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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 19, 2026
Third Sunday of Easter

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 20 <i>Easter Weekday</i>	Clem & Regina Dues Family †	FBS	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	After Mass
	L/D Heitkamp & Koester Families †	FAW	6:45 pm	St. Peter	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Tuesday, April 21 <i>Saint Anselm, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>	Mike Brackman †	FEM	7:15 am	St. Mary	After Mass
	L/D Vic & Rosemary Metzger Family †	FJP	6:45 pm	St. Joseph	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Wednesday, April 22 <i>Easter Weekday</i>	L/D Lawrence & Wilma Link Family †	FEM	7:15 am (L/S)	MHC	After Mass
	L/D Dave Seitz Family †	FJP	Noon (L/S)	Holy Trinity	11:30 am - end
Thursday, April 23 <i>Saint George, Martyr; Saint Adalbert, Bishop, Martyr; opt. mem.</i>	L/D Victor & Rosemary Metzger Family †	FEM	7:15 am	St. Paul	After Mass
	Jim Timmerman †	FJP	6:45 pm	St. Anthony	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Friday, April 24 <i>Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest Martyr; opt. mem.</i>	Ernest Kuess †	FEM	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	After Mass
	Robert Portz †	FJP	Noon (L/S)	MHC	11:30 am - end
Saturday, April 25 <i>Saint Mark, Evangelist; Feast</i>	L/D Wallace Whipple Family †	FAW	9:00 am	St. Joseph	After Mass
	Muhlenkamp / Schoenherr	FJP	1:30 pm	Holy Trinity	N/A
	Horstman / Ervin	FEM	1:30 pm	MHC	N/A
	First Communicants & Their Families †	FEM	4:00 pm	St. Anthony	3:15 - 3:45 pm
	Victor Eyink †	FJP	4:30 pm	Holy Trinity	3:45 - 4:15 pm
	L/D Grube & Bergman Families †	FBS/ DDK	4:30 pm (L/S)	MHC	3:45 - 4:15 pm
Sunday, April 26 <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>	L/D Louis & Wilma Knapke Family †	FBS	7:00 am	St. Peter	N/A
	Jeff Knapke †	FEM	8:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	7:25 - 7:45 am
	Dolly Thien †	FAW	9:00 am (L/S)	MHC	8:25 - end
	Larry Laloge †	FJP	10:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	9:25 - 9:45 am
	Members of Holy Cross Family of Parishes	FAW/ DRK	11:00 am	St. Paul	10:25 - 10:45 am
	First Communicants & Their Families	FBS	11:00 am	St. Joseph	10:25 - 10:45 am
	First Communicants & Their Families	FEM	Noon	St. Mary	11:25 - 11:45 am
	Velma Wellman †	FJP	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-qg4zm, 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 22, 7:15 am

Servers: Chase Fiely
Lector: Elly Boeckman

Friday, April 24, 12:00 pm

Servers: Zavier Bruns
Lector: Diane Siegrist

Saturday, April 25, 4:30 pm

Servers: Jameson Heitkamp, Riley Heitkamp, Zavier Bruns
Lector: Missy Hart
EMHC: Nancy Wuebker, Missy Hart
Sacristan: Linda Lennartz

Ushers: Floyd Bergman, Don Lennartz, Ken Romer, Dan Schmitz

Sunday, April 26, 9:00 am

Servers: Chase Fiely, Milo Fiely, Vance Tobe, Gabriel Jutte
Lector: Carol Jutte
EMHC: Mark Lochtefeld, Heather Lochtefeld
Sacristan: Amy S. Wendel
Ushers: John Faller, Kevin Fortkamp, Joe Grube, Harry Hart

- St. Joseph -

Tuesday, April 21, 6:45 pm

Servers: Logan Gaerke, Gavin Gaerke
Lector: Mary Gaerke
Sacristan: Norma Pottkotter

Saturday, April 25, 9:00 am

Servers: Theresa Hipple
Lector: Jane Hipple

Sunday, April 26, 11:00 am (First Communion)

Servers: Isaac Roessner, Corbyn Schmitz, Brinley Steinbrunner, Rhea Steinbrunner
Lector: Ryan Steinbrunner
EMHC: Kim Pottkotter
Sacristan: Kim Pottkotter
Ushers: Allen Grube, Mike Roessner

- St. Paul -

Thursday, April 23, 7:15 am

Servers: Korbin Wuebker, Hayden Wuebker

Sunday, April 26, 11:00 am

Servers: Olivia Knapke, Reece LeFevre, Camden LeFevre, Vance Tobe
Lector: Amanda Brackman
EMHC: Deacon Roger Kaiser, Julie Bruns
Ushers: Kevin Wuebker, Doug Evers
Rosary: Chris & Theresa Siefring

- St. Peter -

Monday, April 20, 6:45 pm

Servers: Levi Sutter
Lector: Ryan Sutter

Sunday, April 26, 7:00 am

Servers: Kale Diller, Easton Diller, Logan Gaerke, Gavin Gaerke, Wade Gaerke
Lector: Katie Diller
EMHC: Greg Diller
Sacristan: Brenda Kahlig
Ushers: Blayne Tobe, Matt Schoenherr

- Holy Trinity -

Monday, April 20, 7:15 am

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby, Jack Bettinger
Lector: Rene Klosterman

Wednesday, April 22, 12:00 pm

Servers: Samuel Gerlach, Oliver Link, Jude Link
Lector: Rene Klosterman
Sacristan: Peyton Link, Emma Gerlach

Friday, April 24, 7:15 am

Servers: Audrey Alig, Abby Alig, A.J. Alig
Lector: Rita Riethman

Saturday, April 25, 4:30 pm

Servers: David Dues, Claire Bertke, Emma Siefring, Lincoln Homan
Lector: Yvonne Dues

EMHC: Deacon Dan Kahlig, Brenda Schwieterman, Nate Wenning

Sunday, April 26, 8:00 am

Servers: A.J. Alig, Audrey Alig, Abby Alig, Dillan Wenning, Archer Bihn, Jude Link

Lector: Abbie Homan

EMHC: Kathy Bohman, Dan Tobe

Sunday, April 26, 10:00 am

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

Lector: Tessy Huwer

EMHC: Deb Kaiser, Tony Hart, Nancy Wolters

Sunday, April 26, 6:00 pm

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby, Levi Sutter, Gabriel Simper

Lector: Dee Fullenkamp

EMHC: Sarah Klosterman, Amy Klingshirn

- St. Anthony -

Thursday, April 23, 6:45 pm

Servers: Leo Grigsby
Lector: Paul Welling

Sacristan: Janet Brockman

Saturday, April 25, 4:00 pm (First Communion)

Servers: Wesley Kahlig, Nolan Link, Lacey Link, Hallory Kahlig

Lector: Janet Brockman

EMHC: Rodney Homan

Sacristan: Cindy Muhlenkamp

Ushers: Greg Alig, Jeff Sudhoff

Rosary: Julie Brackman

- St. Mary -

Tuesday, April 21, 7:15 am

Servers: Volunteer Needed

Lector: Vicki Dues

Sunday, April 26, 12:00 pm (First Communion)

Servers: Matt Uhlenhake, Jake Uhlenhake, Garrett Uhlenhake, Cole Uhlenhake

Lector: Amy Welling

EMHC: Barb Uhlenhake, Jay Uhlenhake, Caryn Timmerman,

Amanda Schoenherr,

Amy Welling

Ushers: Matt Brockman, Rick Hemmelgarn



Message from the Priests

Going Coconuts on My Sabbatical in the Philippines!

I had an amazing time on my 3-month sabbatical this year, especially the five weeks I spent on an island in the Philippines, living among the simple, joyful, faith-filled Filipino people there. I had a house near the beach, and enjoyed the 80-degree sunny weather. I was able to relax and rest. I was also able to pray and celebrate daily Mass in a little church nearby. I went fishing, rode a bike around, and hiked the beautiful hills in the interior of the island. I took part in the celebrations of the people there – a birthday party for a one-year-old (a very important birthday for them), a big Marian feast day, and even a wedding, which I officiated. I grew to love the people there. I also had the best “winter” ever. Really great weather. It only rained once in the Philippines while I was there, and Colorado had an unusually warm month of March for me.

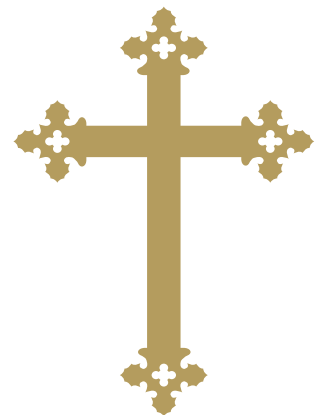
I really learned a lot during my sabbatical. For instance, I learned about coconuts. I don't like the coconut flavor but resolved myself to try it while I was there. I first had coconut water that came out of a young, green coconut. First off, it didn't taste like coconut at all, but was a refreshing drink. Then I had a mature coconut. Interestingly, they didn't drink the water that came from inside it. They said they use the white part on the inside (the meat of the coconut) to make coconut milk. And here was the new thing I never knew about coconuts: inside there is a small, white ball (the seed), the size of a small peeled apple. You take it and eat it like an apple. And it doesn't taste like coconut!



This is just one example of the many things I learned while away on sabbatical. But more importantly, I learned a lot about myself. I had a lot of time to think and pray. I spent the last week of my sabbatical alone in a hermitage in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains in Colorado. That was a tremendous experience of God's presence and I learned that I need to take things a little slower and live each moment more fully and attentively, not rushing to the next thing. The little cabin I stayed in was called “Patience”. It was a perfect lesson for me and I thank God for the time I spent there.



Overall, I really felt God watching over me during those three months away. Everything worked out and I had many great experiences. I felt like I was in God's Provident Hands. And that's a great place to be.



- Fr. Barry



Sacramental Information

Sacrament of Matrimony

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

Baptismal 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.

In Loving Memory...

Alice Marie Rauh
December 17, 1933 - March 30, 2026
(St. Anthony)

Robert August Post
September 24, 1945 - April 4, 2026
(St. Joseph)

Dolly Thien
December 16, 1931 - April 4, 2026
(Mary Help of Christians)

Kathy Hart
February 3, 1972 - April 6, 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 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

Wedding Banns

- III Tim Muhlenkamp & Lily Schoenherr
- III Elijah (Eli) Horstman & Kenadie Ervin
- II Ben Marchal & Elizabeth Alig
- I Cole Muhlenkamp & Taylor Binkley
- I Blake Findley & Shelby Acheson

And the two shall become one.

Saint of the Week - Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen

If a poor man needed some clothing, Fidelis would often give the man the clothes right off his back. Complete generosity to others characterized this saint's life. Born in 1577, Mark Rey became a lawyer who constantly upheld the causes of the poor and oppressed people. Nicknamed "the poor man's lawyer," Rey soon grew disgusted with the corruption and injustice he saw among his colleagues. He left his law career to become a priest, joining his brother George as a member of the Capuchin Order. Fidelis was his religious name. His wealth was divided between needy seminarians and the poor. As a follower of Saint Francis of Assisi, Fidelis continued his devotion to the weak and needy. During a severe epidemic in a city where he was guardian of a friary, Fidelis cared for and cured many sick soldiers. Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen was appointed head of a group of Capuchins sent to preach against the Calvinists and Zwinglians in Switzerland. Almost certain violence threatened. Those who observed the mission felt that success




was more attributable to the prayer of Fidelis during the night than to his sermons and instructions. He was accused of opposing the peasants' national aspirations for independence from Austria. While he was preaching at Seewis, to which he had gone against the advice of his friends, a gun was fired at him, but he escaped unharmed. A Protestant offered to shelter Fidelis, but he declined, saying his life was in God's hands. On the road back, he was set upon by a group of armed men and killed. Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen was canonized in 1746. Fifteen years later he was recognized as a martyr.

- Information obtained from franciscanmedia.org

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.

"GLORY!" APPAREL NOW AVAILABLE — Check out the newly added "Glory!" apparel on the Holy Cross Family of Parishes online store. Products featuring our Holy Cross Family of Parishes logo are available continuously on our online store. In addition, specialty items are available at select times. Also, Easter Season items will continue to 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!



CRS COLLECTION — This week we take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic_relief.

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.

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.



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.

CCD REGISTRATION FOR 2026 - 2027 — Please see the Religious Education section of the bulletin for more information

MISSION LOTTERY WINNER — (4/1/26) Craig Buschur St. Henry, OH; & (4/8/26) Charlotte McGowan Maria Stein, OH — Congratulations!

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.

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.



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.

Welcome New Members

Holy Trinity

Sierra Fisher
Jasmine Emrick
Kahlan Rose
Denise Myers

Mary Help of Christians

Isabell Hartings

St. Paul

Carson Tegtmeyer

St. Peter

Benjamin Vogel

MARY CROWNING — This year, Mary Crowning will take place at the end of the First Communion Masses. As both celebrations are combined, please be aware that these Masses will be quite full. We kindly ask parishioners to consider attending a different Mass these weekends to allow space for the families of our First Communicants. The front pews at each of these Masses will be reserved for the First Communicants and their parents, so if you do attend, please avoid sitting in those designated areas.

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 12 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.

FIRST SOLEMN MASS RECEPTION — Everyone is invited to a reception in the Grotto at Holy Trinity following, soon to be ordained, Fr. Kraig Gruss's First Solemn Mass to congratulate him. Mass is at 3 pm on Sunday, May 17, 2026. Refreshments provided by St. Ann's Hospitality Committee.



First Holy Communion

April 25th - St. Anthony - 4:00 pm
 April 26th - St. Joseph - 11:00 am
 April 26th - St. Mary - 12:00 pm

Mass Times & Locations



Cookie Fundraiser crumbl

Wed., April 22nd @ Holy Trinity's Parking Lot 3 - 7 pm	Wed., April 29th @ Mary Help of Christians' Parking Lot 3 - 7 pm
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Proceeds support the Big Events Committee for future events



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!



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

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

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>



FUNERAL COOKS — We are looking to add 1 or 2 cooks to our Funeral Lunch Ministry. Contact Charmaine Bettinger for more details if interested. (419) 678-4802 or cbettinger.holycrossfop@gmail.com

OUTDOOR BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE — We are looking for 3 - 4 people to join the outdoor beautification committee which helps with the watering of all the beautiful flowers. Your team would be added to the rotation schedule. Contact Charmaine Bettinger for more details if interested. (419) 678-4802 or cbettinger.holycrossfop@gmail.com

BLESSING OF RELIGIOUS ITEMS — Any First Communion gifts or religious items can be blessed in the Holy Trinity Grotto on Sunday, May 3rd following the 10:00 am Mass. Please label and place your items in the Grotto prior to Mass and pick up after Mass ends.



Mary Help of Christians

BLESSING OF RELIGIOUS ITEMS —

Any First Communion gifts or religious items can be blessed in the MHC Library on Saturday, May 2nd following the 4:30 pm Mass. Please label and place your items in the Library prior to Mass and pick up after Mass ends.



St. Paul

BLESSING OF RELIGIOUS ITEMS —

Any First Communion gifts or religious items can be blessed in the St. Paul Parish Hall on Sunday, May 3rd following the 11:00 am Mass. Please label and place your items in the Hall prior to Mass and pick up after Mass ends.



St. Anthony

BLESSING OF RELIGIOUS ITEMS —

Any First Communion gifts or religious items can be blessed in the St. Anthony Parish Hall on Saturday, May 2nd following the 4:00 pm Mass. Please label and place your items in the Hall prior to Mass and pick up after Mass ends.

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.



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.

CLEANING — (APRIL) **Carol Dues, Cameo Sudhoff, Ashley Dues, Rhonda Crouch, Rachel Hess, Brittany Kaup, Bethany Dues



St. Peter

BLESSING OF RELIGIOUS ITEMS —

Any First Communion gifts or religious items can be blessed in the St. Peter Church Basement on Sunday, May 3rd following the 11:00 am Mass. Please label and place your items in the Basement prior to Mass and pick up after Mass ends.



St. Mary

BLESSING OF RELIGIOUS ITEMS

— Any First Communion gifts or religious items can be blessed in

the St. Mary Parish Hall on Sunday, May 3rd following the 12:00 pm Mass. Please label and place your items in the Hall prior to Mass and pick up after Mass ends.

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.

PLEASE JOIN US

Saint Mary bible school 2026
June 1st-4th

FINDING JESUS THROUGH MARY

Youth Ministry

Coldwater Youth Group

Contact: Maria Gruss

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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!

SUNDAY, APRIL 26 — 7:15 - 9:30 pm | Movie Night @ Fr. Yauss Basement (High school) Triumph of Heart: Fr. Maximilian Kolbe volunteers to join nine men in an Auschwitz starvation bunker and fights to forge a brotherhood of hope in the darkest place on earth. | Rated PG-13

MONDAY APRIL 27 — 3:15 - 4:30 pm | Totus Tuus Crafters! @ The Fr. Yauss Basement (ages 12+)



TUESDAY, APRIL 28 — 7 - 8 am | Christ & Coffee @ Rooster Joe (grades 7th - 12th)

Fort Fiat Youth Group

Contact: Natalie Ashbaugh

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

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

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

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.

- Go to **FORMED.org**
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VOCATIONS PANEL

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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

Religious Education

Coldwater Religious Ed.

Contact: Stephanie Rutschilling
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(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
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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.

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

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April 1 - 4, 2026

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Offertory.....\$ 630.00	Easter Loose.....\$ 4,527.25
Holy Land.....\$ 2,085.00	Total.....\$20,885.50
Religious Ed.....\$ 100.00	Candles.....\$ 145.00
Cemetery.....\$ 10.00	Good Friday.....\$ 2,365.00
Allocated Loose.....\$ 2,086.80	Holy Saturday.....\$ 396.00

St. Joseph	St. Anthony
Easter.....\$ 2,539.00	Easter Offertory.....\$ 4,225.00
Offerings.....\$ 20.00	Easter Loose.....\$ 760.00
Holy Land.....\$ 185.00	Total.....\$ 4,985.00
Allocated Loose.....\$ 435.63	Good Friday.....\$ \$255.00

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Offertory.....\$ 530.00	Easter Loose.....\$ 645.00
Holy Land.....\$ 695.00	Total.....\$ 3,045.00
Flowers.....\$ 25.00	Good Friday.....\$ 255.00
Religious Ed.....\$ 20.00	
Allocated Loose.....\$ 888.98	

St. Peter
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2026 COLDWATER K OF C CLOTHING DRIVE — Saturday May 9th, 9 am - Noon. Holy Trinity church parking lot (Drive Thru Drop-off). Note: Donations should be packed in sturdy cardboard boxes.

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.

HEALING MASSES - 2026 — Montezuma Retreat House at 7 pm on May 12th, Sept. 8th, Oct. 13th, & Nov. 10th.

HISPANIC VOCATION NIGHT AT THE SEMINARY — On Sunday, May 3, single men aged 18-35 are invited to Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology for an evening of fraternity. The evening will include a tour of the seminary, talks, evening prayer and a dinner and social with the seminarians. All activities and presentations will be in Spanish. To register, please go to: <http://catholicaoc.org/hispanic-vocation-night>.

FOLLOW & PRAY WITH ARCHBISHOP CASEY — Follow Archbishop Casey at: Instagram: @archbishopcasey and/or Facebook: facebook.com/archbishopcasey

SPRING ANDREW DINNERS — Tuesday, April 21st, St. Mary Parish, Urbana; Wednesday, May 6, St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Centerville; & Tuesday, May 12, St. Gertrude Parish, Madeira. Andrew Dinners are meant for high school and college-age men. These events provide an opportunity for young men to learn about priesthood and seminary, speak with Archbishop Emeritus Dennis Schnurr and vocation director Fr. Michael Willig, and share a meal together. Register here: <http://catholicaoc.org/andrew-dinners>.

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.

SPANISH MASS — Mass is held every Sunday at 4 pm, Confessions at 3:30 pm, Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 pm, and the Rosary at 3:15 pm all in Spanish at Our Lady of Guadalupe. Pre-Baptismal classes are the second Sunday of the month from 11 am - 2 pm held in the church basement. Baptisms are the fourth Sunday of the month starting in June during 4 pm Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe. For more information or anyone in need of these opportunities please register with: Dr. Maria Garcia at (937) 281-4525 or Jenny Martinez at ministeriohispano@stsidorefamilia.org.

EMBER DAY RETREAT: JUNE 5TH — Registration is open! This is for high school men aged 15 - 19. The day will include Mass with Archbishop Emeritus Dennis Schnurr, sports, talks, and food. It's an opportunity for high school boys to meet the seminarians and learn more about vocation, priesthood, and fatherhood. Friday, June 5th at Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology. Hosted by the Cincinnati seminarians and vocation director Fr. Michael Willig. Register at <https://resources.catholicaoc.org/event/ember-day-june-5>.

DAY OF REFLECTION — The NW 5 Family of Parishes will be offering a Day of Reflection on Monday, May 18th at St. Denis Catholic Church in Versailles, Ohio. The day will begin with Mass at 8:15 am followed by Rosary. There will be two talks given along with a light luncheon "Father Kentenich: Guide to the Shrine and Heart of Our Mother Thrice Admirable". Program ending at 2:30 pm. Reservations required by May 4th. No charge, but free will offerings will be accepted to defray costs. Call (937) 417-1305 or Email gmetzcar47@gmail.com

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.



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