

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



St. Anthony



St. Joseph



St. Mary



St. Paul



St. Peter

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Website:
www.holycrossfop.org



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Sunday, January 11, 2026
The Baptism of the Lord

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, January 12 Weekday	Frank & Mary Dillhoff †	FEM	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	After Mass
	Jeff Dirksen †	FAW	6:45 pm	St. Peter	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Tuesday, January 13 Saint Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church; opt. mem.	Dennis J. Diller †	FEM	7:15 am	St. Mary	After Mass
	Barbara Bergman †	FJP	6:45 pm	St. Joseph	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Wednesday, January 14 Weekday	L/D Urban & Bernice Dirksen Family †	FJP	7:15 am (L/S)	MHC	After Mass
	Dennis Dillhoff †	FEM	Noon (L/S)	Holy Trinity	11:30 am - end
Thursday, January 15 Weekday	Annie Lochtefeld †	FJP	7:15 am	St. Paul	After Mass
	Phyllis Kessen †	FEM	6:45 pm	St. Anthony	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Friday, January 16 Weekday	Rita Noll †	FJP	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	After Mass
	L/D Zeno & Anna Diller Family †	FEM	Noon (L/S)	MHC	11:30 am - end
Saturday, January 17 Saint Anthony, Abbot; Memorial	LD Clarence & Janet Langenkamp Family †	FJP	9:00 am	St. Joseph	After Mass
	Bob Fortkamp †	FJP	4:00 pm	St. Anthony	3:15 - 3:45 pm
	Alfred Rose †	FEM	4:30 pm	Holy Trinity	3:45 - 4:15 pm
	Robert Portz †	FAW	4:30 pm (L/S)	MHC	3:45 pm - end
Sunday, January 18 2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Members of Holy Cross Family of Parishes	FAW/ DRK	7:00 am	St. Joseph	N/A
	L/D Heitkamp & Hartings Families †	FJP	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
	Bud Knapke †	FJP	10:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	9:25 am - end
	Andy Keller †	FEM	11:00 am	St. Paul	10:25 - 10:45 am
	L/D Louis & Ruth Lennartz Family †	FAW	11:00 am	St. Peter	10:25 - 10:45 am
	Joseph and Wilma Barhorst †	FJP/ DDK	Noon	St. Mary	11:25 - 11:45 am
	L/D Jutte & Heuing Family †	FEM	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:

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

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, January 14, 7:15 am

Servers: Charlie Roessner, Chris Timmerman
Lector: Ely Boeckman

Friday, January 16, 12:00 pm

Servers: Blaise Bergman
Lector: Julie Schmitz

Saturday, January 17, 4:30 pm

Servers: Jameson Heitkamp, Riley Heitkamp, Zavier Bruns
Lector: Diane Siegrist

EMHC: Lisa Zehringer, Ruth Beyke

Sacristan: Maggie Hartings

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

Sunday, January 18, 9:00 am

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

Lector: Keeshia Willmann

EMHC: Amy Klingshirn, Robert Metzger

Sacristan: Roger & Cheryl Wenning

Ushers: Joe Grube, Harry Hart, Chuck Keller, Mark Metzger

- St. Joseph -

Tuesday, January 13, 6:45 pm

Servers: Coby Schmitz, Hoyt Schmitz
Lector: Paige Schulze

Sacristan: Paige Schulze

Saturday, January 17, 9:00 am

Servers: Tyler Dues

Lector: Mary Gaerke

Sunday, January 18, 7:00 am

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

Lector: Danielle Pottkotter

EMHC: Danielle Pottkotter

Sacristan: Norma Pottkotter

Ushers: Ed Dues, Gary Pottkotter

- St. Paul -

Thursday, January 15, 7:15 am

Servers: Maddie Weigel

Sunday, January 18, 11:00 am

Servers: Russell Hart, Lauren Hart, Korbin Wuebker, Hayden Wuebker

Lector: Lindsey Reinhard

EMHC: Lindsey Reinhard, Chrissy Hart

Ushers: Matt Hart, Kevin Wuebker

Rosary: Harry & Barb Schoen

- St. Peter -

Monday, January 12, 6:45 pm

Servers: Theo Schmitz

Lector: Kim Schmitz

Sunday, January 18, 11:00 am

Servers: Reed Westgerdes, Will Westgerdes, Carter Fortkamp, Brinley Fortkamp, Addison Fortkamp, Derek Fortkamp

Lector: Jack Gaerke

EMHC: Donna Brunswick

Sacristan: Donna Brunswick

Ushers: Tom Braun, Jim Knapke

- Holy Trinity -

Monday, January 12, 7:15 am

Servers: Myra Stammen, John Evers
Lector: Rene Klosterman

Wednesday, January 14, 12:00 pm

Servers: Samuel Gerlach, Oliver Link, Jude Link

Lector: Raquel Kaiser

Friday, January 16, 7:15 am

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby, Leo Huelskamp

Lector: Rita Riethman

Saturday, January 17, 4:30 pm

Servers: David Dues, Emma Siefring, Claire Bertke

Lector: Gary Lefeld

EMHC: Dave Bertke, Brenda Schwiererman

Sunday, January 18, 8:00 am

Servers: Karsyn Homan, Kratyn Homan, Krew Homan

Lector: Janelle Rollins

EMHC: Mary Lou Wenning, Gary Diller

Sunday, January 18, 10:00 am

Servers: Mason Evers, John Evers, Madelyn Lange, Miles Muhlenkamp, Brandon Wendel

Lector: Rene Klosterman

EMHC: Melissa Bruggeman, Bob Rose, Nick Schmitmeyer

Sunday, January 18, 6:00 pm

Servers: Liam Cowan, Breann Mathewson, Ryan Mathewson

Lector: Dee Fullenkamp

EMHC: Dan Fullenkamp, Pam Hicks

- St. Anthony -

Thursday, January 15, 6:45 pm

Servers: Wesley Geier

Lector: Janet Brockman

Sacristan: Janet Brockman

Saturday, January 17, 4:00 pm

Servers: Nolan Link, Lacey Link, Wesley Geier, Jack Link

Lector: Janet Brockman

EMHC: Rodney Homan

Sacristan: Janet Brockman

Ushers: Jeff Sudhoff, Sam Muhlenkamp

Rosary: Julie Brackman

- St. Mary -

Tuesday, January 13, 7:15 am

Servers: Volunteer Needed

Lector: Stephanie Wendel

Sunday, January 18, 12:00 pm

Servers: Austin Uhlenhake, Matthew Uhlenhake, Garrett Uhlenhake, Cole Uhlenhake

Lector: Amy Welling

EMHC: Deacon Dan Kahlig

Ushers: Kyle J. Uhlenhake, Dave Hartke



Message from the Priests

Lyrics to On Jordan's Bank

On Jordan's Bank 🏛 the Baptist's Cry 😭

Announces 🎤 that the Lord is nigh

Awake 😴 and hearken, for he brings

Glad tidings of the 🎒 King of kings 🎒

Then cleansed 💧 be every heart from sin 😢

Make straight 🏛 the ways of God within,

And let each heart 💕 prepare a home

Where such a mighty guest 🧑 may come 🔑

For thou art our salvation 🙏, Lord,

Our refuge and our great reward 💎

Without your grace we waste 🗑 away

Like flowers 💐 that wither and decay 💀

To heal the sick 🚑 stretch out thy hand 🖐

And bid the fallen 🍁 sinner stand

Shine ☀️ forth and let thy light restore

Earth's 🌎 own true loveliness 💕 once more.

All praise 🙏⠏⠏⠏⠏⠏ eternal Son, to thee

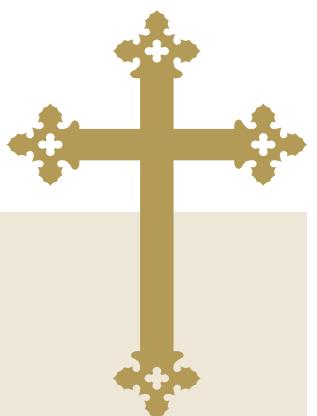
Whose advent won 🏆 thy people free

Whom with the Father we adore 🙏

And 🕊️Holy Spirit, for evermore.



Check out the link to listen to the song! - Fr. Ethan



Sacramental Information

Wedding Banns

I Samuel DuHamel & Amy Stammen

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.

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 April 7, 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 1:30 pm - Holy Trinity	12:30 pm - St. Peter 1:30 pm - St. Mary	12:30 pm - St. Paul 1:30 pm - Holy Trinity	12:30 pm - St. Joseph 1:30 pm - St. Anthony

In Loving Memory...

Dennis J. Diller

April 14, 1930 - December 20, 2025
(Holy Trinity)

Ronald Buschur

November 11, 1941 - December 27, 2025
(St. Mary)

*I am the resurrection and the life,
says the Lord whoever believes in me will never die.
- John 11:26*

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

Volunteers & Donations Needed

FOOD & KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED — We are in need of helpers to serve food during a meal hour to the women attending our Women's Welcome Retreat on February 7-8, 2026. We are also in need of food donations for this retreat. If you are willing to donate a food item or your time, that would be greatly appreciated. Please use the QR code provided to sign up for food donations or helping out with a meal hour. Food items can be dropped off to the Holy Trinity Grotto on Friday, February 6th anytime from 9am - 7pm. Thank you for all of your help! Contact Michelle Weber at (937) 572-7850 with any questions.



PRAYER HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED — We are in need of people to pray each hour for the women attending the Women's Welcome Retreat on February 7-8, 2026. Hours needed are from 8 am on Saturday through 3 pm on Sunday. If you feel called to pray for these women, please consider signing up for a prayer hour which can be done at home or at any church/chapel! Thank you for your support! Please sign up using the QR code! Contact Caley Thien at (419) 852-3826 with any questions.



JOB OPENING — We are looking to fill the CCD Coordinator position for the Coldwater Parishes. This position manages the parish religious education programs for Holy Trinity, St. Anthony and St. Mary parishes. Responsibilities include but are not limited to: Developing/administering religion programs, yearly scheduling, organizing/recruiting teachers and aide volunteers, and communicating with teachers, families and the community at large. If interested in this position, please submit your resume by January 15, 2026 to Charmaine Bettinger @ cbettinger.holycrossfop@gmail.com

PILGRIMAGE REGISTRATION INFO — Fr. Witt will be leading a pilgrimage from Sept. 14 - 24, 2026 to Portugal, Spain, & France. Brochures are now available in our churches. Register early, seating is limited!

REMINDER — We will be operating with only three priests until the end of March. Please pray for Fr. Barry as he will be on sabbatical. 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!

EPIPHANY BUSINESS & HOUSE BLESSINGS — Business and house blessings are being offered now through Saturday, January 31st. The blessing will take less than 10 minutes. (Note: Everyone is welcome to call, but we will give priority to businesses. Families who have not had their homes blessed yet will also be prioritized. We recommend that you have your house blessed no more than once every three years to allow everyone to have an opportunity for a house blessing.) If you would like to have your home blessed by a priest or deacon, please contact the Fort Recovery or Coldwater Family Office to let us know your address and availability. Also, there is family home blessing information and chalk available in the back of each parish for families to do their own house blessing.

RAFFLE TICKETS — The Guatemala mission committee are selling raffle tickets for 2026 to assist the people of La Labor with their educational and health care needs. Each ticket is \$20.00. The weekly winners are paid \$100 based on the Wednesday night Ohio Lottery drawing, and there is an annual winner of \$1000, \$300 & \$200. If you would like to purchase tickets please put money in the collection with your name, address, and phone number and we will get tickets back to you. Thank you for your assistance in aiding the people of La Labor.

ST. ANTHONY BEAUTIFICATION UPDATE — **Mass Relocation:** The Thursday 6:45 pm and Saturday 4 pm Masses will be held at the St. Anthony school from Sat., Jan. 31st through Sat., Mar. 28th while the Sanctuary undergoes painting and new flooring installation. To ensure a safe and beautiful worship space, the church will be closed during this time for painting and scaffolding. **Confession:** Confession will continue to be offered before Mass in the 3rd classroom at the St. Anthony school. **Gratitude & Support:** We appreciate all the support and continue to accept donations! An updated project plan is available at the entrance of the church.

PRIEST ROUNDTABLE — Featuring: Our Holy Cross Family of Parishes Priests! Friday, January 16, 2026 at 7 pm (Social @ 6:30 pm) in the MHC Undercroft. Submit your questions for the priests and RSVP's to Sarah @ (419) 234-3152 or kahligss@gmail.com

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

CHRISTMAS BOOK GIVE AWAY — Left over books are available at all of our churches. Feel free to take them for yourself or for any friend or family member that may like to have a book. Books will be available in select church entrances through out the month of January!

MEN'S WELCOME RETREAT — Registration is open! Holy Cross Family of Parishes MEN (21+ and older), come attend this life changing, community based men's retreat to strengthen your relationship with God and gain a strong men's community. You will not regret it! We highly recommend staying the night if you are able to do so. Located at Holy Trinity Grotto (Coldwater), March 7 - 8, 2026. Check-in begins Sat. Mar. 7th at 8:30 am and Check-out is Sun. Feb. 8th at 3 pm. Cost is FREE! Only 25 spots available. Meals Provided. For any questions contact: Craig Dues (419) 852-7154. Register w/ the above QR code or drop off this portion at the Coldwater Parish office.

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 — 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 8 read for the next meeting.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY — Meetings will be held the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month at 1184 Philothea Rd, Ft. Recovery, Ohio, from 7:30 - 8:30 pm starting again in January.

FT. RECOVERY 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 — 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.



*Family
Eucharistic
Adoration*

6:30 - 7:30 pm
Thursday, January 22, 2025



Held @ St. Joseph
Catholic Church

Join us for Praying for the Unborn!



Catholic Life Every Day

— with the Holy Cross Family of Parishes App —



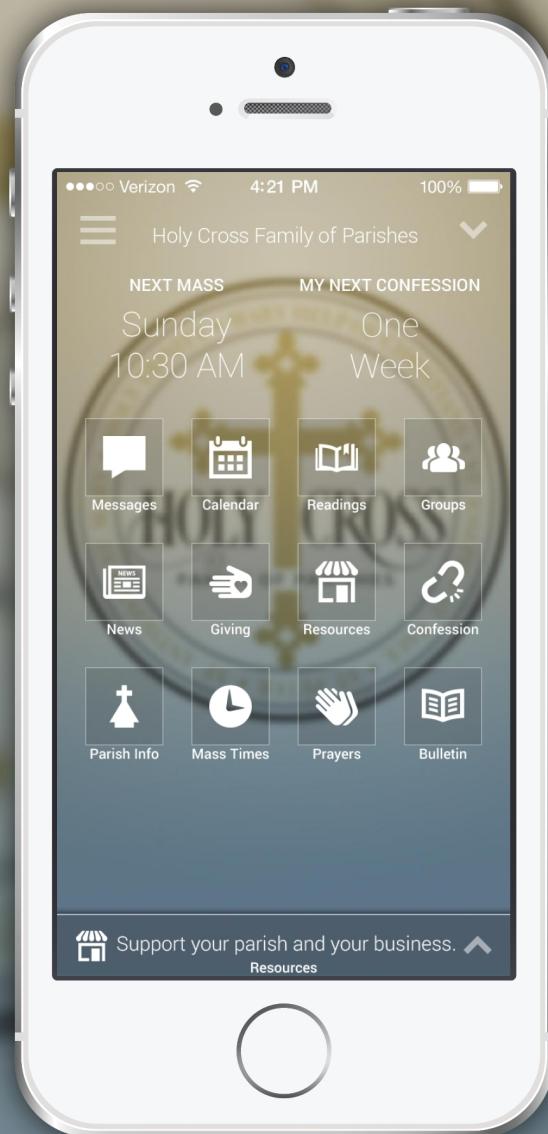
Announcing: MyParish App has been updated and tailored for our Holy Cross Family of Parishes:

- *New and useful tools within the App itself.*
- *Utilized to send out Parish wide updates at various times through the messages feature such as reminders for events, important information, etc.*
- *Starting the end of January, monthly "In Remembrance" messages will be sent asking for prayers for those who have recently passed within our Family of Parishes.*

(If you haven't downloaded the App already, please use the updated QR code below!)

Download our app today!

Available for **Apple** and **Android** devices.



Text **APP** to phone number **55321**, or visit **myparishapp.com** to download



Sign ups are still open for the Rescue Project!

the
RESCUE
project



The Rescue Project presents the message of the gospel in a unique and compelling way, seeking to explore the following questions that many of us have:

- Why is there something rather than nothing?
- Why is everything so messed up?
- What, if anything, has God done about it?
- How will I respond?

Additional Date: Combined Retreat at Holy Trinity on 2/21/2026

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

Call the Coldwater Parish office at (419) 678-4802 and ask for Cindy or email cmuhlenkamp.holycrossfop@gmail.com to sign up!

Parish Information



Holy Trinity

FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER — As mentioned in our recent annual business summary, we are currently budgeting our Parish Permanent Improvement fund (PPI Envelopes and PPI Online giving) to address three major projects within the next 5 years. These include a new roof, new gutters/spouting/downspouts and a complete resurface of the parking lot. Our goal is to set aside \$175,000 each year over the next 4 years (or roughly \$14,500/month). For reference, July PPI was \$4,300, Aug. \$5,100, Sept. \$11,200, Oct. \$26,300, Nov. \$18,009, and Dec. \$20,536 for an average of \$14,240.83. We kindly ask you to keep this in mind as you make your weekly/monthly or special donations. The PPI envelopes are a separate donation from the normal weekly contribution envelopes and online giving. Working together, we can continue to keep Holy Trinity's buildings and grounds well maintained and a special place for worship.

THANK YOU — The family of Alice Schmidt would like to thank Father Barry Stechschulte, Ron Johnson and Resurrection Choir, and Ginny Fortkamp for their service for the Alice Schmidt Funeral. Special thanks to Father Joseph Pasala for coming to pray for Alice. Thanks to ladies of the lunch committee as well as American Legion Auxiliary and St. Gasper del Bufalo Ladies Auxiliary for their prayer services.

THANK YOU — Thank you to the family of Carl & Ruth Bettinger for replacing the landscaping around the Holy Trinity Rectory in memory of Carl.



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!

BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT — We need volunteers Monday, January 26th – Saturday, January 31st to assist with: Removing pews, carpet, and etc. Moving statues, vessels, vestments, and other items. Helping set up the school for Mass during the renovation time period.

UELING PIANOS — St. Anthony Men's Sodality presents Dueling Pianos on Saturday, February 21st. Tickets are available now—grab yours and get your friends and family together for a night of music, laughs and nonstop fun! Doors open at 7 pm, Showtime at 8 pm. Ticket donation of \$30. Event will be held in the St. Anthony School Hall. For tickets contact: Nick Dues (419) 852-0875, Mitch Sudhoff (419) 852-7708 or a Men's Sodality member.

MEN'S SODALITY MEETING — There will be a meeting of the St. Anthony Men's Sodality on Monday, January 19, 2026 at 7:30 pm in the parish hall. All men of the parish are welcome to attend. We hope to see you there!



It is time to kick-off the 2026 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) throughout the archdiocese! More than anyone in the world, the Catholic Church teaches, feeds, and heals. In our local community, this happens through the CMA. If we exceed our parish contribution goal for the 2026 CMA, 50% of money raised above our goal stays right here in our parish. For more information or to donate online, please visit CatholicAOC.org/CMA.



Mary Help of Christians

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.



St. Mary

P A T R I O T I C ROSARY — Please join us for the patriotic rosary every Tuesday at 7:30 pm at St. Mary Church.

MEN'S SODALITY CHRISTMAS PARTY — The Christmas party will be held in the School Hall on January 12th starting at 6:30 pm. Food and drinks will be provided.



St. Joseph

CLEANING — (JANUARY) *Jackie Bruggeman, Christa Fullenkamp, Deb Fullenkamp, Lynn Faller, Holly Brunswick, Chelsea Albers, Lindsey Eilerman



St. Paul

ANNUAL DINNER & MEETING — St. Paul's Men's Society will have their annual dinner and meeting in the parish hall on January 12th at 6:00 pm. All men of the parish are invited to enjoy a free meal and drinks, with socializing and card playing after a short meeting. Please sign up on the sheet at the entrance of the church or call Ken at (419) 375-2588.

BBQ CHICKEN DINNERS — St. Paul's Men's Society BBQ chicken dinners will be available on February 22nd. Carry-out only from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm in the parish hall. Cost is \$10.00 each dinner. Envelopes for ordering can be found in all churches in the Ft. Recovery Cluster or call Ken at (419) 375-2588. Orders need to be in by February 8th.

THANK YOU — We would like to thank Matt and Russell Hart for donating their time and talent to complete the beautiful back lighting of the crucifix.



St. Peter

SNOW REMOVAL C O M M I T T E E S JANUARY 2026 — *Craig Evers, Jacob Gaerke, Tim

Gaerke, Jim Knapke, Rob Gaerke, Paul Fortkamp, Keith Evers, Scott Schmitz, Dan Link, Eric Schmitz, Jerome Muhlenkamp, Cale Dues, Ross Overman, Christopher Dues, Dennis Heitkamp, Dan Schmitz, Grant Muhlenkamp, Nick Rammel, Derek Gaerke, Jim Klenke, Tony Heitkamp, Charlie Grube, Greg Fortkamp, Brandon Rose, Jesse Fortkamp, Austin Kahlig, Cole Dues, Mike Hein, Marcus Gaerke, Brayden Schoen, Chris Rammel. Responsible for church sidewalks. Don't forget that Wednesday evenings is CCD. It is very important to have the snow cleared away as much as possible. THANKS!!!

Religious Education

Coldwater Religious Ed.

Contact: Sarah Klosterman

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

ATTENTION:

CCD CANCELLATION POLICY — If Fort Recovery or Coldwater schools cancel due to weather, all Holy Cross CCD classes are also cancelled. If inclement weather comes in later in the day, parents will be notified via One Call of any class cancellations no later than 4:30 pm on Wednesday evening.

Fort Recovery Religious Ed.

Contact: Harlie Metzger

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

ATTENTION:

2ND GRADE DRAGON SLAYERS RETREAT — Saturday, January 17th at Coldwater High School. Registration begins at 9:00 am, retreat is from 9:30 am - 12:00 pm. All students and at least one parent should attend.

CONFIRMATION PRACTICE — Wednesday, February 11th, 7:30 pm at MHC. Students and sponsors should attend.

NO CLASS — Wednesday, February 18th, due to Ash Wednesday

CONFIRMATION MASS — Sunday, February 22nd, 1:00 pm at MHC

- Go to FORMED.org
- Click "sign up as a parishioner",
find our parish, & enter zip code: 45828.

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THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
ON DEMAND.

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BAPTISM of the LORD

"I, the LORD, have called you for justice, I have grasped you by the hand;
I formed you, and set you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations,
to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement,
and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness."

Isaiah 42:6-7

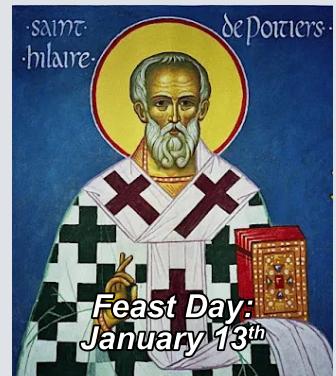
Saint of the Week - Saint Hilary

This staunch defender of the divinity of Christ was a gentle and courteous man, devoted to writing some of the greatest theology on the Trinity, and was like his Master in being labeled a "disturber of the peace." In a very troubled period in the Church, his holiness was lived out in both scholarship and controversy. He was bishop of Poitiers in France.

Raised a pagan, he was converted to Christianity when he met his God of nature in the Scriptures. His wife was still living when he was chosen, against his will, to be the bishop of Poitiers in France. He was soon taken up with battling what became the scourge of the fourth century, Arianism, which denied the divinity of Christ.

The heresy spread rapidly. Saint Jerome said "The world groaned and marveled to find that it was Arian." When Emperor Constantius ordered all the bishops of the West to sign a condemnation of Athanasius, the great defender of the faith in the East, Saint Hilary of Poitiers refused and was banished from France to far off Phrygia. Eventually he was called the "Athanasius of the West."

While writing in exile, he was invited by some semi-Arians (hoping for reconciliation) to a council the emperor called to counteract the Council of Nicea. But Hilary predictably defended the Church, and when he sought public debate with the heretical bishop who had exiled him, the Arians, dreading the meeting and its outcome, pleaded with the emperor to send this troublemaker back home. Saint Hilary of Poitiers was welcomed by his people.



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Youth Ministry

Coldwater Youth Group

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11 — 3:15 - 5:45 pm | Youth Group Christmas Party @ The Grotto

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13 — 7 - 8 am | Christ & Coffee @ Rooster Joe (grades 7th - 12th)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20 — 7 - 8 am | Christ & Coffee @ Rooster Joe (grades 7th - 12th)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22 — 3:15 - 4:30 pm | Children's Adoration & Storytime @ Holy Trinity (grades K - 6th)

Fort Fiat Youth Group

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

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

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

BREAKFAST CLUB — January 16th 7:15 - 8 am @ MHC (grades 6th - 12th)

CHRISTMAS PARTY — January 11th 5:30-8:00 pm @ HT Basement (6th - 12th)

SOUP & STATIONS — Every Friday of Lent starting Feb. 20th 3:30 - 4:30 pm at MHC. Use the QR code below to sign up to bring a soup or have your son serve.



Holy Cross Family Youth Groups

Merry Christmas Party!

January | **11** | 3:15 - 5:45 pm

@ The Grotto

Pizza - Christmas Cookie Decorating
Hot Chocolate Bar - Zero Dollar White Elephant
Christmas Scavenger Hunt - Door Prizes

Soup & Stations

Every Friday of Lent beginning Feb. 20th



3:30-4:30 @ MHC Undercroft

If you or your child are willing to volunteer by making a soup or serving during stations, please sign up using the QR code.



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- **Experiencing**
Amazing Speakers, Worship, Adoration, Confession, and fellowship with hundreds of other Catholics their age.
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Please place your donation in an envelope marked "Fort Fiat Guardian Angel Program" or "Coldwater Youth Ministry Guardian Angel Program" in the collection basket or drop it off at one of the parish offices. Please contact either parish business manager for other donation options.

Please help financially support sending our youth to the 2026 Steubenville Youth Conference



Community Interests

A CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR MARRIED COUPLES — Couples... want to give each other something really special this Christmas? How about a gift filled with Romance and Excitement? That's just the beginning of what you will receive on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend experience is Mar. 13 - 15 at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Cincinnati, OH. The weekend experience is for those who wish to enrich their marriage and return to that newlywed feeling. Apply today at <https://esharing.org/applyWeekend.php> For more questions or more details contact: Andy and Melanie Reinersman at (859) 653-8464, application@esharing.org or visit esharing.org

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.

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.



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.

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.

WANTED — Able body workers needed at St. John Bosco School & Training Center in Jamaica for 7 to 10 days; 8 till 6 work day. Temp. 65-85° around Feb. 8, 2026. Need a passport. Need more info, call Dennis Siefring: 419-852-9063.

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.

COLDWATER K OF C FREE THROW CONTEST — Coldwater K of C Free Throw Contest for boys and girls ages 9 - 14. Sunday, January 18th @ The Palace. Registration opens 3:30 pm. Contest begins at 4:00 pm. Winners will receive a basketball and a Coldwater Chamber of Commerce gift certificate. Contact David Bettinger (419) 852-2582 with any questions.

FT. RECOVERY K OF C FREE THROW CONTEST — Girls and Boys Ages 9-14 are invited to compete in the annual K of C Free Throw Contest sponsored by Fort Recovery's Knights of Columbus Council 3324. The contest will be held Sunday, January 25th at 4:30 pm at the High School Gym. Doors will open at 4:00 pm for registration and practice. The competition usually only takes about 45 minutes. 9, 10 and 11 year olds shoot from 12 ft., older kids from the standard free throw line. Trophies will be given out to all age group winners. The winners will also get to compete in the District Free Throw Contest in early February and could move on to regional, state and national competitions. Sign up forms are available on the day of the competition or you can e-mail glefevre@bright.net. There is no cost to enter. If you have any questions, feel free to call/text Greg LeFevre at (419) 852-2654. Come join the fun!

SAVE THE DATE! CATHOLIC DAY AT GREAT AMERICAN BALLPARK ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

— The second annual Catholic Day at Great American Ballpark will be held on Sat., Sept. 5, 2026, (Saturday of Labor Day weekend). The Cincinnati Reds will host the Milwaukee Brewers that evening. More details will be announced soon.

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.

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

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>.

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.

MERCER COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE ESSAY CONTESTS — Contest is for 9th / 10th grade and 11th / 12th grade Mercer county high school students. 2nd place will receive \$200 and 1st place will receive \$300! All participants will receive a \$20 gift card. Each educational or persuasive essay is to be 600 – 800 words and to have one of the following topics: 'Why I Am Pro-Life', 'How I Defend My Pro-Life Position', or 'How I Can Assist the Pro-Life Movement'. Essays will be scored equally on four criteria: grammar, facts, creativity, and inspiration. All essays expected to reflect the pro-life convictions held by MCRTL. Include in subject line of the e-mail submission the contestant's name. In the message portion list the contestant's address, age group, and school. Essays are to be e-mailed to prolifegeneration.mercercounty@outlook.com by Jan. 18, 2026.

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.*

GIRLS FAITH NIGHT OUT — Tues., Jan. 20, 2026, in Lehman Catholic High School Gym (Lehman's Lachey gymnasium) from 6 - 8 pm. Sponsored by the Holy Angels Altar Rosary Society, this year's great learning event for women features Father Benedict O'Cinnsealaigh, Pastor of Queen of All Saints Family of Parishes, Cincinnati, and past President of the Athenaeum and Rector of Mount St. Mary's Seminary of the West. Fr. Ben will be focusing on "Being Called...How God Calls You Through Everyday Life." All adult women, from any parish, are welcome. Wine, water and snacks will be served during the social time. Parking is best on the east side of Lehman, and the front doors will be open for drop-offs as well. Doors open at 5:30. For your recommended kind \$5 donation at the door, you will receive a ticket to enter one of three gift baskets. A \$10 donation gives you 3 tickets for the gift baskets. Tables will accommodate the first 150 ladies with overflow seating in the bleachers.



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2. Record your individual contributions for your year-end statement.
3. Encourages parishioners to contribute by providing a tangible reminder each week.
4. Provides the parishioner the ability to specify the donation amount and where their contributions are applied (e.g. general fund, PPI, food pantry, etc.).

In order to update our envelope mailing list, if you are receiving envelopes and do not use them, please contact your business manager to be removed from the list.

Year-End Statements

Year-end statements are available upon request. If you would like to receive your 2025 year-end statement, please call or email your business manager.

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Contributions

December 22 - 31, 2025

Mary Help of Christians

Offertory.....	\$ 7,060.00
Christmas	\$39,945.00
Retired Religious	\$ 250.00
Allocated Loose	\$ 4,118.44

St. Joseph

Offertory.....	\$ 842.00
Christmas	\$ 7,428.30
Allocated Loose	\$ 860.05

St. Paul

Offertory.....	\$ 2,231.11
Christmas	\$12,995.00
Maintenance.....	\$ 600.00
Allocated Loose	\$ 1,755.05

St. Peter

Offertory.....	\$ 2,940.00
Christmas	\$ 6,782.00
Maintenance.....	\$ 1,525.00
Allocated Loose	\$ 1,391.46

St. Mary

Offertory.....	\$ 1,077.00
Loose.....	\$ 493.00
Total	\$ 1,570.00
Perm. Improvement.....	\$ 80.00
Cemetery.....	\$ 40.00
Candles.....	\$ 112.00
Military	\$ 20.00
Retired Religious	\$ 55.00
Christmas	\$ 3,080.00
Christmas Loose.....	\$ 1,527.00
*Online Giving Month	\$ 1,390.00

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