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### Holy Trinity

419-678-4802  
120 E. Main St.  
P.O. Box 107  
Coldwater, OH 45828

Mon - Thurs:  
8:30 am - 12:30 pm & 1 pm - 5 pm  
Fri: 8:30 am - 1 pm

### *Family Offices*



### Mary Help of Christians

419-375-4153  
403 Sharpsburg Road  
Fort Recovery, Ohio 45846

Mon: 9 am - 3 pm  
Tues - Thurs: 8 am - 5 pm  
Fri: 9 am - 1 pm



### Website:

[www.holycrossfop.org](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, April 5, 2026

## *Easter Sunday of the Resurrection 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, April 6</b> <i>Monday within the Octave of Easter</i>	Catherine & Leroy Bruggeman †	FBS	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	After Mass
	L/D Daughters of Isabella †	FEM	6:45 pm	St. Peter	5:45 - 6:30 pm
<b>Tuesday, April 7</b> <i>Tuesday within the Octave of Easter</i>	Allen Lefeld †	FEM	7:15 am	St. Mary	After Mass
	L/D Bob & Marilyn Wendel Family †	FJP	6:45 pm	St. Joseph	5:45 - 6:30 pm
<b>Wednesday, April 8</b> <i>Wednesday within the Octave of Easter</i>	Don & Joann Bruns †	FJP	7:15 am (L/S)	MHC	After Mass
	Velma Hartke †	FBS	Noon (L/S)	Holy Trinity	11:30 am - end
<b>Thursday, April 9</b> <i>Thursday within the Octave of Easter</i>	L/D Stammen & Steinbrunner Families †	FJP	7:15 am	St. Paul	After Mass
	Ivo Siegrist †	FBS	6:45 pm	St. Anthony	5:45 - 6:30 pm
<b>Friday, April 10</b> <i>Friday within the Octave of Easter</i>	L/D Henry & Anna Gels †	FJP	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	After Mass
	Jerry Schmitz †	FEM	Noon (L/S)	MHC	11:30 am - end
<b>Saturday, April 11</b> <i>Saturday within the Octave of Easter</i>	L/D Steve B. Knapke Family †	FBS	9:00 am	St. Joseph	After Mass
	Schwieterman / Vagedes Wedding	FBS	1:30 pm	St. Mary	N/A
	Virgil Muhlenkamp †	FJP	4:00 pm	St. Anthony	3:15 - 3:45 pm
	Francis & Joan Pax †	FEM	4:30 pm	Holy Trinity	3:45 - 4:15 pm
	L/D Kahlig & Pohl Families †	FAW/DRK	4:30 pm (L/S)	MHC	3:45 - 4:15 pm
<b>Sunday, April 12</b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)</i>	Poor Souls in Purgatory †	FAW	7:00 am	St. Joseph	N/A
	Leon Homan †	FJP	8:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	7:25 - 7:45 am
	L/D Alvin † & Rose Timmerman Family	FBS	9:00 am (L/S)	MHC	8:25 - end
	Larry Obringer †	FEM	10:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	9:25 - 9:45 am
	L/D Joe † & Mary Keller Family	FBS	11:00 am	St. Paul	10:25 - 10:45 am
	Members of Holy Cross Family of Parishes	FAW	11:00 am	St. Peter	10:25 - 10:45 am
	Donald J. Muhlenkamp †	FJP/DDK	Noon	St. Mary	11:25 - 11:45 am
	Divine Mercy (Informational Talk & Adoration)	DRK	2 - 4:15 pm	Holy Trinity	2:00 - 4:00 pm
	Divine Mercy (Informational Talk & Adoration)	DDK	2 - 4:15 pm	St. Paul	2:00 - 4:00 pm
	Karen Stucke †	FEM	6:00 pm	Holy Trinity	5:15 - 5:45 pm

**MASSES ONLINE** — Watch Masses at Holy Trinity & Mary Help of Christians online, indicated by (L/S) with the time. Masses are also archived and viewable on a later day and can be accessed on the website: [holycrossfop.org](http://holycrossfop.org) (Masses are also streamed to Youtube. For Holy Trinity search: Coldwater Cluster, then click on the logo and subscribe. For Mary Help of Christians search: mhc-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 8, 7:15 am

**Server:** Xavier Bruns

**Lector:** Ted Romer

### Friday, April 10, 12:00 pm

**Server:** Levi Sutter

**Lector:** Kathy Portz

### Saturday, April 11, 4:30 pm

**Servers:** Anthony Roessner, John Bihn, Tucker Huntsman

**Lector:** Lisa Romer

**EMHC:** Deacon Roger Kaiser, Ted Romer

**Sacristan:** Ted Romer

**Ushers:** Floyd Bergman, Don Lennartz, LaVern Grube, Chuck Kaiser

### Sunday, April 12, 9:00 am

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

**Lector:** Pauline Faller

**EMHC:** Dan Jutte, Grace Jutte

**Sacristan:** Dan & Grace Jutte

**Ushers:** John Faller, Paul Alig, Roger Broerman, Joe Dues

## - St. Joseph -

### Tuesday, April 7, 6:45 pm

**Servers:** Tyler Dues, Levi Sutter

**Lector:** Danielle Pottkotter

**Sacristan:** Paige Schulze

### Saturday, April 11, 9:00 am

**Server:** Theresa Hipple

**Lector:** Jane Hipple

### Sunday, April 12, 7:00 am

**Servers:** Tyler Dues, Blaise Bergman, Brinley Steinbrunner, Rhea Steinbrunner

**Lector:** Pat Gehret

**EMHC:** Kim Pottkotter

**Sacristan:** Kim Pottkotter

**Ushers:** Bryan Pottkotter, Grant Pottkotter

## - St. Paul -

### Thursday, April 9, 7:15 am

**Server:** Russell Hart

### Sunday, April 12, 11:00 am

**Servers:** AJ Siefiring, Maddie Weigel, Katelyn Siefiring, Lindsey Siefiring

**Lector:** Marcia Weigel

**EMHC:** Marcia Weigel, Andy Dirksen

**Ushers:** Jeff Meier, John Meiring

**Rosary:** Harry & Barb Schoen

### Sunday, April 12, 2:00 pm (Divine Mercy)

**Servers:** Olivia Knapke, Maddie Weigel

## - St. Peter -

### Monday, April 6, 6:45 pm

**Server:** Chris Timmerman

**Lector:** Tim Hart

### Sunday, April 12, 11:00 am

**Servers:** Coby Schmitz, Hoyt Schmitz, Braxton Schmitz, Corbyn Schmitz, Tyler Kahlig, Tate Kahlig

**Lector:** Lisa Roessner

**EMHC:** Lisa Roessner

**Sacristan:** Lisa Roessner

**Ushers:** Mike Roessner, Mitchell Pugh

## - Holy Trinity -

### Monday, April 6, 7:15 am

**Servers:** Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby, Leo Huelskamp

**Lector:** Rene Klosterman

### Wednesday, April 8, 12:00 pm

**Servers:** James Pottkotter, Leo Grigsby, Leo Huelskamp

**Lector:** Nancy Clune

**Sacristans:** Lucy Grigsby, Gemma Grigsby

### Friday, April 10, 7:15 am

**Servers:** John Evers, Leo Grigsby, Lincoln Homan

**Lector:** Rita Riethman

### Saturday, April 11, 4:30 pm

**Servers:** David Dues, Claire Bertke, Josh Homan

**Lector:** Ken Hoying

**EMHC:** Dave Bertke, Michelle Wilker, Karen Hoying

### Sunday, April 12, 8:00 am

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

**Lector:** Matt Grigsby

**EMHC:** Chuck Wenning, Deacon Roger Kaiser

### Sunday, April 12, 10:00 am

**Servers:** Owen May, Kelly May, Emmit May, Jack Bettinger, Madelyn Lange, Miles Bruns

**Lector:** Connie May

**EMHC:** Lynn Giere, Scott Noonan, Nancy Wolters

### Sunday, April 12, 2:00 pm (Divine Mercy)

**Servers:** Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby

### Sunday, April 12, 6:00 pm

**Servers:** Liam Cowan, Breann Mathewson, Ryan Mathewson, Eli Eyink

**Lector:** Charmaine Bettinger

**EMHC:** Sarah Klosterman, Dan Fullenkamp

## - St. Anthony -

### Thursday, April 9, 6:45 pm

**Server:** Leo Grigsby

**Lector:** Marty Knapke

**Sacristan:** Janet Brockman

### Saturday, April 11, 4:00 pm

**Servers:** Mason Alig, Lilly Alig, Logan Alig, Wesley Geier

**Lector:** Janet Brockman

**EMHC:** Amanda Forsthoefel

**Sacristan:** Janet Brockman

**Ushers:** Sam Muhlenkamp, Mitch Sudhoff

**Rosary:** Julie Brackman

## - St. Mary -

### Tuesday, April 7, 7:15 am

**Server:** Volunteer Needed

**Lector:** Vicki Dues

### Sunday, April 12, 12:00 pm

**Servers:** Matthew Uhlenhake, Garrett Uhlenhake, Cole Uhlenhake, Grace Siefiring

**Lector:** Vicki Dues

**EMHC:** Jennifer Uhlenhake

**Ushers:** Jason Kaiser, Tony Puthoff



# Message from the Priests

## Medicine for Immortality

One of my favorite parts of the Mass is a part you might miss if you're not careful. Right before the singing of the Lamb of God (in fact, this moment begins it), the priest takes the Sacred Host and breaks it in half. Then, breaking off a small piece, he says a brief, quiet prayer before placing that piece of the Body of Christ into the Chalice. This part of the Mass—the Commixtio—is a beautiful moment, full of meaning and power...if we understand it.

The Commixtio can only be understood in light of the Consecration. At the Consecration, the bread becomes the Body of the Lord Jesus Christ—not a symbol or a nice idea, but truly His Body. And the wine becomes nothing less than His Blood. They remain bread and wine only in appearance, and we know not to judge by appearances.

It is significant that His Body is here and His Precious Blood there. The Consecration brings us to the foot of Calvary, where Jesus is crucified for our sins and offers Himself in love. In the prayers and actions that follow, we stand there with Mary, John, Mary Magdalene, and the whole Church across the ages. We keep watch with our Lord, offering Him our prayers, our love, and our attention.

But then the Commixtio introduces something new and incredible. If the separation of Body and Blood recalls the Crucifixion, what does their reunion signify? What else could it be but the Resurrection?

This is why the saints boldly call the Eucharist the “medicine for immortality.” In Holy Communion, we receive the whole Christ—His divinity and His humanity. We receive His birth in Bethlehem, His teaching, His sacrifice on the Cross, and His victory over death..

This is why it is so important to go to Mass every Sunday—and, if we have fallen, to go to Confession before receiving Holy Communion. Christ desires to bring us to Heaven. In the Eucharist, He gives us both His death and His Resurrection as the remedy for our own.

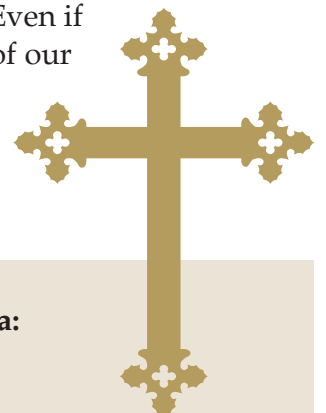
My hope and prayer is that this Easter you are inspired by the Holy Spirit to come closer to Jesus—especially in Holy Communion and in His merciful love in Confession. Next Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday, and if you desire forgiveness and healing, this is your feast day! We will have a special service to help us dive deeply into the devotion to God's Divine Mercy as well as an opportunity to go to Confession. To prepare, we started a novena--which is a prayer we say for nine days--focusing on Divine Mercy. Even if you are late to the novena, join us for the rest of it and for next Sunday's celebration of our Lord's great mercy!

From all of your priests at Holy Cross Family of Parishes, know of our love and prayers.

- Happy Easter! Fr. Witt, Fr. Joseph, Fr. Barry, and Fr. Ethan



*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us!*



Use the QR Code or link to find the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy Novena:  
<https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena/firstday>

# Sacramental Information

## Wedding Banns

- III Darrin Schwieterman & Katelyn Vagedes
- II Blake Ontrop & Maya Stahl
- I Tim Muhlenkamp & Lily Schoenherr
- I Elijah (Eli) Horstman & Kenadie Ervin

*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.

## Newly Baptized

### Holy Trinity

Carmen Clare Schmitmeyer  
Child of Daniel & Allison

### St. Joseph

Cy Gary Siefring  
Child of Raymond & Brittany

Michael Anthony Stammen  
Child of Alexander & Mariah



## In Loving Memory...

Maurice J. Harting  
September 22, 1929 - March 20, 2026  
(Holy Trinity)

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

- John 11:26



## Baptismal Sponsors

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

## Baptismal Classes

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

## Baptismal Schedule

1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday
12:30 pm - MHC	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

PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE FOR THIS MONTH!

## VIGIL OF TWO HEARTS

### Schedule of Events

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### 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



*"They have taken the Lord  
from the tomb..."*



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



# In Loving Memory

## *Holy Trinity*

Dennis & Carma Diller  
Gregory & Monica Gross  
Louie & Joan Reigelsperger  
Sandy Collett  
Paul Honigford  
Paul & Angela Bettinger  
Rick Pleiman  
Louis Giere  
Larry Goffena  
Ralph Gels  
Evelyn, Vivian, Ivan Bruns  
Gus Bruns  
Cy & Flora Dippold  
Scott Dippold  
John & Barb Moeller  
Bonnie Dippold  
Urban & Bertha Bruns  
Victor Eyink  
Grace Cully  
Arnold & Ruth Kramer  
Nathan List  
Arnold & Sally Klenke  
Clarence & Bert Eckstein  
Herbert & Stella Siefiring  
Andrew Hoying  
Francis & Joan Pax  
Ryan & Christa Rosenbeck  
Gary Swain  
Albert & Pauline Post  
George & Dorie Livingston  
Urban & Rosena Buschur  
Post & Schwieterman Families  
Gene Homan  
James Laux  
Dave Bruggeman  
Ivo & Dolores Siegrist  
Virgil & Doris Bruggeman  
Todd Ashbaugh  
Janice Moeller  
Edgar & Rita Eyink  
Virgil (Shorty) Braun  
Stephanie Clune  
Don Ahrns  
Paul Clune  
Mary Alice Ahrns  
Julius Ahrns  
Richard Obringer  
Hugo & Martha Knapschaefer  
Robert, Agnes & Marvin Lamm  
Charles & Ruth Geise  
Angie Geise  
Doug Goubeaux  
Ivo & Esther Goettemoeller  
Alvin May  
Charles Koester  
Steve Koester  
Mike Koester  
Sue Schmiesing  
Gary, Carl & Donna Van Den Bosch  
Carol E. Knapke  
Ruth Brown

## *Holy Trinity*

Leonard Gaerke  
Ralph (Bud) & Mildred Griesdorn  
Randy Griesdorn  
Lindsey Buening  
Greg & Helen Buening  
Joe & Donna Rose  
Ray, Adele & Dick Post  
Walter & Helen Dues  
Don & Dolores May  
Brian May  
Gloria 'Jean' Brackman  
Ron Buschur  
Leon & Laura Buschur  
Ferd & Sally Eifert  
Paul Eifert  
Joy & Lavern Homan  
Pat & Maurice Jutte  
Norman Schoch  
Gene & Jean Buschur  
Mark Siefiring  
Wanda Fredericks  
Ralph, Janice, Ryan Miller  
Bob & Lucille Heinrichs  
Charlene Obringer  
Craig Lefeld  
Mark & Sylvia Wolters

## *St. Anthony*

Muhlenkamp & Brunswick Families  
Timmerman, Post & Ashbaugh Families  
Terry Muhlenkamp  
Robert & Virginia Schaefer  
Clark Family  
Maynor Family  
Enyart Family  
Chambers Family  
Sudhoff & Weitzel Families  
Henry & Janet Gaerke  
Knapke & Brockman Family

## *Mary Help of Christians*

Paul Staugler  
Charles J. Keller  
Andrew & Linda Westgerdes  
Cy & Mary Ann Fortkamp  
Arnold & Viola Westgerdes  
Cashton Westgerdes  
John, MaryAnn & Randy Wendel  
Matt Beyke, Ed & Mary Siegrist Jacob & Mary Beyke  
Cletus & Mary Ann Weitzel, Charles Weitzel & Alice Howard  
Maurice & Jeanette Grieshop, Alexander & Rita Koesters  
Gerald & Joan Huber, Renee Huber, Jakob Huber  
Orvel, Joann, Dave, Ed & Jonathan Wendel

## *St. Paul*

Mark Brackman  
Mark McEldowney, Greg McEldowney, Ed & Mary Siegrist  
Andy Keller, Paul & Berdella Keller  
Mark Brackman  
Gabriel, Mary-Joseph, Deaven, Zane, Jordan & Jeremiah Weigel  
Scott Knapke  
Jerome & Rita Pottkotter  
Bob Fortkamp, Eric Fortkamp, Josh Fortkamp  
Herb & Georgiana Meiring, Cy LeFevre, Dick Knapke

## *St. Mary*

Ronald Spoltman  
Craig Spoltman  
Ken Spoltman  
Kathy Spoltman  
Carl & Bertha Harting  
Carl Fortkamp  
Wilma & Sylvester Dues  
Cletus & Delores Rindler  
Mark Rindler & Judy Knott  
Marie Weitzel  
Jason Grieshop  
Thelma & Harry Barber  
Arnold & Ruth Kramer  
Cletus & Viola Homan  
Laura Behr  
Nathan List  
Anthony & Mary Guggenbiller  
Riley Uhlenhake  
John & Mary Ann Wermert  
Tiny & Ruby Fullenkamp  
Keith Fullenkamp  
Norman & Merilda Dues  
Bob & Ruth Grieshop  
Joe & Wilma Barhorst  
Floyd & Lois Hemmelgarn  
Marty Hemmelgarn  
Kathy Barhorst  
Jim, Mike, Dave & Doug Schmackers  
Fiely-Kunk Families  
Bernard & Pauline Siefiring  
David & Eileen Siefiring  
Gary Siefiring  
Bart Siefiring  
Gerald Siefiring  
Roger Siefiring  
Eric Siefiring  
Bernard & Pauline Siefiring  
Marvin Uhlenhake  
Alvin & Alice Post  
Gary Uhlenhake

## *St. Peter*

Cy Brunswick  
Ralph Evers  
Carol E. Knapke

## *St. Joseph*

Marian Homan  
Marie Pottkotter  
Sue Schmiesing  
Bernard & Mary Siefiring  
Paula Siefiring  
Onalee Fullenkamp  
Dave "Goose" Garke & Dennis Garke



# Holy Cross Family of Parishes

**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.

**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.

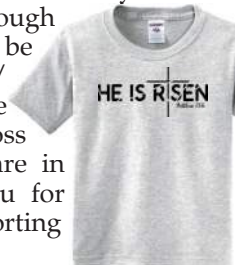
**PHILOTHEA SCHOOL HALL** — The ramp will be redone from June 6 - July 18, 2026. Be aware that the school hall will not be handicap accessible during this time.

**ANNOUNCEMENT** — This week we will be operating with only three priests. Please pray for Fr. Witt as he is away this week. The remaining priests will do their best to make things run as smoothly as possible. Thank you for your patience in the case that something happens or needs to be canceled. Please pray for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life!

**PILGRIMAGE** — You are invited to join Fr. Alexander Witt on an 11-day pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain, and France from September 14 - 24, 2026. All inclusive departing from Columbus, Ohio. Daily Mass at the holy sites. Cost is \$4,995, and registration is required by April 15, 2026. Brochures are available in our churches and also on the announcements page of our website at <https://www.holycrossfop.org/announcements-1>.



**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!



**MISSION LOTTERY WINNER** — (3/18/26) Vickie Jutte, Fort Recovery, OH & (3/25/26) Anne Hartings, Fort Recovery, OH — Congratulations!

**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).

**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.

**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.

*There are limited spots... It's first come first serve!*



*The Great Buc-ee's Pilgrimage*

**WHERE BRISKET MEETS BEATITUDE**

*with Fr. Ethan Moore*

**July 4, 2026 / \$25 per person**

Register today by contacting either parish office at  
(419) 678-4802 / (419) 375-4153  
or emailing [aschmitz.holycrossfop@gmail.com](mailto:aschmitz.holycrossfop@gmail.com)

Payments can be dropped off at either parish office or in the collection basket in an envelope marked Buc-ee's Pilgrimage. Make checks payable to Mary Help of Christians. Check out the events page at [holycrossfop.org](http://holycrossfop.org) for more information!

**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>.

**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.

**MASS INTENTIONS REMINDER** — On April 1, 2026 Mass Intentions will be open for scheduling through April 2027. As a reminder, each individual parishioner at the Coldwater parishes is allowed one Mass Intention and each individual parishioner at the Fort Recovery parishes is allowed two Mass Intentions per calendar year. The suggested donation for a Mass Intention is \$5. Example formats for Mass Intentions are as follows: John Doe; John & Jane Doe; L/D John & Jane Doe Family; L/D Jones & Doe Families, John & Jane Doe Wedding Anniversary.

**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.



**HEARTS ON FIRE:  
CAMPING WITH CHRIST**

# CHICKEN DINNER SALE

**SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026**

**PRESALE ONLY**

Wendel's BBQ  
Half Chicken, Chips, Dinner roll with butter, Applesauce

**SALE ENDS APRIL 12**

Pick up @JB Trucking (4141 Burville Rd Coldwater, Ohio 45828)





Scan here for E-ticket

*Book of the Month*  
**Bible Basics for Catholics**  
by Dr. John Bergsma



**Book Review by:**  
Seth Bihn

What I love most about this book is how Dr. Bergsma uses symbolic images (stick-figures!) and humor to teach about the Bible. When I first read this book, it was really eye-opening. It teaches how to read and understand the "big picture" of the Bible. When you have an understanding of the whole picture the Bible is trying to paint, it really makes the small details from individual stories pop.

We have all heard that the Bible is the "Greatest Story Ever Told." When you read a great story, you put yourself into the story and want to live it! To a lot of people, the Bible is daunting to read. This book can be a good key in helping people understand the complexities that exist between a person living in America in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and a story told in 1<sup>st</sup> century Jewish culture.

If you always wanted to read the Bible but find it difficult, give this book a shot, and it will help the Bible come alive!

*A copy will be available in each of our Parish Office Libraries.*

*Have a favorite Catholic Book... send the title, author & a short review to [bulletin.holycrossfop@gmail.com](mailto:bulletin.holycrossfop@gmail.com). Your write-up may be featured in an upcoming "Book of the Month" bulletin feature.*

## First Holy Communion

- April 18<sup>th</sup> - MHC - 4:30 pm
- April 19<sup>th</sup> - Holy Trinity - 10:00 am
- April 19<sup>th</sup> - St. Paul - 11:00 am
- April 25<sup>th</sup> - St. Anthony - 4:00 pm
- April 26<sup>th</sup> - St. Joseph - 11:00 am
- April 26<sup>th</sup> - St. Mary - 12:00 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).

# 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."

Faith Fueled Fridays'  
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

Friday May 8, 2026

Mary Help of Christians Undercroft - Ft. Recovery

Shopping w/ local vendors: 6:00pm

Speaker: 7:00pm

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

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



# 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.

**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>



## 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.



## 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.

**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. Joseph

### WORK DAY

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





## 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!

**SEWING GROUP** — Next meeting is on April 13<sup>th</sup> at 9 am in the Undercroft. If there is a funeral on Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, we will not meet until May 11<sup>th</sup>. The group would like to thank everyone who donated to the sewing group this past year. We'll have our postponed carry-in lunch on Monday and meat, potatoes and buns will be included. Anyone and everyone is welcomed to join our sewing group and help us sew, press, cut out fabrics and other things that are needed for the less fortunate.



## St. Mary

### ADORERS 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.

**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

**PHILOTHEA SCHOOL HALL** — The ramp will be redone from June 6 - July 18, 2026. Be aware that the school hall will not be handicap accessible during this time.

**LADIES SODALITY MEETING** — The April Ladies Sodality meeting will be on Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the school hall. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend. Meeting minutes will be posted in the back of church within 2 weeks after the meeting.

### 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.



## St. Peter

**ADORERS 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!

## Youth Ministry

### Coldwater Youth Group

Contact: Maria Gruss

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

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

**SUNDAY, APRIL 12** — 7:15 - 8:45 pm | Awaken Night @ Fr. Yauss Basement (Ages 12+) "Awaken Mercy. God's Love in Your Mess."

**MONDAY, APRIL 13** — 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, APRIL 14** — 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 (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>)

**VOCATIONS PANEL** — (6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>) Join us April 25<sup>th</sup> for our Vocations Panel at 7:30 pm at MHC. Submit questions about the priesthood, marriage, or religious life, and hear from people living out their vocation.



**WEDDING VOLUNTEERS** — If you would like to volunteer to wash dishes and serve wedding meals on April 25<sup>th</sup> and May 16<sup>th</sup>, please contact Natalie for more information.

Thank You!

To This Week's Youth Group Lunch Sponsor

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# 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.

### 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 holycrossfop.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.

**RELIGION CLASSES** — The last class for the 2025-2026 religion year is on Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## Fort Recovery Religious Ed.

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

### ATTENTION:

**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.

**CCD REGISTRATION** — Registration is now open for the 2026-2027 CCD year. Please register your family by scanning the QR code, or by visiting the Religious Education page of our website! Registration is due July 1<sup>st</sup>.



**VBS** — Sign up sheets are available in the back of all FR Churches. There is no online registration, please fill out a paper copy. VBS forms are due Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. St. Peter, June 22-25. MHC, July 6-9. St. Paul, July 27-30.



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## Easter Sunday

Y O B T S T E R A N  
G R U X A U O U V R  
E R R H W L D M U X  
D I I P O J O A B O  
L S A L F G R V G U  
Y E L I S F M V E K  
S T O N E O H O W D  
D I S C I P L E Z O  
Z M O R N I N G K C  
Q I C L O T H A U J

Tomb Morning Stone Loved  
Disciple Ran Burial Cloth Saw Rise

## Saint of the Week - Saint Casilda

Some saints' names are far more familiar to us than others, but even the lives of obscure holy persons teach us something. And so it is with Saint Casilda. Her father was a Muslim leader in Toledo, Spain, in the 10<sup>th</sup> century. Casilda was a devout Muslim but was kind to Christian prisoners. She became ill as a young woman but did not trust that any of the local Arab doctors could cure her. So she made a pilgrimage to the shrine of San Vincenzo in northern Spain. Like so many other people who made their way there—many of them suffering from hemorrhages—Casilda sought the healing waters of the shrine. We're uncertain what brought her to the shrine, but we do know that she left it relieved of illness. In response, she became a Christian and lived a life of solitude and penance not far from the miraculous spring. It's said that she lived to be 100 years old. Her death likely occurred around the year 1050.



- Information obtained from franciscanmedia.org

- 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.



# Community Interests

**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.

**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>.

**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.

**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

**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 for registration information.

**FOOD PANTRIES** — Holy Trinity Food Pantry is open Saturdays from 9 - 11 am. Located at 830 W. Main St., Coldwater (Mercer Health West Campus). For information: Rob Fisher (419) 678-3538. The Food Pantry located at the Ft. Recovery Family Office is open by appointment Mon. - Fri. Call the office at 419-375-4153 to schedule a time. Anyone in the county in need is welcome to use the pantries.

**AL-ANON & AA MEETINGS** — Al-Anon for family/friends of alcoholics, Thursdays, 7:30 - 8:30 pm at Spiritual Center (Montezuma Annex) & Fridays from 7:30 - 8:30 pm in Briarwood's Private Dining Room at 100 Don Desch Dr., Coldwater. AA Meetings on Fridays from 7:30 - 8:30 pm at the Fr. Yauss, Coldwater. Meetings are open, anonymous, & free.

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

**RADIO ROSARY** — Radio Rosary prayed on WCSM at 9:30 am every Sunday. The Radio Rosary is sponsored each week by local Catholic organizations and individuals.

*Celebrating Century Farms 2026*

Applications for Catholic Families celebrating 100 years on their farm are available!

These families will be honored at the Farm Mass  
**Scott and Shelly Hartings Farm**  
**Friday, June 26, 7:00pm, in St. Henry, OH**

Apply with Roger Hoying  
[rbhoying@hotmail.com](mailto:rbhoying@hotmail.com) | 419-733-4543

# Stewardship

## Did You Know?

### Bequests and Endowments

You can make a bequest to the church. A bequest is a gift made through a will or revocable living trust.

- Assets are transferred only after the donor's death.
- Your bequest can be used as unrestricted funds. The funds are used based on the needs of the church.
- Your bequest can be restricted funds. The funds are designated for a specific purpose.
- Bequests can be used immediately (unrestricted or restricted).

You can create an endowment to the church. An endowment is a permanent, invested fund that generates ongoing income.

- Endowments are most commonly restricted to a specific purpose.
- The interest earned on the endowment can be used for the specific purpose.
- Endowments take time to earn interest before funds can be used.

## Contributions

March 16 - 22, 2026

<b>Mary Help of Christians</b>		<b>Holy Trinity</b>	
Offertory.....	\$7,774.00	Offertory.....	\$5,684.00
Religious Ed.....	\$ 750.72	Loose.....	\$3,537.35
Allocated Loose .....	\$1,010.58	Total.....	\$9,221.35
		Candles.....	\$ 144.00
<b>St. Joseph</b>		<b>St. Anthony</b>	
Offertory.....	\$1,300.00	Offertory.....	\$ 489.00
Religious Ed.....	\$ 160.00	Loose.....	\$ 340.00
Allocated Loose .....	\$ 211.04	Total.....	\$ 829.00
		Perm. Improvement.....	\$ 20.00
<b>St. Paul</b>		<b>St. Mary</b>	
Offertory.....	\$2,252.00	Offertory.....	\$1,180.00
Religious Ed.....	\$ 467.00	Loose.....	\$ 642.00
Maintenance.....	\$ 100.00	Total.....	\$1,822.00
Allocated Loose .....	\$ 430.65	*Online Giving Month..	\$ 150.00
<b>St. Peter</b>			
Offertory.....	\$5,277.88		
Religious Ed.....	\$ 942.00		
Building .....	\$ 100.00		
Allocated Loose .....	\$ 341.44		

*Thank you for your generosity!*

# Contact Information

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**St. Mary:** (Est. 1851) 3821 Philothea Rd., Coldwater OH 45828

**St. Anthony:** (Est. 1852) 471 St. Anthony Rd., Ft. Recovery, OH 45846

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**Holy Trinity:** (Est. 1867) 120 E. Main St., Coldwater OH 45828

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## Youth Ministry

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