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*Family Offices*

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

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](http://www.holycrossfop.org)



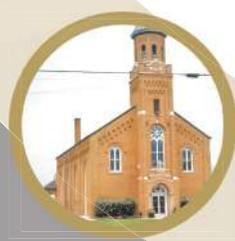
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[www.facebook.com/holycrossfop](http://www.facebook.com/holycrossfop)



St. Anthony



St. Joseph



St. Mary



St. Paul



St. Peter

**Sunday, March 22, 2026**  
*Fifth 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
<b>Monday, March 23</b> <i>Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop; opt. mem.</i>	Walter Steinbrunner †	FEM	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	After Mass
	L/D Stanley & Viola Ahlers Family †	FAW	6:45 pm	St. Peter	5:45 - 6:30 pm
<b>Tuesday, March 24</b> <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	Donald E. Feltz †	FEM	7:15 am	St. Mary	After Mass
	Ralph Evers †	FJP	6:45 pm	St. Joseph	5:45 - 6:30 pm
<b>Wednesday, March 25</b> <i>The Annunciation of the Lord; Solemnity</i>	Kenneth Vondrell †	FEM	7:15 am (L/S)	MHC	After Mass
	L/D of the Elmer Wynk Family †	FAW	Noon (L/S)	Holy Trinity	11:30 am - end
<b>Thursday, March 26</b> <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	Alex Guggenbiller †	FEM	7:15 am	St. Paul	After Mass
	Doris Bruggeman †	FAW	6:45 pm	St. Anthony	5:45 - 6:30 pm
<b>Friday, March 27</b> <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	Ryan Homan †	FEM	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	After Mass
	Bob & Bernie Muhlenkamp †	FAW	Noon (L/S)	MHC	11:30 am - end
<b>Saturday, March 28</b> <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	Jerry Schmitz †	FEM	9:00 am	St. Joseph	After Mass
	Bob & Ginny Schaefer †	FJP	4:00 pm	St. Anthony	3:15 - 3:45 pm
	Mike Franzer †	FEM	4:30 pm	Holy Trinity	3:45 - 4:15 pm
	L/D Ralph & Mary Bergman Family †	FAW	4:30 pm (L/S)	MHC	3:45 - 4:15 pm
<b>Sunday, March 29</b> <i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i>	L/D Tom † & Eileen Litmer Family	FAW	7:00 am	St. Joseph	N/A
	L/D Margo Wynk Family †	FJP	8:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	7:25 - 7:45 am
	Members of Holy Cross Family of Parishes	FEM	9:00 am (L/S)	MHC	8:25 - end
	Henry & Anna Gels †	FBS	10:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	9:25 - 9:45 am
	L/D Peter Eischen Family †	FEM/DDK	11:00 am	St. Paul	10:25 - 10:45 am
	L/D Leroy Heyne Family †	FAW	11:00 am	St. Peter	10:25 - 10:45 am
	L/D Carl & Bertha Harting Families †	FJP	Noon	St. Mary	11:25 - 11:45 am
	Norbert & Angela Prenger †	FBS/DRK	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-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](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, March 25, 7:15 am

**Servers:** Charlie Roessner, Chris Timmerman

**Lector:** Elly Boeckman

### Friday, March 27, 12:00 pm

**Server:** Zavier Bruns

**Lector:** Keshia Willmann

### Saturday, March 28, 4:30 pm

**Servers:** Jameson Heitkamp, Riley Heitkamp, Zavier Bruns

**Lector:** Les Wenning, Kathy Portz

**EMHC:** Linda Lennartz, Rose Tobe

**Sacristan:** Maggie Hartings

**Ushers:** Floyd Bergman, Don Lennartz, Randy Wuebker, Dan Schmitz

### Sunday, March 29, 9:00 am

**Servers:** Chase Fiely, Milo Fiely, Blake Homan, Vance Tobe, Gabriel Jutte

**Lector:** Elly Boeckman, Carol Jutte

**EMHC:** Elly Boeckman, Gail Dues

**Sacristan:** Lois Vogel

**Ushers:** Doug Schmitz, Greg Schmitz, Gary J. Wendel, Steve Vogel

## - St. Joseph -

### Tuesday, March 24, 6:45 pm

**Servers:** Coby Schmitz, Hoyt Schmitz

**Lector:** Lisa Roessner

**Sacristan:** Norma Pottkotter

### Saturday, March 28, 9:00 am

**Server:** Tyler Dues

**Lector:** Paige Pottkotter

### Sunday, March 29, 7:00 am

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

**Lector:** Danielle Pottkotter, Jean Grube

**EMHC:** Danielle Pottkotter

**Sacristan:** Christa Fullenkamp

**Ushers:** Steve Post, Allen Grube

## - St. Paul -

### Thursday, March 26, 7:15 am

**Servers:** Korbin Wuebker, Hayden Wuebker

### Sunday, March 29, 11:00 am

**Servers:** Dan Siefring, Nick Siefring, Landon Sudhoff, Raelyn Sudhoff, Coralai Sudhoff

**Lector:** Lindsey Reinhard, Joe Knapke

**EMHC:** Theresa Siefring, Lindsey Reinhard

**Ushers:** Chris Siefring, Ross Homan

**Rosary:** Joe & Kim Knapke

## - St. Peter -

### Monday, March 23, 6:45 pm

**Server:** Theo Schmitz

**Lector:** Kim Schmitz

### Sunday, March 29, 11:00 am

**Servers:** Garrett Diller, Kale Diller, Easton Diller, Logan Gaerke, Gavin Gaerke, Wade Gaerke

**Lector:** Deacon Dan Kahlig, Elaine Post

**EMHC:** Deacon Dan Kahlig

**Sacristan:** Marilyn Pottkotter

**Ushers:** Shane Gaerke, Derek Gaerke

## - Holy Trinity -

### Monday, March 23, 7:15 am

**Servers:** Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby

**Lector:** Rene Klosterman

### Wednesday, March 25, 12:00 pm

**Servers:** James Pottkotter, Francis Pottkotter, Michael Pottkotter

**Lector:** Rene Klosterman

### Friday, March 27, 7:15 am

**Servers:** Jack Bettinger, Archer Bihn

**Lector:** Rita Riethman

### Saturday, March 28, 4:30 pm

**Servers:** David Dues, Josh Homan, Alex Schwieterman

**Lector:** Denny Riethman, Gary Lefeld

**EMHC:** Dave Bertke, Nate Wenning, Denny Riethman

### Sunday, March 29, 8:00 am

**Servers:** A.J. Alig, Dillan Wenning, Archer Bihn, Carter Heitkamp

**Lector:** Nick Knapke, Gary Diller

**EMHC:** Karen Hoying, Dan Fullenkamp, Mary Lou Wenning

### Sunday, March 29, 10:00 am

**Servers:** Liam Cowan, Max Ross, Mason Evers, John Evers, Miles Muhlenkamp

**Lector:** Terry Liette, Gary Griesdorn

**EMHC:** Carla Kahlig, Nick Schmitmeyer, Scott Noonan, Stephanie Rutschilling

### Sunday, March 29, 6:00 pm

**Servers:** Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby, Gabriel Simper

**Lector:** Deacon Roger Kaiser, Kim Rose

**EMHC:** Sarah Klosterman, Deacon Roger Kaiser

## - St. Anthony -

### Thursday, March 26, 6:45 pm

**Server:** Wesley Geier

**Lector:** Paul Welling

**Sacristan:** Janet Brockman

### Saturday, March 28, 4:00 pm

**Servers:** Bryant Evans, Wesley Kahlig, Nolan Link, Jack Link

**Lector:** Joanne Alig, Cindy Homan

**EMHC:** Ellen Sudhoff

**Sacristan:** Janie Timmerman

**Ushers:** Greg Alig, Nick Dues

**Rosary:** Teri Minnich

## - St. Mary -

### Tuesday, March 24, 7:15 am

**Server:** Volunteer Needed

**Lector:** Stephanie Wendel

### Sunday, March 29, 12:00 pm

**Servers:** William Moorman, Jacob Uhlenhake, Kate Uhlenhake, Isabella Uhlenhake

**Lector:** Betsey Uhlenhake, Martin Schoenherr

**EMHC:** Jay Uhlenhake

**Ushers:** Ken Siefring,

Craig Hartings



# Message from the Priests

## Week V: Daily Mass

As we've gone through some meat options for your *Daily Prayer Sandwich*, today we are giving you the "steak" of the meat options: Daily Mass. As we grow stronger in the spiritual life, we should find ourselves wanting more. Just like an athlete will find it necessary to take in more calories as their training intensifies, so should the spiritual life of a Christian.

### *Daily Mass*

The Daily Mass is the single greatest way to grow in your faith. Why is that? Because it has everything the other meat options have and more! We started with reading and meditating on Sacred Scripture. The Rosary takes that to the next level by helping us to meditate on those passages in Sacred Scripture while holding onto Mary's hand. She helps us to see Jesus better by her loving prayers. But at Daily Mass, not only do we get Scripture, not only do we get the intercession of Mary and all the saints, but we hear Sacred Scripture reflected on in a way that (hopefully) helps us in our daily life. But even if the homily is a swing and a miss, we still get to receive Jesus in Holy Communion. Jesus was a master craftsman by trade, He knows how to build things. If you let Him build up your spiritual life, He will do a great job!

### *Commitment*

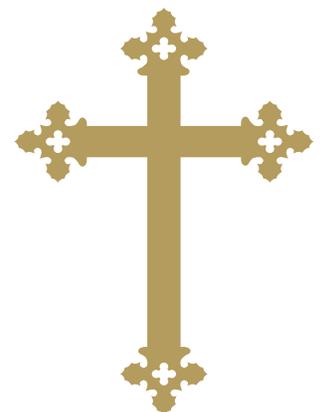
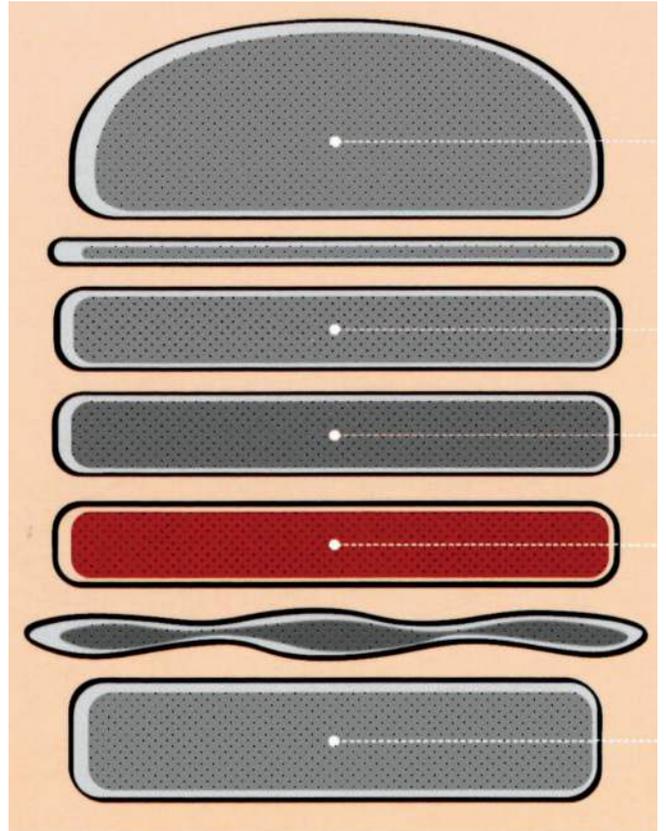
About 30 minutes or so.

### *The Method*

Just show up. Daily Mass is like Sunday Mass, but fewer prayers, less crowded, no collection, usually quieter (though crying babies are always welcome!) and just in general more chill and intimate. People who come to daily Mass often report feeling more connected with Jesus than on a Sunday. This doesn't need to be an every day sort of thing. But Daily Mass can be a powerful way of living your life more deeply for Jesus by structuring our day so that we can live our lives with Jesus.

In Jesus, through Mary,

Fr. Witt



# Sacramental Information

## Wedding Banns

I Darrin Schwieterman & Katelyn Vagedes

*And the two shall become one.*

## Sacrament of Matrimony

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

## Baptismal Sponsors

This is an honor, but so much more. Whether for Baptism or Confirmation, being a sponsor means that you are promising to assist the parents in raising this person in the Catholic Faith. In order to fulfill that responsibility, the sponsor needs to be a practicing Catholic. This means that prayer, scripture, the sacraments and especially Mass are important priorities in his/her life. This also means that a sponsor needs to be a fully initiated Catholic who has received the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion, Confirmation, and, if married, was married in the Catholic Church.

## Baptismal 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	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

## Marriage Congratulations!

Caleb & Katelin (O'Connor) Siefring  
Married Saturday, March 7, 2026  
(St. Paul)

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

## In Loving Memory...

Mark Alan Siefring  
May 14, 1950 - March 6, 2026  
(Holy Trinity)

*I am the resurrection and the life,  
says the Lord whoever  
believes in me will never die.*

- John 11:26

# Holy Cross Family of Parishes

**IN SEARCH OF: FAITHFUL CATHOLICS WHO HAVE GONE THROUGH ANNULMENTS** — Going through the annulment process can be a really difficult thing. Sometimes, the shame or embarrassment of reaching out can prevent people from seeking the healing Christ wants to give them through this process. Fr. Witt is looking to create a group of men and women who have gone through the annulment process and would be willing to be trained to help others through that process as well. The idea would be that when someone calls in for an annulment, they could be matched up with a fellow parishioner who could help them through that process, be sympathetic, and help them to maintain and deepen their faith in Christ and His Church through that difficult process. If you are interested in hearing more about this, please contact Fr. Witt.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** — Tuesday, March 24 at 7 pm at Holy Trinity (led by Coldwater K of C). Friday, March 27 after School to 3:45 pm at Holy Trinity (led by Fr. Joseph) & snacks will be provided after stations. Friday, March 27 at 3:30 pm at Mary Help of Christians (youth group, led by Fr. Witt) & there is soup and games in the Undercroft after Stations. Sunday, March 22 at St. Peter at 1:30 pm (led by Fort Recovery K of C). No stations on Sunday, March 29.

**CHICKEN DINNERS**— Hearts on Fire: Camping with Christ is selling Wendel's BBQ chicken dinners now through April 12, 2026. Chicken dinners will consist of half chicken, chips, dinner roll w/ butter, & applesauce. The chicken dinners are pre-sale only. Proceeds benefit our upcoming Holy Cross Family of Parish retreats. Scan the QR code or contact us to get your E-Ticket! For more information: christcamp2025@gmail.com or call/text Nate Buschur at (419) 305-3374. Chicken dinner pick up is on Sunday, April 26, 2026 from 4 - 6 pm at JB Trucking, 4141 Burrville Rd., Coldwater, Ohio 45828.



**MASS FOR D OF I** — There will be a mass for the living and deceased members of the Ft. Recovery D of I at 6:45 pm on Mon., April 6<sup>th</sup> at St. Peter Church. The D of I meeting will immediately follow at the St. Peter school house instead of the regular meetings on the first of every month.

**OUR QUEST LEADER NEEDED** — We are looking for a new Our Quest leader for the 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls group in Ft. Recovery. This group meets once a month October - April. Plans and materials will be provided to you but you are also welcome to make your own plans. If interested, please contact Harlie at hmetzger.holycrossfop@gmail.com.

**FEATURING NEW ITEMS ON THE HOLY CROSS FAMILY OF PARISHES ONLINE STORE** — Products featuring our Holy Cross Family of Parishes logo are available continuously through our online store. In addition, specialty items are available at select times. Currently the new Easter Season items will be available through Pentecost (May 24, 2026). Products can be purchased at [https://designsemb.com/holy\\_cross/shop/home](https://designsemb.com/holy_cross/shop/home) or by using the QR Code. Please contact either Holy Cross Family Parish Office if you are in need of assistance. Thank you for showing your faith and supporting our family of parishes!



**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!

**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](http://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.

*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

**Living Stations of the Cross**  
**@ St. Mary Church**  
Wednesday, April 1st, 7:00 pm  
w/ Adoration prior from 6 - 6:45 pm



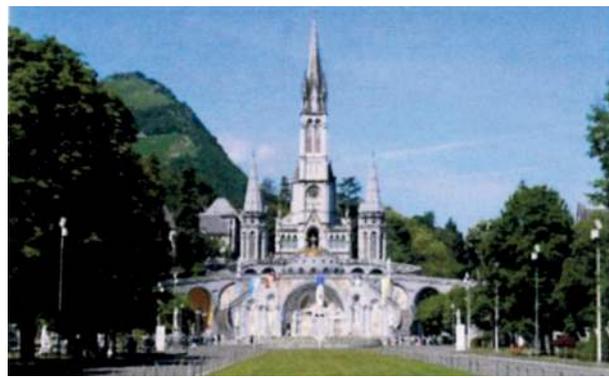
**BULLETIN SUBMISSION NOTICE:** Submissions must be received by 8:00 am, 10 days prior to the Sunday publication date unless otherwise noted. Please submit info to [bulletin.holycrossfop@gmail.com](mailto:bulletin.holycrossfop@gmail.com).

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



**Registration is required by  
April 15, 2026**

**You Are Invited To Join  
Fr. Alexander Witt**  
on an 11-day Marian  
Shrines Pilgrimage to  
Portugal, Spain & France.



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**DAILY MASS AT THE HOLY SITES**

Brochures are available in our churches and also on the announcements page of our website at <https://www.holycrossfop.org/announcements-1>



# Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday, April 12, 2026 at 2 - 4:15 pm @ Holy Trinity & St. Paul

Jesus told St. Faustina, "Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy."

## Schedule (Holy Trinity & St. Paul Parishes)

- 2:00 - 2:30 PM — Welcome and Brief Introduction to Divine Mercy Sunday & Rosary
- 2:00 - 4:00 PM — Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 2:30 - 3:00 PM — Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image
- 3:00 - 3:30 PM — Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, & Litany of Divine Mercy
- 3:30 - 4:00 PM — Eucharistic Adoration
- 4:00 PM — Benediction & Confessions conclude



\*Pamphlets for the Chaplet of Divine Mercy are in the back of all Holy Cross Parishes. The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday.

For more information on The Divine Mercy and steps to receive extraordinary graces, please refer to the Marian website at the following link or QR code above.

[thedivinemercy.org](http://thedivinemercy.org)

If you have any questions about Divine Mercy Sunday please contact the following: for Holy Trinity contact Norma Wermert @ 419-852-2952 and for St. Paul contact Joe Knapke @ 419-852-5188.

"For those hoping to go to confession to obtain the plenary indulgence available on Divine Mercy Sunday, please note that limited confessions will be offered during the Holy Hour. However, the indulgence can still be obtained, under the normal conditions, by going to confession within 8 days."



**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: DATE CHANGE** — First Communion at Holy Trinity will not be on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of April. It will instead be held on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> during the 10 am Mass.

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

**MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS** — To see what maintenance and improvement projects are underway at our different parishes, go to [www.holycrossfop.org](http://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.

**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.



**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)

**ADORATION CHANGES** — The regularly scheduled adoration at St. Paul and St. Anthony on Holy Thursday (April 2<sup>nd</sup>) and Mary Help of Christians on Good Friday (April 3<sup>rd</sup>) 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  
8:00 am Holy Trinity  
9:00 am MHC  
9:00 am St. Anthony

10:00 am Holy Trinity  
10:00 am St. Mary  
11:00 am St. Paul  
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](mailto:adoration.nw1@gmail.com).

# Parish Information



## Holy Trinity

### A D O R E R S

**NEEDED** — Enjoy a chance to spend time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament at Holy Trinity

on Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> anywhere from 3 - 9 pm. If interested in filling one of these time slots, please use the QR code or contact Stephanie at srutschilling. holycrossfop@gmail.com or (419) 678-4802



**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 9<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>. 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 28<sup>th</sup>. 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!



## Mary Help of Christians

### A D O R E R S

**NEEDED** — Enjoy a chance to spend time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament at MHC on

Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 6 - 7:15 pm or 7:15 - 8:30 pm. If interested in filling one of these time slots, please use the QR code or contact Harlie at hmetzger.holycrossfop@gmail.com or (419) 375-4153



**DONUT & REGISTRATION SUNDAY** — All are welcome to join us for donuts after 9:00 am Mass on Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> in the Undercroft. CCD & VBS registration will also be available. Thank you to the Ladies Sodality for their help with this event!

**DIAPER DRIVE** — There will be a collection box for a diaper and formula drive for Choosing Life Pregnancy Center located in the East Entrance near the elevator from March 23<sup>rd</sup> through April 12<sup>th</sup>. Diaper sizes Newborn and 6 - 8 are in most need but all sizes and types of formula will be gladly accepted. Thank you for your generosity!



## St. Anthony

### A D O R E R S

**NEEDED** — Enjoy a chance to spend time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament at Saint Anthony on

Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 - 7:45 pm. If interested in filling this time slot, please use the QR code or contact Stephanie at srutschilling. holycrossfop@gmail.com or (419) 678-4802



**GATHERING FOR FELLOWSHIP** — Every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**VBS** — 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 for participants and volunteers is open through 5/11/26. Scan QR code or visit [www.vbspro.events/p/vbsstanthony](http://www.vbspro.events/p/vbsstanthony) for more details, opportunities to donate or volunteer, 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**MEN'S SODALITY MEETING** — There will be a meeting on Monday, March 30, 2026. The meeting will take place at 7:30 pm in the St. Anthony School Hall. All men of St. Anthony Parish are members and welcome to attend. Snack and Refreshments are provided at the end of the meeting. Hope to see you there!

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**ARE YOU EXCITED?**

### Holy Trinity

June 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>  
6:15 - 8:15 pm  
&  
June 5<sup>th</sup>  
6:15 - 7:30pm

Use the QR Code or Registration Link to sign up!  
Also, many volunteers are needed, please register.  
<https://vbspro.events/p/htvbs26>

**Registration Deadline is April 6<sup>th</sup>**

Any donation towards our VBS Wishlist is appreciated! Please use the provide QR Code or link:  
<https://a.co/6315mQ1>



## St. Mary

**A D O R E R S  
NEEDED** — Enjoy a chance to spend time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament at Saint Mary on

Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:45 - 7:15 pm. If interested in filling this time slot, please use the QR code or contact Stephanie at srutschilling.holycrossfop@gmail.com or (419) 678-4802



**PATRIOTIC 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 175<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you to all those who sign up to help!

**ST. MARY'S EASTER EGG HUNT** — March 22<sup>nd</sup> 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

**A D O R E R S  
NEEDED** — Enjoy a chance to spend time with the Lord in the Blessed

Sacrament at Saint Paul on

Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 6 - 7 pm or 7 - 8 pm. If interested in filling one of these time slots, please use the QR code or contact Harlie at hmetzger.holycrossfop@gmail.com or (419) 375-4153



**DONUT & REGISTRATION SUNDAY** — All are welcome to join us for donuts after 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> in the Church Hall. CCD & VBS registration will also be available. Thank you to the Ladies Sodality for their help with this event!

**ST. PAUL'S LADY SODALITY** — There will be a spring meeting on Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 4<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 - 11 am at the parish hall.

## St. Paul's CYO - Easter Egg Hunt

*Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>  
Parish Hall at 10:30 am*

All area children  
fourth grade & younger  
are invited to attend.



## St. Joseph

**ST. JOE SOCIAL** —

All are welcome to join us for the annual St. Joe Social on Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> anytime after 1:00 pm. Please

bring a snack to share and enjoy spending time with fellow parishioners. CCD & VBS registration will also be available. Thank you to the Ladies Sodality for their help with this event!

**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. Peter

**A D O R E R S  
NEEDED** — Enjoy a

chance to spend time with the Lord in the Blessed

Sacrament at Saint Peter on

Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 - 7:15 pm OR 7:15 - 8:30 pm. If interested in filling one of these time slots, please use the QR code or contact Harlie at hmetzger.holycrossfop@gmail.com or (419) 375-4153



**DONUT & REGISTRATION SUNDAY** — All are welcome to join us for donuts after 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> in the Church Basement. CCD & VBS registration will also be available. Thank you to the Ladies Sodality for their help with this event!

**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!!!

## The St. Peter Carnival's Annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 4 @ 10:30 am

All children 4<sup>th</sup> grade and younger are invited to attend.

Meet in the St. Peter Hall: *rain or shine!*

- Go to [FORMED.org](http://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.

Contact: Stephanie Rutschilling  
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>



**NO CLASS** — Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>

**ST. MARY** — Living Stations of the Cross on Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 25<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm at Saint Peter Cafeteria. All 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> 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

### UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

**FIRST COMMUNION** — Holy Trinity - April 19<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 am, St. Anthony - April 25<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 pm, & St. Mary - April 26<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00 pm.

**BACCALAUREATE MASSES** — Holy Trinity - May 17<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 am, St. Anthony - May 16<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 pm, St. Mary - May 17<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00 pm

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

## Fort Recovery Religious Ed.

Contact: Harlie Metzger  
hmetzger.holycrossfop@gmail.com, (419) 375-4153

### ATTENTION:

**MHC FIRST RECONCILIATION** — Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am

**NO CLASS** — Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>

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

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

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

## Saint of the Week - Saint Catherine of Genoa

Going to confession one day was the turning point of Catherine's life. When Saint Catherine of Genoa was born, many Italian nobles were supporting Renaissance artists and writers. The needs of the poor and the sick were often overshadowed by a hunger for luxury and self-indulgence. Catherine's



Feast Day March 26<sup>th</sup>

parents were members of the nobility in Genoa. At 13, she attempted to become a nun but failed because of her age. At 16, she married Julian, a nobleman who turned out to be selfish and unfaithful. For a while she tried to numb her disappointment by a life of selfish pleasure. One day in confession she had a new sense of her own sins and how much God loved her. She reformed her life and gave good example to Julian, who soon turned from his self-centered life of distraction. Julian's spending, however, had ruined them financially. He and Catherine decided to live in the Pammatone, a large hospital in Genoa, and to dedicate themselves to works of charity there. After Julian's death in 1497, Catherine took over management of the hospital. Saint Catherine of Genoa wrote about purgatory which, she said, begins on earth for souls open to God. Life with God in heaven is a continuation and perfection of the life with God begun on earth. Exhausted by her life of self-sacrifice, Catherine died September 15, 1510, and was canonized in 1737.

- Information obtained from [franciscanmedia.org](http://franciscanmedia.org)

## 5th Sunday of Lent

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Village  
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Walks  
Awaken  
Sleep  
Tomb  
Lives  
Wept



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# Youth Ministry

## Coldwater Youth Group

Contact: Maria Gruss

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**MONDAY, MARCH 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>)

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

**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 Mercy. God's Love in Your Mess."

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

**TUESDAY, MARCH 31** — 7 - 8 am | Christ & Coffee @ Rooster Joe (grades 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>)

## Fort Fiat Youth Group

Contact: Natalie Ashbaugh

nashbaugh.holycrossfop@gmail.com

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**TO THE HEIGHTS** — Tuesdays 3:30 - 4:30 pm @ 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** — Wednesdays 9 - 10 pm @ MHC (grades 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>)

**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.



Thank You!

To This Week's Youth Group Lunch Sponsor

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# Community Interests

**COLDWATER K OF C EASTER EGG HUNT** — Saturday, April 4, 2026 at 1 pm by the Depot.

**BUS TRIP** — Sponsored by the Ft. Recovery D of I - Join us on a bus trip planned for Friday, June 5, 2026, going to Shipshewana, IN, to see the musical "A Simple Sanctuary." Call Ginny at (419) 852-8960 for more information.

**EAGLE EYE TEEN SUMMER INSTITUTE** — Teens, 16-18 years old 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 13<sup>th</sup> - June 21<sup>st</sup>. 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.



**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.

**BIRTHDAY INVITE** — Long time farmer and member of the Ft. Recovery community, Willie Lochtefeld, will turn 90 on Easter Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. Instead of an open house, his family invites you to stop in at your convenience to visit with him at The Gardens of St. Henry. He is in room 311 or you can find him tooling around the facility. He loves to get visitors!

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

**BETHANY BRUNCH - MARCH 28 AT ST. MONICA -ST. GEORGE PARISH NEWMAN CENTER** — Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 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>.



**WELCOME WEEKEND AT THE SEMINARY** — On April 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:mwillig@catholicaoc.org) for registration information.

**TENEBRAE SERVICE** — The Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics will host a Tenebrae Service on Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.

**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 31<sup>st</sup> 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!

**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

**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.

**HEALING MASSES - 2026** — Montezuma Retreat House at 7 pm on Apr. 14<sup>th</sup>, May 12<sup>th</sup>, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>, & Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>.

**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](http://catholicaoc.org/Synod2027).

**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](https://facebook.com/archbishopcasey)

## Stewardship

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### Contributions

**March 2 - 8, 2026**

<b>Mary Help of Christians</b>		<b>Holy Trinity</b>	
Offertory.....	\$4,165.05	Offertory.....	\$4,486.00
Flowers.....	\$ 894.00	Loose.....	\$3,248.00
Youth Group.....	\$ 20.00	Total.....	\$7,734.00
Cemetery.....	\$ 5.00	Perm. Improvement.....	\$5,093.00
Allocated Loose.....	\$1,232.98	Candles.....	\$ 151.00
<b>St. Joseph</b>		<b>St. Anthony</b>	
Offertory.....	\$ 945.00	Offertory.....	\$ 373.00
Flowers.....	\$ 55.00	Loose.....	\$ 450.00
Allocated Loose.....	\$ 257.48	Total.....	\$ 823.00
<b>St. Paul</b>		Perm. Improvement.....	
Offertory.....	\$2,633.22	\$ 340.00	
Maintenance.....	\$ 100.00	<b>St. Mary</b>	
Flowers.....	\$ 220.00	Offertory.....	\$1,007.00
Allocated Loose.....	\$ 525.43	Loose.....	\$ 774.01
<b>St. Peter</b>		Total.....	\$1,781.01
Offertory.....	\$1,740.00	Perm. Improvement.....	\$ 430.00
Flowers.....	\$ 260.00	Ash Wednesday.....	\$ 18.00
Religious Ed.....	\$ 15.00		
Building Fund.....	\$ 745.00		
Allocated Loose.....	\$ 416.57		

*Thank you for your generosity!*

# Contact Information

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