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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)



**Facebook:**

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



***St. Anthony***



***St. Joseph***



***St. Mary***



***St. Paul***



***St. Peter***

**Sunday, March 29, 2026**  
***Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord***

## Mass Cancellations

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

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

Day	Mass Intention	Priest	Time	Church	Confession
<b>Monday, March 30</b> <i>Monday of Holy Week</i>	Dolores Siegrist †	FBS	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	After Mass
	Ed Siegrist †	FAW	6:45 pm	St. Peter	5:45 - 6:30 pm
<b>Tuesday, March 31</b> <i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>	Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life	FEM	7:15 am	St. Mary	After Mass
	L/D Norbert & Marge Vogel Family †	FJP	6:45 pm	St. Joseph	5:45 - 6:30 pm
<b>Wednesday, April 1</b> <i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i>	L/D Jerome & Norma Grieshop Family †	FAW	7:15 am (L/S)	MHC	After Mass
	Viola Albers †	FBS	Noon (L/S)	Holy Trinity	11:30 am - end
<b>Thursday, April 2</b> <i>Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper</i>	Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life	FJP	6:30 pm	St. Anthony	N/A
	Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life	FEM	6:30 pm	St. Paul	N/A
	Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life	FAW/DRK	7:30 pm	Holy Trinity	N/A
	Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life	FBS/DDK	7:30 pm	MHC	N/A
<b>Friday, April 3</b> <i>Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)</i>	Stations / Liturgy & Rosary to Follow	FEM/DRK	11:00/11:30 am	Holy Trinity	Yes
	Stations / Liturgy & Rosary to Follow	FAW	11:00/11:30 am	St. Peter	N/A
	Stations / Liturgy & Rosary to Follow	FJP/DDK	2:30/3:00 pm	MHC	Yes
	Stations / Liturgy & Rosary to Follow	FBS	2:30/3:00 pm	St. Mary	N/A
	Stations Only	DDK	7:00 pm	St. Joseph	N/A
<b>Saturday, April 4</b> <i>The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night</i>	The Elect completing OCIA / Becoming Catholic	FAW/FBS/DRK	9:00 pm	Holy Trinity	N/A
	The Elect completing OCIA / Becoming Catholic	FJP/FEM/DDK	9:00 pm	MHC	N/A
<b>Sunday, April 5</b> <i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</i>	L/D William & Virginia Butsch Family †	FJP	8:00 am	St. Joseph	N/A
	Charles Kirk †	FBS/DRK	8:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	N/A
	L/D Herb & Rosemary Kaiser Family †	FEM	9:00 am (L/S)	MHC	N/A
	Members of Holy Cross Family of Parishes	FAW	9:00 am	St. Anthony	N/A
	L/D Members of D of I †	FBS	10:00 am	Holy Trinity	N/A
	Carl Borger †	FJP	10:00 am	St. Mary	N/A
	Mark McEldowney †	FEM/DDK	11:00 am	St. Paul	N/A
	L/D Donald & Rosamary Homan Family †	FAW	11:00 am	St. Peter	N/A

**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-aa4zm. 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, April 1, 7:15 am

**Server:** Chase Fiely  
**Lector:** Pauline Faller

Thursday, April 2, 7:30 pm (Holy Thursday)

**Servers:** Anthony Roessner, John Bihn, Tucker Huntsman, Kevin Dues, Vance Tobe

**Lector:** Diane Siegrist  
**EMHC:** Deacon Dan Kahlig, Bill Gaerke, Mark Roessner

**Sacristan:** Mark Roessner  
**Ushers:** Joe Dues, Joe Siegrist, Nick Dues, Mike Laux

Friday, April 3, 2:30 pm (Good Friday)

**Servers:** Carson Fullenkamp, Lucas Winner, Joseph Fortkamp, Vance Tobe, Will Faller

**Lector:** Elly Boeckman  
**EMHC:** Deacon Dan Kahlig  
**Sacristan:** Roger & Cheryl Wenning

**Ushers:** Jeff Fullenkamp, Steve Vogel, Roger Broerman, Harry Hart  
**Rosary:** Trent & Stacy Pearson

Saturday, April 4, 9:00 pm (Easter Vigil)

**Servers:** Carson Fullenkamp, Grant Pearson, Josh Evers, Tony Evers, Jackson Barga, Gabriel Jutte

**Lector:** Trent Pearson  
**EMHC:** Deacon Dan Kahlig, Trent Pearson

**Sacristan:** Stacy Pearson

**Ushers:** Floyd Bergman, Don Lennartz, Jeff Fullenkamp, Dan Schmitz

Sunday, April 5, 9:00 am (Easter Sunday)

**Servers:** Brodie Hart, Chase Fiely, Milo Fiely, Blake Homan, Elijah Grieshop, Ezekial Grieshop

**Lector:** Tim Hart  
**EMHC:** Brad Evers, Michelle Evers, Tim Hart

**Sacristan:** Steve & Amy Schmitz  
**Ushers:** Randy Wendel, Steve Wendel, Jeff Wendel, Don Willmann

## - St. Joseph -

Tuesday, March 31, 6:45 pm

**Servers:** Braxton Schmitz, Corbyn Schmitz

**Lector:** Jane Hipple  
**Sacristan:** Shel Sutter

Friday, April 3, 7:00 pm (Good Friday)

**Servers:** Blaise Bergman, Tanner Grube, Hudson Pottkotter

Sunday, April 5, 8:00 am (Easter Sunday)

**Servers:** Tyler Dues, Joseph Bruns, Henry Bruns, James Pottkotter, Francis Pottkotter, Michael Pottkotter

**Lector:** Karen Bertke  
**EMHC:** Karen Bertke  
**Sacristan:** Norma Pottkotter  
**Ushers:** Mel Bertke, Gary Pottkotter

## - St. Paul -

Thursday, April 2, 6:30 pm (Holy Thursday)

**Servers:** Brady Evers, Ty Evers, Dan Siefring, Nick Siefring

**Lector:** Diane Siefring  
**EMHC:** Theresa Siefring, Dennis Siefring

**Ushers:** Dave Keller, Steve Keller

Sunday, April 5, 11:00 am (Easter Sunday)

**Servers:** Russell Hart, Riley Stammen, Korbin Wuebker, Hayden Wuebker

**Lector:** Holly Wuebker  
**EMHC:** Deacon Dan Kahlig, Holly Wuebker

**Ushers:** Jared Rindler, Matt Reinhard  
**Rosary:** Ken & Lil Knapke

## - St. Peter -

Monday, March 30, 6:45 pm

**Server:** Levi Sutter  
**Lector:** Ryan Sutter

Friday, April 3, 11:00 am (Good Friday)

**Servers:** Reed Westgerdes, Will Westgerdes, Carter Fortkamp, Derek Fortkamp, Tyler Kahlig, Tate Kahlig

**Lector:** Ryan Sutter, Marilyn Pottkotter  
**EMHC:** Ben Knapke

**Sacristan:** Marilyn Pottkotter  
**Ushers:** Jake Gaerke, Marcus Gaerke  
**Rosary:** Jane Hipple

Sunday, April 5, 11:00 am (Easter Sunday)

**Servers:** Reese Diller, Wade Gaerke, Clete Timmerman, Chris Timmerman, Levi Sutter, Theo Schmitz

**Lector:** Ryan Sutter  
**EMHC:** Jane Hipple  
**Sacristan:** Jane Hipple  
**Ushers:** Eric Schmitz, Jim Knapke

## - St. Mary -

Tuesday, March 31, 7:15 am

**Server:** Volunteer Needed  
**Lector:** Vicki Dues

Friday, April 3, 2:30 pm (Good Friday)

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

**Lector:** Jordan Geier, Jay Uhlenhake  
**EMHC:** Craig Harting

**Usher:** Dan Dues, Rick Hemmelgarn

Sunday, April 5, 10:00 am (Easter Sunday)

**Servers:** Austin Uhlenhake, Matthew Uhlenhake, William Moorman, Derek Dues, Benjamin Liette, Jay Liette

**Lector:** Adam Liette  
**EMHC:** Jay Uhlenhake  
**Ushers:** Craig Uhlenhake, Carl Harting

## - Holy Trinity -

Monday, March 30, 7:15 am

**Servers:** Mason Evers, Dillan Wenning, Miles Bruns

**Lector:** Rene Klosterman

Wednesday, April 1, 12:00 pm

**Servers:** Samuel Gerlach, Oliver Link, Jude Link

**Lector:** Lauren Baucher  
**Sacristans:** Peyton Link, Emma Gerlach

Thursday, April 2, 7:30 pm (Holy Thursday)

**Servers:** Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby, Archer Bihn, Jack Bettinger, Blake Wenning, Dillan Wenning

**Lector:** Dan Fullenkamp  
**EMHC:** Deacon Roger Kaiser, Dan Fullenkamp, Tim Wellman

Friday, April 3, 11:00 am (Good Friday)

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

**Lector:** Deacon Roger Kaiser, Lauren Baucher

**EMHC:** Deacon Roger Kaiser

Saturday, April 4, 9:00 pm (Easter Vigil)

**Servers:** Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby, Samuel Gerlach, Oliver Link, Archer Bihn, Jack Bettinger

**Lector:** Matt Grigsby, Cindy Muhlenkamp

**EMHC:** Gary Diller, Deacon Roger Kaiser

Sunday, April 5, 8:00 am (Easter Sunday)

**Servers:** Carter Heitkamp, Owen Heitkamp, Karsyn Homan, Kratyn Homan, Gavin Heitkamp, Lincoln Homan

**Lector:** Nick Knapke  
**EMHC:** Deacon Roger Kaiser, Jason Heitkamp, Chuck Wenning, Tim Wellman

**Ushers:** Jason Heitkamp, Chuck Wenning, Tim Wellman

Sunday, April 5, 10:00 am (Easter Sunday)

**Servers:** Emmit May, Owen May, Lucas Broering, David Dues, Max Ross, Henry Broering

**Lector:** Ed Hosbach

**EMHC:** Nick Schmitmeyer, Scott Noonan, Luke Klosterman, Tony Hart

## - St. Anthony -

Thursday, April 2, 6:30 pm (Holy Thursday)

**Servers:** Bryant Evans, Mason Alig, Nolan Link, Wesley Geier

**Lector:** Cindy Muhlenkamp  
**EMHC:** Donna Sudhoff

**Sacristan:** Janet Brockman

**Ushers:** Corey Sudhoff, Jeff Sudhoff  
**Rosary:** Julie Brackman

Sunday, April 5, 9:00 am (Easter Sunday)

**Servers:** Bryant Evans, Wesley Geier, Mason Alig, Jacob Kahlig, Jack Link, Nolan Link

**Lector:** Paul Welling

**EMHC:** Ellen Sudhoff

**Sacristan:** Janie Timmerman

**Ushers:** Nick Dues, Patrick Forshoefel  
**Rosary:** Marty Knapke

# Message from the Priests

## Week VI: Wrap-Up

As we get close to the finish line of Easter, I want to encourage you to look at this life you're building. If you have been faithful in trying to establish the routine of the Daily Prayer Sandwich, I would be willing to bet money that your spiritual life is getting a lot stronger! The more consistent you have been with your Daily Prayer Sandwich, likely the more strength and meaning you have found in it. It really is one of those things that what we put in is what we get out. If we try to live our lives completely for Jesus, He will completely change our lives for the better. It's like what Archbishop Fulton Sheen once said, "God will love you, of course, even [if] you do not love Him, but remember if you only give Him half your heart, He can only make you fifty percent happy."

As we wrap up Lent though, I just want to encourage you: keep working on implementing this Daily Prayer Sandwich! Each of us have likely gone through this imperfectly. I know that there have been days where I've forgotten my Morning Offering or rushed my Nightly Examen. And I know I'm not alone. The spiritual life isn't about being perfect, it's about being perfected. As long as you are honestly trying, you're on the right path! The Daily Prayer Sandwich has been a challenge for many of us. But that's okay! Remember: our spiritual practices should challenge us but not break us.

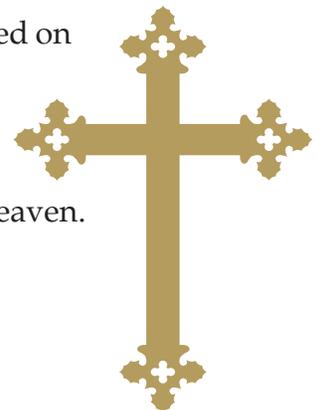
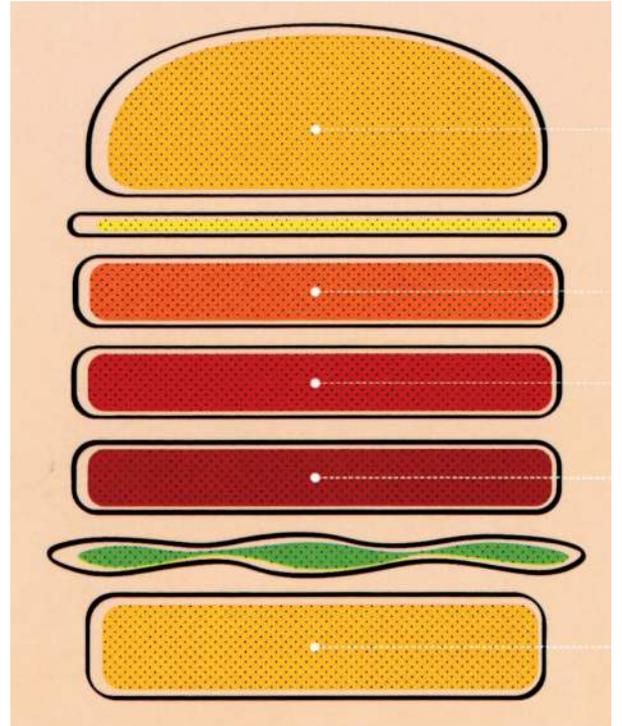
As we wrap up, though, one thing is certain: this is only the beginning! God calls each of us by name, and He desires a deep, intimate, and living relationship with us. There's so much more that God wants to give you. That more is represented by toppings on the Daily Prayer Sandwich. Novenas, devotionals, apostolic works and works of charity, different prayers that we've discovered or that have been an important part of our lives all have a place. But it's important that we keep things in their proper place:

- Begin and end the day with the Morning Offering and the Nightly Examen. You don't have a sandwich if you don't have the buns.
- We gave you three meat options. There are other things, but make sure that they are commensurate with those meat options. Just like you shouldn't replace meat on a sandwich with a little bit of lettuce and expect it to carry the same punch, don't deprive yourself of the meat.
- Feel free to add: the Daily Prayer Sandwich has cheese and lettuce represented on it. Feel free to add those "extras" listed above.

The purpose of our lives is to live totally for Jesus. This Lent has been a crash course on a great way to begin doing this, but as we move forward, keep working at it. Building a life lived for Jesus is what's going to get you and your family to Heaven.

In Jesus through Mary,

Fr. Witt



# Sacramental Information

## Wedding Banns

II Darrin Schwieterman & Katelyn Vagedes  
I Blake Ontrop & Maya Stahl

*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.

## In Loving Memory...

Dorothy Adelaide Muhlenkamp  
June 13, 1929 - March 13, 2026  
(St. Paul)

Barbara J. Bricher  
July 23, 1945 - March 14, 2026  
(Holy Trinity)

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

## Newly Baptized

### Holy Trinity

Eleanor Marie Langenkamp  
Child of Nathan & Clare

Joy Marie Huelskamp  
Child of Jared & Karen

Carly Sue Huelskamp  
Child of Tyler and Alison

Harper Lynn Buening  
Child of Bradley and Hayley

### St. Paul

Bryson Jerome Homan  
Child of Josh & Haley



## 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

Bryson Jerome Homan  
child of  
Joshua and Haley  
*Baptized*  
March 15, 2026  
at  
St. Paul



## MEN INQUIRING ABOUT THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

— Any man who may be discerning a possible vocation to serve the Church as a Permanent Deacon should contact Deacon Mark Machuga, Director of the Office of the Diaconate, to discuss the discernment process, prerequisites, and the formation cycle. Deacon Mark can be reached at 513-263-6641 or [deaconoffice@catholicaoc.org](mailto:deaconoffice@catholicaoc.org).



**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)

# Holy Cross Family of Parishes

**OFFICE CLOSED** — Both parish offices will be closed on Holy Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> and Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**EXPECTANT MOTHER'S BLESSING** — The blessing of expectant mothers will be after all Masses the weekend of April 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>. Please note this will be the second weekend of the month instead of the typical first weekend due to Easter.

**MASS CHANGE** — On Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, St. Peter will have the 7:00 am Mass and St. Joseph will have the 11:00 am Mass due to First Communion.

**CHILDREN OF MARY** — The Children of Mary will be visiting our parish from April 23 – 29. During their stay, they would love the opportunity to spend time getting to know the families of our parish community. If you would be willing to host them for lunch or dinner, please sign up using the QR code.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** — No stations on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**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.



**GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION** — Pope Leo has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection for Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, offer religious education, and preserve the sacred shrines. For information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit <https://www.eohsjnorthcentral.org/GoodFriday>.

**BULLETIN SUBMISSION CHANGE** — All April 12<sup>th</sup> bulletin submissions are due by end of day on Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**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](mailto:hmetzger.holycrossfop@gmail.com).

**MISSION LOTTERY WINNER** — (3/4/26) Brianna Knapke, Rockford, OH; & (3/11/26) Owen Grieshop, Fort Recovery, OH — Congratulations!

**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.

**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!



**PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE FOR THIS MONTH!**

## VIGIL OF TWO HEARTS Schedule of Events @ St. Joseph

### Friday, April 10

7 pm: Rosary & Confessions

8 pm: Holy Mass followed by Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament

8:30 pm - 12 am: Ongoing Eucharistic Adoration throughout the night with private & community prayer

### Saturday, April 11

12 am - 8:40 am: Continued Eucharistic Adoration

7:45 am: Rosary

8:45 am: Benediction

9 am: Holy Mass

9:30 am: Confessions



Sign up for an hour of adoration with the provided QR code. (Note: All are welcome, and sign-ups are not necessary to attend.)

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



**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.

**FAITH FUELED FRIDAY'S CINCO DE MAMA EVENT** — Our Faith is Alive: "My conversion from anti-Catholic to the Catholic Faith and Having a Personal Relationship with Jesus, Mary, and the Saints" with Lexie Muhlenkamp on Friday, May 8, 2026 at Mary Help of Christians Undercroft, Ft. Recovery. Shopping w/ local vendors: 6:00 pm, Speaker: 7:00 pm, Margaritas, non-alcoholic beverages, and snacks provided. Free-will donations greatly appreciated. ALL WOMEN INVITED! \*Must be 21 years of age or older to consume alcohol. RSVP to Sarah @ (419) 234-3152

**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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Columbus, OH

**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>



## 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.*

## 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 pm  
w/ Adoration prior from 6 - 6:45 pm

**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.

**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. The next meeting is on Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. **Please note the April 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting is canceled due to Holy Thursday.**

**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.

- 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.



**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*

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



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



# 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."



# Parish Information



## Holy Trinity

### ADORERS

#### 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.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:15 - 8:15 pm & June 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:15 - 7:30 pm. The theme is "Marvelous Mystery - The Mass Comes Alive".

Registration deadline is April 6<sup>th</sup>. 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>



## Mary Help of Christians

### 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!

**ADORERS 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.



**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 now 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!



## St. Anthony

### ADORERS

#### 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.

**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!

**SPRING CLEANING** — St. Anthony Ladies Sodality will be doing Spring Cleaning in the school hall on April 11<sup>th</sup> from 8 am - noon. Please bring along any cleaning supplies you feel we will need to use. Many hands make light work! All are welcome!

**St. Anthony Easter Egg Hunt**

**Saturday April 4, 2026**  
**1:00 PM**

**Ages 4<sup>th</sup> grade and younger.**

**Egg Hunt will take place outside unless weather is bad. If the weather is bad, it will take place inside the classrooms and gym.**



## 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!

**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

### W O R K D A Y

— There will be a work day at St. Joe on April 18<sup>th</sup> starting at 8 am. Please bring any shovels, rakes, landscaping tools, etc. if able. Rain date will be April 25<sup>th</sup>.

**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 your own drinks, 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** — (APRIL) \*\*Carol Dues, Cameo Sudhoff, Ashley Dues, Rhonda Crouch, Rachel Hess, Brittany Kaup, Bethany Dues



## 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.

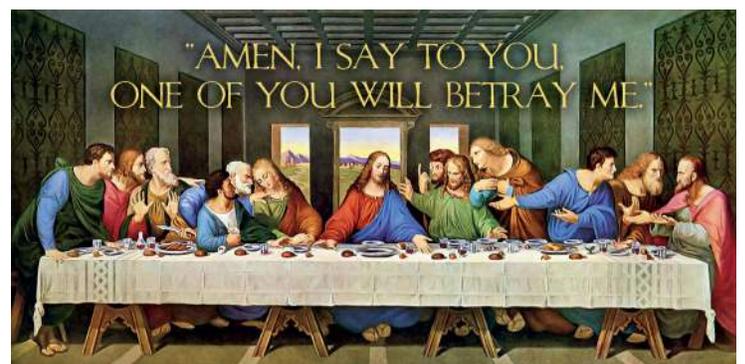


**DONUT & REGISTRATION SUNDAY** — All are welcome to join us for donuts after 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> in the Church Basement. CCD & VBS registration will also be available. Thank you to the Ladies Sodality for their help with this event!

## 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!*



# Religious Education

## Coldwater Religious Ed.

Contact: Stephanie Rutschilling  
srutschilling.holycrossfop@gmail.com, (419) 678-3328

### ATTENTION:

**NO CLASS** — Wednesday, 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.

### UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

**CCD REGISTRATION** — CCD Registration for the 2026-2027 school year opens on April 1, 2026. See the religious education page of our website at holycrossfor.org to register your child/children.

**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:

**NO CLASS** — Wednesday, 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.

**MHC FIRST COMMUNION** — Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm

**ST. PAUL FIRST COMMUNION** — Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am

**ST. PETER/ST. JOSEPH FIRST COMMUNION** — Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am @ St. Joseph

\*Please note, St. Peter will have 7:00 am Mass on April 26<sup>th</sup>

**APRIL 29TH** — All are encouraged to attend the Parish Encounter at MHC, there will be no CCD classes this night.

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



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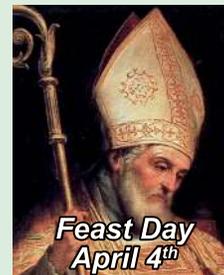
## Palm Sunday

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Passover Betray Bread Blood Crows  
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## Saint of the Week - Saint Isidore of Seville

The 76 years of Isidore's life were a time of conflict and growth for the Church in Spain. The Visigoths had invaded the land a century and a half earlier, and shortly before Isidore's birth they set up their own capital. They were Arians—Christians who said Christ was not God. Thus, Spain was split in two: One people (Catholic Romans) struggled with another (Arian Goths). Saint Isidore of Seville reunited Spain, making it a center of culture and learning. The country served as a teacher and guide for other European countries whose culture was also threatened by barbarian invaders. Born in Cartagena of a family that included three other sibling saints—Leander, Fulgentius and Florentina—Saint Isidore of Seville was educated by his elder brother, whom he succeeded as bishop of Seville. An amazingly learned man, he was sometimes called "The Schoolmaster of the Middle Ages" because the encyclopedia he wrote was used as a textbook for nine centuries. He required seminaries to be built in every diocese, wrote a Rule for religious orders, and founded schools that taught every branch of learning. Isidore wrote numerous books, including a dictionary, an encyclopedia, a history of Goths, and a history of the world—beginning with creation! He completed the Mozarabic liturgy, which is still in use in Toledo, Spain. For all these reasons, Isidore has been suggested as patron of the Internet. Several others—including Anthony of Padua—also have been suggested. Saint Isidore of Seville continued his austerities even as he approached age 80. During the last six months of his life, he increased his charities so much that his house was crowded from morning till night with the poor of the countryside.



- Information obtained from franciscanmedia.org

# Youth Ministry

## Coldwater Youth Group

Contact: Maria Gruss

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**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>)

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8** — 7:45 - 8:45 pm | Fishers of Fun Rec Night @ The Fr. Yauss Basement (Ages 12+)

## 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** — No Men's Group on April 1<sup>st</sup> due to Living Way of the Cross (7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>)

**BREAKFAST CLUB** — April 10<sup>th</sup> 7:15 - 8 am @ MHC (6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>)

**WEDDING VOLUNTEERS** — There is a need for dishwashers and table servers for weddings on April 25<sup>th</sup>, May 9<sup>th</sup>, May 16<sup>th</sup>, and July 25<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested, please contact Natalie for more details. (6<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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HOLY CROSS YOUTH GROUPS

## VOCATIONS PANEL

Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm @ MHC Undercroft

Featuring The Children of Mary

Students in grades 6-12 are invited to join us on Saturday, April 25, at 7:30 PM for an engaging and honest conversation about discerning God's call in your life. We'll explore priesthood, religious life, marriage, and dating from a Catholic perspective — and create space to ask real, meaningful questions about where God may be leading you.

All questions can be submitted using the QR code.



Snacks and drinks will be provided

## Coldwater Youth Ministry AWAKEN NIGHT

Encounter His Presence. Awaken Your Soul

Talk - Adoration - Social - Snacks

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

7:15 - 8:45 pm

Fr. Yauss Center (Ages 12+)

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



# 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.



**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.

**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>.

**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.

**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!

**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.

**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.

# Stewardship

## Did You Know?

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## Contributions

**March 9 - 15, 2026**

<b>Mary Help of Christians</b>		<b>Holy Trinity</b>	
Offertory.....	\$5,465.00	Offertory.....	\$ 6,458.00
Flowers.....	\$ 840.00	Loose.....	\$ 3,851.50
Allocated Loose .....	\$1,054.88	Total .....	\$10,309.50
		Perm. Improvement.....	\$ 30.00
		Candles.....	\$ 252.00
		Ash Wednesday .....	\$ 40.00
<b>St. Joseph</b>		<b>St. Anthony</b>	
Offertory.....	\$ 837.00	Offertory.....	\$ 533.00
Flowers.....	\$ 182.00	Loose.....	\$ 225.00
Allocated Loose .....	\$ 220.29	Total .....	\$ 758.00
		Perm. Improvement.....	\$ 20.00
<b>St. Paul</b>		<b>St. Mary</b>	
Offertory.....	\$1,979.00	Offertory.....	\$ 555.00
Flowers.....	\$ 430.00	Loose.....	\$ 411.00
Allocated Loose .....	\$ 449.54	Total .....	\$ 966.00
<b>St. Peter</b>			
Offertory.....	\$2,805.00		
Flowers.....	\$ 190.00		
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