

Strive to Enter through the Narrow Gate



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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 24, 2025
Twenty-First 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 25 <i>Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest; opt. mem.</i>	L/D Arnold & Lillian Homan Family †	FBS	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	After Mass
	Evelyn Kunkler †	FAW	6:45 pm	St. Peter	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Tuesday, August 26 <i>Weekday</i>	Ivo & Dolores Siegrist †	FEM	7:15 am	St. Mary	After Mass
	Allen Dues †	FJP	6:45 pm	St. Joseph	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Wednesday, August 27 <i>Saint Monica; Memorial</i>	L/D Lawrence & Ruth Mueller Family †	FJP	7:15 am (L/S)	MHC	After Mass
	Joe Balster †	FEM	Noon (L/S)	Holy Trinity	11:30 am - end
Thursday, August 28 <i>Saint Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church; Memorial</i>	L/D Brunswick & Balster Families †	FJP	7:15 am	St. Paul	After Mass
	Jerry Laux †	FEM	6:45 pm	St. Anthony	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Friday, August 29 <i>The Passion of Saint John the Baptist; Memorial</i>	L/D Alice Balster Family †	FJP	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	After Mass
	Rich Meier †	FEM	Noon (L/S)	MHC	11:30 am - end
Saturday, August 30 <i>BVM on Saturday; opt. mem.</i>	Marie Schmitmeyer †	FAW	9:00 am	St. Joseph	After Mass
	L/D Wenning & Reier Families †	FJP	4:00 pm	St. Anthony	3:15 - 3:45 pm
	Larry Obringer †	FLM	4:30 pm	Holy Trinity	3:45 - 4:15 pm
	L/D Andrew Westgerdes Family †	FPS	4:30 pm (L/S)	MHC	3:45 pm - end
Sunday, August 31 <i>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Members of Holy Cross Family of Parishes	FAW	7:00 am	St. Joseph	N/A
	Judy Knoth †	FLM	8:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	7:25 am - end
	Cy & Betty Jean Brockman †	FJP	9:00 am (L/S)	MHC	8:25 am - end
	L/D Gary Niekamp Family †	FLM/DRK	10:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	9:25 am - end
	L/D Ludwig & Delores Wuebker Family †	FJP/DDK	11:00 am	St. Paul	10:25 - 10:45 am
	L/D Bernard Overman Family †	FAW	11:00 am	St. Peter	10:25 - 10:45 am
	David Puthoff †	FEM	Noon	St. Mary	11:25 - 11:45 am
	Leroy Pohl †	FEM	6:00 pm	Holy Trinity	5:15 - 5:45 pm

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

Reference for Church Abbreviations

SA = St. Anthony HT = Holy Trinity
 SJ = St. Joseph SM = St. Mary
 SPL = St. Paul SPT = St. Peter
 MHC = Mary Help of Christians

Tentatively Scheduled Celebrants listed above:

Fr. Alexander Witt (FAW); Fr. Ethan Moore (FEM); Fr. Joseph Pasala (FJP);
 Fr. Barry Stechschulte (FBS); Fr. Phil Seher (FPS); Fr. Larry Mick (FLM)
 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 27, 7:15 am

Servers: Charlie Roessner, Chris Timmerman

Lector: Pauline Faller

Friday, August 29, 12:00 pm

Server: Blaise Bergman

Lector: Kathy Portz

Saturday, August 30, 4:30 pm

Servers: Carson Fullenkamp, Rachel Fortkamp, Joseph Fortkamp

Lector: Debbie Bueter

EMHC: Tom Bueter, Debbie Bueter

Sacristan: Debbie & Tom Bueter

Ushers: Floyd Bergman, Don Lennartz, Jeff Fullenkamp, Bobby Stump

Sunday, August 31, 9:00 am

Servers: Will Faller, Cora Pearson, Lucas Winner, Elijah Grieshop, Ezekial Grieshop

Lector: Pauline Faller

EMHC: Brad Evers, Michelle Evers

Sacristan: Roger & Cheryl Wenning

Ushers: John Faller, Don Willmann, Kevin Fortkamp, Randy Wendel

– St. Joseph –

Tuesday, August 26, 6:45 pm

Servers: Logan Gaerke, Gavin Gaerke

Lector: Danielle Pottkotter

Sacristan: Paige Schulze

Saturday, August 30, 9:00 am

Server: Blaise Bergman

Lector: Jane Hipple

Sunday, August 31, 7:00 am

Servers: Ben Homan, Eric Lamm, Dillan Schulze, Matt Grigsby, Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby

Lector: Jean Grube

EMHC: Jean Grube

Sacristan: Kim Pottkotter

Ushers: Allen Grube, Bryan Pottkotter

– St. Paul –

Thursday, August 28, 7:15 am

Servers: Korbin Wuebker, Hayden Wuebker

Sunday, August 31, 11:00 am

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

Lector: Lindsey Reinhard

EMHC: Deacon Dan Kahlig, Lindsey Reinhard

Ushers: Dave Keller, Steve Keller

Rosary: Joe & Kim Knapke

– St. Peter –

Monday, August 25, 6:45 pm

Server: Corbyn Schmitz

Lector: Marilyn Pottkotter

Sunday, August 31, 11:00 am

Servers: Coby Schmitz, Hoyt Schmitz, Braxton Schmitz, Corbyn Schmitz, Logan Gaerke, Gavin Gaerke

Lector: Lisa Roessner

EMHC: Jim Knapke

Sacristan: Lisa Roessner

Ushers: Tom Post, Bob Roessner

– Holy Trinity –

Monday, August 25, 7:15 am

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby

Lector: Rene Klosterman

Wednesday, August 27, 12:00 pm

Servers: Samuel Gerlach, Oliver Link, Jude Link

Lector: Raquel Kaiser

Friday, August 29, 7:15 am

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Huelskamp

Lector: Rita Riethman

Saturday, August 30, 4:30 pm

Servers: Lucas Broering, Henry Broering, Claire Bertke

Lector: Lauren Baucher

EMHC: Dave Bertke, Michelle Wilker, Brenda Schwieterman

Sunday, August 31, 8:00 am

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

Lector: Gary Diller

EMHC: Denny Riethman, Paul Howell

Sunday, August 31, 10:00 am

Servers: Dillan Wenning, Dana Knapke, Myra Knapke, Brandon Wendel

Lector: Nick Knapke

EMHC: Brenda Kaiser, Deacon Roger Kaiser, Stephanie Rutschilling

Sunday, August 31, 6:00 pm

Servers: Emmett Wermert, Heidi Wermert, Carson Wermert, Leo Huelskamp

Lector: Pam Hicks

EMHC: Melinda Pleiman, Sarah Klosterman

– St. Anthony –

Thursday, August 28, 6:45 pm

Server: Leo Grigsby

Lector: Paul Welling

Sacristan: Cindy Muhlenkamp

Saturday, August 30, 4:00 pm

Servers: Jacob Kahlig, Hallory Kahlig, Wesley Kahlig, Hailey Grey

Lector: Janet Brockman

EMHC: Lisa Knapke

Sacristan: Janet Brockman

Usher: Jeff Sudhoff

Rosary: Marty Knapke

– St. Mary –

Tuesday, August 26, 7:15 am

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby

Lector: Viki Dues

Sunday, August 31, 12:00 pm

Servers: Grace Siefring, Jacob Uhlenhake, Kate Uhlenhake, Isabella Uhlenhake

Lector: Martin Schoenherr

EMHC: Caryn Timmerman

Ushers: Dustin Uhlenhake, Alex Uhlenhake





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Have You Found God's Plan for Your Life?

Where did the summer go? School has begun again already; good for some (like parents wanting to get their kids out of the house) and terrible for others (like the kids who have to be locked up and in their seats for torturous hours of class, and for the teachers who have to put up with those kids once again).

When I was in eighth grade, I wanted nothing else than to be in high school. When I was in high school, I wanted nothing else than to be out of high school and onto college. Not that I didn't like school; I always got good grades and played sports, edited the school paper, loved woodworking shop, and the chili and peanut butter sandwiches they had for lunch on Fridays. I also loved to play euchre during lunch break every day.

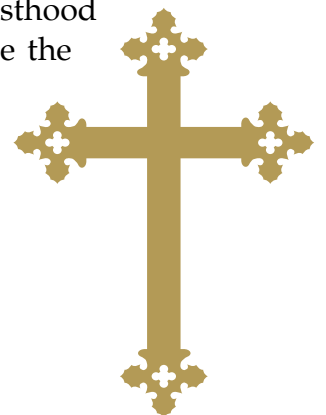
But in high school I was never where I wanted to be; there was always something out there waiting for me to do. I was friends with everybody but had no real close friends all through high school. I was, though, very close to my cousins and was growing in my faith. I was like a traveler passing through the halls of Minster High School, not knowing what was to come next.

Eventually I would find where I was to be in life, God's plan for my life, my vocation to the priesthood, and I thank God for making it known to me and leading me to it. We are on a pilgrimage in this life, a journey to find our place, our vocation, and, really, our true home. We're not there yet. Just like high school or even college, which are just steps along the way, we are in transition. Our task is to find where God wants us to be – God's will for our lives. We don't want to take our current position lightly, however. We have to pour our heart and soul into whatever is before us. But we have to keep our eyes on the goal, keeping a wider perspective on life, not doing anything that will get in the way of reaching that goal. We have to not look for what I selfishly want, but what God wants.

What is God's will for us? To be with Him forever in heaven, and to get ready here on earth for that eternal union with Him. In other words, God wants us to be happy for all eternity. This true happiness can only come about if we willingly suffer through the trials and difficulties of life and love authentically, both God and our neighbor. That's why it is so important to pray and go to church regularly. We need to stay connected to God. We need that support. So, let's keep our eyes on the goal and keep working to reach it, doing God's will.

And let's continue to pray for our young men who are being called to the priesthood for our archdiocese. God knows we need more priests. Pray then that they have the courage to offer their lives in service of Christ and his Church. *St. John Vianney, pray for us and for many priestly vocations!*

- Father Barry Stechschulte



Sacramental Information

Wedding Banns

- II Blake Muhlenkamp & Samantha Knapke
- I Luke Zwiebel & Miley Briner
- I Evan Dysert & Paige Timmerman

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!

Kody & Kendra (Lennartz) Shinabery
Married Saturday, August 9, 2025
(Mary Help of Christians)

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

In Loving Memory...

Sarah Bomholt
December 19, 1943 - March 31, 2025
(Holy Trinity)

Nicholas J. Romer
August 21, 1949 - August 13, 2025
(Holy Trinity)

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

The Precepts of the Church

Given to us by the Church, these are the minimum obligations every practicing Catholic is expected to follow.

1. You shall attend Mass on Sundays & holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor.
2. You shall confess your sins at least once a year.
3. You shall humbly receive your Creator in Holy Communion at least once a year during the Easter Season.
4. You shall observe the prescribed days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church.
5. You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church.
6. You shall observe the Church's laws regarding marriage.

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.

Newly Baptized

St. Peter

Beckham Bernard Overman
Child of Dustin & Alyssa

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

*"For behold,
some are last
who will be first,
and some are first
who will be last."*

Holy Cross Family of Parishes

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.

MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS — To see what maintenance and improvement projects are underway at our different parishes, go to www.holycrossfop.org click on the "more..." tab, then "Improvement Projects", then "Holy Trinity" to explore these projects and their current status.

VISITING PRIESTS — Please welcome our two visiting priests Fr. Phil Seher and Fr. Larry Mick that will be at our parishes the weekend of Aug. 30th/31st.

MASS TIME CHANGE — On Sunday, September 7th the Mass at St. Mary will be held at 10:30 am instead of Noon due to their parish picnic.

ADORATION, CONFESSION, & MASS CHANGES — The regularly scheduled Adoration, Confessions, and Masses at St. Peter and Holy Trinity will be canceled on Mon., Sept. 1st for Labor Day. Masses will instead be held at 9 am at both Holy Trinity and Mary Help of Christians.

WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY — The next meeting is on Saturday, September 6th at the shelter house at 4171 Burrville Rd, Coldwater, Ohio from 9 - 10 am instead of the regular meetings on the 2nd Monday of each month. The book "Home" will continue to be discussed. Please have chapter 4 read before this meeting. (Please note the date/time change above.)

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 30th at Great American Ballpark. Tickets can be purchased for the August 30th 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.


MISSION LOTTERY WINNER — (8/6/25) Helen LeFevre, Fort Recovery, OH; (8/13/25) Kate Lins, Troy, OH — Congratulations!



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>



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



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)

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.



HOLY CROSS FAMILY OF PARISHES

TAILGATE

COLDWATER VS FORT RECOVERY

50/50 DRAWING

SPIKEBALL, CORNHOLE, PICKLEBALL

HOLY TRINITY PARKING LOT
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 5TH 4:30-7:00

DOOR PRIZES

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.

Parish Information



Holy Trinity

DONUT SUNDAY

Grateful & Glazed are providing donuts after the 8 and 10 am Masses on Sunday, September 14, 2025. Join us for fellowship & fun!

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 Leaders Raquel Kaiser 419-953-7804 or Megan Keller 419-852-9563 and check out boxofjoy.org for more information!

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!



St. Joseph

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. Also, tomatoes, any color bell peppers and pies can be dropped off the weekend of the festival.

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. Anthony

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!

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

DONUT SUNDAY

We will have Donut Sunday right after 11 am Mass on September 14th at the Saint Peter School Hall. Put on by the Saint Peter Ladies Sodality. Please come and enjoy a donut!



St. Mary

PARISH PICNIC

— Parish Picnic will be Sunday, September 7th. There will be an outdoor Mass at 10:30 am and lunch will be served at 12:00 pm. Please sign up in the back of church by Aug. 31st. (Please note: There will be no Noon Mass this day.)

OFFERTORY NOTICE — Anyone wishing to sign up for offertory can sign up in the back of church.

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

How to Sign Up for FORMED:

- Go to [FORMED.org](https://www.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!

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The 42nd Annual **St. Joe Homecoming Festival**

Sept. 5th - 7th, 2025

ST. JOSEPH PARISH GROUNDS
1689 ST. JOE ROAD, FORT RECOVERY

Friday, Sept. 5th

7:00 p.m.

Beer Stand Opens
Drinks/Food Available
Cornhole Sign-In Begins

8:00 p.m.

***St. Joe's Largest
Cornhole Tournament***
(\$20 Entry Per Team -
Bring Your Own Partner -
Payouts to Top Teams)

Saturday, Sept. 6th

4:30 p.m.

Outdoor Mass
(Bring Lawn Chairs)

5:30 p.m.

Almost World-Famous Chili
Food/Drink Stands Open

6:00 p.m.

All Stands Open

7:30 p.m.

Amateur Horseshoe Tourney
(Sign-In 7:00)

10:00 p.m.

**Music by DJ
Wicked Sound**

Sunday, Sept. 7th

1:00 p.m.

Food/Drink Stands Open
Browns vs. Bengals
Football on TV

2:00 p.m.

All Stands Open
Beanbag Tourney
Horseshoe Tourney
Kiddie Tractor Pulls
(All Sign-In 1:30)

4:00 p.m.

BBQ Chicken Dinners
(Drive-Thru/Carryout
Available)

5:00 p.m.

**LIVE Entertainment
by Mike Hemmelgarn**

7:30 p.m.

**Raffle Drawing
Over \$8,000 in Prizes!**

50/50 Drawings
Attendance Prizes
Kiddie Games
Gambling Stands
Fun for the Whole Family!

Check Us Out on Facebook: St. Joe Homecoming Festival

Youth Ministry

Fort Fiat Youth Group

Contact: Natalie Ashbaugh
nashbaugh.holycrossfop@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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/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, please go to the Holy Cross website under Sign up/edit one call



Saint of the Week - Saint Monica

She had smiles for the neighbors, though her husband found her religion and the charity it inspired annoying. She made tearful prayers in private for a son, outwardly self-assured but, as his mother knew, inwardly restless, and whose girlfriend of a dozen years had borne his child out of wedlock. Though not the first or last such mother and son, Monica and Augustine are the Church's most famous, so we keep their feast days back to back, with Monica's, fittingly, first. To Rome she followed Augustine, then to Milan, where years of prayer—and nagging—finally bore fruit in his conversion by Saint Ambrose. For six months, mother and son enjoyed the blessing of rediscovering each other. Just in time! On the way home to North Africa, Monica took sick and died near Rome. No child who has mourned a parent can read, unmoved, Augustine's tender account, in his Confessions, of Monica's last days. At this time of the year, when parents watch apprehensively as children leave for school, may Monica's perseverance and Augustine's long-prayed-for conversion ease anxiety and kindle hope. —Peter Scagnelli



Feast Day:
August 27th

- Information obtained from diocesan.com

Thank You!

To This Week's Youth Group Lunch Sponsor

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Coldwater Youth Group

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26: 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



HOLY CROSS YOUTH GROUPS

LET'S CELEBRATE THE CANONIZATION OF
CARLO ACUTIS AND PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI WITH AN

ITALIAN NIGHT

PASTA - SPEAKER - ADORATION

SEPTEMBER 5TH
FOLLOWING 4:30 MASS - 8:00 PM
IN THE UNDERCROFT



PLEASE RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 1ST BY SCANNING THE QR CODE

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able." Lk 13:24

Youth Ministry Events

2025 - 2026

High School Lunch

11:18 - 11:45 AM EVERY MONDAY
@ THE FR. YAUSS
LUNCH IS PROVIDED! GRADES
9 - 12 ARE WELCOME TO COME!

Totus Tuus Crafters

3:15 - 4:30 PM ON THE 3rd
MONDAY OF THE MONTH
(UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)
@ THE FR. YAUSS AGES 12+
WELCOME TO COME!

**NEW
EVENT!**

Christ & Coffee

7 AM EVERY TUESDAY
@ ROOSTER JOE'S!
BRING A BIBLE! GRADES
7 - 12 ARE WELCOME TO
COME!

Fishers of Fun Rec Night

7:30 - 8:45 PM ON THE 1st
WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
(UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)
@ THE FR. YAUSS AGES 12+
WELCOME TO COME!

**NEW
EVENT!**

Children's Adoration & Storytime

3:15 - 4:30 PM ON THE 4th
THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
(UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)
@ HOLY TRINITY ALL AGES
WELCOME! (PROGRAM IS
GEARED TOWARDS K - 6 GRADE)

Awaken Night

7:15 - 8:45 PM ON THE 3rd
SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
(UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)
@ HOLY TRINITY AGES 12+
WELCOME TO COME!

**NEW
EVENT!**

All Events will begin in September!

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)

6:30PM

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

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

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. Anthony

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

MHC

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

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


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.

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>. 

NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ABORTED CHILDREN — Saturday, September 13, 2025 at 9 am at Gate of Heaven Cemetery (Baby Garden: Section 28 near the bell tower), 11000 Montgomery Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45249. Please join us for a memorial prayer service as we unite with locations across the Nation to honor the memory of more than 63 million innocent lives lost to abortion, and those who continue to feel the impact of this profound loss. Please bring a folding chair. For more information about this national event, visit NationalDayofRemembrance.org or call Gate of Heaven at (513) 489-0300.

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.

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.

FAMILY CONSECRATION TO THE 2 HEARTS — The Alliance of the Holy Family International will be holding a "Consecrate Your Family to the Two Hearts!" held at Holy Rosary Church (511 E. Spring St., St. Marys, OH 45885) of St. Isidore the Farmer Family of Parishes on Sunday, August 24, 2025. Sanctify your family through the Alliance of the Two Hearts and Consecration to the Hearts of Jesus & Mary! Parish Consecration at 8 & 11 am Masses and Massive Enthronement at 2 pm. There will also be Communion of Reparation Vigil on Friday, September 5th - Saturday, September 6th. For more information, please contact: Connie (419) 204-3119 or Teresa (937) 475-2338.

CALLED TO CARMEL? — Are you seeking a deeper prayer life? The Secular Order (third order) Discalced Carmelites, St. Joseph, Protector of the Holy Family, is seeking new members. We are a Community of Catholic men and women, who are called to a life of prayer and contemplation as we are formed in Carmelite spirituality and in the writings of the Carmelite saints such as St. Teresa of Jesus, St. John of the cross, and St. Therese of the child Jesus. If you feel called to deepen your prayer life and would like to talk with like-minded Catholics. Please call Julia Monnin (937) 489-9129, Rich Moores (937) 564-5742, or Tom Batty (937) 564-2031 for more information and for meeting times. Our community (located in Celina, OH) is welcoming members in Sept. and Oct. of this year.

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

HERITAGE DAY CELEBRATION — Sun., Sept. 21st from 12 - 4 pm. This is a free, family-friendly event held annually at the Maria Stein Shrine to help support operating costs. Faith: Come enjoy the beautiful grounds and relic chapel presentations. Food: Lunch and/or supper, burgers, hot dogs, drinks, chips, and Sweet Tooth Booth. Pie Baking Contest and Auction and new this year Harvest Sale and Chili Cook off (register at mariasteinshrine.org). Free Family Fun: Pony rides, face painters, games, FFA petting zoo, tractor show and BIG BUBBLES! Live Music by Hannah Schneible. \$1,000 Prize Raffle Tickets \$25 each ticket and a Basket Raffle \$2 each ticket. Visit the Shrine Aug. 20th - Sept. 21st to purchase your Basket Raffle Tickets. Purchase \$1,000 Raffle Tickets online or at the Shrine. The Shrine is located at 2291 St. Johns Rd, Maria Stein, Ohio.



A Catholic Women's Ministry

Thursday, September 11
7 PM Social
7:30 Speaker ~ Loramie Brew Bank

Father Adam Berning
Son of Sacred Heart & Associate Pastor St. Isidore the Farmer Family of Parishes
"What Our Music Means"

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August 4 - 10, 2025

Mary Help of Christians

Offertory.....\$5,755.00
 Flowers.....\$ 780.00
 Youth Group\$ 30.00
 Allocated Loose\$ 949.91

St. Joseph

Offertory.....\$1,111.00
 Flowers.....\$ 55.00
 Allocated Loose\$ 198.37

St. Peter

Offertory.....\$1,830.00
 Building\$ 389.00
 Allocated Loose\$ 320.94

St. Paul

Offertory.....\$2,746.00
 Maintenance.....\$ 100.00
 Cemetery.....\$ 50.00
 Flowers.....\$ 221.00
 Allocated Loose\$ 404.80

Holy Trinity

Offertory.....\$4,912.00
 Loose.....\$2,728.00
 Total.....\$7,640.00
 Perm. Improvement.....\$2,353.00
 Candles.....\$ 148.00

St. Anthony

Offertory.....\$ 470.00
 Loose.....\$ 314.00
 Total.....\$ 784.00
 Perm. Improvement.....\$ 645.00

St. Mary

Offertory.....\$ 825.00
 Loose.....\$ 423.00
 Total.....\$1,248.00
 Perm. Improvement.....\$ 475.00
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