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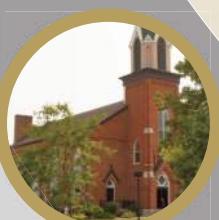
### Mary Help of Christians

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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**Sunday, February 15, 2026**  
*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

## Mass Cancellations

Currently, we have the means to use One Call Now, our Webpage, and Facebook for Mass Cancellations. If you are not signed up for One Call Now and would like to be, you must request to be added by either calling the Fort Recovery or Coldwater Office.

## Liturgy Schedule (Note: This schedule is subject to change per priest availability)

Day	Mass Intention	Priest	Time	Church	Confession
<b>Monday, February 16</b> Weekday	Virginia Remaklus †	FJP	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	After Mass
	Irene Seitz †	FAW	6:45 pm	St. Peter	5:45 - 6:30 pm
<b>Tuesday, February 17</b> The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order; opt. mem.	Eileen Bruns †	FEM	7:15 am	St. Mary	After Mass
	David Wendel †	FJP	6:45 pm	St. Joseph	5:45 - 6:30 pm
<b>Wednesday, February 18</b> Ash Wednesday	Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life	FJP	6:15 am	Holy Trinity	N/A
	L/D William & Virginia Butsch Family †	FEM/ DDK	7:00 am (L/S)	MHC	6:45 am - end
	L/D Paul & Agnes Fullenkamp Family †	FAW	Noon (L/S)	Holy Trinity	N/A
	L/D Lawrence & Wilma Link Family †	FJP	Noon (L/S)	MHC	11:30 am - end
	Harold Brackman †	FEM	5:30 pm (L/S)	Holy Trinity	5:00 pm - end
	Fred Schmitz †	FAW/ DDK	5:30 pm (L/S)	MHC	N/A
	L/D Lou & Ann Brunswick Families †	FJP	7:30 pm (L/S)	Holy Trinity	N/A
	L/D Ken & Pat † Stammen Family	FEM	7:30 pm	MHC	7:00 pm - end
<b>Thursday, February 19</b> Thursday after Ash Wednesday	Henrietta Will †	FAW	7:15 am	St. Paul	After Mass
	Poor Souls in Purgatory †	FJP	6:45 pm	St. Anthony	5:45 - 6:30 pm
<b>Friday, February 20</b> Friday after Ash Wednesday	Tom Homan Sr. †	FAW	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	After Mass
	L/D Gerald & Joan Huber Family †	FJP	Noon (L/S)	MHC	11:30 am - end
<b>Saturday, February 21</b> Saint Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor of the Church; opt. mem.	L/D Bud & Rosie May Family †	FAW	9:00 am	St. Joseph	After Mass
	L/D LaVern & Norma Wellman †	FJP/ DDK	4:00 pm	St. Anthony	3:15 - 3:45 pm
	Norbert & Angela Prenger †	FEM	4:30 pm	Holy Trinity	3:45 - 4:15 pm
	L/D Lochtefeld & Wenning Families †	FAW	4:30 pm (L/S)	MHC	3:45 - 4:15 pm
<b>Sunday, February 22</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent	Paul Lamm †	FAW	7:00 am	St. Joseph	N/A
	Catherine & Leroy Bruggeman †	FJP	8:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	7:25 - 7:45 am
	Karen Schuh †	FAW	9:00 am (L/S)	MHC	8:25 - end
	Bud Knapke †	FJP	10:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	9:25 - 9:45 am
	Members of Holy Cross Family of Parishes	FEM	11:00 am	St. Paul	10:25 - 10:45 am
	Steve Muhlenkamp †	FAW	11:00 am	St. Peter	10:25 - 10:45 am
	Marvin Uhlenhake †	FJP	Noon	St. Mary	11:25 - 11:45 am
	Confirmandi & Their Families	FAW/ FEM/DDK	1:00 pm	MHC	N/A
	Karen Stucke †	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](http://holycrossfop.org)  
(Masses are also streamed to YouTube. For Holy Trinity search: Coldwater Cluster, then click on the logo and subscribe.  
For Mary Help of Christians search: mhc-qa4zm, then click on the logo and subscribe.)

### Reference for Church Abbreviations

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

### Tentatively Scheduled Celebrants listed above:

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

### Adoration Schedules

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

### St. Joseph - First Fridays of the Month

8:30 pm Friday - 8:30 am Saturday

Contact Info.: [Adoration.nw1@gmail.com](mailto:Adoration.nw1@gmail.com)

# Ministry Schedule

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

- Thank You!

## - Mary Help of Christians -

### Wednesday, February 18, 7:00 am

**Servers:** Chase Fiely, Milo Fiely

**Lector:** Les Wenning

**EMHC:** Esther Heitkamp, Deacon Dan Kahlig

**Sacristan:** Amy Schmitz

**Ushers:** Volunteers Needed

### Wednesday, February 18, 12:00 pm

**Servers:** Henry Bruns, Joseph Bruns

**Lector:** Pauline Faller

**EMHC:** Lois Vogel

**Sacristan:** Lois Vogel

**Ushers:** Volunteers needed

### Wednesday, February 18, 5:30 pm

**Servers:** Brodie Hart, Paisley Hart,

Lucas Winner, Will Faller

**Lector:** Tim Hart

**EMHC:** Deacon Dan Kahlig, Tim Hart, Maggie Hartings

**Sacristan:** Maggie Hartings

**Ushers:** Ken Romer, Bobby Stump, LaVern Grube, Chuck Kaiser

### Wednesday, February 18, 7:30 pm

**Servers:** Anthony Roessner, Elijah Grieshop, Ezekial Grieshop, Blake Homan

**Lector:** Carol Jutte

**EMHC:** Mark Roessner, Jodi Wendel

**Sacristan:** Mark Roessner

**Ushers:** Jeff Wendel, Joe Grube, Chuck Keller, Kevin Fortkamp

### Friday, February 20, 12:00 pm

**Server:** Blaise Bergman

**Lector:** Diane Siegrist

### Saturday, February 21, 4:30 pm

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

**Lector:** Les Wenning

**EMHC:** Lisa Zehringer, Rose Tobe, Nancy Wuebker

**Sacristan:** Linda Lennartz

**Ushers:** Floyd Bergman, Don Lennartz, Randy Wuebker, Jeff Fullenkamp

### Sunday, February 22, 9:00 am

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

**Lector:** Amy Klingshirt

**EMHC:** Dan Jutte, Vicki Schmitz

**Sacristan:** Dan & Grace Jutte

**Ushers:** Chuck Keller, Mike Laux, Joe Dues, Doug Schmitz

## - St. Paul -

### Thursday, February 19, 7:15 am

**Server:** Maddie Weigel

### Sunday, February 22, 11:00 am

**Servers:** Brady Evers, Hope Evers, Ty Evers, Mya Will

**Lector:** Marilyn Fortkamp

**EMHC:** Marilyn Fortkamp, Andrew Dirksen

**Ushers:** Jared Rindler, Roger Fortkamp

**Rosary:** Harry & Barb Schoen

## - St. Joseph -

### Tuesday, February 17, 6:45 pm

**Servers:** Coby Schmitz, Hoyt Schmitz

**Lector:** Jane Hippie

**Sacristan:** Matt Hess

### Saturday, February 21, 9:00 am

**Server:** Tyler Dues

**Lector:** Paige Schulze

### Sunday, February 22, 7:00 am

**Servers:** Eric Lamm, Dillan Schulze, Kyle Fullenkamp, Seth Fullenkamp

**Lector:** Pat Gehret

**EMHC:** Holly Grube

**Sacristan:** Christa Fullenkamp

**Ushers:** Steve Post, Dave Lennartz

## - St. Peter -

### Monday, February 16, 6:45 pm

**Server:** Levi Sutter

**Lector:** Ryan Sutter

### Sunday, February 22, 11:00 am

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

**Lector:** Mindy Bettinger

**EMHC:** Clark Knapke

**Sacristan:** Donna Brunswick

**Ushers:** Mike Roessner, Scott Overman

## - St. Anthony -

### Thursday, February 19, 6:45 pm

**Server:** Wesley Geier

**Lector:** Marty Knapke

**Sacristan:** Janet Brockman

### Saturday, February 21, 4:00 pm

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

**Lector:** Joanne Alig

**EMHC:** Donna Sudhoff

**Sacristan:** Cindy Homan

**Ushers:** Jeff Sudhoff, Patrick Forsthoefer

**Rosary:** Marty Knapke

## - St. Mary -

### Tuesday, February 17, 7:15 am

**Server:** Volunteer Needed

**Lector:** Vicki Dues

### Sunday, February 22, 12:00 pm

**Servers:** Derek Dues, Trent Dues, Gibson Dues, Carson Uhlenhake

**Lector:** Stephanie Wendel

**EMHC:** Amanda Schoenherr

**Ushers:** Dan Dues, Rick Hemmelgarn

## - Holy Trinity -

### Monday, February 16, 7:15 am

**Servers:** Kennley Siegrist, Grace Siegrist, Mya Siegrist

**Lector:** Rene Klosterman

### Wednesday, February 18, 6:15 am

**Servers:** Levi Sutter, Jack Bettinger, Lincoln Homan

**Lector:** Ryan Sutter

**EMHC:** Ralph Alig, Chuck Alig

### Wednesday, February 18, 12:00 pm

**Servers:** Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby, Oliver Link, Jude Link

**Lector:** Matt Grigsby

**EMHC:** Tim Wellman, Luke Klosterman

### Wednesday, February 18, 5:30 pm

**Servers:** Liam Cowan, Carter Heitkamp, Owen Heitkamp, Archer Bihn

**Lector:** Landon Bruggeman

**EMHC:** Nick Schmitmeyer, Tony Hart, Chuck Wenning

### Wednesday, February 18, 7:30 pm

**Servers:** Lucas Broering, Max Ross, Owen May, Emmit May

**Lector:** Lauren Baucher

**EMHC:** Bob Rose, Joe Rose, Nate Wenning

### Friday, February 20, 7:15 am

**Servers:** Jack Bettinger, Archer Bihn

**Lector:** Rita Riethman

### Saturday, February 21, 4:30 pm

**Servers:** David Dues, Claire Bertke

**Lector:** Gary Lefeld

**EMHC:** Dave Bertke, Michelle Wilker

### Sunday, February 22, 8:00 am

**Servers:** Sam Grigsby, Karsyn Homan, Kratyn Homan, Krew Homan

**Lector:** Stacy Beougher

**EMHC:** Mary Lou Wenning, Gary Diller, Tim Wellman

### Sunday, February 22, 10:00 am

**Servers:** Gabriel Simper, Madelyn Lange, Myra Stammen

**Lector:** Nick Knapke

**EMHC:** Carla Kahlig, Cindy Hemmelgarn, Luke Klosterman, Stephanie Rutschilling

### Sunday, February 22, 6:00 pm

**Server:** Levi Sutter,

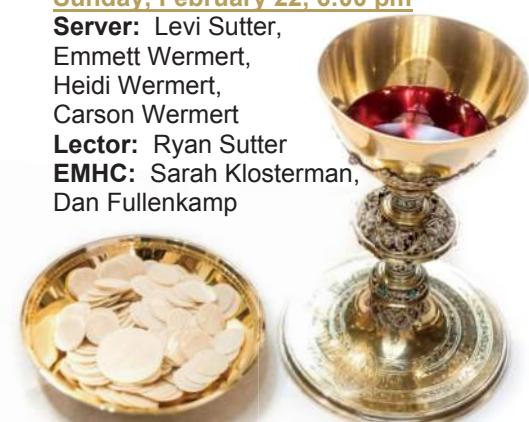
Emmett Wermert,

Heidi Wermert,

Carson Wermert

**Lector:** Ryan Sutter

**EMHC:** Sarah Klosterman, Dan Fullenkamp



# Message from the Priests

## Prepping for Lent!

This is it. We've got less than a week to go. It is almost game time. My favorite time of the year is nearly upon us: Lent! Honestly, I've been so busy with Fr. Barry being gone that I haven't even begun to think about what I'm doing for Lent yet. This is unlike me. Normally I'm pretty on top of this because I just love this season of growth so much.

I love Lent because in this holy season, I see the potential to be a better man and I have every excuse that I need to try to become that better man, spiritual father, son of the Father, and priest. Because of this, I try to really make sure that my Lenten penance is dialed in. I do this by running it through a few different filters which will make whatever you do for Lent more effective:

*A Deliberate Choice:* don't choose something in haste. Take some time to think it through. Most of us regret choices that we make on the spur of the moment. What is it in my life that I want to grow in? Can I make a Lenten penance that will help me to accomplish that goal?

*A Prayerful Choice:* this might sound obvious, but consult God about it. Sometimes I want to grow in a certain way, but He knows I'm not ready for it or there's something that He wants me to grow in. Take it to Him at least a few times in prayer, not just once. Be open to His correction.

*An Effective Choice:* is it really feasible? Is it something that I could do or is it just something that I think would be cool to do? Does my state in life allow it? Will it stretch me, break me, or will it be too easy?

**Reminder:** there are some things that we all do together as Catholics. Every Catholic over the age of 14 years old is obliged, under pain of mortal sin (meaning it has to be confessed before receiving Holy Communion), to **abstain from meat every Friday**. Catholics between the ages 18-59 are obliged to **fast between meals**. If you're wondering about the age ranges, it's helpful to remember that these rules apply throughout the world. People's situations are different. If you're able to fast and abstain, it's a great thing to do regardless of whether you are in those age ranges or not.

**Announcement:** during Lent, the priests are going to be stationary. We always enjoy that and we hope that you enjoy it this year, too! Additionally, we are all going to be focusing on a very practical way to grow in prayer. It's called the *Daily Prayer Sandwich*. Like a sandwich, it's not fancy, but it is solid and will keep you going til the next meal. If you struggle to pray or feel like there must be more to prayer, or if you feel like you haven't grown in prayer since 4<sup>th</sup> grade CCD, make this your Lenten penance!

My goal this Lent is that the *Daily Prayer Sandwich* will become our baseline for every parishioner. If you're a Catholic adult, this is the minimal prayer threshold that you should be shooting for. Let's do it together!

In Jesus through Mary,

Fr. Witt



# Sacramental Information

## Wedding Banns

II Cole Luthman & Ava Boeckman  
I Caleb Siefring & Katelin O'Connor

*And the two shall become one.*

## Marriage Congratulations!

Samuel & Amy (Stammen) DuHamel  
Married Saturday, January 31, 2026  
(St. Joseph)

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

## Newly Baptized

### Holy Trinity

Stella Kimberley Fisher  
Child of Theodore & Molly

Kit Veronica Fullenkamp  
Child of Mitchell & Brooke

### Mary Help of Christians

Leon Keith Kaiser  
Child of Alex & Sierra

Finley Rose Faller  
Child of Garrett & Rachel

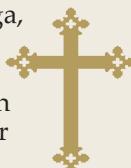
Remington Rose Brunswick  
Child of Aiden & Emma

### St. Mary

Hank Augustine Homan  
Child of Eric & Larissa



**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](mailto:deaconoffice@catholicaoc.org).



### 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.

## In Loving Memory...

Charles Dues  
July 28, 1940 - January 23, 2026  
(Holy Trinity)

Betty A. Faller  
March 24, 1932 - January 24, 2026  
(Holy Trinity)

*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 Classes

The Baptismal Class is required for all first-time parents and registration is needed prior to attendance. Please contact the Coldwater Parish office if you prefer baptism of your child at Holy Trinity, St. Anthony, or St. Mary. Please contact the Ft. Recovery Parish office if you prefer baptism of your child at Mary Help of Christians, St. Joseph, St. Paul, or St. Peter.

### 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



*Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.*

# Lent & Easter Information Updates

**LENTEN ABSTINENCE & FASTING** — Because Lent is primarily a time of penance for Easter, it includes days of both fasting and abstinence from meat. Ash Wednesday, February 18, and Good Friday, April 3, are days of abstinence from meat and also days of fast, that is, limited to a single full meal. The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The law of **abstinence** binds all Catholics 14 years and older. The law of **fasting** binds all Catholics from their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday until their 59<sup>th</sup> birthday (canons 97, 1252)

## Stations of the Cross

### Tuesdays

#### 7:00 pm @ Holy Trinity

Led by Coldwater K of C  
February 24; March 3, 10, 17, 24

### Fridays

#### After School to 3:45 pm @ Holy Trinity

Led by Fr. Joseph  
February 20, 27; March 6, 13, 20, 27  
\*\*Snacks provided after Stations

#### 3:30 pm @ Mary Help of Christians

Youth Group, Led by Fr. Witt  
February 20, 27; March 6, 13, 20, 27  
\*\*Soup and games in the Undercroft after Stations

### Sundays

**1:30 pm** — Led by Fort Recovery K of C  
February 22 @ St. Joseph March 15 @ St. Joseph  
March 1 @ St. Peter March 22 @ St. Peter  
March 8 @ St. Paul March 29 @ No Stations

## LENTEN SPEAKER

Featuring: Brian Hogenkamp,  
Raquel Kaiser, & Morgan's Place

### HOLY TRINITY GROTTO

Tuesday, March 3rd @ 7 pm

Sponsored by St. Ann's Social Action Committee

## Day of Mercy

Confessions 8:00 am - 8:00 pm

Thursday, March 19 @ MHC



## Living Way of the Cross @ Fort Recovery Elem. Auditorium

Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 pm

Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 pm



## Living Stations of the Cross @ St. Mary Church

Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 pm

w/ Adoration prior from 6 - 6:45 pm



## Ash Wednesday, February 18th



Time	Church	Priest	Confession	Confessor
6:15 am	Holy Trinity	FJP	—	N/A
7:00 am	MHC	FEM	6:45 am - end	FAW
12:00 pm	Holy Trinity	FAW	—	N/A
12:00 pm	MHC	FJP	11:30 am - end	FEM
5:30 pm	Holy Trinity	FEM	5:00 pm - end	FJP
5:30 pm	MHC	FAW	—	N/A
7:30 pm	Holy Trinity	FJP	—	N/A
7:30 pm	MHC	FEM	7:00 pm - end	FAW

Please Note: Adoration will be held at Holy Trinity from 7 to 11:45 am on Ash Wednesday.

## Holy Week

(No confessions during any Masses)

### Holy Thursday, April 2

6:30 pm - St. Anthony 7:30 pm - Holy Trinity  
6:30 pm - St. Paul 7:30 pm - MHC

### Good Friday, April 3

#### Holy Trinity

11:00 am Stations, Liturgy 11:30 am or  
immediately following Stations, Rosary to follow

#### St. Peter

11:00 am Stations, Liturgy 11:30 am or  
immediately following Stations, Rosary to follow  
**MHC**

2:30 pm Stations, 3 pm Liturgy, Rosary to follow

#### St. Mary

2:30 pm Stations, 3 pm Liturgy, Rosary to follow

#### St. Joseph

7:00 pm Stations only

### Easter Vigil, April 4

9:00 pm - Holy Trinity  
9:00 pm - MHC



*Note: The regularly scheduled weekly adoration is canceled on Holy Thursday & Good Friday due to Holy Week.*

## Easter Sunday April 5

8:00 am	St. Joseph	10:00 am	Holy Trinity
8:00 am	Holy Trinity	10:00 am	St. Mary
9:00 am	MHC	11:00 am	St. Paul
9:00 am	St. Anthony	11:00 am	St. Peter

No confessions during Easter Masses

# Holy Cross Family of Parishes

**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.

**MISSION LOTTERY WINNER** — (2/4/2026) #758 Clete Homan — Congratulations!

**GUATEMALA MISSION ANNUAL MEETING** — The meeting will be held Monday, February 23 at 7:30 pm in the St. Peter church basement. The annual drawing will be held, and we will be discussing the future of the mission campaign.

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

**ADORATION NIGHT** — There will be an adoration night with music by Meredith Joy Keller on February 28<sup>th</sup> at Mary Help of Christians. Adoration begins at 7 pm with Fr. Ethan Moore. There will be a meet & greet with Meredith in the Undercroft after Adoration. Light refreshments will also be provided. All are Welcome... Adults, Teens, Children... Bring the whole family!

**FAMILY RETREAT WITH THE CHILDREN OF MARY** — March 28, 2026 @ St. Joseph with 9 - 9:30 am Mass followed by Exposition. From 9:45 - 10:45 am the sisters will give a talk to the adults and talk to the kids. Snacks will be provided. Then there will be a 10:45 - 11:45 am Holy Hour. Families can bring picnic lunches and visit with the sisters afterwards. All ages are welcome!

## My Parish App - Advent Features

### The Witness Videos Button

Through our partnership with Ave Maria Press, Lent videos reflecting on The Witness with Fr. Patrick Mary Briscoe, OP will be available each week of Lent in myParish App.



### Reflections & Stations of the Cross Buttons

Additional content for prayer and reflection as you journey with Christ to the foot of the cross. Seven Sorrows is available in both English and Spanish.



Stations



Via Crucis



Seven Sorrows



Siete Dolores

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



**WOMEN'S SOCIAL GROUP** — Meetings are the first and 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 the 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 10 read for the next meeting.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** — Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month at 1184 Philothea Rd, Ft. Recovery, Ohio, from 7:30 - 8:30 pm.

**MEN'S WELCOME RETREAT** — This retreat is for Holy Cross Family of Parishes MEN (21+ and older). Located at Holy Trinity Grotto (Coldwater), March 7 - 8, 2026. Check-in begins Sat. Mar. 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am and check-out is Sun. Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> 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.



**CONFESSON CHANGE NOTICE** — Now through the end of March there will be no confessions available during the weekend Masses with the exception of the 9 am Mass at Mary Help of Christians. Confessions will still be offered before the Masses but will end 15 minutes before the start of each weekend Mass.

**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!

## Lenten Soup Supper

There will be a Soup Supper on Ash Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 4 - 7:30 pm in the Grotto. The Social Action Committee is sponsoring a simple meal with mac & cheese, three different soups, peanut butter & jelly bread & fruit cups. All are welcome to attend this parish community event. Come as a family! Free will donations will be accepted, thank you!



**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.

# Easter Lily Donation

## "In Memory of a Loved One"

An Easter Lily 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 "Easter Lily" and drop it in a collection basket at any of our parishes or at either Holy Cross Family Office. A donation amount to cover the cost of an Easter Lily is recommended, but any donation amount will be accepted.

Your Name:

Parish:

Loved One's Name:

Phone Number:

Amount:

Forms are due by:  
Thursday, March 12, 2026

## Holy Trinity Church Hearing Aid Listening Assistance System

Thanks to a generous donation Holy Trinity now has a Hearing Aid Listening Assistance System. If you have hearing aids that are bluetooth compatible, you are able to use the app and connect the sound directly to your hearing aids. Please follow the instructions below to download the app and connect to the network.



1. If not already set up, turn on the Bluetooth connection from the phone to your earbuds or hearing aids to send the audio from the phone to those devices (Bluetooth connectivity varies from phone to phone and the devices you are connecting to.)
2. Download and install the Listen Technologies "ListenWIFI" app on your phone. (The app has a blue logo with headphones on it.)
3. Go to your phone WIFI settings and connect to the WIFI network "Hearing Assist" (Some phones may need the "Listen WIFI app" set to "connect to local network" in the app settings menu.)
4. Your phone will most likely indicate that there is no internet access. Depending on your phone it may ask you to select one of the options. Select one of them.
  - a. Connect only this time
  - b. Connect Always
  - c. Ok to connect
5. Once the phone is connected to the WIFI network, open the "Listen WIFI app. (The app has a blue logo with headphones on it.)
6. Depending on the phone, click connect or next
7. When the app opens click the block to start the audio. May read "press to play"
8. Make sure the sound is not muted on the app.

## The Holy Land Shepherds

The carving of the Olive Wood Tree has been inherited since the time of our Lord, Jesus Christ. It was passed down from father to son for many generations including our family. More than 80% of the Christian community income comes from tourism and the olive wood trade. However, due to the ongoing difficult circumstances and the tremendous decrease in tourism the Christian community has suffered many hardships that led many Christian Families to leave their homes in search of work and safety.

Our mission is to support and strengthen the presence of Christianity in the Holy Land by selling their beautiful olive wood artifacts here in the United States. We have been blessed and grateful to have had the opportunity to travel to different parishes all around the United States for the past 15 years to represent these less fortunate Christians. We are happy to announce that we will be visiting the Fort Recovery Parishes on the weekend of February 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>.

We encourage you to look over their beautiful hand carved items. We value your support. We will be accepting cash, credit cards & checks.

*May God bless you & keep you safe.  
The Holy Land Shepherds.*

**We will be selling religious items after the following Masses:  
Saturday, February 21**

**Following the 4:30 pm Mass @ MHC in the Library**

**Sunday, February 22**

**Following the 7 am Mass @ St Joseph in Sanderell Hall**

**Following the 9 am Mass @ MHC in the Library**

**Following the 11 am Mass @ St Peter in the basement**

**(810) 625-8536**

**[www.theholylanshop.com](http://www.theholylanshop.com)**



# Parish Information



## Holy Trinity

### D O N U T S U N D A Y

RETURNS — Holy

Trinity Donut Sunday

resumes Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>,

following the 8:00 am and 10:00 am Masses. Join us for donuts, fruit, fellowship, and a fun game for the kids! Free-will donations accepted. ALL are welcome. Come enjoy time together!

**SOUP SUPPER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** — Volunteers are needed for the Ash Wednesday Soup Supper that is annually held in Holy Trinity's Grotto. Helpers are needed at different times on Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> for set up, kitchen help, and clean up. If you are willing to help please email Lisa @ bulletin. [holycrossfop@gmail.com](mailto:holycrossfop@gmail.com) or use to QR Code to sign up. Thank you, all help is greatly appreciated!

**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, Dec. \$20,536, & Jan. \$25,683 for an average of \$15,875.43. 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 for your generosity!

**VBS** — Vacation Bible School will be held at Holy Trinity June 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:15 - 8:15 pm & June 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:15 - 7:30 pm. The theme is "Marvelous Mystery - The Game Comes Alive". Registration opened February 1<sup>st</sup>. Use the QR Code or registration link to sign up: <https://vbspro.events/p/htvbs26>

**VBS WISHLIST** — Any donation towards our Vaction Bible School Wishlist is appreciated! Please use the provided QR Code or link: <https://a.co/63l5mQ1>



## St. Mary

### P A T R I O T I C R O S A R Y

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

**LADIES SODALITY MEETING** — The February Ladies Sodality meeting will be on Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the school hall. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend. Meeting minutes will be posted in the back of church within 2 weeks after the meeting.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** — St. Mary will be celebrating their 175th Anniversary on September 13<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for volunteers to help plan the event. Please text or call Jeff Timmerman at 419-305-0745 to sign up for this celebration of our Parish.



## St. Anthony

### GATHERING FOR FELLOWSHIP

— Every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 UPDATE** — Thank you for all your hard work and talents in preparing the church for installation for the new carpet and preparing the school for Mass. Your time, effort, and dedication are truly appreciated.

**POPCORN FUNDRAISER** — The St. Anthony Ladies Sodality is once again offering our popcorn fundraiser, featuring popcorn made by Tin Acres Popcorn! Order Dates are now through February 27<sup>th</sup>. Orders can be placed online using the QR code above, or order forms are available in the back of church and can be placed with money in the locked box in the back of church. Cash or check with checks made to Amanda Forsthoefer. For more information, contact Amanda Forsthoefer at 419-852-6698. Popcorn Pickup will be at St. Anthony School Hall on March 27<sup>th</sup> from 6 - 8 pm. Available Flavors: Buckeye, Salted Caramel, Caramel, Chicago Blend, Sugar Cookie, Cake Batter, and Mix in 3 carrot shaped bags. Cost is \$15 per bag. All proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit the St. Anthony Ladies Sodality. Thank you for supporting our parish!

**VBS** — Save the Date! St. Anthony VBS is back this summer. Join us June 15 - 18, 2026 from 6:15 pm - 8:15 pm as we explore the Marvelous Mystery of the Mass. Registration opens Mar. 9<sup>th</sup>. Scan QR code or visit [www.vbspro.events/p/stanthony](https://www.vbspro.events/p/stanthony) for more details, opportunities to volunteer and donate, and to register.

**THANK YOU** — A huge thank you to Fr. Witt and Fr. Reckers celebrating Mass for Jim's funeral Mass and all the prayers and calls inquiring about Jim's health. We really appreciate Jeff Sudhoff and Doug Homan serving the Mass for Jim. "thank you". Also thank you to Ginny Fortkamp for all of her guiding us through the days leading up and including the day of the funeral. Many thanks to Julie Brackman and the choir for the most beautiful music, the lunch committee and all the neighbors and friends that gave so much support and encouragement helping us get through this very rough time.

- Jim Timmerman family



## St. Joseph

### 2026 ST. JOE LADIES SODALITY

**GARAGE SALE** — The

garage sale will be held at

the Fort Recovery Knights of Columbus Hall. It will benefit Youth Programs including CYO and VBS. Drop off items on April 13 (9 - 11 am, 2 - 8 pm) and/or April 14 (2 - 8 pm). Sale dates are April 15 (3 - 8 pm), April 16 (9 am - 6 pm), April 17 (9 am - 5 pm), and April 18 (9 am - Noon).

**CLEANING** — (FEBRUARY) \*\*Beth Westgerdes, Deb Wellman, Laura Wenning, Lisa Tobin, Monica Fullenkamp, Jackie Bird, Sharon Vaughn



## Mary Help of Christians

**LOST & FOUND**  
— There are lost and found items in the main entrance of the church. Please check to see if any of these items are yours. Any items left after February 18<sup>th</sup> will be donated. Thanks!

**THANK YOU** — We would like to thank Father Ethan Moore for his many prayers and a beautiful Mass for Jerry Schmitz. Thank you to Kathy Staugler for her guidance, the choir for the beautiful music, the ladies who provided desserts and the luncheon committee for providing a wonderful meal. Thank you also to the community for your support during this difficult time. - *The Family of Jerry Schmitz*.

**THANK YOU** — We would like to thank Father Ethan Moore and Deacon Roger Kaiser for their many prayers and visitation during the passing of Doris Kaiser. Thank you to Kathy Staugler for her guidance, the choir for the beautiful music, and the luncheon committee for providing a wonderful meal. Thank you also to the community for your support during this difficult time. - *The Family of Doris Kaiser*.



## St. Peter

**SNOW REMOVAL COMMITTEES FEBRUARY 2026** — \*Curt Dues, Alan Koesters, Shane Gaerke, Josh Gaerke, Tony Jutte, Tom Lennartz, Kurt Kremer, Bill Siefring, Scott Gehle, Rick Kunk, Les Pottkotter, Mike Gaerke, John Link, Matt Kremer, Nathan Fortkamp, Mark Heinrichs, Ron Jutte, Ray Siefring, Clint Kremer, Mitch Lennartz, Duane Lennartz, Mitchel Vagedes, Chris Link, Mitchell Pugh, Jeremy Siegrist, Kenton Sudhoff, John Jutte, Brian Lennartz, AJ Jutte, Greg Jutte

## Religious Education

### Coldwater Religious Ed.

Contact: Stephanie Rutschilling

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

#### ATTENTION:

**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 Stephanie Rutschilling. Your help makes a big difference!



### Fort Recovery Religious Ed.

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#### ATTENTION:

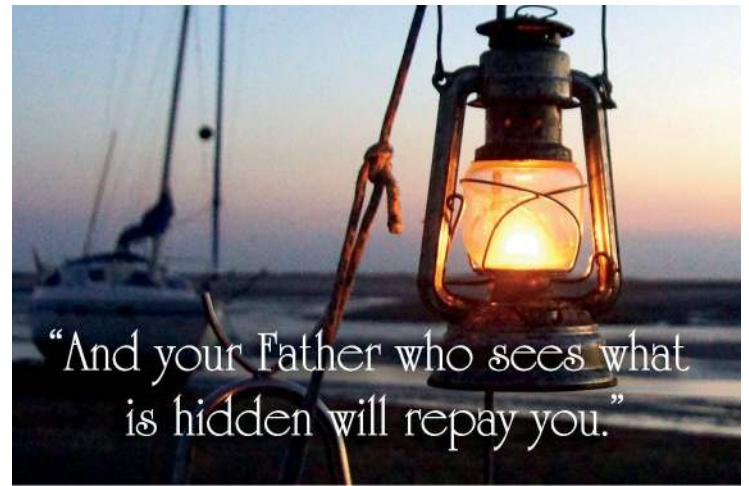
**CONFIRMATION MASS** — Sun., Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1 pm at MHC. Students and sponsors meet in the Undercroft by 12:30 pm.



## St. Paul

### ST. PAUL'S LADY ALTAR ROSARY SODALITY

— We are a group of faithful women who promote love of God and neighbor through spiritual, social, and service activities that support both our parish and our community. Guided by the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, all women (18 and older) of St. Paul's parish are considered members of the Altar Rosary Sodality and are welcome to attend meetings. The next meeting this spring will be announced in the bulletin. The officers for 2026 are: President Kathy Gonzalez, Vice President Cheri Knapke, Secretary Julie Bruns, Treasurer Amanda Brackman, and President-Elect Kim Knapke. A special thank you to Chrissy Hart, Carissa Will, and Theresa Siefring for their dedicated service as officers in 2025.



“And your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you.”

#### - Saint of the Week -

### The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Today's liturgical feast honors Alexius, Amadeo, Hugo, Benedict, Bartholomew, Gerardino and Juan. A group of merchants who renounced the business life, they left what was necessary for their families, then distributed the rest among the poor. They dedicated themselves entirely to the veneration of the Virgin Mary, going to live on an Italian mountain and later establishing a hermitage for prayer, extreme fasting, and penance. Some time later, at the request of the Supreme Pontiff's delegate, six of the seven were ordained as priests. Brother Alejo, discerning the priesthood as something very consequential for him, decided to remain as a brother. The Congregation was approved in 1304 and the liturgical feast is held on February 17, in remembrance of the last founder's death; Brother Alexius shared a testimony of holiness, both in his own life and in the lives of his fellow companions. — Meghan McDonagh



Feast Day  
February 8<sup>th</sup>



# Youth Ministry

## Coldwater Youth Group

Contact: Maria Gruss

[mgruss.holycrossfop@gmail.com](mailto:mgruss.holycrossfop@gmail.com), 419-678-3328

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17** — 7 - 8 am | Christ & Coffee @ Rooster Joe (grades 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>)



**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20** — After school to 3:45 pm | Children's Stations & Snacks @ Holy Trinity. Students will meet at the pit and will walk over as a group. Please use the QR code to sign up.



**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22** — 7:15 - 8:45 pm | Awaken Night @ Fr. Yauss Basement (Ages 12+) "Awaken the Heart: Real Love vs. the World's Love."

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23** — 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, FEBRUARY 23** — 3:15 - 4:30 pm | Totus Tuus Crafters! @ The Fr. Yauss Basement (ages 12+). Please use the QR code to sign up.



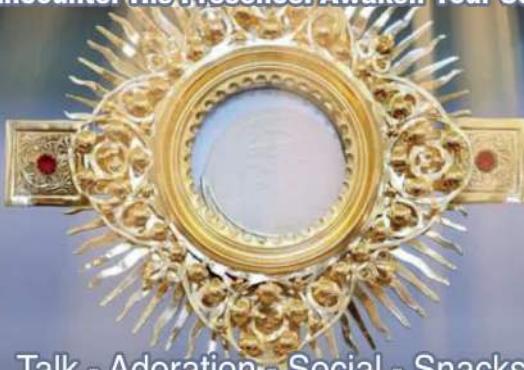
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24** — 7 - 8 am | Christ & Coffee @ Rooster Joe (grades 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>)

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27** — After school to 3:45 pm | Children's Stations & Snacks @ Holy Trinity. Students will meet at the pit and will walk over as a group. Please use the QR code to sign up.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28** — 7 pm | Adoration Night @ MHC | Adults - Teens - Kids - All are Welcome to Attend!

## Coldwater Youth Ministry AWAKEN NIGHT

Encounter His Presence, Awaken Your Soul



Talk - Adoration - Social - Snacks

Sun., Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>

7:15 - 8:45 pm

Fr. Yauss Center (Ages 12+)

Topic: Awaken the Heart: Real Love vs. the World's Love



**Mark Your Calendar for Future Awaken Nights**

**Sun. Mar. 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Sun. Apr. 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Sun. May 10<sup>th</sup>**

## Fort Fiat Youth Group

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### UPCOMING EVENTS:

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



**LADIES YOUTH GROUP** — Tuesdays 7:15 - 8 am @ MHC (grades 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>)

**MEN'S YOUTH GROUP** — No Men's Group this week due to Ash Wednesday (grades 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>)

**BREAKFAST CLUB** — February 20<sup>th</sup> 7:15-8 am @ MHC (grades 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>)

**SOUP & STATIONS** — Every Friday of Lent starting Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> 3:30-4:30 at MHC. Use the QR code or link to sign up to bring a soup or have your son serve. [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1haEqNaBLRTUF8DEXmKen5nck0jdqati3uFKgag2qL\\_4/edit?tab=t0](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1haEqNaBLRTUF8DEXmKen5nck0jdqati3uFKgag2qL_4/edit?tab=t0)

**BE BOLD RETREAT** — The Be Bold Retreat is an overnight lock-in experience designed to inspire high school girls to live fearlessly and faithfully as daughters of God, under the patronage of St. Joan of Arc. The retreat includes adoration, crafts, a speaker, small group, and much more. The retreat will be held in the MHC Youth Group Room, Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 pm till Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 am. All Fort Recovery 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> are welcome, please sign up using the QR code below.



**STELLA MARIS AWARD** — This award is intended for a young lady in the Fort Recovery Catholic Cluster. To be eligible for nomination, this young lady must be a senior in high school and meet the following requirements: Must be active in their faith beyond attending Sunday Mass, must be actively discerning God's plan for their life, and must be a good example of how to live their faith in high school. To nominate someone for the Stella Maris Leadership Award, fill out the form using the QR code. Forms can be submitted until March 31<sup>st</sup>. The recipient of the award will be announced in May.



**PIER GIORGIO AWARD** — This award is intended for a young man in the Fort Recovery Catholic Cluster. To be eligible for nomination, this young man must be a senior in high school and meet the following requirements: Must be active in their faith beyond attending Sunday Mass, must be actively discerning God's plan for their life, and must be a good example of how to live their faith in high school. To nominate someone for the St. Pier Giorgio Frassati Leadership Award, fill out the form using the QR code below. The last day to nominate is March 31<sup>st</sup>. The winner of the award will be announced in May.

- Go to [FORMED.org](https://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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# FERTILITY AWARENESS-BASED METHODS

Receive an introductory education on fertility awareness based methods with a seminar geared towards middle school and high school girls. Learn the importance of tracking cycles and how this can help detect medical issues and help with future fertility concerns. Mothers and any other women interested in learning more about FABMs are welcome to attend! Presentation given by Sarah Kahlig, CNP, of Fort Recovery.

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MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup> 7:30-8:30 PM  
UNDERCROFT

Any girl below the age of 16, and not being accompanied by a parent, please fill out the permission form using the QR code



# Community Interests

**MERCER COUNTY JUNIORS AND SENIORS** — Video entries on the topics of abortion, infanticide, or euthanasia are to be submitted by February 20<sup>th</sup>. For video entry: Please include the following in the message portion of your e-mail: name, high school, grade, and address. Please have your name in the subject portion of the e-mail. Please look for a confirmation email upon receiving your submission. It will be sent no later than Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you don't receive a confirmation email, please resubmit your video entry: to [prolifegeneration.mercercounty@outlook.com](mailto:prolifegeneration.mercercounty@outlook.com).

**2026 NORTHWEST MEN'S CONFERENCE** — Conference will be held on Sat., Mar. 7<sup>th</sup> from 8 am – 2:30 pm at Romer's in St. Henry. Optional Mass at 7 am prior to the conference at St. Henry Catholic Church. This is a powerful opportunity to re-ignite the fire of your faith! There will be fellowship, Confession, Mass, and a day filled with dynamic speakers. This year's theme is "From Fishermen to Apostles". Keynote speaker: Dr. Andrew Swafford, Author and Professor of Theology at Benedictine College Guest Speaker: Br. Andrew Brébeuf (from Maria Stein), Servants of Christ Jesus. Tickets are available for \$35 each. Breakfast, lunch, & conference materials are included. Tickets can be purchased through EventBrite at <https://NWMC.EVENTBRITE.COM> Questions, please email [northwestmensconference@gmail.com](mailto:northwestmensconference@gmail.com).

**HEALING MASSES FOR 2026** — Montezuma Retreat House at 7 pm on March 10<sup>th</sup>, April 14<sup>th</sup>, May 12<sup>th</sup>, September 8<sup>th</sup>, October 13<sup>th</sup>, November 10<sup>th</sup>.

**BREAKFAST BUFFET** — Knights of St John in Maria Stein, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>. Cost is Adults \$11.00, 7-12 year olds \$7.00, and 6 & under eat free.

**FAMILY BOWLING** — Coldwater K of C Council #1991 Family Bowling. Sun., Feb. 22, 2026, 2 pm - 5 pm at Pla-mor Lanes, Coldwater. Bring your family and enjoy this great outing. K of C will pay for bowling and shoe rental.

**A LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION** — Holy Listening: "Be Still & Know That I am God" with presenter, Fr. Donald Gibbs, at the Maria Stein Retreat Center on Tues., Feb. 24, 2026 from 9:30 am - 3:30 pm. Lunch provided, and it concludes with Mass. Cost is \$30.00. Call (419) 925-7625 to register by Mon., Feb. 16, 2026. If the donation is a concern, Fr. Gibbs is willing to waive his fee for those unable to pay the entire cost.

**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.

## Stewardship

### Did You Know? In Support of the Corporal Works of Mercy

The CMA supports the following ministry areas that teach, feed and heal:

- Archdiocese Seminarians
- Catholic Charities & Social Services
- Prison Ministry
- Retired Priests & Senior Clergy
- Campus Ministry
- New Evangelization
- St. Rita School for the Deaf
- Hospital Ministry

Through the CMA Appeal, all parishes of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati join together as the Body of Christ to collaborate in the Corporal Works of Mercy.

As we work toward our campaign goal, we want everyone to know that any donations received beyond the established goal per parish will result in a 50% rebate back to the individual parish. This means that every gift not only helps the wider mission but also directly benefits our own parishes.

*Your support truly makes a difference.*

### Contributions

January 25 - February 1, 2026

#### Mary Help of Christians

Offertory	\$8,316.00
Flowers	\$5,000.00
Allocated Loose	\$ 2239.52

#### St. Joseph

Offertory	\$1,270.00
Fuel Fund	\$ 520.00
Catholic Telegraph	\$ 60.00
Youth Group	\$ 100.00
Allocated Loose	\$ 467.74

#### St. Paul

Offertory	\$3,732.00
Maintenance	\$ 200.00
Allocated Loose	\$ 954.55

#### St. Peter

Offertory	\$3,475.00
Building	\$ 140.00
Catholic Telegraph	\$ 535.00
Allocated Loose	\$ 756.82



*Thank you for your generosity!*

Note: \*Online Giving represents ALL eCatholic and EFT donations including Perm. Improvement and any other special collections that were donated online.

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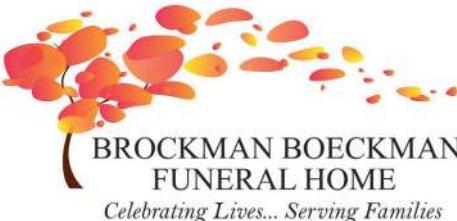
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