



Jesus, I Trust in You.



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Holy Trinity

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

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

Family Offices



Mary Help of Christians

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

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



Website:

www.holycrossfop.org

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/holycrossfop



St. Anthony



St. Joseph



St. Mary



St. Paul



St. Peter

Sunday, April 12, 2026
Sunday of Divine Mercy

Mass Cancellations

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

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

Day	Mass Intention	Priest	Time	Church	Confession
Monday, April 13 <i>Saint Martin I, Pope Martyr; opt. mem.</i>	Velma Wellman †	FBS	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	After Mass
	Mark Jutte †	FAW	6:45 pm	St. Peter	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Tuesday, April 14 <i>Easter Weekday</i>	Dennis Diller †	FBS	7:15 am	St. Mary	After Mass
	Steven Kaiser †	FJP	6:45 pm	St. Joseph	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Wednesday, April 15 <i>Easter Weekday</i>	Madonna Sinks †	FBS	7:15 am (L/S)	MHC	After Mass
	Brad Wendel †	FAW	Noon (L/S)	Holy Trinity	11:30 am - end
Thursday, April 16 <i>Easter Weekday</i>	Dorothy Muhlenkamp †	FBS	7:15 am	St. Paul	After Mass
	Wilbur & Mary Ann Homan †	FAW	6:45 pm	St. Anthony	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Friday, April 17 <i>Easter Weekday</i>	L/D Louie & Joan Reigelsperger Family †	FBS	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	After Mass
	L/D Harry & Pauline Bergman Family †	FAW	Noon (L/S)	MHC	11:30 am - end
Saturday, April 18 <i>Easter Weekday</i>	Dave & Dennis Garke †	FEM	9:00 am	St. Joseph	After Mass
	Ontrop / Stahl Wedding	FBS	1:30 pm	Holy Trinity	N/A
	Rose Ann Post †	FBS	4:00 pm	St. Anthony	3:15 - 3:45 pm
	Richard Obringer †	FAW	4:30 pm	Holy Trinity	3:45 - 4:15 pm
	First Communicants & Their Families	FJP	4:30 pm (L/S)	MHC	3:45 - 4:15 pm
Sunday, April 19 <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	Dave Garke †	FJP	7:00 am	St. Joseph	N/A
	Catherine & Leroy Bruggeman †	FBS	8:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	7:25 - 7:45 am
	L/D Cletus & Verena Tobe Family †	FEM	9:00 am (L/S)	MHC	8:25 - end
	First Communicants & Their Families	FAW	10:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	9:25 - 9:45 am
	First Communicants & Their Families	FEM/DDK	11:00 am	St. Paul	10:25 - 10:45 am
	Poor Souls in Purgatory †	FJP	11:00 am	St. Peter	10:25 - 10:45 am
	Dale Kaup †	FBS/DRK	Noon	St. Mary	11:25 - 11:45 am
	Members of Holy Cross Family of Parishes	FAW	6:00 pm	Holy Trinity	5:15 - 5:45 pm

MASSES ONLINE — Watch Masses at Holy Trinity & Mary Help of Christians online, indicated by (L/S) with the time.

Masses are also archived and viewable on a later day and can be accessed on the website: holycrossfop.org
(Masses are also streamed to Youtube. For Holy Trinity search: Coldwater Cluster, then click on the logo and subscribe.)

For Mary Help of Christians search: mhc-gg4zm, then click on the logo and subscribe.)

Reference for Church Abbreviations

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

Tentatively Scheduled Celebrants listed above:

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

Adoration Schedules

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

St. Joseph - First Fridays of the Month
8:30 pm Friday - 8:30 am Saturday

Contact Info.: Adoration.nw1@gmail.com

Ministry Schedule

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

- Mary Help of Christians -

Wednesday, April 15, 7:15 am

Servers: Charlie Roessner, Chris Timmerman

Lector: Les Wenning

Friday, April 17, 12:00 pm

Server: Blaise Bergman

Lector: Ted Romer

Saturday, April 18, 4:30 pm (First Communion)

Servers: Chase Fiely, Milo Fiely, Lucas Winner, Joseph Fortkamp

Lector: Caley Thein

EMHC: Deacon Dan Kahlig, Michelle Evers

Sacristan: Dan & Grace Jutte

Ushers: Gary J. Wendel, Randy Wuebker, Don Lennartz, Matt Schoenherr

Sunday, April 19, 9:00 am

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

Lector: Tim Hart

EMHC: Tim Hart, Robert Metzger

Sacristan: Sharon Metzger

Ushers: Chuck Keller, Mike Laux, Mark Metzger, Greg Schmitz

- St. Joseph -

Tuesday, April 14, 6:45 pm

Servers: Joseph Bruns, Henry Bruns

Lector: Lisa Roessner

Sacristan: Matt Hess

Saturday, April 18, 9:00 am

Server: Blaise Bergman

Lector: Paige Schulze

Sunday, April 19, 7:00 am

Servers: Tyler Dues, Blaise Bergman, Tanner Grube, Hudson Pottkotter

Lector: Jean Grube

EMHC: Jean Grube

Sacristan: Paige Schulze

Ushers: Allen Grube, Ed Dues

- St. Paul -

Thursday, April 16, 7:15 am

Server: Maddie Weigel

Sunday, April 19, 11:00 am (First Communion)

Servers: Lindsey Siefing, Kate Knapke, Liza Knapke

Lector: Lindsey Reinhard

EMHC: Marilyn Fortkamp, Deacon Dan Kahlig

Ushers: Roger Fortkamp, Chris Siefing

Rosary: Mark & Marylene Brunswick

- St. Peter -

Monday, April 13, 6:45 pm

Server: Tate Kahlig

Lector: Marilyn Pottkotter

Sunday, April 19, 11:00 am

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

Lector: Mindy Bettinger

EMHC: Donna Brunswick

Sacristan: Donna Brunswick

Ushers: Tom Post, Joe Will

- Holy Trinity -

Monday, April 13, 7:15 am

Servers: Myra Stammen, John Evers, Lincoln Homan

Lector: Rene Klosterman

Wednesday, April 15, 12:00 pm

Servers: Leo Grigsby, Leo Huelskamp

Lector: Raquel Kaiser

Sacristans: Lucy Grigsby, Gemma Grigsby

Friday, April 17, 7:15 am

Servers: Archer Bihn, Myra Stammen, Dillan Wenning

Lector: Rita Riethman

Saturday, April 18, 4:30 pm

Servers: Isabelle Schwieterman, Claire Bertke, Emma Siefing, Alex Schwieterman

Lector: Denny Riethman

EMHC: Dave Bertke, Nate Wenning, Denny Riethman

Sunday, April 19, 8:00 am

Servers: Carter Heitkamp, Owen Heitkamp, Gavin Heitkamp, Karsyn Homan, Kratyn Homan, Krew Homan

Lector: Paul Howell

EMHC: Betty Hamberg, Herb Hamberg

Sunday, April 19, 10:00 am (First Communion)

Servers: Lucas Broering, Blake Wenning, Oliver Link, Eli Eyink, Jude Link

Lector: Gary Lefeld

EMHC: Jim Wermert, Deacon Roger Kaiser

Sunday, April 19, 6:00 pm

Servers: Levi Sutter, Emmett Wermert, Heidi Wermert, Carson Wermert

Lector: Ryan Sutter

EMHC: Melinda Pleiman, Pam Hicks

- St. Anthony -

Thursday, April 16, 6:45 pm

Server: Wesley Geier

Lector: Janet Brockman

Sacristan: Janet Brockman

Saturday, April 18, 4:00 pm

Servers: Jacob Kahlig, Hallory Kahlig, Wesley Kahlig, Mason Alig

Lector: Joanne Alig

EMHC: Donna Sudhoff

Sacristan: Cindy Homan

Ushers: Jeff Sudhoff, Patrick Forshoefel

Rosary: Marty Knapke

- St. Mary -

Tuesday, April 14, 7:15 am

Server: Volunteer Needed

Lector: Stephanie Wendel

Sunday, April 19, 12:00 pm

Servers: Austin Uhlenhake, Carson Uhlenhake, Henry Uhlenhake, Garrett Uhlenhake

Lector: Vicki Dues

EMHC: Stephanie Wendel

Ushers: Rick Uhlenhake, Matt Brockman



Message from the Priests

What if...

I think there is a small part of the brain 🧠 of most every human that from time ⌚ to time ⌚ wonders 🤔 WHAT IF... & truly fill in the blank.

What if... I wouldn't have met my spouse 💍?

What if I wasn't born into my family but in another one somewhere across the world 🌍? What if I would have chosen a different career 🛠️?

What if I wouldn't have made the choices/the mistakes I made back in the day?

WHAT IF...?

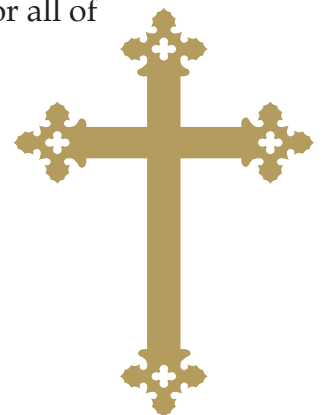
I think we can all admit to the fact that if we could go back ⏪ in time, we likely would do maybe more than a just few things different. We all have regrets; we have all fallen short; we have all sinned 💔.

Today on Divine Mercy Sunday 📅, we acknowledge a strange but beautiful truth that Jesus does not see 👁️ things the way we do. Last Saturday at the Easter Vigil during the Exultet (the part sung while it was early and still dark 🌑 in the church), we heard 🗣️ this line in reference to the first sin of Adam, "O Happy Fault so great so glorious a Redeemer". Now you might be like me and simply say 🤪, so what you are telling me is original sin 😡, the thing that literally kicked us 🦶 out of the Garden 🌿 of Eden, we call 📞 a Happy fault or "O truly necessary sin of Adam"... WHAT the WHAT !?

Okay, to explain this, we first want to understand that God is NOT exactly happy that sin happened. God would never delight 💡 in evil or loss, BUT, and again this is where things get loco, God is so GOOD so GENEROUS, that is the face 😊 of being as the prophet Isaiah once said, "crushed for our iniquities, by his stripes we were healed". In other words 🗣️, Jesus Christ 🙏 willingly paid the infinite 💰 debt of sins by offering his life for ours on the cross. This was Good Friday and Easter Sunday. One week later 📅 we are here with a zoom in 📷 on a moment during those events when the heart 📖 of Jesus was pierced 🗡️ and what came forth was blood 🩸 and water 💧. In this after death 🙏 moment, Jesus communicates a new way of love that we call Divine Mercy which is the total offering of forgiveness and new life 🙏 for each of us as a free gift 📺. It is more than a giant eraser 🖍️ or white out 📄 over our sins, our mistakes in life. It is even more so a magnifying glass 🔍 over our sins that evaluates them for what they are, and there we are given the surprise of God's way of something more. Here God offers us 🙏 the ability to unlock 🗝️ the treasure trove of His wanting to love us where we most desperately struggle to love ourselves, that is in our brokenness 💔.

In the place of our sin and our sincere regret 🙏 of what St. Paul says, "What I do, I do not understand. For I do not do what I want, but I do what I hate." RIGHT HERE, Jesus provides for all of us a response of His unconditional love 📖 that gives us healing 📖 and hope.

Jesus answers the what ifs, the faults and failures of our lives with maybe the one thing we never thought we would expect from Him: a simple but sincere, "I Love you." "I see you." "It's okay, I got you." "I don't care what you did or didn't do because my mercy is more." "There is a future, and let's do it together."



- Fr. Ethan

Sacramental Information

Wedding Banns

- III Blake Ontrop & Maya Stahl
- II Tim Muhlenkamp & Lily Schoenherr
- II Elijah (Eli) Horstman & Kenadie Ervin
- I Ben Marchal & Elizabeth Alig

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

St. Anthony

Ember Rae Grieshop
Child of Jordan & Kayla

St. Paul

Eliza Ann Osterholt
Child of Ben & Erica

St. Peter

Heidi Marie Westgerdes
Child of Evan & Ashley



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

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.



Congratulations & Welcome to the Family!



Congratulations and continued prayers go out to the men and women who received the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigils this year. At Holy Trinity: Jordan Cornett, Jasmine Emrick, Sierra Fisher, Erika Geier, Kahlan Rose, and Denise Myers. At Mary Help of Christians: Ben Vogel, Isabell Hartings, and Carson Tegtmeyer.



Holy Cross Family of Parishes

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

RICE BOWL COLLECTION — If you picked up a donation container for our annual Lenten CRS Rice Bowl collection please turn the container in with the donation no later than Monday, April 13, 2026. Thank you to everyone who donated towards this collection.

ANNOUNCEMENT — This week we will be operating with only three priests. Please pray for Fr. Moore 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>. 

OUR QUEST LEADER NEEDED — We are looking for a new Our Quest leader for the 5th - 6th 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.

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

ADULT EVANGELIZATION ANNOUNCEMENT — It's exciting to see so many of our parishioners coming forward with ideas to encourage and help others to grow in their faith. In order to maintain a complete picture of all proposed and active events/projects in our parishes, we would like any individual or group with a proposal for a new event or project to complete the "Adult Faith Formation Event/Project Submission Form" that is available on our website at <https://www.holycrossfop.org/get-involved> or use the QR Code. As Director of Adult Evangelization, Cindy Muhlenkamp will review the information provided and present to Fr. Witt for approval as well as ensure the proposal does not create a conflict with upcoming events/projects. We would also like existing group leaders to complete the form when a new book, study, or event is being planned. Contact Cindy if you have any questions, (419) 678-4802. 

CANCELLATIONS & CHANGES — Due to our Parish Mission w/ the Children of Mary, Masses will be canceled at St. Peter on Monday, April 27th at 6:45 pm & at St. Joseph on Tuesday, April 28th at 6:45 pm. Also, there will be no adoration at St. Peter on Monday, April 27th, and adoration will be ending at 5:30 pm at St. Joseph on Tuesday, April 28th. There will be no confessions at either location these days as well. Please take the time to attend the Daily Sessions with the Children of Mary.

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

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 for more information!

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

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

SAVE THE DATE — Hope of the Poor Mission Trip with Holy Cross Family of Parishes is scheduled for June 4 - 9, 2027 in Mexico City. Fr. Witt will be the Chaplain. Cost will be \$850 plus airfare. Please fill out our interest form. *Participants under 18 years old need to have a parent/guardian accompany them on the trip.



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.

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.

WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY — Meetings will be held every second Monday of the month at 7:30 pm. The next meeting will be held at St. Peter Hall. The book "Home" will continue to be discussed. Have week 11 read for the next meeting.

WOMEN'S SOCIAL GROUP — Meetings are the first and third Thursday of each month from 7:30 - 9 pm in the Grotto's St. Isidore room. Meetings are led by Fr. Ethan Moore. The group is open to all adult women of the Holy Cross Family of Parishes and community.

SERVANTS OF CHRIST — This is a Holy Cross Family of Parishes mens group that meets the first and third Friday of every month at 4:30 am in the Grotto. Men of all ages are welcome to attend any or all meetings. Contact David Bettinger @ (419) 852-2582 with any questions.

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

CRS COLLECTION — Next week our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support the displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief. iGiveCatholic also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online.

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

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 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!



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.

IGNITE — Adults ages 18 - 24 are welcome to join the Ignite group for faith & friendship. The group is geared towards deepening your relationship with God while navigating adulthood, build community, and grow closer to Christ as you move into a new phase of life. Contact Chase Kaiser at (419) 268-8432 for more information.

First Holy Communion

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

Mass Times & Locations



Soon to be ordained Fr. Kraig Gruss

First Solemn Mass
on
May 17, 2026
3:00 pm
Holy Trinity Catholic Church

All are welcome to attend!

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
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Join us for Our Family Parish mission with the Children of Mary

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

D O N U T SUNDAY

Sunday, April 12,
following the 8:00 AM and
10:00 AM Masses in the Grotto .

This will be the last Donut Sunday until fall. Please come and enjoy donuts and fruit! Free-will donations accepted. All are welcome!

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

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, Mar. \$13,988 for an average of \$15,793.89. 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 WISHLIST — Any donation towards our Vacation Bible School Wishlist is appreciated! Please use the provided QR Code or link: <https://a.co/63l5mQ1>



St. Anthony

GATHERING FOR FELLOWSHIP

Every 2nd Thurs. of the
month, at 8 am, you are
invited to join St. Anthony

parishioners for 30 minutes of prayer in the church. Then join at the Pub for coffee and some good conversation. Everyone is invited! Join in at the church and pub or either of the two. Questions or opinions please call (419) 852-8741.

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 for more details, opportunities to donate or volunteer, and to register.



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

ST. ANTHONY PRAYER CHAIN — Anyone can participate! It does not matter where you pray as long as you pray. Pray whatever comes to your mind at whatever time of the day you wish! Praying in a church may help to be more focused on your prayers, it is not necessary. Contact Janie Timmerman at (419) 852-8741 to help pray for others. If someone is sick or needs extra prayers, St Anthony has a group of prayer warriors waiting to hear your request! No personal information will be sent with the request if you choose to keep it confidential. Please join our Army of Angels by contacting Janie to be put on the list to help pray for our friends and family.



Mary Help of Christians

DONUT & REGISTRATION SUNDAY

— All are
welcome to join us for
donuts after 9:00 am Mass on

Sunday, April 12th in the Undercroft. CCD & VBS registration will also be available. Thank you to the Ladies Sodality for their help with this event!

DIAPER DRIVE — There will be a collection box for a diaper and formula drive for Choosing Life Pregnancy Center located in the East Entrance near the elevator now through April 12th. Diaper sizes Newborn and 6 - 8 are in most need but all sizes and types of diapers will be gladly accepted. Thank you!

SEWING GROUP — Next meeting is on April 13th at 9 am in the Undercroft. If there is a funeral on Monday, April 13th, we will not meet until May 11th. 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. Joseph

WORK DAY

— There will be a work
day at St. Joe on April
18th starting at 8 am. Please

bring any shovels, rakes,
landscaping tools, etc. if able. Rain date will be April 25th.

ST. JOE SOCIAL — All are welcome to join us for the annual St. Joe Social on Sunday, April 12th 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 13th (9 - 11 am, 2 - 8 pm) and/or April 14th (2 - 8 pm). Sale dates are April 15th (3 - 8 pm), April 16th (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. Mary

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 175th Anniversary on September 13th. We are looking for volunteers to help plan the event. Please text or call Jeff Timmerman at (419) 305-0745 to sign up for this celebration of our Parish.

175TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT — We are looking for any stories, history, photos, etc. regarding the church, past families/events - anything people would love to see or hear about. Please include any dates or information you may have, even a phone call with a fun story would be extremely appreciated. Send, call or text Barb Uhlenhake at 419.953.0582 or email at Uhlenhake7@gmail.com - Thank you!

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 13th 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.



St. Paul

DONUT & REGISTRATION SUNDAY

— All are welcome to join us for donuts after 11:00 am Mass on

Sunday, April 12th in the Church Hall. CCD & VBS registration will also be available. Thank you to the Ladies Sodality for their help with this event!

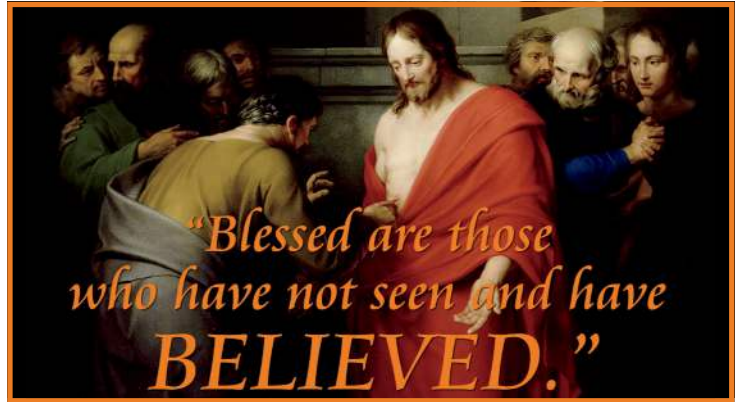


St. Peter

DONUT & REGISTRATION SUNDAY

— All are welcome to join us for donuts after 11:00 am Mass on Sunday,

April 12th in the Church Basement. CCD & VBS registration will also be available. Thank you to the Ladies Sodality for their help with this event!



Religious Education

Coldwater Religious Ed.

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

ATTENTION:

CCD REGISTRATION — CCD Registration for the 2026 - 2027 school year opened on April 1, 2026. See the religious education page of our website at holycrossfop.org to register your child/children or use the QR Code.



UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

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

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

BACCALAUREATE MASSES — Holy Trinity - May 17th @ 10:00 am, St. Anthony - May 16th @ 4:00 pm, St. Mary - May 17th @ 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 22nd.

Fort Recovery Religious Ed.

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

ATTENTION:

MHC FIRST COMMUNION — Saturday, April 18th at 4:30 pm

ST. PAUL FIRST COMMUNION — Sunday, April 19th at 11:00 am

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

*Please note, St. Peter will have 7:00 am Mass on April 26th

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 1st.



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 24th. St. Peter, June 22-25. MHC, July 6-9. St. Paul, July 27-30.

Youth Ministry

Coldwater Youth Group

Contact: Maria Gruss
mgruss.holycrossfop@gmail.com, 419-678-3328

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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 9th - 12th)

TUESDAY, APRIL 14 — 7 - 8 am | Christ & Coffee @ Rooster Joe (grades 7th - 12th)

MONDAY, APRIL 20 — 11:18 - 11:45 am | High School Men's & Ladies Lunch @ The Fr. Yauss Basement (grades 9th - 12th)

MONDAY APRIL 20 — 3:15 - 4:30 pm | Totus Tuus Crafters! @ The Fr. Yauss Basement (ages 12+)

TUESDAY, APRIL 21 — 7 - 8 am | Christ & Coffee @ Rooster Joe (grades 7th - 12th)

THURSDAY, APRIL 23 — After School - 4:30 pm | Children's Adoration & Storytime @ Holy Trinity (geared towards K - 6th grade) Please sign up your child by scanning the QR code!

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Grades 5-6: meet by the high school office.

Pre-K & below must be accompanied by an adult and can meet us inside the church.

Scan the QR code to sign up your kids!
Contact Maria Gruss with any questions at 419-678-3328.



Fort Fiat Youth Group

Contact: Natalie Ashbaugh
nashbaugh.holycrossfop@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS:

TO THE HEIGHTS — Tuesdays 3:30 - 4:30 pm @ MHC (grade 6th - 8th)

LADIES YOUTH GROUP — Tuesdays 7:15 - 8 am @ MHC (grades 9th - 12th)

MEN'S YOUTH GROUP — Wednesdays 9 - 10 pm @ MHC (7th - 12th)

VOCATIONS PANEL — (6th - 12th) Join us April 25th 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 25th and May 16th, please contact Natalie for more information.

Saint of the Week - Saint Caesar de Bus

Like so many of us, Saint Caesar de Bus struggled with the decision about what to do with his life. After completing his Jesuit education he had difficulty settling between a military and a literary career. He



wrote some plays but ultimately settled for life in the army and at court. For a time, life was going rather smoothly for the engaging, well-to-do young Frenchman. He was confident he had made the right choice. That was until he saw firsthand the realities of battle, including the Saint Bartholomew's Day massacres of French Protestants in 1572. Saint Caesar de Bus fell seriously ill and found himself reviewing his priorities, including his spiritual life. By the time he had recovered, Caesar had resolved to become a priest. Following his ordination in 1582, he undertook special pastoral work: teaching the catechism to ordinary people living in neglected, rural, out-of-the-way places. His efforts were badly needed and well received. Working with his cousin, Caesar developed a program of family catechesis. The goal—to ward off heresy among the people—met the approval of local bishops. Out of these efforts grew a new religious congregation: the Fathers of Christian Doctrine. One of Saint Caesar de Bus' works, Instructions for the Family on the Four Parts of the Roman Catechism, was published 60 years after his death. He was beatified in 1975 and canonized in 2022.

- Information obtained from franciscanmedia.org

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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. 14th, May 12th, Sept. 8th, Oct. 13th, & Nov. 10th.

THE CATHOLIC ADULT SINGLES CLUB — This is a Catholic club for adults 21 and older that has social events every weekend and a club meeting once a month. For more information please call (567) 510-8197.

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

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

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

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



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Easter.....	\$ 340.00	Loose.....	\$ 4,525.10
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Allocated Loose.....	\$ 244.10	Total.....	\$ 909.00
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St. Paul		St. Mary	
Offertory.....	\$1,885.00	Offertory.....	\$ 635.00
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