Saint Maximilian Kolbe and be willing to lose our lives that we might find eternal life in heaven. -Tami Urcia

- Information obtained from diocesan.com

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 UPDATE — There will be no meetings in 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 at Mary Help of Christians' Queen of Peace Rosary Walk and, if inclement weather, it will be in the front entrance of Mary Help of Christians' church. So mark your calendars and please attend. The next meeting/birthday party is Tuesday, September 2nd. More details to come.

A DAY IN THE HEART OF JESUS, THROUGH OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL — Hosted by the Order of Carmelites Discalced Seculars, "St. Joseph, Protector of the Holy Family" Community. You are warmly invited to a Day of Recollection and Prayer on Saturday, October 18th, from 8 am — 2 pm at the Montezuma Retreat House, 6731 St. Rt. 219, Montezuma, OH 45866. The speaker will be Fr. Jedidiah Tritle (Parochial Vicar at C1 Family of Parishes). This is open to both men and women. Come away for a while and enter into a day of prayer, reflection, and renewal. The day will include Holy Mass, an inspiring keynote, discussions on the wisdom of the Carmelite Doctors of the Church, adoration, and the opportunity for confession. A light breakfast and lunch are provided. The cost is \$25 (due at the event). Register at: https:/ /forms.gle/fv8zu5K4GxjXjgMn6 or contact Gwen Staton, 419-733-1453. We look forward to sharing this beautiful day with you! Questions? email: dayintheheartofjesus@gmail.com or call Gwen at the number above.

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! Wed., Aug. 13th at 7 pm at 8183 Hoying Rd, Anna, Ohio. Contact Jillian Foster at jfoster@catholicaoc.org for more information.

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



COUNTY ARMOR OF GOD ROSARY PROCESSION — The Armor of Rosary at 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.

BREAKFAST BUFFET — The Knights of St John in Maria Stein will be having their monthly breakfast buffet on August 17th from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. Adults \$10.00, 7-12 year olds \$5.00, and 6 & under eat free.

PEACE OF MIND PLANNING THROUGH FAITH — Meetings for Pre-Planning Seminar at Gate of Heaven Cemetery will be on Tuesday, August 26th, at 11 am, 2 pm, & 6 pm at the Gate of Heaven Administration Building, 11000 Montgomery Road, Cincinnati, OH 45249. Gate of Heaven's Family Service Advisors are ready to assist you in planning arrangements. Personalize your arrangements, honoring your needs with dignity and respect while giving your family the greatest gift... Peace of Mind! Learn more or RSVP: (513) 489-0300 or www.gateofheaven.org.

ST. MARIA'S PRODUCE STAND — The stand is open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. The stand is located on the corner of St. Rt. 705 and US Rt. 127 (Happy Corner Garage parking lot). Gardeners are welcome to donate fruits and vegetables from their gardens. The public is invited to come and offer donations for whatever they wish to take home.



Contact Information & Stewardship

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St. Joseph: (Est. 1839) 1689 St. Joe Rd., Ft. Recovery, OH 45846 St. Mary: (Est. 1851) 3821 Philothea Rd., Coldwater OH 45828 St. Anthony: (Est. 1852) 471 St. Anthony Rd., Ft. Recovery, OH 45846 St. Peter: (Est. 1860) 1477 Philothea Rd., Ft. Recovery, OH 45846 Holy Trinity: (Est. 1867) 120 E. Main St., Coldwater OH 45828 St. Paul: (Est. 1868) 517 Meiring Rd., Ft. Recovery, OH 45846 MHC: (Est. 1881) 403 Sharpsburg Rd., Ft. Recovery, OH 45846 Business Managers

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(SJ) - Maria Bergman

(SM) - Diane Geier - 419-678-4470

(SPL) - Susan Bertke

(SPT) - Anna Roessner, Mary Gaerke, Paige Timmerman

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Call for Prayer

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Contributions

July 21 - 27, 2025

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Independence Capital Management

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Mike Kahlig & Son Inc. Faller Mechanical LLC Carpet Clean-Up Mary Niekamp/Master Key Realty
A Simple Touch Home Decorating/Decor
Fort Recovery Insurance Agency

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President — Julie Pleiman 419-953-7116 Vice President — Angie Kunk 419-852-5736

If interested in joining one of the above organizations, call the number listed.