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## *Family Offices*

### 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



### 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](http://www.holycrossfop.org)

### Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/holycrossfop](http://www.facebook.com/holycrossfop)



*St. Anthony*



*St. Joseph*



*St. Mary*



*St. Paul*



*St. Peter*

**Sunday, September 28, 2025**  
***Twenty-Sixth 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
<b>Monday, September 29</b> <i>Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels; Feast</i>	Walter Steinbrunner †	FBS	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	After Mass
	Charlene Westgerdes †	FAW	6:45 pm	St. Peter	5:45 - 6:30 pm
<b>Tuesday, September 30</b> <i>Saint Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church; Memorial</i>	Ralph "Cappy" & Charlyn Stammen †	FEM	7:15 am	St. Mary	After Mass
	L/D Whipple Family †	FJP	6:45 pm	St. Joseph	5:45 - 6:30 pm
<b>Wednesday, October 1</b> <i>Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the church; Memorial</i>	L/D Tom † & Eileen Litmer Family	FBS	7:15 am (L/S)	MHC	After Mass
	Otto & Ida Weigel Family †	FAW	Noon (L/S)	Holy Trinity	11:30 am - end
<b>Thursday, October 2</b> <i>The Holy Guardian Angels; Memorial</i>	Kenneth Vondrell †	FBS	7:15 am	St. Paul	After Mass
	L/D Marcel & Mary Ellen Welling Family †	FAW	6:45 pm	St. Anthony	5:45 - 6:30 pm
<b>Friday, October 3</b> <i>Weekday</i>	Joan Myers †	FBS	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	After Mass
	L/D Bob & Marilyn Wendel Family †	FAW	Noon (L/S)	MHC	11:30 am - end
<b>Saturday, October 4</b> <i>Saint Francis of Assisi; Memorial</i>	L/D Beyke & Siegrist Families †	FEM	9:00 am	St. Joseph	After Mass
	Fortkamp / Sheffer Wedding	FBS	1:30 pm	Holy Trinity	N/A
	Romer / Davis Wedding	FEM	1:30 pm	MHC	N/A
	L/D Herman Sudhoff Family †	FBS	4:00 pm	St. Anthony	3:15 - 3:45 pm
	Bill Huber †	FAW/DRK	4:30 pm	Holy Trinity	3:45 - 4:15 pm
	L/D Ronald † & Nancy Jones Family	FJP	4:30 pm (L/S)	MHC	3:45 pm - end
<b>Sunday, October 5</b> <i>27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Dottie Fullenkamp †	FJP	7:00 am	St. Joseph	N/A
	Robert & Barbara Bettinger †	FBS	8:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	7:25 am - end
	Irene Reinhard †	FEM	9:00 am (L/S)	MHC	8:25 am - end
	Howard Hartings †	FAW	10:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	9:25 am - end
	Doris Muhlenkamp †	FEM	11:00 am	St. Paul	10:25 - 10:45 am
	Matt Jutte †	FJP	11:00 am	St. Peter	10:25 - 10:45 am
	Wilma Heitkamp †	FBS	Noon	St. Mary	11:25 - 11:45 am
	Members of Holy Cross Family of Parishes	FAW	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](http://holycrossfop.org) (Masses are also streamed to Youtube. For Holy Trinity search: Coldwater Cluster, then click on the logo and subscribe. For Mary Help of Christians search: mhc-qg4zm, then click on the logo and subscribe.)

### 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](mailto:Adoration.nw1@gmail.com)

# Ministry Schedule

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

## – Mary Help of Christians –

Wednesday, October 1, 7:15 am

**Server:** Chase Fiely

**Lector:** Ted Romer

Friday, October 3, 12:00 pm

**Servers:** Joseph Bruns, Henry Bruns

**Lector:** Julie Schmitz

Saturday, October 4, 4:30 pm

**Servers:** Carson Fullenkamp, Rachel Fortkamp,  
Joseph Fortkamp

**Lector:** Les Wenning

**EMHC:** Ted Romer, Cindy Fullenkamp

**Sacristan:** Ted Romer

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

Sunday, October 5, 9:00 am

**Servers:** Brodie Hart, Paisley Hart, Grant Pearson,  
Emma Pearson

**Lector:** Trent Pearson

**EMHC:** Trent Pearson, Robert Metzger

**Sacristan:** Roger & Cheryl Wenning

**Ushers:** Paul Alig, Roger Broerman, Joe Dues, Joe Dues Jr.

## – St. Joseph –

Tuesday, September 30, 6:45 pm

**Servers:** Tyler Dues, Levi Sutter

**Lector:** Danielle Pottkotter

**Sacristan:** Matt Hess

Saturday, October 4, 9:00 am

**Servers:** Logan Gaerke, Gavin Gaerke

**Lector:** Mary Gaerke

Sunday, October 5, 7:00 am

**Servers:** Joseph Bruns, Henry Bruns, James Pottkotter,  
Francis Pottkotter

**Lector:** Pat Gehret

**EMHC:** Christa Fullenkamp

**Sacristan:** Paige Schulze

**Ushers:** Dave Lennartz, Steve Post

## – St. Paul –

Thursday, October 2, 7:15 am

**Servers:** Korbin Wuebker, Hayden Wuebker

Sunday, October 5, 11:00 am

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

**Lector:** Jackie Evers

**EMHC:** Jackie Evers, Rita McEldowney

**Ushers:** Mike Bruns, John Fortkamp

**Rosary:** Mark & Marylene Brunswick

## – St. Peter –

Monday, September 29, 6:45 pm

**Server:** Theresa Hipple

**Lector:** Jane Hipple

Sunday, October 5, 11:00 am

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

**Lector:** Jack Gaerke

**EMHC:** Jack Gaerke

**Sacristan:** Donna Brunswick

**Ushers:** Jake Gaerke, Shane Gaerke

## – Holy Trinity –

Monday, September 29, 7:15 am

**Servers:** Carter Heitkamp, Owen Heitkamp,  
Gavin Heitkamp

**Lector:** Rene Klosterman

Wednesday, October 1, 12:00 pm

**Servers:** Leo Grigsby, James Pottkotter, Francis Pottkotter

**Lector:** Nancy Clune

Friday, October 3, 7:15 am

**Servers:** Jack Bettinger, Archer Bihn

**Lector:** Rita Riethman

Saturday, October 4, 4:30 pm

**Servers:** Isabelle Schwieterman, Alex Schwieterman,  
Claire Bertke

**Lector:** Joyce Ontrop

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

Sunday, October 5, 8:00 am

**Servers:** Carter Heitkamp, Owen Heitkamp, Gavin Heitkamp

**Lector:** Ken Hoying

**EMHC:** Karen Hoying, Jennifer Kremer

Sunday, October 5, 10:00 am

**Servers:** Max Ross, Emma Siefring, Blake Wenning  
Reagan Wenning, Kendall Wenning

**Lector:** Tessy Huwer

**EMHC:** Cindy Hemmelgarn, Connie May, Deb Kaiser

Sunday, October 5, 6:00 pm

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

**Lector:** Pam Hicks

**EMHC:** Melinda Pleiman, Sarah Klosterman

## – St. Anthony –

Thursday, October 2, 6:45 pm

**Servers:** Wesley Geier, Troy Geier

**Lector:** Paul Welling

**Sacristan:** Janet Brockman

Saturday, October 5, 4:00 pm

**Servers:** Mason Alig, Lilly Alig, Logan Alig, Wesley Geier

**Lector:** Joanne Alig

**EMHC:** Deacon Roger Kaiser

**Sacristan:** Bonnie Muhlenkamp

**Usher:** Corey Sudhoff

**Rosary:** Teri Minnich

## – St. Mary –

Tuesday, September 30, 7:15 am

**Servers:** Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby

**Lector:** Stephanie Wendel

Sunday, October 5, 12:00 pm

**Servers:** Benjamin Liette, Jay Liette,  
Reagan Liette, Kali Uhlenhake

**Lector:** Jordan Geier

**EMHC:** Jay Uhlenhake

**Ushers:** Craig Uhlenhake, Carl Harting







## Pastoral Staff

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## MAKING FAMILY PRAYER YOUR OWN

I heard recently of a woman who passed away at 99 years old. Her family had a card printed up of a family prayer that she and her husband had written when they first started their family many years ago and which they prayed ever since. They passed this prayer down to the generations that followed them. The whole family knew the "family prayer" and it was prayed by all at the wake service at the funeral home. I thought that was pretty neat.

I think you'll agree that praying as a family is a necessary part of our work to become holy. It both unifies the family around our Lord and teaches the younger ones how to pray. It should be and can be something unique and personal to each individual family, like the family prayer I mentioned above. You know that when you pray as a family, it is not so much what you say, but the intentionality of it – your desire and effort to draw closer to God as a family in your home. Having the means to do this is a big help. A family prayer is a great start to making prayer an integral part of your family's spiritual life.

Why not, as a family, compose a family prayer. There are really no rules to doing this. It should, of course, be addressed to God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit, or any combination of the Three. It probably should include the four basic areas of prayer: adoration (or worship of God), petition (asking God for his grace and blessing), reparation (sorrow for your sins) and thanksgiving (telling God you really appreciate what He has done for you and your family). It can also call on the Blessed Mother, or any of the saints, for their intercession. Have this prayer printed on cards that each member of the family can carry with them. Have it in a framed picture or on a poster that you can hang in the room where your family gathers to pray. Edit it as you see fit based on the changing circumstances and needs of your individual family. Make it easy to recite and memorize. Above all, pray it every day as a family.

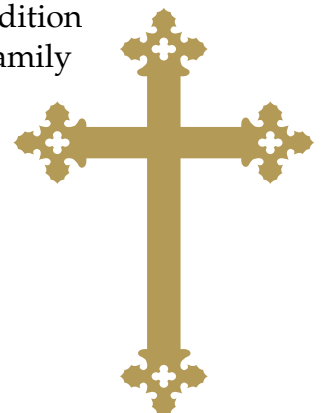
I think this could add a lot to your family's spiritual growth and start a great tradition in your family for generations to come. Above all, continue to develop your family prayer life. Be very consistent in it and faithful to God, who hears your every prayer. Of course, unite your family prayer to the Sacrifice of the Mass which your family offers each Sunday in church. That way you'll bring the grace of the Mass into your daily life at home.

*Mary, Queen of the family...pray for us!*

- Father Barry Stechschulte

### ***FAMILY PRAYER***

God made us a family  
We need one another  
We love one another  
We forgive one another  
We work together  
We play together  
We worship together  
Together we grow in Christ  
Together we love all men  
Together we serve our God  
Together we hope for Heaven  
These are our hopes and ideals  
help us attain them,  
O God, through  
Jesus Christ our Lord  
Amen.





# Sacramental Information

## Wedding Banns

- III Aaron Fortkamp & Madison Sheffer
- III Andrew (AJ) Romer & Madalin Davis
- II Tyler Gower & Lauren Fullenkamp
- II Mark Hein & Megan Bergman

*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

Kamden Michael Rutschilling  
Child of Dustin and Kaci

### St. Mary

Emma Jane Homan  
Child of Bradley & Heather

Sadie Jane Schwieterman  
Child of Mitchel and Riley

### St. Peter

Raelyn Marie Pugh  
Child of Mitchell & Brooke

Michael Julius Jutte  
Child of Anthony Jr. & Kelsey

## In Loving Memory...

Robert John Muhlenkamp  
September 10, 1939 - September 13, 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

## Marriage Congratulations!

Luke & Miley (Briner) Zwiebel  
Married September 13, 2025  
(St. Mary)

Evan & Paige (Timmerman) Dysert  
Married September 13, 2025  
(St. Peter)

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

## VIGIL OF TWO HEARTS

### Schedule of Events

### St. Joseph

#### Friday, October 3

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, October 4

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



## 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

# Holy Cross Family of Parishes

**WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY** — The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at the shelter house at 4171 Burrville Rd., Coldwater, Ohio. Meetings will be held every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month. The book "Home" will continue to be discussed. Please have week 5 read before the next meeting.

**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.

**WOMEN'S SOCIAL GROUP** — Meetings are the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month led by Fr. Ethan Moore in the Grotto's St. Isidore room. We are focusing on "Women in the Word" covering heroic women of the bible. The group is open to all adult women of the Holy Cross Family of Parishes & community.

**KAPAUN'S MEN BEATITUDE SERIES** — The Iron Sharpens Iron and Servants of Christ men's fellowship groups will be offering the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> sessions of the Kapaun's Men Beatitude Series. All men of the Holy Cross Family of Parishes are invited to participate even if you may have missed the first 2 sessions. Sessions 3 & 4 will be held at 7:30 pm on Mondays, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> in the basement (Undercroft) of Mary Help of Christians or Fridays, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> and Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 am in the basement (Grotto) of Holy Trinity. Please contact Ted Romer at (419) 852-6621 or Dave Bettinger at (419) 852-2582 with any questions.

**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. 12<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**SAVE THE DATE** — MEN!!! We are beyond pumped to host the first annual Men's WELCOME retreat (formerly known as CRHP) within the Holy Cross Family of Parishes early next year! Mark your calendars for March 7 - 8, 2026! Come attend this retreat to strengthen your relationship with God and gain a strong men's community! This free, overnight retreat is open to all Men 21+ and older and will be held at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in the Grotto. Cost is Free and all meals will be provided! Only 25 spots will be available. Registration opens Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>!

**SAVE THE DATE** — You are invited to step away from the busyness of life and take time for you! Join other women from our parish family for an overnight retreat filled with prayer, fellowship, and renewal in God's presence. This overnight retreat is a chance to be still, be refreshed, and to grow in faith with your sisters in Christ. WELCOME Women's Retreat for women (21+) will be held on February 7 - 8, 2026 at Holy Trinity. Cost is free. Registration opens January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026.

**MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS** — To see what maintenance and improvement projects are underway at our different parishes, go to [www.holycrossfop.org](http://www.holycrossfop.org), click on the "more..." tab, then "Improvement Projects", then click on the church to explore the projects and their current status.

**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.

**SAVE THE DATE** — Hope of the Poor Mission Trip with Holy Cross Family of Parishes is scheduled for June 4 - 9, 2027 in Mexico City. Fr. Witt will be the Chaplain. Cost will be \$850 plus airfare. Please fill out our interest form. \*Participants under 18 years old need to have a parent/guardian accompany them on the trip.



**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.

## HOLY CROSS FAMILY OF PARISHES OPEN ONLINE

**STORE** — At the request of parishioners who have expressed interest in purchasing products, we have decided to open an online store by partnering with EMB Designs. We will be offering products continuously through our store in addition to specialty items at select times. Specialty items will be advertised as they become available. Products can be purchased at [https://designsemb.com/holy\\_cross/shop/home](https://designsemb.com/holy_cross/shop/home) or use the QR Code provided. Please contact either Holy Cross Family Parish Office if you are in need of assistance. *Show your faith and support our family of parishes!*



**EXPECTANT MOTHER'S BLESSING** — The blessing of expectant mothers will be after all the Masses the weekend of October 4/5.

**PARISH MINISTRIES** — If you missed the ministry sign-ups at our Stewardship Fairs a couple of weeks ago, you can always sign up by calling either parish office.

**MISSION LOTTERY WINNER** — (9/3/25) Genevieve McGowan, Maria Stein, OH; (9/10/25) Rob Muhlenkamp, Fort Recovery — Congratulations!

## Priesthood Sunday

September 28, 2025

Priesthood Sunday seeks to reaffirm the priesthood of Jesus Christ and its central place in the life of the Church. This day also specifically honors priests, without whom the Holy Sacraments could not be conferred, for a single day out of the 365 days of the year during which they tirelessly serve their parishes.



*Please Thank & Pray for Priests!*

**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](mailto:bulletin.holycrossfop@gmail.com).





Why is there something  
rather than nothing?

Why is everything so  
obviously messed up?

What if anything has God  
done about it?

How should I respond?



Ever ask yourself these questions?  
We invite you to join us for The Rescue  
Project.  
Together we can discover The Story.

RESCUE PROJECT TEASER:



MEAL | EPISODE | DISCUSSION  
All Adults and Teens are welcome!

## HOLY TRINITY

Mondays: 6:30-8:30 pm

January 12, 2026

January 19, 2026

January 26, 2026

February 2, 2026

February 9, 2026

February 16, 2026

February 23, 2026

## MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

Tuesdays: 6:30-8:30 pm

January 13, 2026

January 20, 2026

January 27, 2026

February 3, 2026

February 10, 2026

February 17, 2026

February 24, 2026

**Combined Retreat  
at  
Holy Trinity  
on  
2/21/2026**



## MEN CONSIDERING THE DIACONATE

Men who are inquiring about the vocation of Deacon and their wives are invited to attend a Deacon Information Evening hosted by the Office of the Diaconate.

- North: Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, St. Michael Parish, Fort Loramie
- Dayton: Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Kettering
- Cincinnati East: Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, St. Mary Parish, Hyde Park
- Cincinnati West: Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, St. Ignatius Parish, Montfort Heights

All meetings will begin at 7:00 pm and end by 8:30 pm. Please RSVP to Deacon Mark Machuga, Director, at (513) 263-6641 or [deaconoffice@catholicaoc.org](mailto:deaconoffice@catholicaoc.org) to reserve your spot.



## - AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA - PRAYER FOR OUR NATION ROSARY RALLY



### Mary Help of Christians' *Queen of Peace Garden*

**October 11<sup>th</sup> - starts promptly at Noon**

Join the Daughters of Isabella for our Rosary Rally. If you don't feel comfortable walking, bring a lawn chair. For questions please contact Charlene Bergman @ (419) 852-9415.



## Cookie Fundraiser

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October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025

@

Mary Help of  
Christians' Parking Lot

3 - 7 pm

October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025

@

Holy Trinity's  
Parking Lot

3 - 7 pm

Proceeds support the  
Big Events Committee for future events

FAITH FUELED FRIDAYS PRESENTS:

## ALL FOR JESUS WITH HENRY CORDONNIER

FRIDAY OCTOBER 17

SOCIAL @ 6:30 / SPEAKER @ 7

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS UNDERCROFT

EXPERIENCE THE LOVE  
OF JESUS AND THE  
POWER OF THE HOLY  
SPIRIT IN A NEW WAY

FREE alcoholic, non-alcoholic  
beverages, and snacks

RSVP to Sarah Kahlig @  
419-234-3152

Free-will donation  
gladly accepted



## Parish App Feature-of-the-Week



MassMode™

- Phone silencing reminder
- For Mass or Confession
- Use location reminder for any time visiting parish

Learn more or download our parish app at [myparishapp.com](http://myparishapp.com)

\*Available on Apple and Android Phones.

Follow the instructions after downloading the App. Note: To find our parish family allow location services through the App or type in either of our zip codes: 45828 or 45846



## 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>



# 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.**

## Parish Information



### Mary Help of Christians

LECTORS — The 2026 lector workbooks are in each parish sacristy labeled with your name. Please pick up at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

**BLOOD DRIVE** — Volunteers are needed to help with the blood drive on Mon., Oct. 27 at Mary Help of Christians Undercroft. First shift will be 11:45 am - 3 pm, and second shift from 3 - 6:15 pm. Also, help is needed to set up at 10:45 am, tear down at 6:30 pm, or volunteers to make cookies. Please call or text Megan Wendel at (419) 852-5066.

**THANK YOU** — We would like to express our sincere thanks to Fr. Joseph, Deacon Dan, Kathy Staugler, Carol Jutte, Linda Kahlig and choir and the funeral lunch committee. We are so grateful for your guidance and for sharing your time and talents for Charlene's funeral. It was a beautiful Mass and a wonderful meal. Thank you for supporting us through this difficult time.

- The Charlene Westgerdes Family



### St. Joseph

LECTORS — The 2026 lector workbooks are in each parish sacristy labeled with your name. Please pick up at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

**CLEANING** — (October) \*\*Patty Homan, Julie Kaiser, Cathy Homan, Harlie Metzger, Jill Hart, Stephanie Leistenschneider, Michele Dues



### St. Paul

**LADIES SODALITY** — The fall meeting will be Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> in the hall. Please come join us in fellowship and prayer. The meeting will begin with Rosary at 7 pm. Raffle tickets will be available for pick up. **SAVE THE DATE** - November 9<sup>th</sup>, CYO brunch and Raffle.

**FALL RAFFLE DONATIONS** — Anyone wishing to donate an item(s) for our fall raffle please contact a Ladies Sodality officer. Chrissy Hart (419) 852-7743, Kathy Gonzalez, Carissa Will, Theresa Sieftring, Amanda Brackman. Thank You!!

**LECTORS** — The 2026 lector workbooks are in each parish sacristy labeled with your name. Please pick up at your earliest convenience. Thank you.



### St. Peter

**ST. PETER LADIES SODALITY RAFFLE** — The Raffle is on Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**LECTORS** — The 2026 lector workbooks are in each parish sacristy labeled with your name. Please pick up at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

**PARISH PICNIC** — The St. Peter Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, October 12 after the 11 am Mass, featuring Kremers famous chili! A sign-up sheet is in the back of church. Hope you can make it!

**LITTLE FLOWERS** — The Little Flowers First Meeting at the Saint Peter Location will be on Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025. 6:30-8:00 If you have any questions, please contact Betsy Overman 614-706-6767

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## Holy Trinity

### CHRISTMAS BOW MAKING —

Looking for someone who is interested in making new bows for the Christmas wreaths at Holy Trinity. Ribbon can be provided. For more details, please reach out to Veronica @ (567) 644-5309.

**CHURCH HOLIDAY FLOWERS** — Looking for someone to take lead in the set-up and watering of the Christmas Poinsettias and/or Easter Flowers. Please reach out to Veronica @ (567) 644-5309 if interested.

**HOMEBOUND MEALS** — St. Ann's will be delivering Homebound Meals on October 12. If you or someone you know would like to be added to the list, please call (567) 644-8373.

**PAINTING IN CHURCH** — There will be extensive scaffolding inside church in the altar area during the painting of the interior back wall of the dome from October 13 - 23, 2025.

## October Month of the Rosary

Please join us in prayer!

Monday, October 6 @ 6:30 pm  
Tuesday, October 7 @ 7:00 pm  
Wednesday, October 8 @ 7:30 pm

Monday, October 13 @ 6:30 pm  
Tuesday, October 14 @ 7:00 pm

Monday, October 20 @ 6:30 pm  
Tuesday, October 21 @ 7:00 pm  
Wednesday, October 22 @ 7:30 pm

Monday, October 27 @ 6:00 pm  
Tuesday, October 28 @ 7:00 pm  
Wednesday, October 29 @ 7:30 pm

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Mondays – Led by St. Anne's Rosary Sodality

Tuesdays – Led by The Knights of Columbus

Wednesdays – Led by The Squires

## 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.*



## St. Anthony

### BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT — *Painting*

(Phase I): Work will be completed by Blanck Studio, with a projected start date of February–March 2026. This phase will take approximately 1.5–2 months to complete. **Flooring Installation:** The sanctuary will have a hard surface type flooring and not carpet. Enyart's will begin in choir loft beginning of February and then after painting the sanctuary flooring will be installed late April 2026. \*We will need parishioner assistance with removing items from the church in preparation for the flooring project. Your help will be greatly appreciated as we care for and beautify our worship space. Also, we are still accepting donations for Phase II.

**GATHERING FOR FELLOWSHIP** — On October 16<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 am, you are invited to join St. Anthony parishioners for 30 minutes of prayer. Then join at the Pub for coffee and some good conversation. Everyone is invited! You are welcome to join in prayer at church and the Pub or either of the two. This will take place every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month. If you have any questions or opinions please call (419) 852-8741. Looking forward to seeing everyone!



## St. Mary

### BBQ CHICKEN DINNERS — Sunday,

October 12, 2025, chicken dinners will be provided by Moeder BBQ LLC (Rocky) from 4 - 6 pm. Drive thru pickup at Philothea School Hall. Donation: \$10.00. Sponsored by St. Mary Parish Men's Sodality. Proceeds benefit Parish. Contact Kevin Welling at (419) 852-4622 for tickets.

**LADIES SODALITY RAFFLE** — Raffle tickets are in the back of church. Please return the manila envelope with tickets (sold and unsold) and money by October 5<sup>th</sup>. Return in the box in back of church or to a Ladies Sodality officer.

**LADIES SODALITY MEETING** — Monday, October 13 at 7 pm in the school hall. Meeting minutes will be in the back of church within 1-2 weeks after the meeting. All ladies of the parish are encouraged and welcome to attend.

**LADIES SODALITY ROSARY** — Please join in leading the Rosary with intentions for all deceased members of the sodality on October 19<sup>th</sup> prior to Noon Mass.

**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.

**HOMEBOUND MEALS** — St. Ann's will be delivering Homebound Meals on October 12<sup>th</sup>. If you or someone you know would like to be added to the list, please call (567) 644-8373.



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# Religious Education

## Coldwater Religious Ed.

Contact: Sarah Klosterman

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

### ATTENTION:

**PAST TEACHERS** — If you have taught CCD in the past few years but are no longer teaching, please take a moment to check if you still have any teacher books at home. We would love to have them returned! You may drop them off at the parish office, or contact Sarah Klosterman to arrange a different drop-off time or location.

### TEACHERS NEEDED:

#### Holy Trinity - 8 - 9:15 pm

9<sup>th</sup> 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!*

### CONFIRMATION INFORMATION:

- Confirmation Mass: October 19<sup>th</sup> @ Holy Trinity, 3:00 pm  
- Confirmation Retreat: September 28, 2025 @ St. Anthony, 1:00 - 5:30 pm. Check in at 12:30 pm. All students **MUST** attend a retreat in order to be Confirmed.

## Fort Recovery Religious Ed.

Contact: Harlie Metzger

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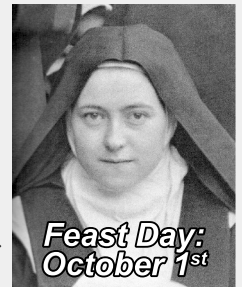
### ATTENTION:

### CONFIRMATION INFORMATION:

- Confirmation Mass: February 22<sup>nd</sup> @ MHC, 1:00 pm  
- Confirmation Retreat: September 28, 2025 @ St. Anthony, 1:00 - 5:30 pm. Check in at 12:30 pm. All students **MUST** attend a retreat in order to be Confirmed.

## Saint of the Week - Saint Therese

"The cornerstone's dated 1872, but the stained glass is much later," explained the pastor, astonished when his visitor accurately dated it to just before the Great Depression, explaining, "The window for the Little Flower"—Thérèse's nickname—"gives it away." From her canonization in 1925, her statues and windows adorn most churches where European immigrants worshiped. Entering Carmel at fifteen, victim of tuberculosis at twenty-four, Therese proposed her "Little Way" to sanctity: doing ordinary tasks with extraordinary love. Thus "ordinary Catholics," many of whom had lost loved ones to tuberculosis, embraced her. Though she never left her cloister, this Carmelite's spiritual communion and devoted correspondence with missionaries earned her the title Patroness of Missions. Her autobiography, *Story of a Soul*, continuously in print since her death, chronicles her prayerful perseverance through doubt and caused her to be the youngest person ever named a Doctor of the Church. Countless physical healings and spiritual conversions testify to her fulfillment of her deathbed promise: "After my death, I will let fall a shower of roses. I will spend my heaven doing good upon earth!"  
— Peter Scagnelli



- Information obtained from diocesan.com

## The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set, so that those who want to go over from here to you will not be able, nor will any people cross over from there to us.' Lk 16:26

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9.28.2025  
St. Anthony School Hall  
1:00 - 5:30 PM  
Check in at 12:30PM

**EMPOWER**

For all Coldwater & Fort Recovery Confirmation candidates. Please bring a Bible and rosary.

# Youth Ministry

## Coldwater Youth Group

Contact: Maria Gruss

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29** — 11:18 - 11:45 am | High School Men's & Ladies Lunch @ The Fr. Yauss Basement (grades 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>)

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30** — 7 - 8 am | Christ & Coffee @ Rooster Joe (grades 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>)

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1** — 7:30 - 8:45 pm - Fishers of Fun Rec Night @ The Fr. Yauss Basement (Ages 12+)

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

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8** — 7:00 - 8:45 pm - Exalt North @ Minster Elementary School | Doors open at 6:30 pm, please use the following link/QR code to complete the permission form. Parents, if you are available to chaperone and drive a carload of kids to the event, please indicate that on the permission form. <https://www.cognitoforms.com/HolyCrossFamilyOfParishes/ExaltPermissionForm2>



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## Fort Fiat Youth Group

Contact: Natalie Ashbaugh

nashbaugh.holycrossfop@gmail.com

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**TO THE HEIGHTS** — Tuesdays 3:30-4:30 at MHC (6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade)

**LADIES YOUTH GROUP** — Tuesdays 7:15-8 am at Youth Group Room (9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade)

**MEN'S YOUTH GROUP** — Wednesdays 9-10 pm at MHC Undercroft (7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade)

**EXALT** — If your child is planning on attending Exalt please use the link below to fill out a permission form. Reminder, if your child is going, please let their religion teacher know so they can be excused. <https://www.cognitoforms.com/HolyCrossFamilyOfParishes/ExaltPermissionForm>



**EXALT PLAYLIST** — If you would like to listen to the playlist for the night of Exalt, use the link below to access it on Spotify <https://open.spotify.com/playlist/1YxH7Cr01U9OfGKowxOWaI?si=Qepg9e5uQzGWlzfmmHHo7YQ>



### ATTENTION:

**BREAKFAST CLUB** — We are in need of volunteers to help pass out drinks and donuts for the mornings of Breakfast Club. If you are willing to volunteer, please use the link below to sign up. [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1mkCuY8-Vq\\_8sbC24nt78U\\_mNqi0XrniGPpM1ArMTaqU/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1mkCuY8-Vq_8sbC24nt78U_mNqi0XrniGPpM1ArMTaqU/edit?usp=sharing)



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** — We are in need of 6-8 kids to help with dishes during a wedding on April 25, 2026 at the Fort Recovery Legion. All volunteers will receive dinner at 5:00 before cleaning begins. If you are interested, please contact Natalie.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** — We are in need of 6 adult volunteers to help with set up, parking, and overseeing kids at Exalt. If you are interested in helping, please contact Natalie.

**THANK YOU** — Thank you to all who donated to the youth group through our Amazon registry. If you still want to donate, the link to the registry is attached below. [https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/3C7NYE9J8KIYO?ref=gr\\_search\\_page\\_result](https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/3C7NYE9J8KIYO?ref=gr_search_page_result)



## EXALT

OCTOBER 8, 2025 | 07:00 - 8:30  
MINSTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



*a night of adoration for middle & high school students and their parents*



featuring

**PAUL J. KIM**

Questions? Contact:

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Natalie at: nashbaugh.holycrossfop@gmail.com



## 2025-26 Breakfast Club Schedule

FORT FIAT  
Youth Ministry

7:15-8 am Donuts & Drinks Provided

October 3<sup>rd</sup>

October 24<sup>th</sup>

November 7<sup>th</sup>

November 21<sup>st</sup>

December 5<sup>th</sup>

December 19<sup>th</sup>

January 16<sup>th</sup>

January 30<sup>th</sup>

February 6<sup>th</sup>

February 20<sup>th</sup>

March 6<sup>th</sup>

March 20<sup>th</sup>

April 10<sup>th</sup>

April 24<sup>th</sup>

May 8<sup>th</sup>



# Community Interests

**PORK LOIN DINNER** — The Ft. Recovery K of C is sponsoring a Pork Loin Dinner on Sun., Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>. 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<sup>st</sup> with the final turn in being Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for supporting your local K of C!

**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.

**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](mailto:prolifegeneration.mercercounty@outlook.com) by September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025. 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> 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!

**"COME AND SEE" LIVE-IN WEEKEND AT THE JOSEPHINUM COLLEGE SEMINARY** — Nov. 6 - 9, young men (high school and college students) interested in learning more about college seminary and the priesthood in general are invited to a live-in weekend at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus. There is no cost for the registrant. Those interested should contact Fr. Michael Willig for registration information: [vocations@catholicaoc.org](mailto:vocations@catholicaoc.org).

**CANCER PRAYER SERVICE TO BE HELD AT SHRINE** — The Shrine is pleased to be able to offer the St. Peregrine Relic for prayer and veneration. Three times per year a prayer service is held for those who are on a journey with cancer, whether it be as a patient or as a caregiver. The next service will be held on Sun., Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm in the Shrine's Adoration Chapel. This event is free and open to the public. All who have been affected by cancer are encouraged to attend. For those battling cancer, you can submit your name or a loved one's name for prayer. Please contact Caleb Gaier at [c.gaier@mariasteinshrine.org](mailto:c.gaier@mariasteinshrine.org) or call 419-925-4532.

**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](http://www.mercerlife.org/events)

**K OF C FAMILY PICNIC** — Coldwater Knights of Columbus council 1991 Family picnic will be held on Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4:30 - midnight at the depot in the Coldwater park. Meat and drinks will be provided, please bring a side dish.

**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.

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

**KNIGHTS LUCKY CASH GIVEAWAY** — The Knights of St. John is selling tickets for their 2026 monthly raffle. Proceeds will go towards the improvements, maintenance and repairs of the Knights of St. John Hall. Tickets are \$20 (monthly giveaways of \$250, \$100 and \$50) and can be purchased from any Knights member, at Chicken Frys (9/27, 10/5, 11/22) and Knights monthly breakfasts (9/21, 10/19, 11/16). For questions, please contact Mike Bruns (419) 852-2467 or Josh Keller (419) 763-9375.

**HEALING MASSES** — Healing Masses for 2025 will be on Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> and Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>. The Healing Masses will be held at the Montezuma Retreat Center Chapel at 7 pm.

**CATECHETICAL SATURDAY** — Join us on Sat., Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> from 9 am - 2 pm at Holy Angels School, in Sidney Ohio for a deeper dive into the seven sacraments. Choose your 4 sessions from the guest speakers of Julia Monnin, Father Andrew Reckers, Deacon Paul Timmerman, Father Jarred Kohn, Stacie Lamm, Lisa Holthaus & Jon Holland. Doors open 8:30 am. Cost is \$35 and payable at the door. To register please visit <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdfT0ju1Uhf1eqoH2PrnCXxgiDUFn6do8nuQL0QDysm9qv-Q/viewform>

*Please join me in celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of my Consecration to Our Lord as a Consecrated Woman of Regnum Christi.*

I am Anne Will, daughter of Jim and Marge Will, and my home parish is St. Peter's. Since I will celebrate my 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary wherever it is that I happen to be stationed in 2030, I want to celebrate my 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary with all of you, to thank each of you for who you are in my life and in the life of my family. Even if I don't know you well, your fervor at Mass or your good acts or your prayers for vocations have likely helped me along the road to the profound happiness that I have found. To thank and adore Our Lord together, please join me for a Holy Hour at 7:30 pm on Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, and Mass at 10:00 am on Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> (during which I will devotionally renew my vows). All are welcome and both events will be at Immaculate Conception Church in Celina. I hope that you can make it!





# Contact Information & Stewardship

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## Call for Prayer

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## Contributions

September 8 - 14, 2025

### Mary Help of Christians

Offertory.....\$6,220.00  
 Flowers.....\$ 15.00  
 Youth Group .....\$1,190.00  
 Allocated Loose .....\$1,203.35

### St. Joseph

Offertory.....\$1,045.00  
 Youth Group .....\$ 180.00  
 Allocated Loose .....\$ 251.29

### St. Peter

Offertory.....\$2,848.00  
 Maintenance.....\$ 600.00  
 Youth Group .....\$1,172.00  
 Allocated Loose .....\$ 406.56

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Offertory.....\$2,215.78  
 Youth Group .....\$ 403.00  
 Maintenance.....\$ 100.00  
 Allocated Loose .....\$ 512.80

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Offertory.....\$5,913.38  
 Loose.....\$3,474.00  
 Total.....\$9,387.38  
 Perm. Improvement.....\$3,399.00  
 Candles.....\$ 193.00

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Offertory.....\$ 645.00  
 Loose.....\$ 333.00  
 Total.....\$ 978.00  
 Perm. Improvement.....\$ 590.00

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Offertory.....\$ 740.00  
 Loose.....\$ 316.00  
 Total.....\$1,056.00



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