



4TH SUNDAY OF
Lent



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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



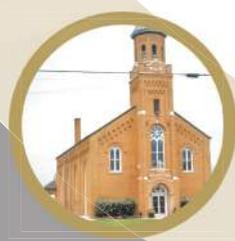
Facebook:
www.facebook.com/holycrossfop



St. Anthony



St. Joseph



St. Mary



St. Paul



St. Peter

Sunday, March 15, 2026
Fourth Sunday of Lent

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, March 16 <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	Robert Beckman †	FJP	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	After Mass
	L/D Joseph & Cleopha Brunswick Family †	FAW	6:45 pm	St. Peter	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Tuesday, March 17 <i>Saint Patrick, Bishop; opt. mem.</i>	Joan Hessen †	FEM	7:15 am	St. Mary	After Mass
	Dominic Reinhard †	FJP	6:45 pm	St. Joseph	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Wednesday, March 18 <i>Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Doctor of the Church; opt.mem.</i>	Norman Alig †	FJP	7:15 am (L/S)	MHC	After Mass
	Lou Donna Van Den Bosch †	FEM	Noon (L/S)	Holy Trinity	11:30 am - end
Thursday, March 19 <i>Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Solemnity</i>	Cashton Westgerdes †	FJP	7:15 am	St. Paul	After Mass
	Poor Souls in Purgatory †	FEM	6:45 pm	St. Anthony	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Friday, March 20 <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	L/D Lavern & Pat Muhlenkamp Family †	FJP	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	After Mass
	Wayne Hemmelgarn †	FEM	Noon (L/S)	MHC	11:30 am - end
Saturday, March 21 <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	Dottie Fullenkamp †	FJP	9:00 am	St. Joseph	After Mass
	Joan Muhlenkamp †	FJP/ DRK	4:00 pm	St. Anthony	3:15 - 3:45 pm
	Mary Jane Braun †	FEM	4:30 pm	Holy Trinity	3:45 - 4:15 pm
	Natalie Siegrist †	FAW/ DDK	4:30 pm (L/S)	MHC	3:45 - 4:15 pm
Sunday, March 22 <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i>	Terry Kunkler †	FAW	7:00 am	St. Joseph	N/A
	Catherine & Leroy Bruggeman †	FJP	8:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	7:25 - 7:45 am
	Members of Holy Cross Family of Parishes	FAW	9:00 am (L/S)	MHC	8:25 - end
	L/D Berning & Hemmelgarn Families †	FJP	10:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	9:25 - 9:45 am
	Ed Wehrkamp †	FEM	11:00 am	St. Paul	10:25 - 10:45 am
	Carol E. Knapke †	FAW	11:00 am	St. Peter	10:25 - 10:45 am
	Gerald Siefring †	FJP	Noon	St. Mary	11:25 - 11:45 am
	Bob Hogan †	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, March 18, 7:15 am

Servers: Joseph Bruns, Henry Bruns

Lector: Les Wenning

Friday, March 20, 12:00 pm

Server: Blaise Bergman

Lector: Diane Siegrist

Saturday, March 21, 4:30 pm

Servers: Carson Fullenkamp, Rachel Fortkamp, Joseph Fortkamp

Lector: Kathy Portz

EMHC: Deacon Dan Kahlig, Pam Hicks, Kathy Portz

Sacristan: Kathy Portz

Ushers: Floyd Bergman, Don Lennartz, Bobby Stump, Matt Whitacre

Sunday, March 22, 9:00 am

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

Lector: Chris Bihn

EMHC: Wes Kahlig, Robert Metzger

Sacristan: Stacy Pearson

Ushers: Chuck Keller, Mike Laux, Mark Metzger, Harry Hart

- St. Joseph -

Tuesday, March 17, 6:45 pm

Servers: Logan Gaerke, Gavin Gaerke

Lector: Mary Gaerke

Sacristan: Matt Hess

Saturday, March 21, 9:00 am

Servers: Levi Sutter

Lector: Ryan Sutter

Sunday, March 22, 7:00 am

Servers: Tyler Dues, Brinley Steinbrunner, Rhea Steinbrunner, Hudson Pottkotter

Lector: Ryan Steinbrunner

EMHC: Eileen Lochtefeld

Sacristan: Shel Sutter

Ushers: Jerry Sutter, Dave Lennartz

- St. Paul -

Thursday, March 19, 7:15 am

Server: Maddie Weigel

Sunday, March 22, 11:00 am

Servers: Riley Stammen, Liza Knapke, Kate Knapke, Hailey Grisez, Olivia Grisez

Lector: Mary Lochtefeld

EMHC: Carl Link, Lori Rohrer

Ushers: Doug Evers, Jared Hemmelgarn

Rosary: Mark & Marylene Brunswick

- St. Peter -

Monday, March 16, 6:45 pm

Server: Coby Schmitz

Lector: Nathan Fortkamp

Sunday, March 22, 11:00 am

Servers: Isaac Roessner, Alex Roessner, Charlie Roessner, James Pottkotter, Francis Pottkotter, Michael Pottkotter

Lector: Jack Gaerke

EMHC: Donna Brunswick

Sacristan: Donna Brunswick

Ushers: Tom Braun, Scott Overman

- Holy Trinity -

Monday, March 16, 7:15 am

Servers: Mason Evers, Miles Bruns

Lector: Rene Klosterman

Wednesday, March 18, 12:00 pm

Servers: Leo Grigsby, Leo Huelskamp

Lector: Raquel Kaiser

Friday, March 20, 7:15 am

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

Lector: Rita Riethman

Saturday, March 21, 4:30 pm

Servers: David Dues, Claire Bertke, Volunteer Needed

Lector: Tara Berkenstock

EMHC: Dave Bertke, Michelle Wilker, Volunteer Needed

Sunday, March 22, 8:00 am

Servers: Blake Wenning, Reagan Wenning, Kendall Wenning, Archer Bihn

Lector: Dan Fullenkamp

EMHC: Kathy Bohman, Paul Bruggeman, Adam Alig

Sunday, March 22, 10:00 am

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby, Dillan Wenning, Eli Eyink

Lector: Terry Liette

EMHC: Lynn Giere, Cindy Geise, Luke Klosterman, Nate Wenning

Sunday, March 22, 6:00 pm

Servers: Levi Sutter, Lincoln Homan

Lector: Melinda Pleiman

EMHC: Pam Hicks, Amy Klingshirn

- St. Anthony -

Thursday, March 19, 6:45 pm

Server: Wesley Geier

Lector: Janet Brockman

Sacristan: Janet Brockman

Saturday, March 21, 4:00 pm

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

Lector: Marty Knapke

EMHC: Deacon Roger Kaiser

Sacristan: Cindy Homan

Ushers: Jeff Sudhoff, Patrick Forshoefel

Rosary: Julie Brackman

- St. Mary -

Tuesday, March 17, 7:15 am

Server: Volunteer Needed

Lector: Vicki Dues

Sunday, March 22, 12:00 pm

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

Lector: Adam Liette

EMHC: Barbara Uhlenhake

Ushers: Kyle J. Uhlenhake, Dave Hartke



Message from the Priests

Week IV: The Rosary

We are trucking through Lent; halfway there, keep it up!

To quote St. Josemaria Escriva, “pick a few devotions, but do them well”. This week and next, we’ll be giving you two other “meat” options for your *Daily Prayer Sandwich*. Just like with a physical sandwich, there are benefits to “stacking” different meats. But if you’re just starting on this journey, then remember that we are recommending one of these options per day. Some days it might be reading Sacred Scripture, other days it might be the Rosary or something else...and that’s okay! Don’t feel the need to do everything all at once. That’s actually one of the Devil’s tactics: when we start refusing to do evil, he will try to overwhelm us with good to the point that we collapse and give up. A sign of a healthy prayer life is that it should push us, but not break us!

Today, I want to recommend a second “meat” option for your *Daily Prayer Sandwich*: the Holy Rosary.

The Holy Rosary

The Holy Rosary is more than just a set number of prayers that are prayed. The purpose of the prayers is that their familiar and rhythmic nature can provide a “background noise” which occupies our minds and bodies so that our hearts become free to soar to God. That soaring may be a deeper imagining of the mystery that we are currently meditating on or it could be the intention for whom we are praying. The best sort of soaring is just the surge of the heart in love of God. As we grow used to the rhythm of the holy Rosary, we will come closer to Jesus through the hands of His Blessed Mother Mary!

Commitment

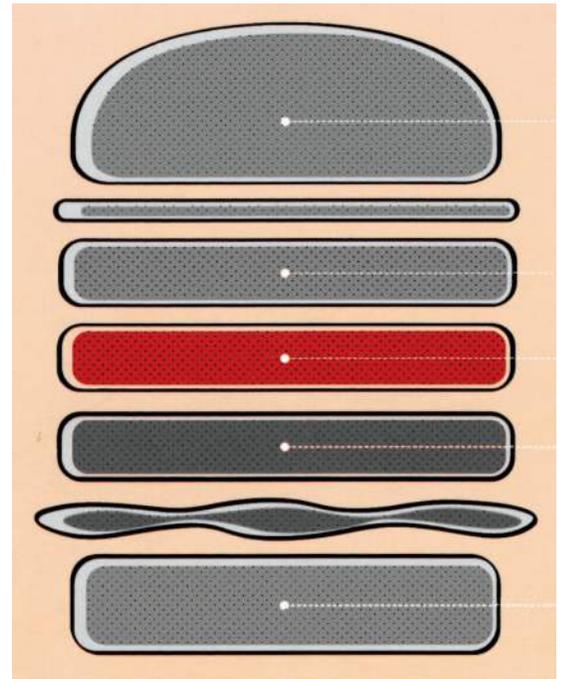
About 20 minutes. Like we said last week, we know that to some, this may sound and feel like a lot. Again, that’s okay! Think about it from the perspective of a relationship: if we only spent a minute or two with someone, how could we ever get to know them? We have those little check-ins like the Morning Offering, but we need time to just be with the Other if we really want to get to know them. And what better way to get to know someone than by getting to know their Mother, too?

The Method

At its core, the Rosary is just the basic Christian prayers prayed in a certain order. The *Our Father*, the *Hail Mary*, and the *Glory Be* are prayers that most of us already know. If you’re new to the Rosary, just focus on that. As you get more familiar and no longer worried about what prayer to say when, then focus on adding other aspects of the prayers: the Mysteries of the Rosary (Joyful are typically prayed on Mondays and Saturdays, Sorrowful on Tuesdays and Fridays, Luminous on Thursdays, and Glorious on Wednesdays and Sundays) or other traditional prayers (prayers for the Holy Father, etc.). Pray as best as you can. Many people find it helpful to pray in the car or on a walk.

How to Go Deeper

- Be intentional about it. You can say the whole Rosary for a particular person or issue you’re facing. Some people offer a different intention for each decade.
- The Rosary is another prayer that’s easy to include others. As kids get older, a family can (and should) pray the Rosary together.

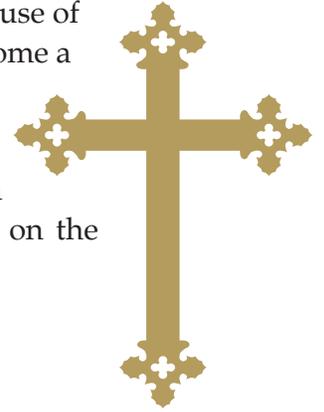


- I know some parents that pray a decade of the Rosary with each kid they're putting to bed. Mom and Dad pray whatever's left of the Rosary together before unwinding for the night.
- I know other parents that just assemble the kids in the living room. The older ones might help lead a decade while the younger ones just color a picture of Jesus. The Rosary is like holy background noise in which their family is growing up.
- There is no wrong way to pray the Rosary as a family, just offer whatever you can to God. If your kids are loud and distracted, that's okay. Let them be loud and distracted with God! They'll get used to it if it's new. Kids are meant to be squirmy, so don't think that because of any of these factors that your Rosary sacrifice isn't good enough. Don't become a holy terror to your family, just love them and accept them and pray with and for them.

- A great way to go deeper is investing in a Scriptural Rosary booklet, where each Hail Mary has a passage from Scripture to help you meditate more deeply on the Mysteries.

In Jesus, through Mary,

Fr. Witt



Sacramental Information

Marriage Congratulations!

Cole & Ava (Boeckman) Luthman
Married Saturday, February 28, 2026
(St. Peter)

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

Sacrament of Matrimony

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

Newly Baptized

Mary Help of Christians

Cash Donald Metzger
 Child of Toby & Chelsea

Kolt William Thobe
 Child of Ethan & Kiley

Tate Joseph Fullenkamp
 Child of Craig & Amber

Kal Kenneth Schoenherr
 Child of Kevin & Nicole

Oliver David Backs
 Child of Derek & Kelsey

St. Joseph

Marcella Rose Marie Homan
 Child of Benjamin & Brooke



Newly Baptized

Holy Trinity

Oban Bruce Vasey
 Child of Charles & Anne

Heath Douglass Vasey
 Child of Charles & Anne

Skye Cameron Vasey
 Child of Charles & Anne

Isaac Thomas Schmitmeyer
 Child of Adam & Denise

Mabel Ann Wenning
 Child of Charles & Emily



Baptismal Schedule

1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday
12:30 pm - MHC	12:30 pm - St. Peter	12:30 pm - St. Paul	12:30 pm - St. Joseph
1:30 pm - Holy Trinity	1:30 pm - St. Mary	1:30 pm - Holy Trinity	1:30 pm - St. Anthony

Holy Cross Family of Parishes

OFFICE CLOSED — The Holy Trinity Office will be closed from Noon - 2 pm on Monday, March 16, 2026.

WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY — Meetings will be held every second 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 11 read for the next meeting.

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. 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.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY — Meetings are held the second & fourth Thursdays of the month at 1184 Philothea Rd, Ft. Recovery, Ohio, from 7:30 - 8:30 pm.

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

SAVE THE DATE — 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.



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

MY PARISH APP — Lent with the Saints by the Merry Beggars is being featured on our My Parish App. The app can be downloaded using the QR Code.



Living Way of the Cross
Production by Fort Recovery CCD Seniors

Show Times:
Sunday, March 29th @ 3:00pm
&
Wednesday, April 1st @ 7:00pm
(there will be no CCD this evening)



Shows will be in the Fort Recovery Elementary School Auditorium

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.

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!

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!

CONFESSION CHANGE NOTICE — No confessions will be available during the weekend Masses through the end of March 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.

ADD/UPDATE INFORMATION FOR ONE CALL NOW — Holy Cross Family Parishioners are able to update their contact information for the One Call Now System via a link on our website, holycrossfop.org. Click on SIGN UP/EDIT ONE CALL on the left side of the screen. You can also add yourself to the groups that receive alerts regarding changes. Also, after signing up text the word "alert" to 22300 to receive text updates. These are very beneficial for CCD, Mass, & Adoration cancellations.

Day of Mercy

Confessions 8:00 am - 8:00 pm
Thursday, March 19 @ MHC



Stations of the Cross

Tuesdays

7:00 pm @ Holy Trinity
Led by Coldwater K of C
March 17, 24

Fridays

After School to 3:45 pm @ Holy Trinity
Led by Fr. Joseph
March 20, 27
**Snacks provided after Stations

3:30 pm @ Mary Help of Christians

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

Sundays

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

Living Stations of the Cross @ St. Mary Church

Wednesday, April 1st, 7:00 pm
w/ Adoration prior from 6 - 6:45 pm



ADORATION CHANGES — The regularly scheduled adoration at St. Paul and St. Anthony on Holy Thursday (April 2nd) and Mary Help of Christians on Good Friday (April 3rd) is canceled. Instead, adoration will start on Holy Thursday through the night into Good Friday taking place at Holy Trinity church as well as Mary Help of Christians Undercroft. The adoration will start at 8:30 pm on Holy Thursday through 8:00 am on Good Friday.

My Parish App - Lent 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



Daily Sessions from 6-8pm:

SUNDAY:

The Power and Beauty of Grace

MONDAY:

The True Church

TUESDAY:

Jesus Eucharistic: The Lament of the Sacred Heart

WEDNESDAY:

Our Lady of Fatima: Our Loving Mother

Location: MARY HELP of CHRISTIANS PARISH
403 Sharpsburg Rd.
Fort Recovery, OH 45846
For further information,
contact the parish office: 419-375-4153

**ANCHORED TO
THE TWO PILLARS:
Setting Out Into Deep Waters**
Parish Encounter with
the Sisters of Children of Mary
April 26 - 29, 2026



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 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.

Family Retreat with the Children of Mary March 28, 2026

9:00-9:30AM Mass followed by Exposition
9:45-10:45AM The sisters will give a talk to the adults and talk to the kids. Snacks will be provided.
10:45-11:45AM Holy Hour

Families can bring picnic lunches and visit with the sisters afterwards.

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH
1689 ST. JOE ROAD FORT RECOVERY, OH

All ages are welcome!

RSVPs will be accepted through the day of the event for snack and seating numbers!! Send your RSVP to adoration.nw1@gmail.com.

Holy Cross Online Store

New Items for the Easter Season!



*Join us in supporting our
Holy Cross Family of Parishes
by
Promoting the Faith!*

Items available now through Pentecost (5/24/26)



Above are a few sample products.
More product options and pricing is available online at
https://designsemb.com/holy_cross/shop/home.



Parish Information



Holy Trinity

D O N U T SUNDAY

Sunday, March 15th, following the 8:00 am and 10:00 am Masses. Come and chat with fellow parishioners while enjoying donuts and fruit! Free-will donations accepted. ALL are welcome.

MOTHER'S DAY ROSE SALE — Volunteers needed to sell roses after the Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 8 am, and Sunday 10 am Masses at Holy Trinity on May 9th - 10th. 41 bundles of roses have been ordered for Holy Trinity. If you can assist us, please call Janet at (419) 678-3288.

MEETING INVITE — St. Ann's Rosary Altar Sodality cordially invites you to our Annual Spring Meeting on Saturday, March 28th. Rosary @ 6:45 am and Mass @ 7:15 am at Holy Trinity Church. This will be followed by the meeting and a light breakfast in the Grotto (church basement). Please RSVP to Julie @ (419) 953-7116 or Katie @ (513) 614-5117. New Members Welcome!

FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER — We are 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, & Feb. \$17,029 for an average of \$16,019.63. 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 2nd - 4th from 6:15 - 8:15 pm & June 5th from 6:15 - 7:30 pm. The theme is "Marvelous Mystery - The Mass Comes Alive".



Registration deadline is April 6th. Use the QR Code or registration link to sign up: <https://vbspro.events/p/htvbs26>. Also, many volunteers are needed, please register.

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



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 — (MARCH) **Kay Westgerdes, Nicole Westgerdes, Lisa (Bob) Westgerdes, Kelly Lauber, Susan Bertke, Lisa (Chuck) Westgerdes, Shel Sutter



St. Anthony

GATHERING FOR FELLOWSHIP

— Every 2nd Thurs. of the month, at 8 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! Join in at the church and pub or either of the two. Questions or opinions please call (419) 852-8741.

ST. ANTHONY FISH FRY — Tickets are currently on sale. This years Fish Fry will be on Fri., Mar. 20, 2026. Serving from 4 pm till the end. The tickets will cost \$15 per ticket. Please contact your fish fry committee members to purchase. Ralph Leugers (419) 305-4429, Patrick Forsthoefel (419) 953-0571, Nick Dues (419) 852-0875, or Mitchell Sudhoff (419) 852-7708.

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 closes on May 11, 2026. Scan QR code or visit www.vbspro.events/p/stanthonny for more details, opportunities to volunteer and donate, and to register.



ANNUAL GARAGE SALE — St. Anthony will be having the annual garage sale again this year. However; due to the fact that the church will be receiving an uplift; we will be having the garage sale in September. This gives everyone an ample amount of time to go through your closets, garage, shops etc. Of course, more information will follow. If anyone has any questions, please call (419) 852-8741.

ST. ANTHONY EASTER EGG HUNT — It will be held on Saturday, April 4th at 1 pm. It is for all kids fourth grade and younger. Rain or shine! - It will be held in the gym and classrooms if the weather is bad.



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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED — St. Mary will be celebrating their 175th Anniversary on September 13th. 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.

CHURCH CLEANING — There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church for our annual church cleaning. Please consider signing up and helping us make our church ready for Easter. We would like all church cleaning done by April 1st. Thank you to all those who sign up to help!

ST. MARY'S EASTER EGG HUNT — March 22nd after noon Mass there will be a hot-dog lunch held in the school hall with an Easter Egg Hunt following Lunch. All are welcome.

CYSC FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE — The Men's sodality will be giving financial assistance to any member of St. Mary's who has children attending CYSC this summer. If you have a child attending CYSC this summer contact Jay Uhlenhake for more information (419) 953-5615



St. Paul

ST. PAUL'S LADY SODALITY

— There will be a spring meeting on Thursday, April 9th at 7:00 in the church hall. All the

women of St. Paul (ages 18 and up) are encouraged to attend. This is a great way to get involved in our parish community. Light refreshments will be offered.

EASTER EGG HUNT — St. Paul's CYO will have an Easter Egg hunt on Saturday, April 4th at the parish hall at 10:30 am. All area children fourth grade and younger are invited to attend.

COLORED EGGS FOR SALE — St. Paul's CYO will be selling colored eggs for \$3 a dozen. To order call (419) 790-8914. Pick up will be on Saturday, April 4th from 8:30 - 11 am at the parish hall.

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 18th birthday until their 59th birthday (canons 97, 1252)



St. Peter

SNOW REMOVAL COMMITTEES

MARCH 2026 — *Alan Pottkotter, Roger Rammel, Mark Overman, Eric Albers, Tom

Post, Scott Dues, Dan Ranly, Matt Roessner, Abe Timmerman, Mike Roessner, Jarrett Post, Bruce Scott, Craig Heitkamp, Doug (Lisa) Kahlig, Doug (Brenda) Kahlig, Roger Roessner, Aaron Will, Dave Rammel, Chris Kemper, Kyle Dues, Joe Bruggeman, Phil Ontrop, Curt Rammel, Steve Reinhard, Mitch Bruggeman, Aaron Bergman, Dustin Overman, Mark Pearson, Jacob Timmerman, Rick Heitkamp. *March Committee: Please remove gravel from grass around gravel parking lot in front of the cemetery. Don't forget that Wednesday evenings is CCD. It is very important to have the snow cleared away as much as possible. THANKS!!!

ST. PETER CARNIVAL'S ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT — Saturday, April 4th @ 10:30 am. All children 4th grade and younger are invited to attend. Meet in the St. Peter Hall: rain or shine!

- Go to **FORMED.org**
- Click "Find Your Parish Subscription" (top right), find our parish, & enter zip code: 45828.
- Make an account by entering your name and email.



Religious Education

Coldwater Religious Ed.

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

ATTENTION:

CHILDRENS LITURGY OF THE WORD — We are still in need of parent volunteers during Mass. Please sign up to assist so we can continue to offer this wonderful program for your children who are attending. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A4CA5AF2CA2F49-44398608-childrens>



SM FIRST RECONCILIATION — Saturday, March 21, 2026, 10 am

NO CLASS — Wednesday, March 25th and April 1st

ST. MARY — Living Stations of the Cross on Wednesday, April 1st, 7:00 pm w/ Adoration prior from 6 - 6:45 pm.

ARK ASSESSMENT — Please note that students do NOT need to take this.

FEARFULLY & WONDERFULLY CREATED — March 25th @ 6 pm at Saint Peter Cafeteria. All 4th - 6th grade girls and their mothers are welcome to join us for a basic level talk on bodily changes during puberty and keeping God at the center of why this all happens. This talk is meant to parallel the information the girls will or have received at school. Information will be relayed to mothers on great resources for further discussion they can have at home when they feel it is appropriate. Questions? Contact Sarah Kahlig at 419-234-3152

CONFIRMATION 2026-2027 — Sunday, October 18, 2026 at 2:30 pm @ Holy Trinity Church.

Fort Recovery Religious Ed.

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ATTENTION:

ST. PAUL FIRST RECONCILIATION — Saturday, March 21st, 10:00 am

MHC FIRST RECONCILIATION — Saturday, March 28th, 10:00 am

*Please note: If you cannot attend your parish's First Reconciliation date, please contact Harlie to switch weekends!

NO CLASS — Wednesday, March 25th and April 1st

LIVING WAY OF THE CROSS — Sunday, March 29th at 3:00 pm and Wednesday, April 1st at 7:00 pm. All are welcome!

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CONFIRMATION 2026-2027 — Sunday, January 24, 2027 at 1:00 pm @ Mary Help of Christians Church.



Youth Ministry

Coldwater Youth Group

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

TUESDAY, MARCH 17 — 7 - 8 am | Christ & Coffee @ Rooster Joe (grades 7th - 12th)

FRIDAY, MARCH 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.



MONDAY, MARCH 23 — 11:18 - 11:45 am | High School Men's & Ladies Lunch @ The Fr. Yauss Basement (grades 9th - 12th)

TUESDAY, MARCH 24 — 7 - 8 am | Christ & Coffee @ Rooster Joe (grades 7th - 12th)

FRIDAY, MARCH 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.



SUNDAY, MARCH 29 — 7:15 - 8:45 pm | Awaken Night @ Fr. Yauss Basement (Ages 12+) "Awaken the Heart: Real Love vs. the World's Love."

Saint of the Week - Saint Patrick

Legends about Saint Patrick abound; but truth is best served by our seeing two solid qualities in him: He was humble and he was courageous. The determination to accept suffering and success with equal indifference guided the life of God's instrument for winning most of Ireland for Christ. Details of his life are uncertain but his popularity has never wavered. He called himself both a Roman and a Briton. At 16, he and a large number of his father's slaves and vassals were captured by Irish raiders and sold as slaves in Ireland. Forced to work as a shepherd, he suffered greatly from hunger and cold. After six years Saint Patrick escaped and later returned to Britain at the age of 22. His captivity had meant spiritual conversion. He spent years at Auxerre, France, and was consecrated bishop at the age of 43. His great desire was to proclaim the good news to the Irish. In a dream vision it seemed "all the children of Ireland from their mothers' wombs were stretching out their hands" to him. He understood the vision to be a call to do mission work in pagan Ireland. Despite opposition from those who felt his education had been defective, he was sent to carry out the task. He went to the west and north—where the faith had never been preached—obtained the protection of local kings, and made numerous converts. Because of the island's pagan background, Patrick was emphatic in encouraging widows to remain chaste and young women to consecrate their virginity to Christ. He ordained many priests, divided the country into dioceses, held Church councils, founded several monasteries and continually urged his people to greater holiness in Christ. He suffered much opposition from pagan druids and was criticized in both England and Ireland for the way he conducted his mission. In a relatively short time, the island had experienced deeply the Christian spirit, and was prepared to send out missionaries whose efforts were greatly responsible for Christianizing Europe.



Feast Day
March 17th

- Information obtained from franciscanmedia.org

Fort Fiat Youth Group

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

TO THE HEIGHTS — Tuesdays 3:30 - 4:30 pm @ 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 — Friday, March 20th at 7:15 am in MHC Undercroft (6th - 12th)

SOUP & STATIONS — Every Friday of Lent from 3:30 - 4:30 pm 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=t.0

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 31st. 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 31st. The winner of the award will be announced in May.



4th Sunday of Lent

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Community Interests

YOU'RE INVITED: CHRISM MASS — Join Archbishop Casey and the priests and faithful of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati for the annual Chrism Mass, celebrated on Holy Tuesday, March 31st at 4 pm at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains. In this once-a-year Holy Week liturgy, the Archbishop will bless the Oils of the Sick and Catechumens and consecrate the Sacred Chrism to be used in sacramental celebrations throughout the archdiocese in the coming year. The priests will also renew the promises made at their ordination. All are welcome – especially those recently anointed or initiated, or those preparing for Christian Initiation in the coming year – to share in this unique liturgy. This is a great opportunity for families to experience our local Church gathered in prayer!

CANCER PRAYER SERVICE AT THE SHRINE — The Shrine is pleased to be able to offer the St. Peregrine Relic for prayer and veneration. Three times per year a prayer service is held for those who are on a journey with cancer, whether it be as a patient or as a caregiver. The next service will be held on Sunday, March 15th at 2 pm in the Shrine's Adoration Chapel. This event is free and open to the public. All who have been affected by cancer are encouraged to attend. For those battling cancer, you can submit your name or a loved one's name for prayer. Please contact Caleb Gaier at c.gaier@mariasteinshrine.org or call 419-925-4532. The Shrine is located at 2291 St. John's Rd. in Maria Stein. For more event information, visit www.mariasteinshrine.org.

SPRING SALE AT THE PILGRIM GIFT SHOP — Start your Spring shopping at the Pilgrim Gift Shop at the Maria Stein Shrine! March 19th – 22nd, the Pilgrim Gift Shop is offering 20% off storewide! (Exclusions apply, see store for details). This is a great time to find the perfect First Communion Gift! Gift Shop Hours: Thursday, March 19th 9:30 am – 6 pm; Friday, March 20th and Saturday, March 21st 9:30 am – 4 pm; Sunday, March 22nd, Noon – 4 pm; The Shrine is located at 2291 St. John's Rd. in Maria Stein. For more event information, visit www.mariasteinshrine.org.

TENEBRAE SERVICE — The Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics will host a Tenebrae Service on Wednesday, April 1st, at 7:30 pm in the Adoration Chapel. "Tenebrae," a Latin word meaning "shadows," invites us into a deep reflection on the Passion of Christ. Through prayer and Scripture, we enter into the sorrow of Christ's betrayal, abandonment, and suffering. Yet even in the darkness, we hold fast to the promise that the story does not end there—Christ will complete His mission three days later. As the service unfolds, candles are gradually extinguished, and the deepening shadows remind us of the solemn events leading to the Resurrection.

SYNOD 2027 — Archbishop Casey has announced that we will conduct an archdiocese synod over the next two years, culminating with a general assembly in Fall 2027. Synod 2027 will offer us a collective opportunity to prayerfully listen to the Holy Spirit and to one another to discover anew the joy of discipleship, recognizing Christ in our midst and responding enthusiastically to His call. The latest on Synod 2027 can be found at catholicaoc.org/Synod2027.

BREAKFAST BUFFET — The Knights of St. John in Maria Stein will be having their monthly all you can eat breakfast buffet on March 15th from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. The cost is Adults \$11.00, 7-12 year olds \$7.00, and 6 & under eat free.

COLDWATER & FT. RECOVERY K OF C COUNCILS - FRATERNAL BENEFITS NIGHT — The Knights of Columbus helps protect Catholic families, proclaims the faith, and helps those most in need in local communities and across the world. As the largest Catholic Fraternal organization in the United States, the K of C also offers insurance and financial planning services. Everyone is invited to join for a "Fraternal Benefits Event" on March 17th, 2026 at 7 pm at the Celina K of C Hall, 129 N. Vine St. This event is open to the public, all parishioners are invited.

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 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.

BETHANY BRUNCH – MARCH 28 AT ST. MONICA –ST. GEORGE PARISH NEWMAN CENTER — The next Bethany Brunch in our archdiocesan series will take place on Saturday, March 28th, 9:00 am - 12:00 noon at St. Monica-St. George Parish Newman Center, Cincinnati featuring the Nashville Dominican Sisters. These gatherings are designed to support young women as they listen for God's call and to connect them with joyful, faithful religious sisters. RSVP link: <https://tinyurl.com/BethanySeries25>.

ARCHBISHOP CASEY TO CELEBRATE IRISH MASS ON MARCH 15 — Archbishop Robert Casey will celebrate the annual Mass honoring our Irish forebears (and his) on Sunday, March 15, 10:00 am at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains. The Mass will be preceded at 9:45 a.m. by a prelude by the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick glee club, will feature a processional with bagpipes and other Irish instruments, and will be followed by refreshments and additional songs by the glee club in the undercroft. Join us!

SAVE THE DATE! 2026 CATHOLIC REDHAWK GALA ON SATURDAY, MAY 2 — Save the date for the second annual Catholic RedHawk Gala benefitting the Catholic Newman Center at Miami University. Be part of the exciting work of campus ministry at Miami! Join us Saturday, May 2, 2026 at the Shriver Center on campus. For more information, visit CatholicRedHawk.com.



EAGLE EYE TEEN SUMMER INSTITUTE — Teens, 16-18 years old and already strong in their Catholic Faith, are invited to a deepening of the Catholic faith while surrounding yourself with like-minded peers at the 2026 Eagle Eye Teen Summer Institute at the Maria Stein Spiritual Center from June 13th - June 21st. Come join us for eight days of fun, friendship, recreation, prayer, and study. Guided by the Brothers and Sisters of the Community of St. John, we are dedicated to helping you make this experience the best it can be! Spots are limited so sign up now at <https://brushfire.com/616591> or use the QR code.



WELCOME WEEKEND AT THE SEMINARY — On April 17th - 19th, Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology in Cincinnati is hosting a welcome weekend for men ages 18-35 who are interested in learning about discernment and priesthood. Attendees will spend the night at the seminary and participate in community liturgies as well as prayer, social time, and talks about discernment and seminary life. Space is limited. Email Fr. Michael Willig at mwillig@catholicaoc.org for registration information.

QUARTER AUCTION — Join us for our 2nd annual Quarter Auction hosted by Quo Vadis. This year, it will be held at the Knights of St. John's on Sunday, March 22nd, from 1 - 3 pm. Pre-Sale tickets are \$5 and include your entry and a paddle! To purchase paddles, please contact Grant Garke @ (419) 852-4788 for your tickets! Hope you can join us!!

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

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.

COME AND SEE LIVE-IN WEEKEND AT THE JOSEPHINUM SEMINARY — March 20th - 22nd the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus will be hosting a "Come and See" live-in weekend for young men interested in learning more about college seminary and the priesthood in general. The live-in includes presentations on community life and seminary formation. If you are interested, contact the Director of Vocations, Fr. Michael Willig, at vocations@catholicaoc.org or 513.263.3390.

FOLLOW AND PRAY WITH ARCHBISHOP CASEY — Archbishop Casey has launched his own social media accounts! Follow him at: Instagram: @archbishopcasey and/or Facebook: facebook.com/archbishopcasey

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.

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

FEEL CALLED TO PRAY IN A SPECIAL WAY FOR OUR PRIESTS AND BISHOPS? - The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a group of women who commit to offering a regular holy hour of prayer for a specific priest or bishop within our Archdiocese. If you know of someone who feels called to this, they can learn more and contact the local coordinator via the organization website: <https://sevensistersapostolate.org/>

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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.*

Contributions

February 23 - March 1, 2026

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