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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, October 12, 2025
Twenty-Eighth 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, October 13 <i>Weekday</i>	Floyd Winner †	FBS	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	After Mass
	Kimo Bechtol †	FAW	6:45 pm	St. Peter	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Tuesday, October 14 <i>Saint Callistus I, Pope, Martyr; opt. mem.</i>	Dorothy Sieftring †	FJP	7:15 am	St. Mary	After Mass
	Wilma Link †	FEM	6:45 pm	St. Joseph	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Wednesday, October 15 <i>Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church; Memorial</i>	L/D Jerry & Norma Grieshop Family †	FAW	7:15 am (L/S)	MHC	After Mass
	Brian Westergertes †	FJP	Noon (L/S)	Holy Trinity	11:30 am - end
Thursday, October 16 <i>Saint Hedwig, Religious; Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin; opt. mem.</i>	L/D Jerry & Norma Grieshop Family †	FAW	7:15 am	St. Paul	After Mass
	L/D Henry & Philomena Alig Family †	FJP	6:45 pm	St. Anthony	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Friday, October 17 <i>Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr; Memorial</i>	Janice Moeller †	FAW	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	After Mass
	L/D Elmer & MaryLou Klenke Family †	FJP	Noon (L/S)	MHC	11:30 am - end
Saturday, October 18 <i>Saint Luke, Evangelist; Feast</i>	Dale J. Sutter †	FAW	9:00 am	St. Joseph	After Mass
	L/D Edgar & Rita Eyink Family †	FJP	4:00 pm	St. Anthony	3:15 - 3:45 pm
	Rich & Rita Boeckman †	FJH	4:30 pm	Holy Trinity	3:45 - 4:15 pm
	Rosemary Zehringer †	FEM	4:30 pm (L/S)	MHC	3:45 pm - end
Sunday, October 19 <i>29th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	L/D St. Joseph Ladies Sodality †	FEM	7:00 am	St. Joseph	N/A
	Members of Holy Cross Family of Parishes	FJH	8:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	7:25 am - end
	L/D Herb & Rosemary Kaiser Family †	FAW	9:00 am (L/S)	MHC	8:25 am - end
	Brian Clune †	FJH	10:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	9:25 am - end
	Dan Kaiser †	FAW	11:00 am	St. Paul	10:25 - 10:45 am
	Steve Muhlenkamp †	FEM/DDK	11:00 am	St. Peter	10:25 - 10:45 am
	L/D Members of St. Mary Ladies Rosary Altar Sodality †	FJP	Noon	St. Mary	11:25 - 11:45 am
	Confirmandi & Their Families	ARC	3:00 pm	Holy Trinity	N/A
Janice Moeller †	FJP	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 (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-gg4zm, 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:

Archbishop Robert Casey (ARC); Fr. Alexander Witt (FAW); Fr. Ethan Moore (FEM);
 Fr. Joseph Pasala (FJP); Fr. Barry Stechschulte (FBS); Fr. Joseph-Mary Hertzog (FJH)
 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

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 15, 7:15 am

Servers: Charlie Roessner, Chris Timmerman

Lector: Pauline Faller

Friday, October 17, 12:00 pm

Servers: Blaise Bergman

Lector: Keshia Willmann

Saturday, October 18, 4:30 pm

Servers: John Bihn, Tucker Huntsman, Xavier Bruns

Lector: Missy Hart

EMHC: Missy Hart, Esther Heitkamp

Sacristan: Linda Lennartz

Ushers: Floyd Bergman, Don Lennartz, LaVern Grube, Chuck Kaiser

Sunday, October 19, 9:00 am

Servers: Chase Fiely, Milo Fiely, Blake Homan, Vance Tobe

Lector: Julie Schmitz

EMHC: Vicki Schmitz, Lori Thein

Sacristan: Karalee Jutte

Ushers: Chuck Keller, Doug Schmitz, Greg Schmitz, Mike Laux

- St. Joseph -

Tuesday, October 14, 6:45 pm

Servers: Logan Gaerke, Gavin Gaerke

Lector: Mary Gaerke

Sacristan: Shel Sutter

Saturday, October 18, 9:00 am

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby

Lector: Paige Schulze

Sunday, October 19, 7:00 am

Servers: Tyler Dues, Blaise Bergman, Tanner Grube, Hudson Pottkotter

Lector: Aimee Pottkotter

EMHC: Aimee Pottkotter

Sacristan: Christa Fullenkmap

Ushers: Dave Lennartz, Steve Post

- St. Paul -

Thursday, October 16, 7:15 am

Server: Maddie Weigel

Sunday, October 19, 11:00 am

Servers: Dan Siefing, Nick Siefing, Landon Sudhoff, Raelyn Sudhoff, Coralai Sudhoff

Lector: Nikki Hawk

EMHC: Julie Bruns, Carl Link

Ushers: Joe Hawk, Mike Bruns

Rosary: Harry & Barb Schoen

- St. Peter -

Monday, October 13, 6:45 pm

Servers: Theresa Hipple

Lector: Jane Hipple

Sunday, October 19, 11:00 am

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

Lector: Elaine Post

EMHC: Deacon Dan Kahlig

Sacristan: Jane Hipple

Ushers: Doug Kahlig, Mitchell Pugh

- Holy Trinity -

Monday, October 13, 7:15 am

Servers: Kennley Siegrist, Grace Siegrist, Mya Siegrist

Lector: Rene Klosterman

Wednesday, October 15, 12:00 pm

Servers: James Pottkotter, Francis Pottkotter, Leo Huelskamp

Lector: Rene Klosterman

Friday, October 17, 7:15 am

Servers: Henry Broering, Oliver Link

Lector: Rita Riethman

Saturday, October 18, 4:30 pm

Servers: Isabelle Schwieterman, Alex Schwieterman, Josh Homan

Lector: Rita Riethman

EMHC: Dave Bertke, Denny Riethman

Sunday, October 19, 8:00 am

Servers: Samuel Gerlach, Oliver Link, Jude Link

Lector: Nick Knapke

EMHC: Joe Rose, Karen Hoying

Sunday, October 19, 10:00 am

Servers: David Dues, Clara Knapke, Mason Evers, John Evers

Lector: Abbie Homan

EMHC: Carla Kahlig, Cindy Hemmelgarn, Stephanie Rutschilling

Sunday, October 19, 6:00 pm

Servers: Clayton Schoen, Eli Eyink

Lector: Kim Rose

EMHC: Melinda Pleiman, Sarah Klosterman

- St. Anthony -

Thursday, October 16, 6:45 pm

Server: Wesley Geier

Lector: Paul Welling

Sacristan: Janet Brockman

Saturday, October 18, 4:00 pm

Servers: Bryant Evans, Allie Evans, Danielle Evans, Hailey Grey

Lector: Joanne Alig

EMHC: Donna Sudhoff

Sacristan: Janet Brockman

Ushers: Jeff Sudhoff, Patrick Forsthoefel

Rosary: Marty Knapke

- St. Mary -

Tuesday, October 14, 7:15 am

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby

Lector: Stephanie Wendel

Sunday, October 19, 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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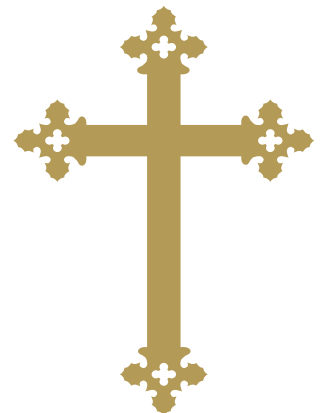
At this point, when we look forward to the year 2026 🕒, here at our Holy Cross 🏛️ Family of Parishes, we have currently right around 50 weddings 🎒 on the books. That is A LOT of Love 💕 going on!!! I mean, gross 🤢, I can't hardly stand it 😬. Of course, I'm kidding 😄. Actually at one point when I was in college working on my Philosophy thesis 🧐, if you were to call my phone 📞, my voicemail said, "This is Ethan. I am currently unavailable because I am in Love 🤩 with Love ❤️" which is what I was writing 📝 on. The vocation to marriage is one that uniquely makes known the presence of God. God—WHO IS LOVE (1 John 4:8) is made manifest through a husband 👨 and wife 👩.

In fact, now Saint, then pope, John Paul II called marriage the primordial sacrament which is a fancy 🎩 way of saying, well, let me put it this way... 🤔 there can be times when we think about our relationship with God it can kinda feel abstract ☁️ because we don't see 👁️ or talk 🗣️ to him like we do with one another. However, one's spouse functions like an icon 🖼️, a direct image of who He is for us. So wait, what does that mean??

Marriage is a man and a woman choosing to be madly 🤩🤩 in love with one another so much that they no longer are willing or able to live apart from each other, and therefore, enter into a covenant with one another and the Lord. This person, who they CAN touch, feel, and hear, who they know deeply and feel loved by in a complete way, is an embodiment of God's love for them personally and particularly 🤩🤩🤩. Then take it a step 📖 further, and the love 💕 of husband and wife is creative that it is so full 🗑️ and overflowing that it begets more life, more love 🧒 in the form of a baby. The family is the image of God in relationship ▲ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit = Husband, Wife, and Children. And, we call the family the domestic church, aka every home 🏠 is a chapel 🏛️, because it is a house of God's Love ❤️, and therefore HE dwells there. BONKERS 🤩!

Now tie 🧶 every home, every neighborhood all together in our communities and that is a fullness of life 😊 and love 🤩, and to imagine 50 new couples 👨👩, new families 👨👩👧 building up the Kingdom of God right here in our backyard 🌾. This is an epic ✨ opportunity to form the culture and establish an even greater unity in our area with the purpose of making known the Love of God 🔥🔥🔥.

- Fr. Ethan



Sacramental Information

Wedding Banns

II Kraig Schoenherr & Danielle Welsch
II Derek Huntsman & Jackie Homan

And the two shall become one.

Sacrament of Matrimony

The Sacrament of Holy Matrimony involves more than just "booking" a particular date for a wedding. Please keep in mind that church dates are limited. It is highly recommended to book the church when booking your reception hall. Also, since the marriage preparation process usually takes several months to complete, please contact the Family Office at least nine months in advance to start the marriage preparation process.

Marriage Congratulations!

Cole Schoenleben & Colby Homan
Married Saturday, September 27, 2025
(Holy Trinity)

Nathan Heitkamp & Emily Meyer
Married Saturday, September 27, 2025
(St. Mary)

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

In Loving Memory...

Joseph H. Dues
May 17, 1950 - September 25, 2025
(Mary Help of Christians)

Bernadette "Bernie" Muhlenkamp
November 5, 1938 - September 26, 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

Newly Baptized

Holy Trinity

Carson Samuel Broering
Child of Samuel & Lauren

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 is on January 06, 2026. 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

**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

HOLY CROSS FAMILY OF PARISHES OPEN ONLINE STORE — Products can be purchased at 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!*



HELP NEEDED — Looking for parishioners interested in helping with the Liturgy of the Word Service with Communion at Briarwood. The service takes place on Sunday mornings at 10 am in the large gathering room. It would only involve five to six Sundays a year with the service lasting only 20 minutes. This is a very fulfilling ministry, and the residents at Briarwood are so grateful. If interested, please contact either of the parish offices, or Nan List (419) 305-6914 or Ann VanDenBosch (419) 852-2692.

WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY — The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 13th at the shelter house at 4171 Burrville Rd., Coldwater, Ohio. Meetings will be held every 2nd Monday of the month at 7:30 pm. 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 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month. BYOB.

WOMEN'S SOCIAL GROUP — Meetings are the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month from 7:30 - 9 pm in the Grotto's St. Isidore room. Meetings are led by Fr. Ethan Moore. 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 and community.

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

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.

SAFE PARISH — Are you willing to occasionally assist our youth programs in ways such as driving for field trips, volunteering at events, and more? We are always looking for people who are 18 years and older to help us out! If you are interested in being added to our SafeParish list of adults, or would like more information, please contact Kathy Portz at kathyportz@gmail.com or Charmaine Bettinger at cbettinger.holycrossfop@gmail.com.

HOLY TRINITY FIRST COMMUNION DATE CHANGE — First Communion at Holy Trinity is being moved for 2026. It will not be on the 4th Sunday of April. It will instead be held on Sunday, April 19th during the 10 am Mass.

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.



VISITING PRIEST — The weekend of October 18-19, 2025, Fr. Joseph-Mary Hertzog, O.P. will be visiting our parish on behalf of Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS). Father Joseph-Mary Hertzog is a member of the Dominican Order from the Province of St. Joseph in the eastern United States. Fr. Joseph-Mary holds an advanced degree in Moral Theology from the Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. He was ordained a priest of the Order of Preachers in May of 2014 and has worked as a parochial vicar, missionary in Eastern Africa and Colombia, South America, teacher, retreat director, parish mission preacher and is currently the Diocesan Preacher for Rockville Centre. FOCUS is a national organization serving college students at more than 255 campus/locations including nine international locations, 29 parish venues and nine digital expansion campuses. More than 1048 FOCUS missionaries invite college students into a relationship with Christ and His Church, while equipping them for a lifetime of Catholic evangelization. Fr. Joseph-Mary is excited to be with you soon and share the hope of the New Evangelization! To learn more, please visit www.focus.org.



REMINDER — This week we will be operating with only three priests. Please pray for Fr. Barry as he is on a pilgrimage. The remaining priests will do their best to make things run as smoothly as possible. Thank you for your patience in the case that something happens or needs to be canceled. Please pray for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life!

Parish App Feature-of-the-Week



Messages

- Helpful parish updates
- Easily reply to requests
- Connect with our parish throughout the week

Learn more or download our parish app at 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



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.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18-19 — For next weekend's World Mission Sunday collection, October 18-19, please support our sisters and brothers in 1,200 mission dioceses worldwide through the Holy Father's Pontifical Mission Societies. Many are struggling with earthquakes, armed conflicts, and destruction of church facilities. Your support also helps to educate seminarians, novices, and catechists as well as to maintain hospitals, clinics, and schools to build their self-sustainability. Thank you for your generous gift that enables God's love and hope to come alive. If you wish more information about supporting missionary work or about becoming a missionary yourself, please visit the website for Archdiocese of Cincinnati Mission Office: <https://catholicaoc.org/offices/mission-and-pontifical-mission-societies>.

PRIEST VISITS — Our Priests, as a group or individually, are always happy to come and visit you and your family. There is no expectation for dinner or food. They are happy just to get to know you and be a part of your family life. If interested in scheduling a home visit, please feel free to email them or call either family office anytime.

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.

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

Free-will donation gladly accepted

RSVP to Sarah Kahlig @ 419-234-3152



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HOLY TRINITY
 Mondays: 6:30-8:30 pm
 Jan. 12, 19, 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16, & 23.

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
 Tuesdays: 6:30-8:30 pm
 Jan. 13, 20, 27, Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24.

Combined retreat at Holy Trinity on 2/21/2026

RESCUE PROJECT TEASER:



Save the Date for both Welcome Retreats

Welcome. CRHP 2.0
 There is **More** to Life



— Women's Retreat for women (21+) —

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.

Location: Holy Trinity Grotto
Dates: February 7-8th, 2026
Cost: FREE (& w/ meals provided!)
Registration: Opens January 3rd



Welcome. CRHP 2.0
 There is **More** to Life



Men's Welcome Retreat:
March 7-8, 2026

Registration OPENS January 3rd!
 25 spots available



Parish Information



Holy Trinity

MEETING MINUTES

AVAILABLE — Holy Cross Family Council Meeting Minutes can be found

at the entrances of church, along with the July council meeting minutes.

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.

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.

Grateful and Glazed
PRESENTS
DONUT
**Donuts and Fruit After Devotion,
Join Us in the Basement!**
SUNDAY
AFTER THE 8 AM AND 10 AM MASS
OCTOBER 12, 2025
JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP AND FUN!

**St. Ann's Rosary Sodality
Cordially Invites You to Our
Fall Meeting**
Monday, October 27, 2025
at 6:30 pm Holy Trinity Basement
Rosary at 6:00 pm Holy Trinity Church
Please RSVP
by October 20th
to
Julie Pleiman at 419-953-7116
Angie Kunk at 419-852-5736
CALL OR TEXT

**October
Month of the Rosary**
@ Holy Trinity
Please join us in prayer!

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



## Mary Help of Christians

### SEWING GROUP

— The sewing group will meet October 13<sup>th</sup> at the MHC's Undercroft at 9:00 am. If there is a funeral on Monday we will not meet until November. If you are interested in joining our group you may stop in on Monday to just see what we make because we sew various items other than blankets and walker bags. The group would like to thank everyone who donated to them this past several years. It is really appreciated.

**BLOOD DRIVE** — Volunteers are needed to help with the blood drive on Mon., Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

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



## 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. Anthony

### MEETING MINUTES AVAILABLE

— Holy Cross Family Council

Meeting Minutes can be found at the entrances of church, along with the July council meeting minutes.

**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> at 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

### MEETING MINUTES AVAILABLE

— Holy Cross Family Council

Meeting Minutes can be found at the entrances of church, along with the July council meeting minutes.

**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 MEETING** — Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup> 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.



## 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 Siefing, 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.

**ROSARY** — Please join the 6<sup>th</sup> graders as they lead the Rosary every Wednesday night in the church during the month of October. We will start at 7 pm.



## 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<sup>th</sup> after the 11 am Mass, featuring Kremers famous chili! A sign-up sheet is in the back of church. Hope you can make it!

## 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.*

## How to Sign Up for FORMED:

- Go to [FORMED.org](https://FORMED.org)
- Click "sign up as a parishioner" and find our parish (just type in the zip code: 45828).
- Make an account by entering your name and email, then you are good to go!



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# 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

## Fort Recovery Religious Ed.

Contact: Harlie Metzger

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

### ATTENTION:

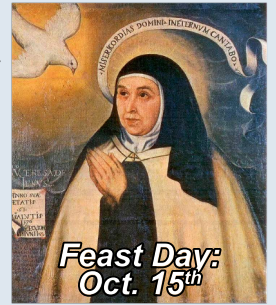
### CONFIRMATION INFORMATION:

- Confirmation Mass: February 22<sup>nd</sup> @ MHC, 1:00 pm

**CLASSROOM AIDE** — St. Peter is looking for another adult/a high school student to help out in a classroom each week from 6:00-7:15pm! This would involve assisting with reading, writing and crafts. This would not involve lesson planning or teaching. Can't commit to helping every week? Any help is appreciated! Please contact Harlie to volunteer or for more information.

## Saint of the Week - Saint Teresa of Jesus

Let nothing disturb you; let nothing frighten you. Gifted with a passionate spirit, young Teresa dreamed of converting Muslims and becoming a martyr. All things are passing; God never changes. But her mother's death when Teresa was fourteen inspired lifelong devotion to Our Lady, and Teresa entered the Carmelites, Mary's order, despite her father's objections and her own fragile health. Patience gains everything. Initially, she enjoyed her lax convent's sociability and "busyness," but mystical prayer and John of the Cross' collaboration inspired her to reform the Carmelites. Whoever has God, lacks nothing. When her ideals encountered resistance and brought suffering, she maintained her peace — and humor. Discovered devouring leftovers, she told her mildly scandalized nuns, "When I fast, I fast! When I eat, I eat!" To nuns demanding less work and more prayer in the convent schedule, she retorted: "What we really need around here are fewer starry eyes and more strong arms!" God alone is enough! The italicized sentences here are her "Breviary Bookmark," the simple, profound prayer of Teresa, the first woman Doctor of the Church. — Peter Scagnelli



- Information obtained from diocesan.com



SUNDAYKIDZ

## 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 Heal Glorify Voice Thank Saved

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## The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



"Was no one found who returned to give glory to God, except this foreigner?" And He said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has made you well." Lk 17:18-19

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# Youth Ministry

## Coldwater Youth Group

Contact: Maria Gruss

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### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 13** — 11:18 - 11:45 am | High School Men's & Ladies Lunch @ The Fr. Yauss Basement (grades 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>)

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 13** — 3:15 - 4:30 pm | Totus Tuus Crafters! @ The Fr. Yauss Basement (ages 12+) Please sign up by scanning the QR code on the flyer! We're painting pumpkins this month!

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14** — 7 - 8 am | Christ & Coffee @ Rooster Joe (grades 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>)

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 20** — 7:30 pm | Steubenville Info Meeting @ The Grotto (grades 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>) parents & tentative chaperones are encouraged to attend!

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21** — 7 - 8 am | Christ & Coffee @ Rooster Joe (grades 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>)

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23** — 3:15 - 4:30 pm | Children's Adoration & Story-time @ Holy Trinity (grades K - 6<sup>th</sup>)



## Fort Fiat Youth Group

Contact: Natalie Ashbaugh

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### 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 MHC 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)

### ATTENTION:

**BREAKFAST CLUB** — Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup> 7:15-8 am at MHC Undercroft (6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade)

## 2025-26 Breakfast Club Schedule



7:15-8 am Donuts & Drinks Provided

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>

Coldwater Youth Ministry

## Totus Tuus Crafters

"Creating with Purpose.  
Inspired by Faith."

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday  
3:15 - 4:30 pm

@ The Fr. Yauss Basement  
Ages 12+ Welcome!



Please use the QR code to sign up!

Holy Cross Family Youth Groups

## SAVE THE DATE!

2026 Summer  
Steubenville Conference!  
July 10- 12, 2026

Open to Grades 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>



"For the battle belongs to the LORD."  
1 SAMUEL 17:47

Info Meeting on October 20, 2025  
7:30 pm @ The Grotto

Questions? Contact Maria Gruss @ mgrussholycrossfop@gmail.com

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# Community Interests

## **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.

## **ST. GERARD MASS OF HOPE FOR THE BLESSING OF CHILDREN —**

Thursday, October 16, 2025 at St. Bartholomew Church from 7 - 9 pm. All married couples, family and friends are invited to the annual St. Gerard Mass of Hope for the Blessing of Children. Hosted by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, this free event provides an opportunity for prayerful support for married couples experiencing infertility or pregnancy loss. It includes Holy Mass on the feast day of St. Gerard Majella, the patron saint of expectant mothers, followed by a reception with fellowship, delicious hors d'oeuvres and resources. For more information contact Dcn. David Ulmer at [dulmer@catholicaoc.org](mailto:dulmer@catholicaoc.org)

## **13TH ANNUAL K OF C 5K RUN/WALK FOR VOCATIONS —**

The Coldwater Knights of Columbus are pleased to announce Archbishop Casey will be in attendance for their 13<sup>th</sup> Annual 5K Run/Walk for Vocations on Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. The 5K takes place on the historic grounds of St. Charles Center, Carthagena, Ohio with registration from 8:30 - 9:45 am. The 5K begins at 10:00 am. The mission of the 5K, which coincides with National Catholic Vocations Week, is to further our support for Vocations by increasing awareness and providing financial support to Seminarians and other Religious Vocations. All runners and walkers are encouraged to participate. Pre-registration: \$15. Race day registration: \$20. Participants 18 & under receive a \$5 discount. For more information and to register online go to: <https://runsignup.com/Race/OH/Celina/KofC5kRunWalkforVocations>. Limited number of sponsorship opportunities are available. Please call Steve Schmidt at (419) 852-8663 to inquire.

**BREAKFAST —** Our Lady of Guadalupe will have a Breakfast, open to the public, on Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> from 9 - 11:30 in Our Lady of Guadalupe church basement. This is a free will donation with all profits going to our Mission Society. All are welcome!

**SIPPING WITH THE SAINTS —** On Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Maria Stein Shrine will host "Sipping with the Saints" at Bella's in Celina. This special event will include a 4-course dinner and drinks that pertain to the life of a saint. Saints that will be discussed are Sts. Carlo Acutis, John Henry Newman, Philip Neri, and Mary of the Rock (Maria Stein). To learn about this fun and educational event, check out [mariasteinshrine.org](http://mariasteinshrine.org) or visit the Shrine's Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/mariasteinshrine](http://www.facebook.com/mariasteinshrine)

## **SUPPORT FOR ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, MARIA STEIN —**

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

## **DISCERNMENT DAY WITH THE DOMINICAN SISTERS OF ST. CECILIA —**

The Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia will host a discernment retreat day on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> (10 am - 4:30 pm). Open to single Catholic women ages 17 - 30, the event includes Mass, prayer with the sisters, Adoration, spiritual talks, and lunch at St. Gertrude Catholic Church. For more information or to RSVP, please email [vocation@op-tn.org](mailto:vocation@op-tn.org). Come spend time with the Lord, and get a glimpse of the beauty of religious life!

## **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 (11/22) and Knights monthly breakfasts (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 and Nov. 11. 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/1FAIpQLSdfT0ju1Uhfd1eqoH2PrnCXxiDUFn6do8nuQL0QDysm9qv-Q/viewform>

## **A DAY IN THE HEART OF JESUS, THROUGH OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL —**

Hosted by the Order of Carmelites Discalced Seculars, "St. Joseph, Protector of the Holy Family" Community. A Day of Reflection and Prayer on Sat., Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, from 8 am - 2 pm at the Montezuma Retreat House, 6731 St. Rt. 219, Montezuma, OH 45866. The speaker will be Fr. Jediaiah Tritle (Parochial Vicar at C1 Family of Parishes). This is open to both men and women. Come away for a while and enter into a day of prayer, reflection, and renewal. The day will include Holy Mass, an inspiring keynote, discussions on the wisdom of the Carmelite Doctors of the Church, adoration, and the opportunity for confession. A light breakfast and lunch are provided. Cost is \$25 (due at the event). Register at: <https://forms.gle/fv8zu5K4GxjXjgMn6> or contact Gwen Staton, 419-733-1453. Questions? call Gwen at the number provided or email: [dayintheheartofjesus@gmail.com](mailto:dayintheheartofjesus@gmail.com).

## **CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE AT THE MARIA STEIN SHRINE —**

enjoy door prizes, Christmas raffle and 20% off storewide (exclusions apply). The Christmas Open House runs from Thursday November 6<sup>th</sup> – Sunday November 9<sup>th</sup> during normal business hours. Thursday 9:30am – 6pm. Friday and Saturday 9:30am – 4pm. Sunday Noon – 4pm.

**RADIO ROSARY —** Radio Rosary prayed on WCSM at 9:30 am every Sunday. The Radio Rosary is sponsored each week by local Catholic organizations and individuals.

**BREAKFAST —** The Knights of St. Johns in Maria Stein will be having their monthly breakfast buffet on October 19<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. The cost is adults \$10.00, 7-12 year olds \$5.00, 6 and under eat free. Drinks included.



**"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).

**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.

**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.

**CREIGHTON PROVIDERS COURSE** — Do you find yourself longing to uphold the sanctity of life in a more intentional way...to teach the gift of human sexuality through a scriptural lens? Do you want to help women, couples and families discover their capacity for life giving love?...Join our Ohio Valley Fertility Care Practitioner Education Program today! Join the mission of providing authentic women's healthcare! Click the QR code to find out more.



**SPANISH MASS** — Mass will be held every Sunday at 4 pm, Confessions at 3:30 pm, Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 pm, and the Rosary at 3:15 pm all in Spanish at Our Lady of Guadalupe. Pre-Baptismal classes are the second Sunday of the month from 11 am - 2 pm held in the church basement. Baptisms are the fourth Sunday of the month starting in June during 4 pm Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe. For more information or anyone in need of these opportunities please register with: Dr. Maria Garcia at (937) 281-4525 or Jenny Martinez at [ministeriohispano@stisidorefamily.org](mailto:ministeriohispano@stisidorefamily.org).

**MINISTRY TO SURVIVORS OF ABUSE (REPORTING)** — The Archdiocese of Cincinnati regards child abuse in all its forms as gravely sinful and criminal. Anyone who knows of or suspects child abuse by a legitimate member of the clergy or hierarchy, employee, or volunteer of the archdiocese should first report the abuse to the appropriate secular legal authority and then to Ms. Teresa Maley, Coordinator of Ministry to Survivors of Abuse of the Archdiocese, at 513.263.6623 or 1.800.686.2724 ext. 6623.

**CATHOLIC IN RECOVERY RETREATS** — These retreats offer hope and healing for individuals and family members impacted by a variety of addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments. Retreat participants are given various opportunities to encounter the Lord and deepen their recovery through various talks, personal testimonies, meetings, prayer & reflection time, engaging the sacraments, & fellowship with others seeking recovery rooted in Catholic spirituality. Info.: <https://catholicinrecovery.com/events>.

**CATHOLIC NURSE SOCIETY** — We encourage all nurses to join us for fellowship, prayer and fun conversations that are uniquely about the joys, triumphs and hardships of being a nurse. Meetings are held at 11 am on the first Saturday of each month, second floor, at the Shrine of the Holy Relics in Maria Stein. We hope you will join us. Contact Janet Munday with any questions. (419) 954-1670 voice/text.

**"RELIGION AND THE AMERICAN CONSTITUTIONAL EXPERIMENT": LECTURE BY RICHARD GARNETT, J.D., UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME** — November 12, 2025, 7:30 pm at Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology, Bartlett Center (6616 Beechmont Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45230). Free and open to the public. Protecting religious freedom is critical for democratic order and the constitutional rule of law. It is essential that the principles of religious freedom inherent in the First Amendment be respected and defended for a fair, free, and civil society. In his lecture, Professor Garnett will outline the history of religious liberty in America and discuss some recent and upcoming religious-freedom cases before the United States Supreme Court.

**VOCATION NIGHT AT MOUNT ST. MARY'S SEMINARY & SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY** — Wednesday, October 29, 2025. Single men aged 18-35 are invited to come to a Vocation Night at the seminary. The evening includes Mass, dinner, talks, a tour and a social with the seminarians. Doors open at 4:45 p.m. and the evening ends at 8:30 p.m. Attendees should register at <https://catholicaoc.org/vocation-night>.

**CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS & AUXILIARY** — Membership is open to all honorably discharged Catholic veterans and their families (Active, Reserve, National Guard). Wartime service is not required - just 90 days of active-duty service. We advocate for and support all veterans, regardless of faith, through our programs of Catholic Action, Americanism, Youth Activities, and Veteran Welfare. We are proud of our service, and we love our faith! We would like you to join us and continue serving "For God, For Country, For Home." Ohio has 17 Posts, and we are looking to grow our service to veterans, our Church, and our communities in your parish / area. Contact us for more information: Department of Ohio, CWV: 614-221-7601 or [ohiocwv@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ohiocwv@sbcglobal.net)

## **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.





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## Call for Prayer

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## Contributions

September 22 - 28, 2025

### Mary Help of Christians

Offertory.....\$7,501.00

Youth Group.....\$ 50.00

Allocated Loose.....\$1,088.46

### St. Joseph

Offertory.....\$ 865.00

Allocated Loose.....\$ 227.30

### St. Peter

Offertory.....\$2,280.00

Maintenance.....\$ 50.00

Youth Group.....\$ 100.00

Allocated Loose.....\$ 367.75

### St. Paul

Offertory.....\$2,716.00

Youth Group.....\$ 225.00

Allocated Loose.....\$ 463.84

### Holy Trinity

Offertory.....\$6,621.00

Loose.....\$3,046.03

Total.....\$9,667.03

Perm. Improvement.....\$ 317.00

Youth Ministry.....\$ 330.00

Food Pantry.....\$2,025.00

### St. Anthony

Offertory.....\$ 561.00

Loose.....\$ 420.00

Total.....\$ 981.00

Perm. Improvement.....\$ 120.00

Fuel.....\$1,250.00

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Offertory.....\$ 440.00

Loose.....\$ 254.00

Total.....\$ 694.00

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