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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, September 7, 2025
Twenty-Third 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 8 <i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Feast</i>	Mary Jane & Martha Jean Zahn †	FBS	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	After Mass
Tuesday, September 9 <i>Saint Peter Claver, Priest; Memorial</i>	Jane Weigel †	FEM	7:15 am	St. Mary	After Mass
Wednesday, September 10 <i>Weekday</i>	L/D Arnold & Rose Schoen Family †	FEM	7:15 am (L/S)	MHC	After Mass
	L/D Elmer & Joan Wendel Family †	FJP	Noon (L/S)	Holy Trinity	11:30 am - end
Thursday, September 11 <i>Weekday</i>	Sherrie Keller †	FEM	7:15 am	St. Paul	After Mass
	Rose Ann Post †	FJP	6:45 pm	St. Anthony	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Friday, September 12 <i>The Most Holy Name of Mary; opt. mem.</i>	Mary Jane Zahn †	FEM	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	After Mass
	L/D Beyke & Siegrist Families †	FJP	Noon (L/S)	MHC	11:30 am - end
Saturday, September 13 <i>Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church; Memorial</i>	L/D Bert & Margaret Tobe Family †	FAW	9:00 am	St. Joseph	After Mass
	Zwiebel / Briner Wedding	FBS	1:30 pm	St. Mary	N/A
	Dysert / Timmerman Wedding	FEM	1:30 pm	St. Peter	N/A
	L/D Koenig & Pleiman Families †	FEM/DDK	4:00 pm	St. Anthony	3:15 - 3:45 pm
	L/D Ed & Anna Pottkotter Family †	FJP	4:30 pm	Holy Trinity	3:45 - 4:15 pm
	Elmer Wendel †	FBS	4:30 pm (L/S)	MHC	3:45 pm - end
Sunday, September 14 <i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross; Feast</i>	Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life	FBS	7:00 am	St. Joseph	N/A
	Cami Wenning †	FEM	8:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	7:25 am - end
	Janet Parker †	FAW	9:00 am (L/S)	MHC	8:25 am - end
	L/D Stanley & Viola Ahlers Family †	FJP	10:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	9:25 am - end
	Members of Holy Cross Family of Parishes	FAW	11:00 am	St. Paul	10:25 - 10:45 am
	L/D Elmer & MaryLou Klenke Family †	FBS	11:00 am	St. Peter	10:25 - 10:45 am
	Marie Weitzel †	FEM	Noon	St. Mary	11:25 - 11:45 am
	L/D Linda & Steve Dues Family †	FJP	6:00 pm	Holy Trinity	5:15 - 5:45 pm

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

Reference for Church Abbreviations

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

Tentatively Scheduled Celebrants listed above:

Fr. Alexander Witt (FAW); Fr. Ethan Moore (FEM);
 Fr. Joseph Pasala (FJP); Fr. Barry Stechschulte (FBS);
 Deacon Dan Kahlig (DDK); Deacon Roger Kaiser (DRK)

Adoration Schedules

Mon., SPT: 5:45 - 6:30 pm Wed., HT: 8 am - 11:45 am
 Tues., SM: 7:45 am - Noon Thurs., SPL: 7:45 am - 5 pm
 Tues., SJ: 8:30 am - 6:30 pm Thurs., SA: 5:45 - 6:30 pm
 Fri., MHC: 8 - 11:45 am

St. Joseph - First Fridays of the Month

8:30 pm Friday - 8:30 am Saturday

Contact Info.: Adoration.nw1@gmail.com

BULLETIN SUBMISSION NOTICE: Submissions must be received by 8:00 am, 10 days prior to the Sunday publication date unless otherwise noted. Please submit info to bulletin.holycrossfop@gmail.com.

Ministry Schedule

Notice: The below scheduled ministers are responsible for finding a substitute if they are unable to fill the originally assigned position.
- Thank You!

– Mary Help of Christians –

Wednesday, September 10, 7:15 am

Servers: Charlie Roessner, Chris Timmerman

Lector: Les Wenning

Friday, September 12, 12:00 pm

Servers: Levi Sutter

Lector: Diane Siegrist

Saturday, September 13, 4:30 pm

Servers: Anthony Roessner, Rachel Fortkamp,
Joseph Fortkamp

Lector: Lisa Romer

EMHC: Irene Roessner, Mark Roessner

Sacristan: Mark Roessner

Ushers: Floyd Bergman, Don Lennartz, Nick Dues,
LaVern Grube

Sunday, September 14, 9:00 am

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

Lector: Elly Boeckman

EMHC: Linda Lennartz, Jodi Wendel

Sacristan: Steve & Amy Schmitz

Ushers: Jeff Wendel, Joe Dues, Joe Dues Jr.,
Chuck Keller

– St. Joseph –

Tuesday, September 9, 6:45 pm - Canceled

Saturday, September 13, 9:00 am

Servers: Theresa Hipple

Lector: Jane Hipple

Sunday, September 14, 7:00 am

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

Lector: Aimee Pottkotter

EMHC: Paige Schulze

Sacristan: Paige Schulze

Ushers: Bryan Pottkotter, Mel Bertke

– St. Paul –

Thursday, September 11, 7:15 am

Servers: Russell Hart

Sunday, September 14, 11:00 am

Servers: AJ Siefring, Maddie Weigel, Katelyn Siefring,
Lindsey Siefring

Lector: Marcia Weigel

EMHC: Marcia Weigel, Carl Link

Ushers: Doug Weigel, John Meiring

Rosary: Harry & Barb Schoen

– St. Peter –

Monday, September 8, 6:45 pm - Canceled

Sunday, September 14, 11:00 am

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

Lector: Katie Diller

EMHC: Greg Diller

Sacristan: Brenda Kahlig

Ushers: Doug Kahlig, Mitchell Pugh

– Holy Trinity –

Monday, September 8, 7:15 am

Servers: Myra Stammen, Miles Bruns

Lector: Rene Klosterman

Wednesday, September 10, 12:00 pm

Servers: Samuel Gerlach, Oliver Link, Jude Link

Lector: Nancy Clune

Friday, September 12, 7:15 am

Servers: Claire Bertke, Miles Bruns

Lector: Rita Riethman

Saturday, September 13, 4:30 pm

Servers: Isabelle Schwieterman, Alex Schwieterman,
Emma Siefring

Lector: Tara Berkenstock

EMHC: Denny Riethman, Michelle Wilker,
Brenda Schwieterman

Sunday, September 14, 8:00 am

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby, Leo Huelskamp

Lector: Lauren Baucher

EMHC: Kathy Bohman, Paul Bruggeman

Sunday, September 14, 10:00 am

Servers: Liam Cowan, Dillan Wenning, Madelyn Lange,
Archer Bihn

Lector: Rene Klosterman

EMHC: Luke Klosterman, Bob Rose, Clair Stammen

Sunday, September 14, 6:00 pm

Servers: Gabriel Simper, Eli Eyink

Lector: Kim Rose

EMHC: Melinda Pleiman, Sarah Klosterman

– St. Anthony –

Thursday, September 11, 6:45 pm

Servers: Leo Grigsby

Lector: Marty Knapke

Sacristan: Cindy Muhlenkamp

Saturday, September 13, 4:00 pm

Servers: Jacob Kahlig, Hallory Kahlig, Wesley Kahlig,
Jack Link

Lector: Bonnie Muhlenkamp

EMHC: Deacon Dan Kahlig

Sacristan: Cindy Homan

Ushers: Sam Muhlenkamp

Rosary: Teri Minnich

– St. Mary –

Tuesday, September 9, 7:15 am

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby

Lector: Viki Dues

Sunday, September 14, 12:00 pm

Servers: Derek Dues, Trent Dues,
Gibson Dues, William Moorman

Lector: Amy Welling

EMHC: Kyle Uhlenhake

Ushers: Kevin Welling,
Nick Uhlenhake





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Exciting Opportunities!

Cultivating vocations--to the priesthood for our men and religious sisters for our women--is one of the most important things I can work towards as a priest and that we need to work towards as a community. Priests and religious sisters do not come from nowhere; they come from families like yours and mine. However, there can be a lot of fear when it comes to vocations. The men and women being called might be afraid of loneliness from lack of a spouse. They might be afraid of the difficulty of the work or the rejection they might face from their peers. Parents (and even grandparents) can also be afraid at the thought of their kids being called to a vocation. To all of these fears, we can only remember the words of Sacred Scripture, the words repeated 365 times throughout the Bible to signify our daily reminder: ***Be Not Afraid!***



For me, the priesthood has been nothing short of a total joy, even amidst the crosses that I experience and am asked by my Lord to carry. I entered seminary with some of the fears listed above, but within days of being there, I watched amazed as, one by one, the Lord took those fears and showed me that He was going to provide for me. He has taken infinitely better care of me than I could ever have taken care of myself. He has fulfilled me more than I thought possible. There really is nothing to fear if God is calling you (or your child) to these states in life!

Andrew Dinners and Bethany Brunches

To help dispel some of these fears, the Archdiocese is providing two opportunities to help men and women who might be called to these incredible vocations. Last year, the new vocations director (Fr. Mike Willig) reinstituted the *Andrew Dinners* which are dinners for men to come together and hear about what life is like as a seminarian and a priest and to ask any questions they might have. Last year, we took 14 men from our parishes to this dinner. Not all of them will be called to the priesthood, but every Wednesday, the priests get together to pray that at least some of them will be called. Who knows, maybe some of them will even be called to serve back home one of these days?

This year, Holy Cross Family of Parishes has been asked to host a brand new event called *Bethany Brunches*. Similar to the *Andrew Dinners*, *Bethany Brunches* will be an opportunity for women to come together and meet some religious sisters, hear about what their life is like, and to ask any questions that might be weighing on them.

I want to challenge any young woman that can to come to this brunch. One of the reasons I agreed to host it (other than being passionate about cultivating more religious sisters) is because one of the difficulties of being a Catholic woman today is that they no longer get to see what a religious sister is like. While the men are blessed with the 6 daily examples of what it might be like for them to serve the Church (4 priests and 2 deacons), for many of our young women, religious sisters are more like a fairy tale from times long past rather than the model of authentic Catholic femininity that they should be in our

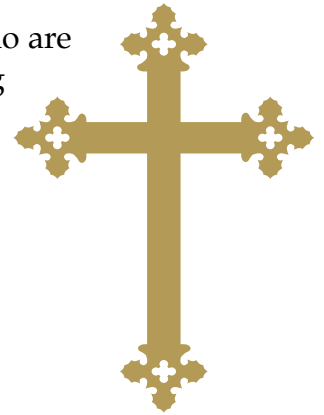
parishes. Even if you are not called to religious life, come and meet these sisters and hear about the possibilities that God could be calling you to. We need priestly vocations. Without the Sacraments, we have nothing. But we need religious sisters, too, and we need them desperately! They contribute so much to the Church and, until we have them back in our parishes, we will never truly flourish any more than a home can flourish without a woman. Fathers will always provide, just like the priests do for their parishes, but mothers--religious sisters in the parish context--are what transform a house into a home!

One final note

Congratulations and prayers for the parishioners of St. Joe's and St. Mary's who are celebrating the foundings of their parishes this weekend. St. Joe's is celebrating YEARS) and St. Mary's is celebrating 149 years. Praise God for such good work He has done because of these parishes!

In Jesus, through Mary,

Fr. Witt



Sacramental Information

Wedding Banns

- III Luke Zwiebel & Miley Briner
- III Evan Dysert & Paige Timmerman
- II Mitchel Frasher & Carly Link
- I Cole Schoenleben & Colby Homan
- I Nathan Heitkamp & Emily Meyer

And the two shall become one.

In Loving Memory...

Velma Jean Schroer

February 15, 1942 - August 25, 2025

(Holy Trinity)

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

- John 11:26

Marriage Convalidation Congratulations!

Frank Lynn & Jennifer (Hicks) Brewer
Marriage Convalidated
Saturday, August 23, 2025
(Holy Trinity)

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

Newly Baptized

Holy Trinity

Wren Waveline Selhorst
Child of Adam & Marlene

Mary Help of Christians

Wesley Francis Gruss
Child of Nathan & Ashley



Welcome to the Holy Cross Family!



Brooklyn Nicole Fiely was received into full communion with the Catholic Church on August 28th at St. Anthony. Please welcome her and keep her in your prayers.

Holy Cross Family of Parishes

REMINDER MASS TIME CHANGE — There will be no Noon Mass on Sun., Sept. 7th due to the Parish picnic. There will be an outdoor 10:30 am Mass instead.

SAVE THE DATE — Fr. Witt will be leading a Marian Pilgrimage through France in late Aug. or early Sept. of 2026. More information to come in the near future.

ATTENTION COLDWATER PARISHES — Fiscal year reports are at the entrances of Holy Trinity, St. Anthony and St. Mary parishes.

ADORERS NEEDED — Weekly adoration is held throughout our family of parishes. Currently we are in need of adorers for the following times: 10-11 am on Wednesday at Holy Trinity and Noon-1 pm on Thursday at St. Paul.

ANNUAL COAT DRIVE — The parishes of Mary Help of Christians, St. Joseph, St. Peter, and St. Paul are participating with Our Home Family Resource Center in their Winter Warmth Program. Please put your new or clean, gently used coats, new hats and gloves in the large containers located at the church entrances beginning in September. There is always a special need for children's coats. Donations will be accepted until Oct. 12th. Coats will be distributed on Sat., Oct. 18, 2025, at the Celina First Church of God at 850 Fairground Rd., Celina, OH. For information call Pat Wendel 419-375-4229.

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

CANCELLATIONS — The following are canceled due to our upcoming Jesse Romero parish mission: 6:45 pm Mass, Adoration, and Confession at St. Peter on Mon., Sept. 8th and 6:45 pm Mass & Confessions at St. Joseph on Tues., Sept. 9th.

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. We will be focusing on "Women in the Word" covering heroic women of the bible. Meetings 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 & community.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY — 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 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.

BETHANY BRUNCH — The brunch will be held at Mary Help of Christians on Sun., Oct. 5th beginning at 9 am with Mass at the parish followed by brunch and fellowship with the Mercedarian Sisters. Register and learn more at: <https://tinyurl.com/BethanySeries25>



Book of the Month *Jesus the Bridegroom:* by Brant Pitre



Book Review by: Trent Pearson

This book was one of those books I often looked over as "not for me". I now recommend it to those who are looking for a deeper relationship with Christ, especially in the Eucharist. Brant Pitre walks through scripture revealing how the Jews of Christ time would of recognized Jesus' actions and why the gospel authors inspired by the Holy Spirit wrote them the way they did. God was looking for his bride and this book walks through the tradition of a Jewish marriage and how those customs were God's plan for His bride, the church, which is every one of us. I like to take a pearl from every book I read, and this book for me had so many. We will never know God's heart until we turn our hearts toward His; that takes time and humility. This book, I believe, can possibly take us to that next level of warmth of familiarity. It was very readable for me, not too heady. I believe anyone who is familiar with scripture will enjoy. If you are not familiar with scripture, it will give you a reason to pull the Bible out and let God reveal his love for you.

*A copy will be available in each of
our Parish Office Libraries.*

Welcome New Members

Holy Trinity Andrew Bohman

Dylan and Mara Thobe
Chase & Melissa Bruggeman

St. Peter

Jacob & Jennifer Timmerman
along with their child Leah

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)

Mary Help of Christians Library
(enter doors on the back side of the church)
403 Sharpsburg Rd., Ft. Recovery OH 45846

Starting weekly
Mon., Sept. 15, 2025 - Dec. 9, 2025
6:30 to 8:00 pm

To register or need more information,
Call Ginny Fortkamp @ 419-852-8960 or
Email: gfortkamp.holycrossfop@gmail.com



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!

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.

Stop by the Stewardship Fair on
September 8th to learn more...



COMING SOON!

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.

**There are a few spots remaining.
Call to reserve your spot today!**



Holy Cross Family of Parishes Ladies Sodality - Flower Fundraiser

Supporting individual parish efforts for Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance

Name: _____

Celebrated during October 19, 2025

Sunday Mass Times

_____ Number of single cut flowers to
purchase for 10/19/25 Mass delivery
(\$5/flower to commemorate
each life gone too soon)

_____ OTHER DONATION AMOUNT

PLEASE SPECIFY LADIES SODALITY/MASS TIME TO DIRECT YOUR SUPPORT AND/OR
FLOWER DELIVERY. PLEASE, MAKE CHECKS OUT TO LADIES SODALITY OF CHOICE.

_____ St. Peter _____ St. Paul _____ St. Joseph _____ St. Anthony 4 pm (10/18)
_____ MHC _____ St. Mary _____ Holy Trinity 8 am _____ Holy Trinity 10 am

Anyone who has either personally or has a loved one that has suffered a miscarriage or infant loss at anytime is invited to purchase a cut flower(s) or bring flower(s) from home to commemorate each loss as a visual reminder of the impact this issue has on our parish community and a reminder that no one suffers alone. Cut flower(s) brought to church should be placed in one of the vases at the main entrance of church before Mass begins.

***Please detach order form and place in collection basket or drop off to either
of our parish offices with donation on or before September 29, 2025.***

LOCAL RESOURCES AND SUPPORT AVAILABLE

- Hogenkamp and Brockman Boeckman funeral homes can be contacted at anytime for a pregnancy loss. Both will provide FREE burial materials, grave preparation, hospital pick up of remains, and coordination of any clergy/graveside needs if a pregnancy loss is under 20 weeks. In addition, both funeral homes provide donated grave digging for burial on existing graves of deceased family members and updated marking on cemetery plot maps for all cemeteries in our Family of Parishes. They also provide cost-friendly options for burial of full term babies in separate graves. These options allow families to lay their children to rest in our local cemeteries.
- Miscarriage kits are available upon request from Mercer Health OB offices during their normal business hours and the ER. Morgan's Place Cemetery also has a kit delivery option.
- Morgan's Place Cemetery in Shelby County and Heaven's Gain Ministries in Cincinnati provide free and/or low cost burial services for infants of all gestational ages and stillborns.
- Knights of Columbus offers a NO COST Family Fraternal Benefit for stillborns over 20 weeks gestation which is available for insured members that have a minimum of one existing life insurance policy that has a payment of \$5,000 and up to \$10,000 for the death of any child under age 18. Contact J.J.Collins at 419-790-5020 or jonathan.collins@kofc.org
- If you would be willing to share your infant loss story with another suffering family and would allow your contact information to be shared on a non-published list, please contact Ginny Fortkamp, gfortkamp.holycrossfop@gmail.com

*** ***More resource information coming soon.*** ***

Parish Information



Holy Trinity

JOB OPENING — Holy Trinity is looking for someone to wash linens which includes 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!



St. Paul

D O N U T SUNDAY — We will have donuts & drinks after the Sunday, September 14th 11 am Mass in St. Paul's Hall for the Stewardship Fair. Please come and enjoy!



St. Anthony

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



Mary Help of Christians

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASSES — We will have 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 for the Stewardship Fair. Please come and enjoy!

SEWING GROUP — The sewing group will meet Sept. 8 at Mary Help of Christians' Undercroft at 9 am. If there is a funeral on Monday we will not meet until October. If you are interested in joining our group you may stop in on Monday to just see what we make because we do sew various items other than blankets and walker bags. The group would like to thank everyone who donated to them these past several years. It is really appreciated.



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 for the Stewardship Fair. Please come and enjoy!

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

REMINDER FOR PARISH PICNIC — There will be no Noon Mass on Sun., Sept. 7th due to the Parish picnic. There will be an outdoor 10:30 am Mass instead.

— ST. MARY PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT —

Stephanie Wendel will be taking Donna Hemmelgarn's place as the new Parish Life Coordinator for the St. Mary Parish due to Donna stepping down from the position. Thank You Donna for all of your years of service!



St. Joseph

D O N U T SUNDAY — We will have donuts & drinks after the Sunday, September 14th 7 am Mass in Sanderell Hall for the Stewardship Fair. Please come and enjoy!

CLEANING — (September) **Sue Lennartz, Casey Jones, Lucy Kaup, Julia Kremer, Theresa Hart, Maria Bergman



St. Peter

D O N U T SUNDAY — We will have Donut Sunday right after 11 am Mass on September 14th at the St. Peter School Hall for the Stewardship Fair. Put on by the Saint Peter Ladies Sodality. Please come and enjoy a donut!

ST. PETER LADIES SODALITY RAFFLE — The Raffle is on Sunday October, 12th during the Saint Peter Church Picnic. If you would like to donate an item, please place it in the marked tub in the back of church or give it to a Lady Sodality officer. Thank you!

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 the 4 pm Mass on 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.

Religious Education

Coldwater Religious Ed.

Contact: Sarah Klosterman

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

ATTENTION:

NO CLASS GRADES 1 - 6 — September 10th

GRADES 7 - 12: CLASS IS AT K OF C CORN MAZE — September 10th - We encourage all families to attend the Jesse Romero event at the K of C Corn Maze with your son or daughter!

TEACHERS NEEDED:

Holy Trinity - 8 - 9:15pm

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

**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

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Mary Help of Christians

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

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SUNDAYKIDZ

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**'THIS ONE BEGAN
TO BUILD BUT
DID NOT HAVE
THE RESOURCES
TO FINISH.'**

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



So then, none of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his own possessions. Lk 14:33

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Youth Ministry

Fort Fiat Youth Group

Contact: Natalie Ashbaugh
nashbaugh.holycrossfop@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS:

TO THE HEIGHTS — Tuesdays 3:30 - 4:30 at MHC (grades 6th - 8th)

LADIES YOUTH GROUP — Tuesdays 7:15 - 8 am at MHC youth room (grades 9th - 12th)

MEN'S YOUTH GROUP — Wednesdays 9-10 pm at MHC Undercroft (grades 7th - 12th)

BREAKFAST CLUB — September 19th 7:15 - 8 am at MHC Undercroft (grades 6th - 12th)

ATTENTION:

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. 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.

Coldwater Youth Group

Contact: Maria Gruss
mgruss.holycrossfop@gmail.com, 419-678-3328

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 — 11:18 - 11:45 am | High School Men's & Ladies Lunch @ The Fr. Yauss Basement (grades 9th - 12th)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 — 7 - 8 am | Christ & Coffee @ Rooster Joe (grades 7th - 12th)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 — 7:00 pm | Jesse Romero's Talk with Games & Activities to follow @ Mercer County Cancer Corn Maze | 3864 State Route 219 Coldwater (grades 7th +)

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:

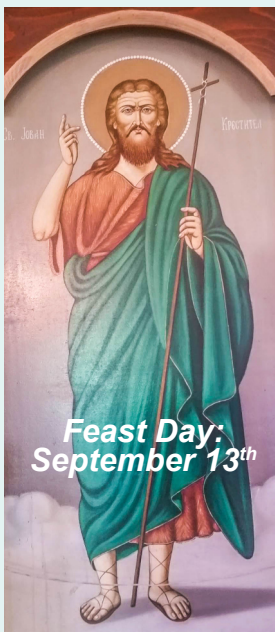
- Download the GroupMe app
- Search for Coldwater Youth Ministry or use the QR code/web link below
- Request to join, and you'll be added once I approve your request

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Saint of the Week - Saint John Chrysostom

"Speaking truth to power" may have become just another cliché, but doing precisely that cost John "the Golden Mouth" (Chrysostom) his diocese and, after exile and a forced march, his health and life. "Renowned for eloquence, heroic in suffering" (Sacramentary), John's scriptural insights still comfort and challenge. Mystical theologian, he bids Eastern Christians, whose principal Divine Liturgy bears his name, to lift up their hearts to "God ineffable, beyond comprehension, invisible, beyond understanding, existing forever, always the same." Model pastor, he warns Roman Catholics in the Liturgy of the Hours not to neglect God-in-the-flesh: "Would you honor Christ's body? Do not scorn his nakedness, honoring him here in church with silken robes, while neglecting him cold and naked outside. What use to burden Christ's altar with golden chalices, while Christ himself starves to death? What use dressing the altar with gold-woven cloths, while denying the shivering Christ the clothes he needs? Do not adorn the church while ignoring your needy brother: he is the most precious temple of all!" —Peter Scagnelli



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Coldwater Youth Ministry

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Every 3rd Monday

3:15 - 4:30 pm

@ The Fr. Yauss Basement

Ages 12+ Welcome!



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Community Interests

PORK LOIN DINNER — The Ft. Recovery K of C is sponsoring a Pork Loin Dinner on Sun., Oct. 12. A drive thru pick-up will be available between 4 - 6 pm at the NEW K of C Hall. Dinners are pre-sale only. You can order your dinners by using an envelope found in the back of the Family Churches. Ordering information is inside the envelope. Please try to place your order by Oct. 1 with the final turn in being Oct. 5. Thank you for supporting your local K of C!

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.

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!

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.

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. Visit the Shrine Aug. 20th - Sept. 21st to purchase your Basket Raffle Tickets. Purchase \$1,000 Raffle Tickets online or at the Shrine.

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 — 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. 8th 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.

PILGRIMAGE FOR RACIAL JUSTICE — Sat., Sept. 13, 2 - 4 pm followed by a 4 pm Vigil Mass. Begins and ends at St. Charles Center, 2860 US 127, Carthagen. The pilgrimage will include 4 sites in Mercer County. For those who are able, there will be 2 processions w/ breaks in between for a total of about 1 mile. There are accommodations for those with walking limitations. For more information contact: Andrew Musgrave (Catholic Social Action, Archdiocese of Cincinnati) (513) 263-6691.)

MARRIAGE DAY CELEBRATION — All married couples are invited to attend the Marriage Day Celebration Retreat at St. Maximilian Kolbe in Liberty Township on September 20, 2025 from 9:15 am to 6:00 pm. Join national speakers Jeff & Donna Garrett and Courtney Brown. Connect with your spouse, celebrate Mass, renew commitment, worship in Adoration, and have the opportunity for Confession. A light breakfast and lunch is provided, and there will be a reception after the Vigil Mass. The cost is \$110 per couple by 9/8, \$120 after 9/8. Register online and contact John Carter by email at drjohn.w.carter@gmail.com with any questions.

CAREGIVER MASS & NOMINATIONS — Nominate the Outstanding Caregiver in your life for this year's 2025 Caregiver Recognition Mass and Reception to be held on November 23, 2025 at 10 am at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains. Call 513-869-4483 or nominate online at <https://forms.office.com/r/xVukhbiAi5>. All nominations are due by 9/26/25. Caregiver Masses honor all those who work or volunteer as a caregiver. These Masses aren't just for Catholics. People from all faiths are welcome

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August 18 - 24, 2025

Mary Help of Christians

Offertory.....\$4,428.00
 Assumption.....\$ 85.00
 Flowers.....\$ 65.00
 Religious Ed.....\$ 30.00
 Youth Group.....\$ 61.16
 Allocated Loose.....\$1,120.21

St. Joseph

Offertory.....\$ 892.00
 Assumption.....\$ 20.00
 Allocated Loose.....\$ 233.93

St. Peter

Offertory.....\$3,317.00
 Assumption.....\$ 130.00
 Maintenance.....\$ 390.00
 Allocated Loose.....\$ 378.48

St. Paul

Offertory.....\$2,832.00
 Assumption.....\$ 20.00
 Maintenance.....\$ 200.00
 Flowers.....\$ 40.00
 Allocated Loose.....\$ 477.38

Holy Trinity

Offertory.....\$4,513.00
 Loose.....\$2,988.72
 Total.....\$7,501.72
 Perm. Improvement.....\$ 475.00
 Food Pantry.....\$ 165.00
 Candles.....\$ 133.00
 Youth Ministry.....\$1,460.00
 Holy Father.....\$ 20.00
 Assumption.....\$ 457.00

St. Anthony

Offertory.....\$ 480.00
 Loose.....\$ 300.00
 Total.....\$ 780.00
 Perm. Improvement.....\$ 185.00

St. Mary

Offertory.....\$ 811.00
 Loose.....\$ 490.00
 Total.....\$1,301.00
 Perm. Improvement.....\$ 85.00
 Candles.....\$ 84.80

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