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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, November 9, 2025
Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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, November 10 <i>Saint Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church; Memorial</i>	Bernard Schmitz †	FBS	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	After Mass
	L/D Elmer & MaryLou Klenke Family †	FJP	6:45 pm	St. Peter	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Tuesday, November 11 <i>Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop; Memorial</i>	Craig Spoltman †	FBS	7:15 am	St. Mary	After Mass
	L/D Jerry & Irene Timmerman Family †	FJP	6:45 pm	St. Joseph	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Wednesday, November 12 <i>Saint Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr; Memorial</i>	Steve Grieshop †	FJP	7:15 am (L/S)	MHC	After Mass
	Charlyn Stammen †	FBS	Noon (L/S)	Holy Trinity	11:30 am - end
Thursday, November 13 <i>Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini; Memorial</i>	L/D Brunswick & Balster Families †	FJP	7:15 am	St. Paul	After Mass
	L/D Lillian Gaerke Homan Families †	FBS	6:45 pm	St. Anthony	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Friday, November 14 <i>Weekday</i>	Ralph and Esther Severt †	FJP	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	After Mass
	L/D Joseph † & Mary Keller Family	FBS	Noon (L/S)	MHC	11:30 am - end
Saturday, November 15 <i>Saint Albert the Great, Bishop, Doctor of the Church; BVM on Saturday; opt. mem.</i>	Bob & Bernie Muhlenkamp †	FJP	9:00 am	St. Joseph	After Mass
	Bills / Will Wedding	FRM	1:00 pm	Holy Trinity	N/A
	Schoen / Acheson Wedding	FEM	1:30 pm	St. Joseph	N/A
	Terry Muhlenkamp †	FAW	4:00 pm	St. Anthony	3:15 - 3:45 pm
	Herbert & Dorothy Timmerman †	FBS	4:30 pm	Holy Trinity	3:45 - 4:15 pm
	Jerome Schoenlein †	FEM	4:30 pm (L/S)	MHC	3:45 pm - end
Sunday, November 16 <i>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Liam Jerome Pottkotter †	FEM	7:00 am	St. Joseph	N/A
	Bob & Lucille Heinrichs †	FAW	8:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	7:25 am - end
	Jerry & Lucille Laux †	FJP	9:00 am (L/S)	MHC	8:25 am - end
	L/D Julian Koesters & Joe Steinlage Families †	FBS	10:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	9:25 am - end
	Doris Muhlenkamp †	FJP	11:00 am	St. Paul	10:25 - 10:45 am
	Sally Siegrist †	FEM/DDK	11:00 am	St. Peter	10:25 - 10:45 am
	Members of Holy Cross Family of Parishes	FAW	Noon	St. Mary	11:25 - 11:45 am
	L/D Heuing & Jutte Families †	FBS	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
(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-qq4zm, 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); Fr. Robert Muhlenkamp (FRM);
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, November 12, 7:15 am

Server: Chase Fiely

Lector: Elly Boeckman

Friday, November 14, 12:00 pm

Server: Levi Sutter

Lector: Diane Siegrist

Saturday, November 15, 4:30 pm

Servers: Jameson Heitkamp, Riley Heitkamp, Zavier Bruns

Lector: Diane Siegrist

EMHC: Nancy Wuebker, Lisa Zehringer

Sacristan: Maggie Hartings

Ushers: Floyd Bergman, Don Lennartz, Joe Siegrist, Randy Wuebker

Sunday, November 16, 9:00 am

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

Lector: Elly Boeckman

EMHC: Elly Boeckman, Jodi Wendel

Sacristan: Steve & Amy Schmitz

Ushers: Jeff Wendel, Paul Alig, Roger Broerman, Kevin Fortkamp

– St. Joseph –

Tuesday, November 11, 6:45 pm

Servers: Tyler Dues, Levi Sutter

Lector: Ryan Sutter

Sacristan: Shel Sutter

Saturday, November 15, 9:00 am

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby

Lector: Paige Schulze

Sunday, November 16, 7:00 am

Servers: Haley Easton, Blaise Bergman, Tanner Grube, Hudson Pottkotter

Lector: Paige Schulze

EMHC: Paige Schulze

Sacristan: Paige Schulze

Ushers: Dave Lennartz, Steve Post

– St. Paul –

Thursday, November 13, 7:15 am

Server: Russell Hart

Sunday, November 16, 11:00 am

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

Lector: Lindsey Reinhard

EMHC: Lindsey Reinhard, Andrew Dirksen

Ushers: Jeff Meier, Doug Weigel

Rosary: Ken & Lil Knapke

– St. Peter –

Monday, November 10, 6:45 pm

Server: Coby Schmitz

Lector: Marilyn Pottkotter

Sunday, November 16, 11:00 am

Servers: Isaac Roessner, Alex Roessner, Charlie Roessner, Theresa Hipple, James Pottkotter, Francis Pottkotter

Lector: Mindy Bettinger

EMHC: Deacon Dan Kahlig

Sacristan: Donna Brunswick

Ushers: Kegan Timmerman, Blayne Tobe

– Holy Trinity –

Monday, November 10, 7:15 am

Servers: Myra Stammen, John Evers, Lincoln Homan

Lector: Rene Klosterman

Wednesday, November 12, 12:00 pm

Servers: Samuel Gerlach, Oliver Link, Jude Link

Lector: Rene Klosterman

Friday, November 14, 7:15 am

Servers: Carter Heitkamp, Owen Heitkamp, Gavin Heitkamp

Lector: Rita Riethman

Saturday, November 15, 4:30 pm

Servers: Lucas Broering, Henry Broering, Claire Bertke

Lector: Gary Lefeld

EMHC: Dave Bertke, Tim Berkenstock, Michelle Wilker

Sunday, November 16, 8:00 am

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

Lector: Rita Riethman

EMHC: Denny Riethman, Gary Diller

Sunday, November 16, 10:00 am

Servers: Max Ross, Grace Siegrist, Kennley Siegrist, Mya Siegrist

Lector: Connie May

EMHC: Karen Stammen, Brooke Stammen, Abbie Homan

Sunday, November 16, 6:00 pm

Servers: Levi Sutter, Leo Huelskamp

Lector: Ryan Sutter

EMHC: Pam Hicks, Amy Klingshirn

– St. Anthony –

Thursday, November 13, 6:45 pm

Servers: Volunteer Needed

Lector: Marty Knapke

Sacristan: Janet Brockman

Saturday, November 15, 4:00 pm

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

Lector: Marty Knapke

EMHC: Janie Timmerman

Sacristan: Janet Brockman

Ushers: Corey Sudhoff, Mitch Sudhoff

Rosary: Julie Brackman

– St. Mary –

Tuesday, November 11, 7:15 am

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby

Lector: Viki Dues

Sunday, November 16, 12:00 pm

Servers: Benjamin Liette, Jay Liette, Lana Kaiser, Kali Uhlenhake

Lector: Adam Liette

EMHC: Amy Welling

Ushers: Dustin Uhlenhake, Alex Uhlenhake



Message from the Priests

I Know You Know People 🙄

I gotta say, I love Mercer County 😍. There are LOTS of reasons why...just to name a few toward the top: the farms 🐄🐓🐷🌽🌽🌽, the families 👨👩👧👦, the football 🏈, and the faith 🙏. Certainly we are very blessed to be living here where we are. When it comes to the faith, it is AMAZING just how Catholic 🏛️ we are. I REALLY LOVE THAT ❤️😍😍😍❤️!! Praise God 🙌 for this true gift 📺.

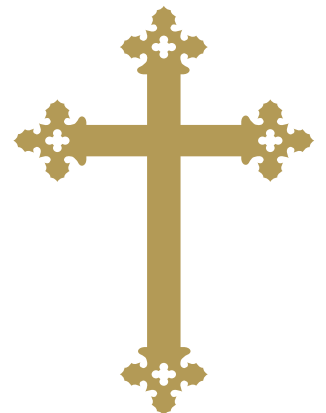
Yet, I know there are, I believe, many people who YOU KNOW 🙄 who for one reason or another no longer attend our church 🏛️. I think 🤔 a lot about these people, and my heart ❤️ longs to meet them, to talk 🗣️ with them, to listen 👂 to them, and just know them in a personal way. It is with this desire that I am employing your help 🙌 because I know YOU KNOW 🙄 these people, and I am asking you to connect 📞 me with them. My hope is to sit down with them over coffee ☕, maybe at Rooster Joes 🐓 or Grounded Cafe 💕, and simply have a conversation. I imagine I will be mostly listening 👂, but this will be a space and time to allow them to be free to just share whatever they might want to share without any sort of judgment. There is no hidden agenda here, just a priest guy who wants to smell like his sheep 🐑 which is better than what I smell like usually 🙄🤔.

I will say, I did hear a story 📖 recently about a family who had drifted out of the Catholic Church and were attending another church. They were going there for a few years when through conversation with Catholic friends and some reading and study 📚, there was a rediscovery of the truth 💡 and power ⚡ of the ⚡ EUCHARIST ⚡ that we actually receive the person of Jesus Christ 🙏 at every single Mass. Truly getting that blew her mind 🤯🤯🤯, and as a result they came home 🏠 to the Catholic Church.

There is nothing like that feeling of being home 🏠, being able to get comfy, to kick your shoes off 👟, and be free to just relax, ultimately to BELONG. I am grateful for YOU ALL and that you belong to our 7 Churches, and I hope in this effort of reaching out, maybe 🙌, just maybe 🙌, more people will come home 😊.

Please contact me with "your people" and how I might be able to connect with them. I would be very happy to chat with you about them and how you might advise me to proceed and pursue them. My email is frethan.holycrossfop@gmail.com or my office number is 419-375-4153 ext. 206

- Fr. Ethan



Sacramental Information

Wedding Banns

- III Shane Bills & Katelyn Will
- III Owen Schoen & Rachel Acheson
- II Cobe Wendel & Ashlyn Deeter
- II Rose Vagedes & Matthew Osterholt
- I Logan Hartnagel & Taylor Stachler

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!

Kraig & Danielle (Welsch) Schoenherr
Married Saturday, October 25, 2025
(Holy Trinity)

Derek & Jackie (Homan) Huntsman
Married Saturday, October 25, 2025
(St. Paul)

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



Newly Baptized

St. Anthony
Violet Lou Alig
Child of Riley and Valerie

Lettie Josephine Nietfeld
Child of Ethan and Leah

In Loving Memory...

Nancy Moneysmith
October 11, 1936 - October 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

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

Join us for...
Family Eucharistic Adoration

6:30 - 7:30 pm / Nov. 20, 2025 @ St. Joseph

Cookie decorating will be after Adoration

Please gift the cookies to someone you are thankful for.

Holy Cross Family of Parishes

NON-PROFITS & PARISH EVENTS — All flyers or promotional materials for non-profit organizations or parish events must be approved by the Director of Communications per the direction of the pastor before distribution in any of our churches, and after approval all materials will be distributed by Holy Cross Family staff members. Contact: (419) 678-4802 or bulletin.holycrossfop@gmail.com.

REMINDER TO ALL BUSINESSES AND PARISHIONERS — We have a No Soliciting Policy on all of our church grounds. This includes all church properties within our entire Family of Parishes. You may not distribute any forms of advertising on any church premises. For business wanting to advertise in our bulletin, you may contact Sherry Montell with Diocesan @ smontell@diocesan.com or 614-301-7444.

HOLY CROSS FAMILY LOGO — We love how enthusiastic our parishioners are about supporting our parishes, but we kindly ask that if you would like to use the Holy Cross logo, to please contact the Parish Office for assistance instead of using our logo at your own discretion. This pertains to advertising as well as products featuring our logo. Thank You!

AMS COLLECTION — This week our parish will take a collection to benefit the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS). The AMS is the Archdiocese for the Military Services, not of the Military Services. This is an important distinction, because the AMS receives no funding from the U.S. Government or U.S. Military and has no parishes from which to receive a weekly assessment. Instead, it must rely on the generosity of those whose values and priorities align with its mission, programs and services, to meet its costs. Please prayerfully consider a contribution to this special collection to support active-duty military men and women, and their families – including those from our own parish. Please give generously.

EMHC TRAINING/REFRESHER — Sessions will be held on Tuesday, December 2 at 7 pm in Holy Trinity's Grotto and Thursday, December 4 at 7 pm in MHC's Undercroft. Contact either parish office to let them know if you will be attending.

REMINDER — This week we will be operating with only two to three priests. Please pray for Fr. Witt and for Fr. Moore as they are both away part of this week. 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!

Advent Series with Fr. Witt

Nov. 30th - Why we need Mary

Dec. 7th - Mary, Mother of God
Immaculate Conception

Dec. 14th - Perpetual Virginity

Dec. 21st - Assumption of Mary



Fr. Yauss Center after the Holy Trinity 10 am Mass
&
Mary Help of Christians Library at 7 pm

Poinsettia Donation

"In Memory of a Loved One"

A poinsettia may be donated in memory of a loved one at your parish by filling out this form. Please enclose your donation in an envelope marked "Poinsettia" and drop it in a collection basket at any of our parishes or at either Holy Cross Family Office. Each poinsettia costs the parishes \$25 - \$35. A donation amount to cover the cost of a poinsettia is recommended, but any donation amount will be accepted.

Your name:

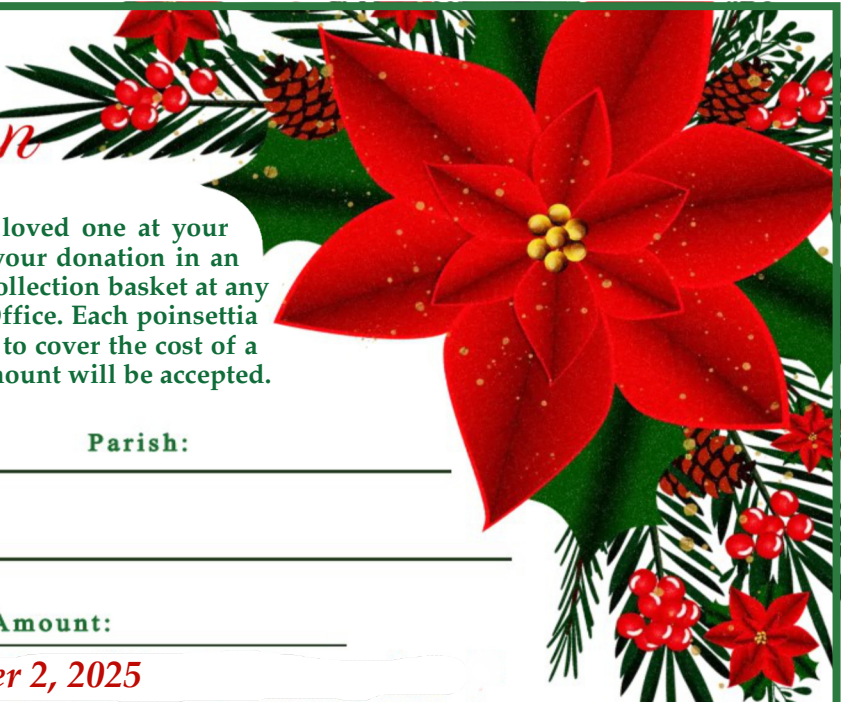
Parish:

Loved One's Name:

Phone Number:

Amount:

Forms are due by Tuesday, December 2, 2025



ORGANIST NEEDED — Our cluster is looking for an organist to assist with music ministry at weekend Masses once or twice a month. If you or someone you know has experience playing the organ or piano (willing to train on the organ) and would like to serve the church through music, please contact the Fort Recovery office at 419-375-4153.

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 Mar. 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. All meals will be provided! Only 25 spots will be available. Registration opens Jan. 3rd!

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 Feb. 7 - 8, 2026 at Holy Trinity. Cost is free. Registration opens Jan. 3rd, 2026.

FAITH FUELED FRIDAY PRESENTS:
Damascus Worship
COME ENJOY A NIGHT OF MUSIC FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY AS WE PREPARE FOR CHRIST'S COMING!
ALL AGES WELCOME!
FRIDAY DECEMBER 5, 2025
MUSIC AT 7PM
*Vendors/Shopping: Before and after starting at 6 pm for all your faith-filled Christmas gifts
*Divine Little Ones Preschool Advent Craft station for the kids
FORT RECOVERY E/MS AUDITERIA

Parish App Feature-of-the-Week



- Access to online giving
- Quick and convenient
- Help support our parish with the tap of a button

Giving

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.

ONLINE STORE UPDATE — Select youth sized items have been added to our online store. For questions contact either Holy Cross Family Parish Office. Products can be purchased at <https://designsemb.com/holy-cross/shop/home> or use the QR Code provided. *Thank you for your continued support!*



WOMEN'S SOCIAL GROUP — Meetings are the first & third 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.

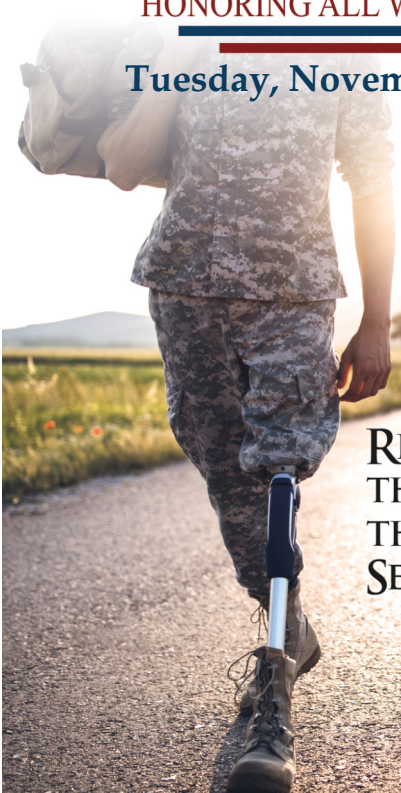
SERVANTS OF CHRIST — This is a Holy Cross Family of Parishes mens group that meets every first and third Friday of every month at 4:30 am in the Grotto. Men of all ages are welcome to attend any or all meetings. Contact David Bettinger @ 419-852-2582 with any questions.

WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY UPDATE — Meetings will be held every 2nd Monday of the month at 7:30 pm. The next meeting will be held at St. Peter Hall. The book "Home" will continue to be discussed. Have week 6 read for the next meeting.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY UPDATE — Meetings will be held at 1184 Philothea Rd, Ft. Recovery, Ohio, from 7:30 - 8:30 pm on the 2nd Thursday of the month during November & December.

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

VETERANS DAY
HONORING ALL WHO SERVED
Tuesday, November 11, 2025



REMEMBER THEM FOR THEIR SERVICE.

EMBRACE THEM FOR THEIR SACRIFICE.

A MARIAN SHRINES CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE TOUR TO PORTUGAL, SPAIN & FRANCE

*Including Lisbon, Fatima, Santiago de Compostela, Avila, Madrid,
Zaragoza, Lourdes, Montserrat & Barcelona.*

***Under the spiritual direction of
Fr. Alexander Witt***

September 14 – 24, 2026 – tentative dates

**Final tour details and tour brochures will be
available on or about November 15th.**

*Price will include round-trip flights from Columbus, OH,
first-class hotels, breakfast and dinner daily, tour manager,
local guides, deluxe air-conditioned motor coach, all
sightseeing with admission/entrance fees. Also included are
all taxes, fuel surcharges and gratuities for all personnel
during the tour.*

Mass Celebrated Daily



Fatima



Zaragoza



Lourdes

SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 9

REGISTRATION OPENS!



HEARTS ON FIRE

CAMPING WITH CHRIST

Join us Memorial Day Weekend, **May 22-24, 2026**, for a faith-filled summer retreat as we explore the Fruits of the Holy Spirit and celebrate Pentecost together!



SPACE IS LIMITED!
REGISTER HERE!
 OPENS UP AT 12:00PM
MUST REGISTER TO ATTEND

4171 Burrville Rd Coldwater, Ohio
 Hearts on Fire: Camping with Christ



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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
 VIDEO

The Rescue Project registration is now available on our website at <https://www.holycrossfop.org/events-activities>. There is no cost. Pre-registration allows us to plan for food.



Parish Information



St. Anthony

GATHERING FOR FELLOWSHIP

— Every 2nd Thursday of the month, at 8:00 am, you are invited to join St. Anthony parishioners for 30 minutes of prayer in the church. Then join at the Pub for coffee and some good conversation. Everyone is invited! You are welcome to join in at the church and pub or either of the two. If you have any questions or opinions please call (419) 852-8741. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

ST. ANTHONY LADIES SODALITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

— The St. Anthony Ladies Sodality will hold their annual Christmas Party on Monday, December 1, 2025, at 6:00 pm at Pub 49. The cost is \$10 per person. Please sign up in the back of church by November 16th. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend. Join us as we celebrate the Christmas season in fellowship and joy.

MEN'S SODALITY MEETING

— There will be a meeting of the St. Anthony Men's Sodality on Monday Nov. 10th at 7:30 pm in the parish hall. All men of the parish are welcome. We hope to see you there!



FALL BINGO Night

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

6:30-7:30 PM
ST ANTHONY SCHOOL GYM

All are invited: parents, grandparents, family members, parishioners

- Go to **FORMED.org**
- Click "sign up as a parishioner", find our parish, & enter zip code: 45828.
- Make an account by entering your name and email, then you are good to go!

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Holy Trinity

D O N U T SUNDAY —

Please join us for a Donut and Fruit Sunday on November 9th, after the 8 am and 10 am Masses (in the basement). All are welcome to enjoy a sweet treat, fellowship, and a fun kids' game!

HOLY TRINITY CHOIR — Join our choirs: Mixed Choir - Thursdays from 7-8:15 pm for 10 am Sunday Mass; Cantors - Saturday Mass at 4:30 pm and Sunday Mass at 8:00 am; Children's Choir - Wednesdays from 4:30 - 5:15 pm (starts Oct. 29th); and Resurrection Choir - Gather at 9:45 am day of funeral (funerals typically start at 10:30 am). Questions contact: Ron Johnson at rjohnson.holycrossfop@gmail.com.



Mary Help of Christians

P A R I S H COUNCIL —

Senior members Tim Hart and Hannah Bihn are nearing the end of their 3 year term of service to the Mary Help of Christians parish council. If there is any interest in participating in parish council, or nominating someone for parish council, please submit your nomination to the parish office or contact Hannah or Tim at the numbers listed in the back of the bulletin. Thank you.

HELP NEEDED — We are looking for someone to launder the altar cloths at Mary Help of Christians. If interested, please call the Fort Recovery Office at (419) 375-4153.

FUNERAL DESSERT COMMITTEE — We want to thank all the ladies for donating desserts. If anyone would like to join the group, please contact Mary Granger: (419) 375-4342, or Mary Barman: (419) 852-1817.

SEWING GROUP — The sewing group will meet November 10th in Mary Help of Christians Undercroft at 9 am. If there is a funeral on Monday we will not meet until December. If you are interested in joining our group you may stop in on Monday to just see what we sew. The group would like to thank everyone who donated to them this past year. It is really appreciated.

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St. Paul

S A C R I S T Y C H A I R S AVAILABLE —

The four chairs in the sacristy have been replaced for safety. If anyone has interest or attachment to the four wicker topped chairs (damaged) that were donated many years ago please reach out to the parish office or St. Paul Parish Council by November 15, 2025. It is noted on the bottom of a chair that there was a Stammen who recaned them in the past.



St. Mary

O F F E R T O R Y 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.

LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED — The Ladies Sodality will have a locked box in the back of church for monetary donations from November 9th - 30th. Please consider donating to help make the Christmas season brighter for these families.

**JOIN US FOR A FESTIVE EVENING
OF FUN AND FELLOWSHIP**

**ST. MARY LADIES SODALITY
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

December 1, 2025
Cocktails 6:30 PM & Dinner 7 PM
Philothea School Hall

**SIGN UP IN THE BACK OF CHURCH
NOVEMBER 1 - 23**

LET'S CELEBRATE THE JOY OF THE SEASON TOGETHER



St. Joseph

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CLEANING — (November) **Jenni Jones, Nicole Pottkotter, Carrie Lamm, Lindsey Lamm, Amy Steinbrunner, Sara Leuthold



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Religious Education

Coldwater Religious Ed.

Contact: Sarah Klosterman

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ATTENTION:

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE COMPETITION — The Fort Recovery and Coldwater CCD programs will be competing in a food drive for our Holy Cross Food Pantries until Wednesday, November 19th. All non-perishable and personal care items are appreciated! Any donations not needed by one of the Holy Cross food pantries will be donated to Rustic Hope. Contact your CRE with any questions!

NO CLASS — November 26th, Thanksgiving Break

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD — We are in need of parent volunteers to help bring children to and from church during Mass, assist with activities, and ensure all children are safely returned to their parents. To meet Safe Environment guidelines, we must have one adult for every ten children; if we are unable to meet this ratio, we may have to discontinue the program. We would very much like to avoid this, so if you can help even once a month, please sign up using the QR code or contact Sarah Klosterman. Your help makes a big difference!



BUILDING MONITORS NEEDED — We are in need of 4-5 building monitors at each of our parishes. You will be assigned to a specific week of the month and will help ensure the safety of our students, especially at drop off and pick up. Please reach out to Sarah Klosterman if interested!

SUBSTITUTES NEEDED — Substitutes are also needed to help ensure things run smoothly on Wednesday nights. If you are interested you would be given a lesson to cover on the nights you sub and can specify which parish and age range you would prefer before you would be added to the contact list. Please reach out to Sarah Klosterman if interested!

HOLY TRINITY CONFESSIONS — Nov. 12th & 19th

NO CLASS — Nov. 26th - Thanksgiving

ST. MARY & ST. ANTHONY CONFESSIONS — Dec. 3rd

Saint of the Week - Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini

Burly longshoremen glared at the woman in widow's dress who interrupted their drinking to beg money, in broken English, for her orphanage. The bar exploded in laughter as one man responded by spitting in her face. "That was for me," the woman smiled. "Do you have anything for the children?" Given today's national debate, could it be as much God's sense of humor as God's will for our sanctification that our first "American" saint should be an immigrant and naturalized citizen? Frances Cabrini, adopting the name "Xavier," confided to Pope Leo XIII her longing to follow her Jesuit patron to Asia. But the Pope replied, "Not East—West!" So she and her Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart exchanged exotic dreams of China for the impoverished reality of Italian ghettos across the United States and Central and South America. Before her death, Frances had founded seventy educational, health care, child, and family service institutions. Today, from Siberia to Ethiopia, in sixteen countries, Mother Cabrini's sisters and lay associates embody her practical spirituality: "Let's get to work! We'll have eternity to rest!" —Peter Scagnelli



Feast Day:
November 13th

- Information obtained from diocesan.com

Fort Recovery Religious Ed.

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PRAYER PARTNERS — All are welcome to choose a Confirmation candidate and become their Prayer Partner. Cards are in the back of MHC to take home with you. Pray for them often as they go through their Confirmation preparation. You are welcome to send them things such as a birthday card or small gift, but that is not required!

SUNDAY SCHOOL — Classes are held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED, NOW AS THEY BEGIN THEIR OWN JOURNEY OF FAITH



Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent.

Look kindly on all of our Newly Confirmed who have proclaimed their Catholic Faith. May they listen to Your voice. Open their hearts to Your Spirit and continue to bring fulfillment to the good work that You have begun in them.

As they have been Confirmed, make each of them an instrument of Your love. Teach them to appreciate what is holy in others and to be patient with what is not understood. Deepen their faith in the Gospel and may they pass it on by their example. We pray that You will continue to guide them and sustain them.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.



Youth Ministry

Coldwater Youth Group

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10 — 11:18 - 11:45 am | High School Men's & Ladies Lunch @ The Fr. Yauss Basement (grades 9th - 12th)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 — 7 - 8 am | Christ & Coffee @ Rooster Joe (grades 7th - 12th)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 — 7 - 9 pm | Open House - Socks & Underwear Bundling + Pizza Party! @ The Fr. Yauss Basement | All students are welcome to join us for a fun evening of pizza and community service as we bundle the generous donations from our 2025 Socks & Underwear Drive! **Come before or after your religion class** (this event does not replace religion class)— stay as long as you can. Every pair counts, and many hands make light work! (Pizza & drinks provided for all helpers!)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16 — 7:15 - 8:45 pm | Awaken Night @ Fr. Yauss Basement (Ages 12+) "Awaken Gratitude: Finding God in All Things"

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17 — 11:18 - 11:45 am | High School Men's & Ladies Lunch @ The Fr. Yauss Basement (grades 9th - 12th)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17 — 3:15 - 4:30 pm | Totus Tuus Crafters! @ The Fr. Yauss Basement (ages 12+)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20 — 3:15 - 4:30 pm | Children's Adoration & Storytime @ Holy Trinity (grades K - 6th)

Fort Fiat Youth Group

Contact: Natalie Ashbaugh
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

LADIES YOUTH GROUP — Tuesdays 7:15-8 am at MHC Youth Group Room (9th - 12th grade)

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

BREAKFAST CLUB — Next Breakfast Club is November 21st 7:15 am @ MHC (6th - 12th)

Socks & Underwear Drive

Coldwater Youth Ministry is teaming up with Our Home Family Resource Center to collect Socks & Underwear for children in need this upcoming Christmas Season!

Please consider joining our parishes' youth in donating! Boys and Girls sizes 4 through adult small are needed! Collection boxes are located at the entrances of the Coldwater parishes or you may drop donations off at the parish office.

**PLEASE TURN IN ALL DONATIONS BY
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH**

Thank you in advance for your generosity!



SOCKS & UNDERWEAR BUNDLING +

PIZZA PARTY

OPEN HOUSE

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NOVEMBER 12TH | 7 - 9 PM

@ The Fr. Yauss Basement
All students are welcome to help!
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(Note: this event does not replace religion class)
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Coldwater Youth Ministry
ENCOUNTERING THE PRESENCE



M Worthy

July 10-12, 2026

Registration Form and Archdiocese Medical Release Form must be turned in along with a \$50 non-refundable deposit by the deadline to reserve your spot. Forms can be found online on our website or by scanning the QR code below. Please print them and turn in to Maria or Natalie at any youth group event or by dropping them off at either parish office. Questions? Contact Maria Gruss at mgruss.holycrossfop@gmail.com.

**Registration Deadline:
December 1, 2025**

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Community Interests

DAY OF PRAYER AND HEALING AFTER ABORTION — Have you or someone you know suffered from the loss of a child to abortion? We invite any woman who has experienced this loss to join us for a one-day retreat in the Cincinnati area on Saturday, November 15th. This event offers women a safe and confidential space to share their experience, reflect on their past, and offer their future to Christ who makes all things new. A trained priest, counselor, and post abortive volunteer will be present to accompany participants along the journey of healing. Exact location and event details will be shared after completing the registration process. You can register for this retreat by emailing ProjectRachel@catholicaoc.org, calling (513) 784-0531, or by going to ProjectRachelOhio.org. All communications are kept in strict confidentiality.

MEN'S STAG FISH FRY — The 72nd Annual Men's Stag Fish Fry will be held Friday, November 21st at Holy Trinity Catholic Church (East State Road 67 Bryant, Indiana). Doors open at 5 pm. There will be 20 hams raffled off as well as a 50/50 drawing. Welcome to call/text Jeff Knapschaefer (St. Joseph's Society President) at (765) 444-2619 with any questions. Hope to see you there!

ANNUAL CHILI SUPPER — St Teresa's Women's Group is holding their annual chili supper on Friday, Nov. 14, from 4:00-7:00 at the Rockford Community Building (420 N. Holly Lane, Rockford). Serving a variety of soups, sandwiches, and desserts, all are invited for fellowship and food. Dine in or Drive thru at this free will donation social event with all profits to support local charities. St Teresa CCD students will also have a cash raffle at the event, with all proceeds from the event going to their Religious Education Program.

GIVING THANKS — A free community Thanksgiving Day meal, will be held at Coldwater American Legion on Thurs., Nov. 27th, serving from 11 am - 1:30 pm. Dine-in or carry-outs are available. There is no charge, but donations are accepted to defray the cost of the meal. Canned goods, dry goods, and monetary donations will also be accepted for the Holy Trinity Food Pantry. Delivery for home bound will also be available. Call Marilyn Kahlig, 419-852-0428. Anyone willing to make desserts for Giving Thanks or anyone willing to volunteer at Giving Thanks, please call Marilyn Kahlig, 419-852-0428.

HEALING MASSES — The last Healing Mass for 2025 will be on Nov. 11th. The Healing Mass will be held at the Montezuma Retreat Center Chapel at 7 pm.

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.

Stewardship

Did You Know?

Qualified Charitable Distributions

- If you are over age 70 ½ and required by the IRS to take annual distributions from your IRA account, you have the option to make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA account directly to the church.

- QCD's will satisfy your annual distribution requirement and will not be included in your taxable income for the year. This could be a great way to save taxes and financially support the church. For more details on Qualified Charitable Distributions from your IRA account, please contact your tax advisor.



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October 20 - 26, 2025

Mary Help of Christians

Offertory.....	\$3,950.00
Respect Life.....	\$ 25.00
Youth Group.....	\$ 30.00
Mission Sunday.....	\$ 35.00
Food Pantry.....	\$ 502.50
Allocated Loose.....	\$1,183.15

St. Joseph

Offertory.....	\$1,846.00
All Saints.....	\$ 5.00
Maintenance.....	\$ 100.00
Mission Sunday.....	\$ 160.00
Allocated Loose.....	\$ 504.19

St. Peter

Offertory.....	\$1,930.00
World Mission.....	\$ 90.00
Allocated Loose.....	\$ 399.74

St. Paul

Offertory.....	\$ 810.00
Allocated Loose.....	\$ 247.07

Holy Trinity

Offertory.....	\$5,073.00
Loose.....	\$3,178.15
Total.....	\$8,251.15
Perm. Improvement.....	\$2,035.00
Food Pantry.....	\$ 865.00
Candles.....	\$ 196.00
Youth Ministry.....	\$ 5.00
Respect Life.....	\$ 405.00
Mission Sunday.....	\$ 125.00
Cemetery.....	\$ 50.00

St. Anthony

Offertory.....	\$ 771.00
Loose.....	\$ 356.00
Total.....	\$1,127.00
Perm. Improvement.....	\$ 200.00
Respect Life.....	\$ 80.00
Mission Sunday.....	\$ 45.00

St. Mary

Offertory.....	\$ 759.00
Loose.....	\$ 499.76
Total.....	\$1,258.76
Perm. Improvement.....	\$ 215.00
Candles.....	\$ 107.25
Respect Life.....	\$ 10.00

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