

*Do you think that I
have come to Establish
Peace on the 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 17, 2025
Twentieth 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 18 <i>Weekday</i>	Don Baucher †	FBS	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	After Mass
	L/D Cy & MaryAnn Fortkamp Family †	FAW	6:45 pm	St. Peter	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Tuesday, August 19 <i>Saint John Eudes, Priest; opt. mem.</i>	L/D Bruns Family †	FEM	7:15 am	St. Mary	After Mass
	L/D Larry † & Theresa Grube Family	FJP	6:45 pm	St. Joseph	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Wednesday, August 20 <i>Saint Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church; Memorial</i>	Natalie Siegrist †	FAW	7:15 am (L/S)	MHC	After Mass
	Louie & Joan Reigelsperger †	FBS	Noon (L/S)	Holy Trinity	11:30 am - end
Thursday, August 21 <i>Saint Pius X, Pope; Memorial</i>	Dan Kaiser †	FAW	7:15 am	St. Paul	After Mass
	L/D Kessen & Long Families †	FBS	6:45 pm	St. Anthony	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Friday, August 22 <i>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Memorial</i>	Walter Steinbrunner †	FAW	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	After Mass
	Roger Timmerman †	FBS	Noon (L/S)	MHC	11:30 am - end
Saturday, August 23 <i>Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin; BVM on Saturday; opt. mem.</i>	Jill Tobin †	FJP	9:00 am	St. Joseph	After Mass
	Brewer / Hicks Wedding Convalidation	FAW	1:30 pm	Holy Trinity	N/A
	Jeanette Brunswick †	FAW	4:00 pm	St. Anthony	3:15 - 3:45 pm
	Ethel Borger †	FBS	4:30 pm	Holy Trinity	3:45 - 4:15 pm
	Sherrie Keller †	FJP	4:30 pm (L/S)	MHC	3:45 pm - end
Sunday, August 24 <i>21st Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	L/D Bert & Margaret Tobe Family †	FEM	7:00 am	St. Joseph	N/A
	Members of Holy Cross Family of Parishes	FAW/ DRK	8:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	7:25 am - end
	L/D Alvin Wendel Family †	FJP	9:00 am (L/S)	MHC	8:25 am - end
	L/D Elise Tobe Family †	FBS	10:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	9:25 am - end
	L/D Urban & Bernice Dirksen Family †	FJP	11:00 am	St. Paul	10:25 - 10:45 am
	Joe Bruns †	FEM/ DDK	11:00 am	St. Peter	10:25 - 10:45 am
	L/D Schmackers Family †	FAW	Noon	St. Mary	11:25 - 11:45 am
	L/D Anthony & Mary Homan Family †	FBS	6:00 pm	Holy Trinity	5:15 - 5:45 pm

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

Reference for Church Abbreviations

SA = St. 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 20, 7:15 am

Servers: Joseph Bruns, Henry Bruns

Lector: Elly Boeckman

Friday, August 22, 12:00 pm

Server: Xavier Bruns

Lector: Ted Romer

Saturday, August 23, 4:30 pm

Servers: Jameson Heitkamp, Riley Heitkamp,

Xavier Bruns, Tucker Huntsman

Lector: Missy Hart

EMHC: Maggie Hartings, Esther Heitkamp

Sacristan: Maggie Hartings

Ushers: Floyd Bergman, Don Lennartz, Ken Romer, Dan Schmitz

Sunday, August 24, 9:00 am

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

Lector: Chris Bihn

EMHC: Dan Jutte, Grace Jutte

Sacristan: Dan & Grace Jutte

Ushers: Harry Hart, Chuck Keller, Mike Laux, Mark Metzger

– St. Joseph –

Tuesday, August 19, 6:45 pm

Servers: Tyler Dues, Levi Sutter

Lector: Tim Hart

Sacristan: Shel Sutter

Saturday, August 23, 9:00 am

Server: Corbyn Schmitz

Lector: Paige Schulze

Sunday, August 24, 7:00 am

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

Lector: Karen Bertke

EMHC: Karen Bertke

Sacristan: Shel Sutter

Usher: Mel Bertke, Jerry Sutter

– St. Paul –

Thursday, August 21, 7:15 am

Server: Maddie Weigel

Sunday, August 24, 11:00 am

Servers: Olivia Knapke, Reece LeFevre, Camden LeFevre, Vance Tobe

Lector: Joe Knapke

EMHC: Joe Knapke, Julie Bruns

Ushers: Mike Bruns, Ross Homan

Rosary: Mark & Marylene Brunswick

– St. Peter –

Monday, August 18, 6:45 pm

Server: Theresa Hipple

Lector: Jane Hipple

Sunday, August 24, 11:00 am

Servers: Reese Diller, Levi Sutter, Clete Timmerman, Amber Timmerman, Chris Timmerman, Kinley Schoenlein

Lector: Marilyn Pottkotter

EMHC: Deacon Dan Kahlig

Sacristan: Marilyn Pottkotter

Ushers: Shane Gaerke, Dan Overman

– Holy Trinity –

Monday, August 18, 7:15 am

Servers: Mason Evers, John Evers

Lector: Rene Klosterman

Wednesday, August 20, 12:00 pm

Servers: Samuel Gerlach, Oliver Link, Jude Link

Lector: Nancy Clune

Friday, August 22, 7:15 am

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby

Lector: Rita Riethman

Saturday, August 23, 4:30 pm

Servers: Isabelle Schwieterman, Alex Schwieterman, Emma Siefing

Lector: Denny Riethman

EMHC: Denny Riethman, Michelle Wilker, Karen Hoying

Sunday, August 24, 8:00 am

Servers: Samuel Gerlach, Oliver Link, Jude Link

Lector: Paul Howell

EMHC: Brenda Kaiser, Deacon Roger Kaiser

Sunday, August 24, 10:00 am

Servers: David Dues, Max Ross, Mason Evers, John Evers

Lector: Yvonne Dues

EMHC: Cindy Geise, Lynn Giere, Scott Noonan

Sunday, August 24, 6:00 pm

Servers: Levi Sutter, Clayton Schoen

Lector: Ryan Sutter

EMHC: Sarah Klosterman, Amy Klingshirn

– St. Anthony –

Thursday, August 21, 6:45 pm

Servers: Wesley Geier, Troy Geier

Lector: Janet Brockman

Sacristan: Janet Brockman

Saturday, August 23, 4:00 pm

Servers: Bryant Evans, Allie Evans, Danielle Evans, Jack Link

Lector: Cindy Muhlenkamp

EMHC: Tana Sudhoff

Sacristan: Cindy Muhlenkamp

Usher: Corey Sudhoff

Rosary: Teri Minnich

– St. Mary –

Tuesday, August 19, 7:15 am

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby

Lector: Stephanie Wendel

Sunday, August 24, 12:00 pm

Servers: Lana Kaiser, Garrett Uhlenhake, Matthew Uhlenhake, Cole Uhlenhake

Lector: Amanda Schoenherr

EMHC: Karla Kunk

Ushers: Ken Siefing, Craig Harting





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Mary, Assumed Into Heaven...What Now?

This past Friday, the entire Church assembled to faithfully celebrate one of the most incredible mysteries of our faith: Mary at the end of her life being taken up body and soul into Heaven. In St. John's Gospel, Jesus tells us that He is the Way (John 14:6). Following Him is the only way to Heaven. Mary, who followed Jesus so perfectly from the moment that she was created, is the perfect path by which we can travel Jesus's Way to Heaven. We know that Mary is this perfect path to Heaven because she is the path that Jesus took from Heaven into this world. So I want to suggest some practical, everyday ways that we can continue to walk with Mary and grow closer to her Son.



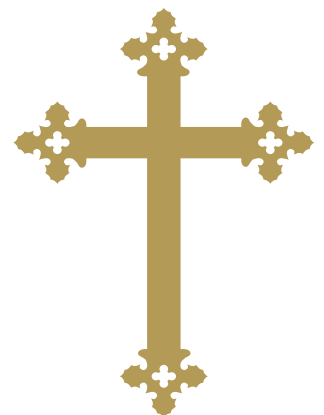
- **Praying the Rosary:** each of the mysteries of the Rosary gives us a little glimpse into the lives of Jesus and Mary. As we pray the Rosary, we can contemplate certain questions like, "what might Jesus and Mary have been feeling at this moment?" or "How can I see my life reflecting Jesus and Mary's virtues in this mystery?" The recitation of the prayers occupies our minds so that our hearts become free to lovingly contemplate these questions. Praying the Rosary as a family is so important, too. Think of the Israelites preparing for the exodus from Egypt. They gathered together as a family in a house marked with the blood of a lamb to be protected from the angel of death. When we pray the Rosary, especially as a family, we gather under Mary's mantle and are protected from the evils prowling about this world.
- **Beyond the Hail Mary:** while the basic prayers of our faith are by no means to be underestimated, there are so many powerful prayers out there. Two of my favorites are the Memorare, which states that "never was it known that anyone who fled to [Mary]...was left unaided". Another favorite is the Litany of Loretto, which names various characteristics of Mary: "Mother most amiable" being one of my favorites. To be amiable is to be good to be around, to be kind and friendly. Mary is not a stoic, unfeeling monarch, but our queen and mother who is enjoyable to be around.
- **Both Body and Soul:** St. Teresa of Avila warns against approaching God with just our lips, but not the rest of ourselves. This is true, both in prayer and in the Sacraments. One of my favorite images of Mary is this painting by Giovanni Gasparro. You can see that, as she prepares to receive Holy Communion from St. John, her devotion and love overflows her heart into her face and entire body. She clothes herself in a humble way, she kneels before her God and Son. We honor Jesus and Mary when we approach Holy Communion like Mary did: pure of soul (do I need to go to Confession?), clothed for the wedding feast of the Lamb of God (which is what the Mass is), and receiving Jesus as reverently as I can (not being rushed, thinking through my actions, coming before Him knowing that this is God, not leaving Mass early).

- **Small Symbols:** Like lighting a candle to Mary. The candle represents us standing before Mary, bringing our intention to her. Wearing the Miraculous Medal or the Scapular can be a good everyday reminder to imitate Mary as we follow Jesus to Heaven. If we wear something like that though, we should always learn the rights and responsibilities of these objects. They each come with promises that we should make sincerely about how we are planning to live our lives in a thoroughly Christian way.
- **Read a good book:** There are so many books that have been written about Mary that can help us grow in our love of her and Jesus. To just name a few:
 - Brant Pitre's *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary*. Pitre grew up Protestant, so didn't have much room for Mary in his heart. But as he studied scripture (becoming a Scripture scholar), he realized the more that he read the Bible that Mary is completely necessary for Jesus's work of Salvation. Just as God had Jesus's redeeming sacrifice in mind from the moment that Adam sinned, He had Mary in mind from the moment that Eve sinned.
 - In *True Devotion to Mary*, St. Louis deMontfort, writes about how devotion to Mary is devotion to Jesus. The more we love Mary, the more we love and honor Jesus. St. Louis was writing mainly to Catholics who had been turned off of Mary by their Protestant neighbors. They had bought into the idea that Mary is somehow optional. He answers many objections that many of us may simply have grown up with.
 - When he wrote *The Life of Mary*, St. Maximus the Confessor set out to separate fact from fiction. He collected all of the many stories about Mary during her life, investigated them, discarded the stories that didn't seem likely to be true, and assembled those that he was able to verify into a little biography of Mary.

Growing up, I have to admit that I was always a little afraid of loving Mary too much. But over the years, as I've gotten to know Mary, I've realized that Mary will always take our love and give it to Jesus better than I could on my own. The more I loved Mary, the more I loved Jesus. Open wide the doors of your hearts to your Mother Mary, and she will open you up more and more to her Son!

In Jesus, through Mary,

Fr. Witt



Sacramental Information

Wedding Banns

I Blake Muhlenkamp & Samantha Knapke

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

Mara Marena Lefeld
Child of Chad & Heather

Mary Help of Christians

Lettie Louise Ruhenkamp
Child of Nathan & Alison

Dawson Ronald Wendel
Child of Derek & Maria

Ryah June Franck
Child of Cameron & Taylor



In Loving Memory...

Joan VonderHaar
April 27, 1936 - July 31, 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!

Isaac & Sarah (Siefring) Rush
Married Saturday, August 2, 2025
(St. Paul)

*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 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

Kids today are growing up with technology.

In many ways, technology is great. The internet brings many opportunities for education, entertainment, and communication. But there are also dangers online — dangers your children need to be prepared to handle. The home is the hub of where we nurture our children into thriving adults who love the Lord and steward their sexuality. Parents are the first educators of their children when they are at home, when they are away, when they lie down and when they get up (*Deuteronomy 11:19*).

Equipped: Smart Catholic Parenting in a Sexualized Culture uses the image of the home to guide you in how to teach your children to say no to pornography, while at the same time forming them in a broader understanding of:

- Their God-given identity
- The importance of sexual integrity
- How to understand sexual shame
- How to engage media with discernment



This book makes it possible to have engaged, healthy, and informed conversations about online threats.

Scan the QR code or click the link to get your copy of *Equipped*.



Download the ebook:
<https://cvnteyes.co/3YV8POG>



Purchase hard copy:
<https://cvnteyes.co/3R1qJh0>

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 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.

SERVERS PICNIC — Picnic is on Sun., Aug. 17th from 2-5 pm at Mary Help Of Christians in Ft. 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. Sponsored by Coldwater and Ft. Recovery KofCs.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY — The next meeting is Thursday, August 28th. Meetings are around the fire pit at 4171 Burrville Rd, Coldwater, Ohio from 7:30 - 8:30 pm every 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month. BYOB.

MEN'S GROUP — Meetings will be starting back up on Fri., Sept. 5th. Meetings are the 1st & 3rd Fri. of every month, 4:30 am in the Grotto. Men of all ages are welcome to attend any or all meetings. Questions, contact David Bettinger @ 419-852-2582.

WOMEN'S SOCIAL GROUP — Meetings will be starting back up on Thursday, Sept. 18th at 7:30 pm in the Grotto's St. Isidore room. Meeting are the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month led by Fr. Ethan Moore. The group is open to all adult women of the Holy Cross Family of Parishes and community.

CASEY ON THE MOUND — Archbishop Robert G. Casey of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will throw out the first pitch at an upcoming Cincinnati Reds home game on Saturday, August 30 at Great American Ballpark. Tickets can be purchased for the August 30 game through Reds ticketing at the following link: <https://www.gofevo.com/event/Archdiocesecincinnati2>. For each discounted ticket purchased through this website, \$5 will be donated to the Catholic Education Foundation of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

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.



Hope of the Poor

MISSION TRIP WITH HOLY CROSS
FAMILY OF PARISHES



Save the Date!

June 4-9, 2027

Mexico City

Fr. Witt, Chaplain

\$850 + airfare



Fill out our
interest form!

*Participants under 18 years old need to have a parent/guardian accompany them on the trip

HOPE
OF THE POOR
www.hopeofthepoor.org



Welcome New Members

Holy Trinity

Tyler and Paige Wenning
along with their child Eli

Mary Help of Christians

Kody & Kendra Shinabery

St. Mary

Jason & Mila Homan



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.



JOIN US IN FINDING... FAITH, FAMILY & FELLOWSHIP

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!

SEPTEMBER 8, 2025
8:00 - 9:00 pm

Questions:
(419) 678-4802

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!

Big Events Committee - Apparel Fundraiser -



Sample Shirt
(Please see website for actual available products)

Spirit Sale!
Order by August 22nd



Sample Shirt
(Please see website for actual available products)

[HTTP://MCSPORTS.CHIPPLY.COM/HOLYCROSSFUNDRAISER2025](http://MCSPORTS.CHIPPLY.COM/HOLYCROSSFUNDRAISER2025)

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 FAMILY OF PARISHES

**50/50
DRAWING**

TAILGATE

COLDWATER

VS

FORT RECOVERY



SPIKEBALL, CORNHOLE, PICKLEBALL

HOLY TRINITY PARKING LOT

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 5TH 4:30-7:00

**WE WILL BE PROVIDING HAMBURGERS, HOT DOGS, CHIPS
AND DRINKS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BRING A SIDE DISH
OR DESSERT THAT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.**

DOOR PRIZES

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!

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 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!

Please Consider Helping...

Holy Trinity

Annual Church Cleaning

August 18 Monday

6 PM – 8 PM

Buckets, mops, and cleaning supplies provided

Any Questions Contact Julie Pleiman@ 419-953-7116



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.



St. Anthony

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. Please turn in your order forms and money by August 22. Any questions, please call/text Amanda Forsthoefer at 419-852-6698.

MEN'S SODALITY MEETING — There will be a meeting of the St. Anthony Men's Sodality on Monday, Aug. 25th at 7:30 pm in the parish hall. All men of the parish are welcome. We hope to see you there!

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

CHICKEN DINNER FUNDRAISER



September 27th
4 - 6:30 pm

@
St. Anthony Parish Hall
Cost: \$12.00

- 2 piece Broasted Chicken, baked potato, green beans, roll & butter, & cookie.
- Dine-in or Carryout is available.
- Dine-in drinks will be available (water & lemonade).

Tickets available after 4 pm Masses on Aug. 16th, Aug. 30th, & Sept. 13th or contact Bonnie Muhlenkamp @ 419-852-5301 if you would like to purchase tickets.

All proceeds to be used for the beautification of St. Anthony's church.



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.



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 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.

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

3rd 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)

8th 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

**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

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. Peter/St. Joseph

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

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The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern of Malchijah the king's son, which was in the courtyard of the guardhouse; and they let Jeremiah down with ropes.

Now in the cistern there was no water but only mud, and Jeremiah sank into the mud. Jer 38:6

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SUNDAYKIDZ

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Earth Fire Baptism Great Peace
Divide Father Mother Daughter Son

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Youth Ministry

Fort Fiat Youth Group

Contact: Natalie Ashbaugh
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

TTH — Begins on September 2nd, 3:30-4:30 at MHC

LADIES GROUP — Resumes September 2nd, 7:15-8 am at Grounded Cafe

MEN'S GROUP — Men's Group will resume on September 3rd from 9-10 pm. We are also in need of a male or a group of men to help run our Men's Group. If you or someone you know is interested in helping boys in the community grow in their faith, please contact Natalie for more information.

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 the Registry, and under the 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/3C7N9E9J8KIYO?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, please go to the Holy Cross website under Sign up/edit one call.

KICKOFF PARTY — We will be having our annual Kickoff party on August, 17th from 2 - 4 pm. It will include swimming, yard games, music, and snacks. It will be held at 173 Union City Rd, Ft. Recovery, Ohio 45846.



Saint of the Week - Saint Pius X

Presidential vetoes we understand. But imagine vetoing a papal election! Yet in the conclave of 1903, the Archbishop of Cracow (ironically, a predecessor in that office of Karol Wojtyla, the future John Paul II) vetoed the leading candidate on the order of the Austro-Hungarian emperor. Instead, the cardinals elected Giuseppe Sarto of Venice as Pius X, the first pope, after a succession of nobles and diplomats, to hail from humble origins. Nor did the papacy alter his endearing simplicity. Tailors eventually made his cassock cuffs detachable because he absentmindedly wiped his fountain pen on them, forgetting that his old black cassock had been replaced by papal white! Taking as his motto "To restore all things in Christ" (Ephesians 1:10), Pius condemned the theological innovations called "modernism," yet dramatically altered the then-common practice whereby people rarely received Communion for fear of unworthiness, mandating early First Communion and urging everyone to frequent reception. Refusing to bless troops assembled in Saint Peter's Square—"I bless peace, not war!"—he died brokenhearted as World War I engulfed "Christian" Europe despite his peacemaking efforts. —Peter Scagnelli



Feast Day:
August 21st

- Information obtained from diocesan.com

Coldwater Youth Group

Contact: Maria Gruss
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

Stay Connected! All information about Coldwater Youth Ministry events for the 2025/2026 school year will be shared in the **bulletin** and through our **new GroupMe group!** I strongly encourage **BOTH** parents and students, 7th grade and up, to join the GroupMe group!

To join:

- Download the **GroupMe app**
- Search for **Coldwater Youth Ministry** or use the **QR code/web link** below
- Request to join, and you'll be added once I approve your request

https://groupme.com/join_group/109075038/tNJT7wu9



BETHANY BRUNCH

Anchored in Hope, Persevering in Love

October Bethany Brunch

Young women are invited to
join us for our first-ever
Bethany Brunch,
hosted by

the **Holy Cross Family of Parishes,**
Sunday, October 5

at

Mary, Help of Christians Parish,
Fort Recovery.

We'll begin with **9:00 AM Mass**
in the parish, followed by
brunch and fellowship with the
Mercedarian Sisters.

RSVP

Learn more or register at:
<https://tinyurl.com/BethanySeries25>



Thank You!

To This Week's Youth Group Lunch Sponsor

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Community Interests

MERCER COUNTY CORN MAZE & PETTING ZOO — September 6, 7, 13 & 14 from 12 to 7 pm. \$4 per person, 2 and under free. Weather permitting. The corn maze is located at 3864 St. Rte. 219, Coldwater, Ohio (1/2 mile west of Coldwater). All proceeds will be donated to the Cancer Association of Mercer County. See us on Facebook and Instagram pages "Mercer County Cancer Corn Maze" Sponsored by the Coldwater Knights of Columbus.

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.

HEALING MASSES — Healing Masses for 2025 will be on Sept. 9, Oct. 14, and Nov. 11. The Healing Masses will be held at the Montezuma Retreat Center Chapel at 7 pm.

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. 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.

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.

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.

MINIMAGNIFICAT WOMEN'S CONFERENCE — Sept. 20, 2025 at St. Charles Center from 8 am - 2 pm. Starts with rosary followed by Mass @ 8:30 am, light breakfast, retreat, & lunch. \$30 registration is due by Sept. 13, 2025. Questions: mini.magnificatwomen@gmail.com. Contact for sign up: Ginny Gehret @ 419.305.6829 (call or text), <https://minimagnificatwomen.wixsite.com/minimagnificat>.



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.

THE CATHOLIC ADULT SINGLES CLUB — This is a Catholic club for adults 21 and older that has social events every weekend and a club meeting once a month. For more information please call (567) 510-8197.

AL-ANON & AA MEETINGS — Al-Anon for family/friends of alcoholics, Thursdays, 7:30 - 8:30 pm at Spiritual Center (Montezuma Annex) & Fridays from 7:30 - 8:30 pm in Briarwood's Private Dining Room at 100 Don Desch Dr, Coldwater. AA Meetings on Fridays from 7:30 - 8:30 pm at the Fr. Yauss, Coldwater. Meetings are open, anonymous, & free.

FOOD PANTRIES — Holy Trinity Food Pantry is open Saturdays, from 9 - 11 am. Located at 830 W. Main St., Coldwater (Mercer Health West Campus). For information: Rob Fisher (419) 678-3538. The Food Pantry located at the Ft. Recovery Family Office is open by appointment Mon. - Fri. Call the office at 419-375-4153 to schedule a time. Anyone in the county in need is welcome to use the pantries.

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.

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.

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

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

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July 28 - August 3, 2025

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