



## 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

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### Website: www.holycrossfop.org



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St. Anthony



St. Joseph



St. Mary



St. Paul



St. Peter

Sunday, August 31, 2025 Twenty-Second 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, September 1 Weekday	Dennis Bergman †	FEM	9:00 am ( <i>L/S</i> )	Holy Trinity	N/A
	Scott Knapke †	FAW	9:00 am ( <i>L/S</i> )	MHC	N/A
Tuesday, September 2 Weekday	Gary Siefring †	FEM	7:15 am	St. Mary	After Mass
	L/D Mike Quinter Family †	FJP	6:45 pm	St. Joseph	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Wednesday, September 3 Saint Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church; Memorial	Barb Siegrist †	FBS	7:15 am ( <i>L/S</i> )	MHC	After Mass
	L/D Carma Diller Family †	FAW	Noon (L/S)	Holy Trinity	11:30 am - end
Thursday, September 4 Weekday	L/D Hugo & Norma Post Family †	FBS	7:15 am	St. Paul	After Mass
	Jennifer Salm †	FAW	6:45 pm	St. Anthony	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Friday, September 5 Weekday	Vicki Vannette †	FBS	7:15 am ( <i>L/S</i> )	Holy Trinity	After Mass
	MaryAnn Wendel †	FAW	Noon (L/S)	MHC	11:30 am - end
Saturday, September 6 BVM on Saturday; opt. mem.	Greg McEldowney †	FEM	9:00 am	St. Joseph	After Mass
	Muhlenkamp / Knapke Wedding	FEM	1:30 pm	St. Anthony	N/A
	Larry & Marj Sanders †	FBS	4:00 pm	St. Anthony	3:15 - 3:45 pm
	L/D Coldwater Class of 1980 †	FAW	4:30 pm	Holy Trinity	3:45 - 4:15 pm
	Travis Fullenkamp †	FJP	4:30 pm ( <i>L/S</i> )	St. Joseph	3:45 pm - end
<b>Sunday, September 7</b> 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mary Bruns †	FBS	8:00 am ( <i>L/S</i> )	Holy Trinity	7:25 am - end
	L/D Ralph & Irene Link Family †	FEM	9:00 am ( <i>L/S</i> )	MHC	8:25 am - end
	L/D Gary Niekamp Family †	FAW	10:00 am ( <i>L/S</i> )	Holy Trinity	9:25 am - end
	August Jr. & Mildred Dues †	FDC	10:30 am	St. Mary	9:55 - 10:15 am
	L/D Donald & Dolores Kahlig Family †	FEM	11:00 am	St. Paul	10:25 - 10:45 am
	Dan Diller †	FJP	11:00 am	St. Peter	10:25 - 10:45 am
	Members of Holy Cross Family of Parishes	FAW/ DRK	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); Fr. Dennis Chrissy (FDC) Deacon Dan Kahlig (DDK); Deacon Roger Kaiser (DRK)

### Adoration Schedules

Mon., SPT: 5:45 - 6:30 pm Tues., SM: 7:45 am - Noon 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 receive 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 -

Monday, September 1, 9:00 am Servers: Brodie Hart, Paisley Hart

**Lector:** Tim Hart

Wednesday, September 3, 7:15 am

Server: Chase Fiely Lector: Ted Romer

Friday, September 5, 12:00 pm Servers: Joseph Bruns, Henry Bruns

**Lector:** Julie Schmitz

Sunday, September 7, 9:00 am

Servers: Brodie Hart, Paisley Hart, Grant Pearson,

Emma Pearson **Lector:** Tim Hart

EMHC: Tim Hart, Karalee Jutte Sacristan: Stacy Pearson

Ushers: Paul Alig, Roger Broerman, Joe Grube,

Harry Hart

- St. Joseph -

Tuesday, September 2, 6:45 pm Servers: Tyler Dues, Levi Sutter

Lector: Lisa Roessner Sacristan: Matt Hess

Saturday, September 6, 9:00 am Servers: Logan Gaerke, Gavin Gaerke

Lector: Mary Gaerke

Saturday, September 6, 4:30 pm

Servers: Tyler Dues, Haley Easton, Sam Grigsby. Leo Grigsby, Brinley Steinbrunner, Rhea Steinbrunner

Lector: Ryan Steinbrunner

**EMHC:** Eileen Lochtefeld, Aimee Pottkotter,

Danielle Pottkotter

Sacristan: Christa Fullenkamp

Ushers: Ed Dues, Dave Lennartz, Grant Pottkotter,

Steve Post

- St. Paul -

Thursday, September 4, 7:15 am

Servers: Korbin Wuebker, Hayden Wuebker

Sunday, September 7, 11:00 am

Servers: Dan Siefring, Nick Siefring, Landon Sudhoff,

Raelyn Sudhoff, Coralai Sudhoff

Lector: Diane Siefring

EMHC: Theresa Siefring, Dennis Siefring

Ushers: Chris Siefring, Jeff Meier

Rosary: Ken & Lil Knapke

- St. Peter -

Sunday, September 7, 11:00 am

Servers: Isaac Roessner, Alex Roessner,

Charlie Roessner, Theresa Hipple, James Pottkotter,

Francis Pottkotter Lector: Ryan Sutter **EMHC**: Ben Knapke

Sacristan: Donna Brunswick

Ushers: Mike Roessner, Jordan Steinbrunner

Holy Trinity –

Monday, September 1, 9:00 am

Servers: Archer Bihn, Claire Bertke, Jude Link

**Lector:** Rene Klosterman

Wednesday, September 3, 12:00 pm

Servers: James Pottkotter, Francis Pottkotter

Lector: Rene Klosterman Friday, September 5, 7:15 am

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

**Lector:** Rita Riethman

Saturday, September 6, 4:30 pm

Servers: Leo Huelskamp, Emma Siefring, David Dues

Lector: Doug Bertke

EMHC: Dave Bertke, Michelle Wilker,

Brenda Schwieterman

Sunday, September 7, 8:00 am

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby, Dillan Wenning

**Lector:** Matt Grigsby

EMHC: Tim Wellman, Mary Lou Wenning

Sunday, September 7, 10:00 am

Servers: Owen May, Emmit May, Kelly May, Miles Bruns

**Lector:** Connie May

**EMHC:** Melissa Homan, Luke Klosterman,

Nick Schmitmeyer

Sunday, September 7, 6:00 pm

Servers: Elisabeth Ebbing, Gabriel Simper

**Lector:** Charmaine Bettinger

**EMHC:** Brenda Kaiser, Deacon Roger Kaiser

- St. Anthony -

Thursday, September 4, 6:45 pm

Servers: Wesley Geier, Troy Geier Lector: Bonnie Muhlenkamp Sacristan: Bonnie Muhlenkamp Saturday, September 6, 4:00 pm

Servers: Mason Alig, Lilly Alig, Logan Alig, Jack Link

Lector: Cindy Homan **EMHC:** Rodney Homan Sacristan: Cindy Homan Usher: Greg Alig

Rosary: Julie Brackman

– St. Mary –

Tuesday, September 2, 7:15 am

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby

**Lector:** Stephanie Wendel Sunday, September 7, 12:00 pm Servers: Benjamin Liette, Jay Liette,

Reagan Liette, Kali Uhlenhake Lector: Adam Liette

EMHC: Barbara Uhlenhake

**Ushers:** Kyle J. Uhlenhake, Dave Hartke



# Pastoral Staff



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### Catholic Church - A Source for a Grace-Filled Life

The Catholic Church is not just a place of worship—it is a wellspring of divine grace, a sacred home where the faithful encounter the living God. To be Catholic is to embrace a life shaped by truth, nourished by the sacraments, and filled with the presence of Christ. It is in the Church that we find direction, healing, and purpose. Through her teachings, prayers, and liturgical life, the Church opens the door to a deeper relationship with God. As Jesus says in the Gospel of John, "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10). This abundant life is found most fully in the Catholic life—a life steeped in grace.

Grace is the free and undeserved gift of God's own life dwelling in us. It sanctifies, strengthens, and saves. It is through the Church, the Body of Christ, that this grace flows most powerfully—especially through the **seven sacraments**, instituted by Christ Himself. In **Baptism**, we are cleansed of original sin and born into the family of God. In **Confirmation**, the Holy Spirit seals us with courage and strengthens our faith. In the **Eucharist**, the source and summit of Christian life, we receive Jesus Himself—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity—who nourishes us and transforms us from within. The Eucharist is not just a symbol; it is Christ truly present among us.

Through the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**, God's mercy restores what was broken by sin. We are not condemned but invited into healing and peace. The **Anointing of the Sick** brings comfort, strength, and sometimes even physical healing to those burdened by illness and suffering. In **Holy Matrimony**, love becomes a sacrament—blessed, fruitful, and a mirror of God's love for His Church. Through **Holy Orders**, men are ordained to serve Christ and His people, becoming instruments of grace through their ministry.

To live a grace-filled life is to live a **sacramental life**—a life immersed in prayer, guided by Scripture, and lived in communion with others. The Word of God becomes our lamp, and the Church becomes our compass. The saints, our heavenly companions, show us what holiness looks like in every walk of life. As St. Catherine of Siena said, "Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire." The Church does not simply teach doctrines; she forms saints, kindles vocations, and calls each person to radical love.

Being Catholic is not about following rules—it is about following Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. In the Church, we are never alone. We are part of a family that stretches across time and space, bound together by grace and the Spirit. In every Mass, every sacrament, and every moment of prayer, heaven touches earth. Let us never take for granted the treasures we've received. Let us open our hearts wide to grace, trust in God's mercy, and live each day as a gift and a mission. In the Catholic Church, we are home—and in this home, we are led to holiness, to healing, and to heaven.

Be part of the Catholic Church and live a Grace filled life. God bless you all.

Your Priest in Christ,

Fr. Joseph Pasala

# Sacramental Information

# Wedding Banns

III Blake Muhlenkamp & Samantha Knapke

- II Luke Zwiebel & Miley Briner
- II Evan Dysert & Paige Timmerman
- I Mitchel Frasher & Carly Link

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

Violet Ann Winner Child of Jake & Cortney

Lainey Lou Schlarman Child of Jason & Chelsie

St. Paul

Delaney Ann Siefring Child of Seth & Lydia

Charlotte James Wenning Child of Alex & Stephanie

# In Loving Memory...

Karen Ann Stucke
October 24, 1958 - August 15, 2025
(Holy Trinity)

Janet Lillian Parker
September 22, 1936 - August 19, 2025
(Mary Help of Christians)

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

- John 11:26

## VIGIL OF TWO HEARTS

Schedule of Events
St. Joseph

### Friday, September 5

7 pm: Scriptural Rosary 7 - 8 pm: Confessions

8 pm: Holy Mass followed by Exposition of the Most

**Blessed Sacrament** 

8:30 pm - 12 midnight: Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament throughout the night with private and group prayer.

#### Saturday, September 6

12 - 8:40 am: Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

7:30 am: Morning Prayer

(Lauds)

7:45 am: Scriptural Rosary 8:45 am: Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament

9 am: Holy Mass 9:30 am: Confessions



Go to FORMED.org

 Click "sign up as a parishioner", find our parish, & enter zip code: 45828.



### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. Paul
 12:30 pm - St. Joseph

 1:30 pm - Holy Trinity
 1:30 pm - St. Mary
 1:30 pm - Holy Trinity
 1:30 pm - St. Anthony

MEN INQUIRING ABOUT THE PERMANENT DIACONATE — Any man who may be discerning a possible vocation to serve the Church as a Permanent Deacon should contact Deacon Mark Machuga, Director of the Office of the Diaconate, to discuss the discernment process, prerequisites and the formation cycle. Deacon Mark can be reached at 513.263.6641 or deaconoffice@catholicaoc.org.

# Holy Cross Family of Parishes

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.

**ATTENTION COLDWATER PARISHES** — Fiscal year reports will be at the entrances of Holy Trinity, St. Anthony and St. Mary parishes beginning the weekend of August 31st.

**EXPECTANT MOTHER'S BLESSING** — The blessing of expectant mothers will be after all the Masses the weekend of September 6/7.

MASS TIME CHANGES — The 4:30 pm Mass on Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> will be an outdoor Mass @ St. Joseph due to their parish picnic, and there is no 4:30 pm Mass @ Mary Help of Christians on Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>. There is no 7 am Mass at St. Joseph on Sun., Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>. Also, on Sun., Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> the Mass at St. Mary will be held at 10:30 am instead of Noon due to their parish picnic.

**CANCELLATIONS** — The following are canceled due to our upcoming Jesse Romero parish mission: 6:45 pm Mass, Adoration, and Confession at St. Peter on Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup> and 6:45 pm Mass & Confessions at St. Joseph on Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.

GRIEF SHARE — Grieving a loss? Find hope and healing after the death of a loved one. Join us this fall at Grief Share, a weekly grief support group. Meetings will be held at Mary Help of Christians Library (enter doors on the back side of the church). Starting on Monday, September 15, 2025 continuing weekly through December 9, 2025 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. To register or need more information, call Ginny Fortkamp @ 419-852-8960 or email: gfortkamp.holycrossfop@gmail.com

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. 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup>.

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

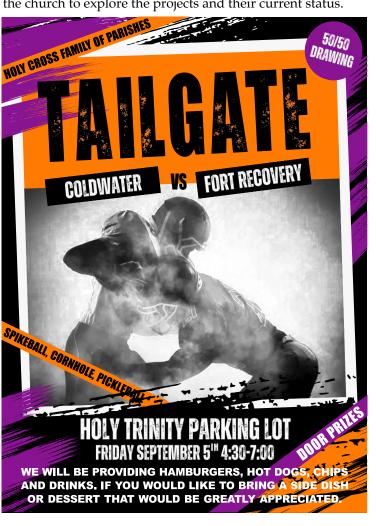
**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** — Meetings are around the fire pit at 4171 Burrville Rd, Coldwater, Ohio from 7:30 - 8:30 pm every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month. BYOB.

MEN'S GROUP — Meetings starting back up on Fri., Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>. Meetings are the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 BOOK STUDY** — Next meeting is on Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at the shelter house at 4171 Burrville Rd., Coldwater, Ohio from 9 - 10 am. Meetings will be held every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month. The book "Home" will continue to be discussed. Please have chapter 4 read before the next meeting. (Please note the date & time change above.)

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 click on the church to explore the projects and their current status.





# 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 8<sup>TH</sup> -

- 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 13<sup>тн</sup>/14<sup>тн</sup> -
- Enjoy Refreshments
- Learn how to get involved
  - Meet with representatives of ministries, groups & organizations that pertain to your particular parish
  - Sign Up & Join!









Stop in & Sign Up!

# A simple invitation can be life changing



### September 14, 2025

Striving to be a place where people feel a strong sense of belonging. Where they are invited, welcomed, and supported. And most of all, where they can experience the joy of encountering Jesus in the Eucharist and in each other.

#### 1. Start with Prayerful Openness

Ask God to place someone on your heart. Trust that God is already at work.

#### 2. Hold Them in Prayer

Pray for that person each day. Ask for the grace to be a gentle and loving presence in their life.

#### 3. Connect through Friendship

Be present. Reach out. Initiate a conversation, a coffee, a shared moment. Let them know they are loved.

#### 4. Extend a Personal Invitation

When the time feels right, invite them to take a next step in faith. For some that might be an invitation to come to Mass with you on Together Sunday — a day set aside for welcoming and community.

Also, celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (our Parish Family namesake) with us on September 14, 2025 along with Together Sunday.

We're better together.

### 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

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** 



# Parish Information



**JOB OPENING -**Holy Trinity is looking for someone wash linens which priest vestments,

server's surplice, cassocks, corporals, purificators and finger towels (training is provided). Thank you Jessica Ebbing for your year of service in this position! The position will be approximately 10 hours a month, and compensation is available. Please contact the Coldwater Office if interested in filling this position.

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

**REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASSES** — Refreshments will be provided after the Sat., Sept. 13th 4:30 pm Mass and the Sun., Sept. 14th 6 pm Mass in the Grotto for the Stewardship Fair. Please come and enjoy!

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!



REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASSES

— We will have **Christians** cookies & water after the Saturday, September 13th 4:30 pm

Mass and donuts & drinks after the Sunday, September 14th 9 am Mass in the Undercroft. Please come and enjoy!



St. Anthony

REMINDER FOR MUMS — for those who ordered mums. Pick up is Friday September 5<sup>th</sup> in front of the

school hall from 4:30 - 6:00 pm. Any questions, please call/text Amanda Forsthoefel at 419-852-6698

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS — Refreshments will be provided after the Saturday, September 13th 4:00 pm Mass in the School Hall. Please come and enjoy!



St. Joseph

**SUNDAY** — We will have donuts & drinks after the Sunday, September 14th 7 am Mass in

D O N U T

Sanderell Hall. Please come and enjoy!

ST. JOE HOMECOMING FESTIVAL — The 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual festival will be held on the grounds of St. Joseph Church Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>. Festival set-up will be Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>. 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 — (September) \*\*Sue Lennartz, Casey Jones, Lucy Kaup, Julia Kremer, Theresa Hart, Maria Bergman



St. Mary

OFFERTORY NOTICE

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

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS — Refreshments will be provided after the Sunday, September 14th Noon Mass in the School Hall. Please come and enjoy!

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





D O N U T SUNDAY — We will have donuts & drinks after the Sunday, September 14th 11 am Mass in

St. Paul's Hall. Please come and enjoy!

**THANK YOU** — Josh Wuebker and JW Manufacturing for donating supplies and time to laser cut and powder coat fire proof mats for the votive candles and incense burner to bring St. Paul up to code. Kevin Welling with Wellman Brothers, Inc. and Dustin Sudhoff for donating time to save a HUGE hive of bees and complete roof repair. St. Paul church now has a bee free and dry confessional for the parish to fill!!

CURRENT PROJECTS — Waiting for completion of the Mary statue restoration that will be placed on the stand in the church entrance. Chairs are on order to replace the unstable bride, groom, and extra clergy member chairs for the front altar area of St. Paul. Back lighting of the crucifix behind the altar. Please reach out to the St. Paul Parish council with questions or concerns.



**SUNDAY** — We St. Peter will

Donut have Sunday right after 11 am Mass on September 14th at the

D O N U

St Peter School Hall. Put on by the Saint Peter Ladies Sodality. Please come and enjoy a donut!

# Religion Classes start Wednesday, September 3rd

# Teachers Needed

# - Holy Trinity

### After School

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

# St. Anthony

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

### 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)

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

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

### - 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

### 8PM

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

12th Grade - Vocations, the Passion,

<u>Catholic Social Teaching</u>

# \_\_\_\_ St. Peter St. Joseph

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

# Coldwater Parishes Sarah Klosterman

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

## Fort Recovery Parishes Harlie Metzger

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

\*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!

# Youth Ministry

### Fort Fiat Youth Group

Contact: Natalie Ashbaugh nashbaugh.holycrossfop@gmail.com

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**TO THE HEIGHTS** — Begins on September  $2^{nd}$ , 3:30 - 4:30 at MHC (grades  $6^{th}$  -  $8^{th}$ )

**LADIES YOUTH GROUP** — Resumes September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:15 - 8 am at Grounded Cafe (grades 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>)

**MEN'S YOUTH GROUP** — Resumes on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9 - 10 pm at MHC (grades 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>)

**BREAKFAST CLUB** — September  $5^{th}$ , 7:15 - 8 am in the Undercroft (grades  $6^{th} - 12^{th}$ )

#### ATTENTION:

**MEN'S YOUTH GROUP** — We are 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, and make an account. Once you have made an account, please contact Natalie to be added to the group.

#### Saint of the Week - Saint Gregory the Great

Imagine, fourteen hundred years after death, boasting a best-selling CD! Yet outside the Church and within, "Gregorian" chant is enjoying a renaissance. Still, the timeless sacred music that bears his name is but part of Gregory's legacy. Renouncing civic service for monastic life, Gregory's administrative and diplomatic skills prompted continual summons from the cloister. Papal ambassador and adviser, he was eventually elected pope himself, renowned as a wise steward of the Church's



material possessions, generous benefactor of the poor, sponsor of missionaries, and promoter of monasticism. His liturgical enrichment of the Church endures not only in Gregorian chant, but in eloquent homilies still gracing the Liturgy of the Hours, the "Gregorian Canon" (Eucharistic Prayer I), and his spiritual classic, Pastoral Care, once presented to new bishops at ordination. Of countless impressive papal titles—Supreme Pontiff, Vicar of Christ, Successor of Saint Peter, Prince of the Apostles—the title still so cherished that it heads official documents is the one Gregory coined to describe his papal ideal: Servant of the Servants of God. Together with being designated "the Great," a fitting epitaph. —Peter Scagnelli

- Information obtained from diocesan.com

### Coldwater Youth Group

Contact: Maria Gruss

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

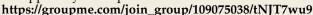
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2** — 7 - 8 am - Christ & Coffee @ Rooster Joe (grades 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>)

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3** — 7:30 - 8:45 pm - Fishers of Fun Rec Night @ The Fr. Yauss Basement (Ages 12+)

<u>Stay Connected!</u> 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, 7<sup>th</sup> 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











# High School Lunch

11:18 - 11:45 AM EVERY MONDAY

@ THE FR. YAUSS

LUNCH IS PROVIDED! GRADES

9 - 12 ARE WELCOME TO COME!

# Christ & Coffee

7 AM EVERY TUESDAY

@ ROOSTER JOE'S!

BRING A BIBLE! GRADES

7 - 12 ARE WELCOME TO

COME!

# Children's Adoration & Storytime

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

# Totus Tuus Crafters

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

# Fishers of Fun-Rec Night

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

# Awaken Night

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





All Events will begin in September!

# HOLY CROSS YOUTH GROUPS

— Coldwater & Ft. Recovery —

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

# ITALIAN NIGHT

PASTA - SPEAKER - ADORATION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>
FOLLOWING 4:30 MASS - 8:00 PM
IN THE UNDERCROFT



PLEASE RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 1ST BY SCANNING THE QR CODE

# 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.

**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** — The next meeting/birthday party is Tues., Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Fatima Rosary for America is scheduled for Sat., Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

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://minimagnificatwome. wixsite.com/minimagnificat.



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.

CANONIZATION MASS AT THE MARIA STEIN SHRINE — Join in celebrating the canonization of Bls. Pier Giorgio Frassati & Carlo Acutis at the Maria Stein Shrine. Mass will be at 7 pm on Tues., Sept. 9 in the Adoration Chapel. At the conclusion of Mass, the relic of St. Pier Giorgio Frassati will be presented for the faithful to venerate. St. Carlo Acutis's Eucharist Posters will be on display in the Shrine's Upper Room before and after the liturgy for the public to view. The Shrine is located at 2291 St Johns Rd, Maria Stein.

MERCER COUNTY RTL T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST—Cash prize of \$300 dollars for the winning design! The winning design will be used for the 2026 'Pro-Life T-Shirt Day'. All participants will receive a \$20 gift card to McDonald's. Contest rules: Designs must have a maximum of two colors and utilize one side of a shirt. Design entries to be submitted to: prolifegeneration.mercercounty@outlook.com by September 30th, 2025. 7th – 12th grade students from Mercer County are eligible, as well as those who worship in Mercer County. Please include in subject line of the entry submission the contestant's name. In the message portion please list contestant's address, age, and school. Scores will be based equally on inspiration and creativity. Good luck!

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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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.

MISSION BREAKFAST — Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission Society will be having a Mission Breakfast on Sunday, Sept. 14, from 9:00-11:30 in the church basement at OLG. The Breakfast is open to the public - ALL are invited and welcomed! Cost is by donation only.

WWME — School is back in session. Why not take the time to learn more about your spouse and how to communicate more effectively? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a time for you and your spouse to rediscover one another and enrich your marriage. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend experiences are September 19 - 21 at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Cincinnati, OH and November 7-9 at Maria Stein Renewal Center in Maria Stein, OH. The weekend experience is for those who wish to enrich their marriage and return to that newlywed feeling. Apply today at https://esharing.org/applyWeekend.php. For more questions or more details contact: Andy and Melanie Reinersman at (859) 653-8464, application@esharing.org or visit esharing.org

STATIONS FOR VOCATIONS — The annual Stations for Vocations will be at the Maria Stein Shrine on Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm with the vocations director for the archdiocese, Father Michael Willig, leading the stations. Service will begin in the Shrine's Adoration Chapel then proceed to the courtyard. Refreshments immediately follow. Contact Mary Ann Kinsella @ (937) 622-2478 for more information. Sponsored by: Serra Club of the Cincinnati Northwest Deanery.

# Contact Information & Stewardship

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Holy Trinity - 419-678-4084 Janie Timmerman - (SA) 419-375-2320 Karla Kunk - (SM) 419-852-2162 Rita McEldowney - (SPL) 937-621-3126

## **Contributions**

### August 11 - 17, 2025

Mary Help of Christians	5
Offertory\$4	1,160.00
Assumption\$1	,637.00
Flowers\$	50.00
Cemetery\$	5.00
Youth Group\$	23.00
Food Pantry\$	1.05
Allocated Loose\$	929.15
Alloc. Loose Assumption.\$	500.43
St. Joseph	

St. Joseph	
Offertory\$1	,124.00
Assumption\$	
Flowers\$	
Allocated Loose\$	194.03
Alloc Loose Assumption \$	101.79

St. Peter	
Offertory\$2	2,145.00
Assumption\$	580.00
Flowers\$	145.00
Allocated Loose\$	313.92
Alloc. Loose Assumption.\$	165.28

St. Paul	
Offertory\$	1,680.00
Assumption\$	446.00
Allocated Loose\$	
Alloc. Loose Assumption.\$	206.42

# Holy Trinity Offertory \$5,077.00 Loose \$3,115.76 Total \$8,192.76 Candles \$56.00 Assumption \$3,752.40 \*Includes Alloc. Loose Assumption

St. Anthony		
Offertory	.\$	415.00
Loose	.\$	207.00
Total	.\$	622.00
Assumption	.\$	207.12
*Includes Alloc. Loose	As	sumption
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St. Mary		
Offertory	\$	907.00
Loose	\$	474.00
Total	\$1	,381.00
Candles	\$	44.00
Assumption	\$	180.77
*Includes Alloc. Loo	se As	sumption
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## Thank you for your generosity!





### This week we highlight:

Nick - CatholicPsych Mentor Partner Huntsman Concrete Tobe's Power Wash Pla Mor Lanes

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