

*The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.*



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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 26, 2026
Fourth 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 27 <i>Easter Weekday</i>	Velma Hartke †	FBS	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	After Mass
	Mass Canceled	N/A	6:45 pm	St. Peter	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Tuesday, April 28 <i>Saint Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr; Saint Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest: opt. mem.</i>	Kathy Hart †	FEM	7:15 am	St. Mary	After Mass
	Mass Canceled	N/A	6:45 pm	St. Joseph	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Wednesday, April 29 <i>Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church; Memorial</i>	John M. Brown †	FAW	7:15 am (L/S)	MHC	After Mass
	Sara Brackman †	FBS	Noon (L/S)	Holy Trinity	11:30 am - end
Thursday, April 30 <i>Saint Pius V, Pope; opt. mem.</i>	Robert Fortkamp †	FAW	7:15 am	St. Paul	After Mass
	Cletus Muhlenkamp †	FBS	6:45 pm	St. Anthony	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Friday, May 1 <i>Saint Joseph the Worker; opt. mem.</i>	Sandy Collett †	FAW	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	After Mass
	Mary Rammel †	FBS	Noon (L/S)	MHC	11:30 am - end
Saturday, May 2 <i>Saint Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church; Memorial</i>	Greg McEldowney †	FJP	9:00 am	St. Joseph	After Mass
	Marchal / Alig Wedding	FEM	1:30 pm	MHC	N/A
	Orville Niekamp †	FAW	4:00 pm	St. Anthony	3:15 - 3:45 pm
	L/D Bernard & Annella Franzer Family †	FBS/DRK	4:30 pm	Holy Trinity	3:45 - 4:15 pm
	L/D Dues & Fortkamp Families †	FEM	4:30 pm (L/S)	MHC	3:45 - 4:15 pm
Sunday, May 3 <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>	L/D Vincent & Marjorie Schoenherr Family †	FEM/DDK	7:00 am	St. Joseph	N/A
	Dave Bruggeman †	FAW	8:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	7:25 - 7:45 am
	L/D Harold & Joan Ranly Family †	FJP	9:00 am (L/S)	MHC	8:25 - end
	Edwin & Mildred Prenger †	FBS	10:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	9:25 - 9:45 am
	Donald E. Muhlenkamp †	FJP	11:00 am	St. Paul	10:25 - 10:45 am
	L/D Gene & Barb Lennartz Family †	FEM	11:00 am	St. Peter	10:25 - 10:45 am
	Members of Holy Cross Family of Parishes	FAW	Noon	St. Mary	11:25 - 11:45 am
	Jim Rengers †	FBS	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 29, 7:15 am

Servers: Chris Timmerman, Charlie Roessner

Lector: Pauline Faller

Friday, May 1, 12:00 pm

Servers: Joseph Bruns, Henry Bruns

Lector: Kathy Portz

Saturday, May 2, 4:30 pm

Servers: Anthony Roessner, John Bihn, Tucker Huntsman

Lector: Debbie Bueter

EMHC: Debbie Bueter, Tom Bueter

Sacristan: Tom & Debbie Bueter

Ushers: Floyd Bergman, Don Lennartz, Nick Dues, Matt Whitacre

Sunday, May 3, 9:00 am

Servers: Cora Pearson, Lucas Winner, Elijah Grieshop, Ezekial Grieshop

Lector: Sean Kahlig

EMHC: Dottie Pearson, Scott Pearson

Sacristan: Stacy Pearson

Ushers: Gary J. Wendel, Randy Wendel, Don Willmann, Paul Alig

- St. Joseph -

Tuesday, April 28, 6:45 pm (Mass Canceled)

Saturday, May 2, 9:00 am

Servers: Logan Gaerke, Gavin Gaerke

Lector: Mary Gaerke

Sunday, May 3, 7:00 am

Servers: James Pottkotter, Francis Pottkotter, Michael Pottkotter

Lector: Aimee Pottkotter

EMHC: Deacon Dan Kahlig

Sacristan: Shel Sutter

Ushers: Jerry Sutter, Dave Lennartz

- St. Paul -

Thursday, April 30, 7:15 am

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby

Sunday, May 3, 11:00 am

Servers: Riley Stammen, Liza Knapke, Kate Knapke

Lector: Jackie Evers

EMHC: Jackie Evers, Carl Link

Ushers: Jared Hemmelgarn, Ross Homan

Rosary: Jerry & Bec Bihn

- St. Peter -

Monday, April 27, 6:45 pm (Mass Canceled)

Sunday, May 3, 11:00 am

Servers: Reed Westgerdes, Will Westgerdes, Carter Fortkamp, Brinley Fortkamp, Addison Fortkamp, Derek Fortkamp

Lector: Nathan Fortkamp

EMHC: Jim Knapke

Sacristan: Jane Hipple

Ushers: Kegan Timmerman, Clete Timmerman

- Holy Trinity -

Monday, April 27, 7:15 am

Servers: Oliver Link, Archer Bihn, Henry Broering

Lector: Rene Klosterman

Wednesday, April 29, 12:00 pm

Servers: Leo Grigsby, Leo Huelskamp

Lector: Lauren Baucher

Sacristan: Lucy Grigsby, Gemma Grigsby

Friday, May 1, 7:15 am

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby, Leo Huelskamp

Lector: Rita Riethman

Saturday, May 2, 4:30 pm

Servers: Isabelle Schwieterman, Alex Schwieterman, Emma Siefing

Lector: Ken Hoying

EMHC: Karen Hoying, Brenda Kaiser, Deacon Roger Kaiser

Sunday, May 3, 8:00 am

Servers: Dana Knapke, Myra Knapke, Clara Knapke, Blake Wenning, Reagan Wenning, Kendall Wenning

Lector: Jacqui Broering

EMHC: Linda Brunswick, Paul Bruggeman

Sunday, May 3, 10:00 am

Servers: Jack Bettinger, Dillan Wenning, Gabriel Simper, Myra Stammen, Mason Evers, John Evers

Lector: Tessa Huwer

EMHC: Cindy Hemmelgarn, Cindy Geise, Connie May

Sunday, May 3, 6:00 pm

Servers: Levi Sutter, Elisabeth Ebbing, Leo Huelskamp, Lincoln Homan

Lector: Ryan Sutter

EMHC: Melinda Pleiman, Stephanie Rutschilling

- St. Anthony -

Thursday, April 30, 6:45 pm

Server: Wesley Geier

Lector: Marty Knapke

Sacristan: Janet Brockman

Saturday, May 2, 4:00 pm

Servers: Nolan Link, Lacey Link, Jack Link, Hailey Grey

Lector: Cindy Homan

EMHC: Lisa Knapke

Sacristan: Janie Timmerman

Ushers: Corey Sudhoff, Patrick Forsthoefel

Rosary: Teri Minnich

- St. Mary -

Tuesday, April 28, 7:15 am

Server: Volunteer Needed

Lector: Stephanie Wendel

Sunday, May 3, 12:00 pm

Servers: Derek Dues, Trent Dues, Gibson Dues, Grace Siefing

Lector: Adam Liette

EMHC: Kyle Uhlenhake

Ushers: Dan Dues, Ken Siefing



Message from the Priests

Part I: Mission, Not Maintenance

In his groundbreaking essay (*From Christendom to Apostolic Mission: Pastoral Strategies for an Apostolic Age*), Monsignor James Shea wrote that many parishes operate from a "maintenance mindset", meaning that for a lot of people, the goal of the parish is just to maintain what we've always done, regardless of whether or not it's fruitful. And when we look at the statistics, more likely than not, it's not as fruitful as it could be. This is why Monsignor Shea (and others) argue that parishes, just like a business, cannot always be on maintenance mode. But to flourish we need to shift our mentality from "maintenance" to a "mission" mindset.

We want everything we do as a parish to be centered on the mission of bringing people closer to Jesus Christ. That has been my goal since becoming pastor. Sometimes, that's been really easy, like with creating more opportunities for Adoration throughout our parishes. A lot of people have come together to make more opportunities for Adoration of our Lord a reality. Other times, that shift isn't quite as easy and people require time to get acquainted with something. I think Confessions during Mass is a great example of that: when we first started hearing Confessions during Mass, a lot of people were skeptical about it. But the numbers speak for themselves and I have had so many people with the grace to come back to me and say "you know, I thought you were crazy, but it actually has helped people come closer to Christ".

A good pastor should always be looking for ways that take his parish to that "next level". What can we do to help people to grow closer to Jesus Christ and be the person that they were created to be? How can our parishes better serve our people so that we can better serve our God? How can we ensure that our parishes will not just be there for the next generation, but to be alive and thriving?

As I've grown as your pastor and your priest over the last few years, I have tried to make "mission" my mindset and to encourage others however I can to adopt that mindset as well. It's not always easy because, frankly, it's a lot easier to be on maintenance mode. But I've become convinced that the more we shift ourselves into a "mission mindset", the more fruit God produces in our lives and our parishes.

One of the easiest ways to have this mission mindset is to ask the question: *what is this thing for?* We asked that question a few years ago at a Ladies Sodality meeting, and that question made all the difference. Before the women in that meeting had the courage to ask that question, their sodality looked like a lot of other maintenance oriented programs at any parish: it was struggling to attract new members, especially younger members. As the older members were getting older, it wasn't able to sustain the work that it did. They were raising funds, but had little idea of what to do with those funds. But when they asked the question: *what is the Ladies Sodality for?* they shifted from maintenance to mission. Now this Ladies Sodality is stronger than ever, they have new members, and are fulfilling their mission for their parish. I couldn't be prouder of them!

But there is one big program at our parish that is not entirely mission-focused. But I think we're ready to tackle it. Over the next few weeks, I want to take the opportunity of these priest letters to walk us through what I have in mind.

In the meantime, I hope that each of us will ask ourselves: am I on "maintenance" or "mission" mode in my relationship with God? How is God calling me to be part of His mission in our little corner of Mercer County and in my own family?

In Jesus, through Mary,

Fr. Witt and Fr. Barry, Fr. Joseph, and Fr. Ethan



Sacramental Information

Wedding Banns

- III Ben Marchal & Elizabeth Alig
- II Cole Muhlenkamp & Taylor Binkley
- II Blake Findley & Shelby Acheson
- I Craig Mestemaker & Beth Homan

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.

Marriage Congratulations!

Darin & Katelyn (Vagedes) Schwieterman
Married Saturday, April 11, 2026
(St. Mary)

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



Newly Baptized

Mary Help of Christians

Baylor Danielle Rammel
 Child of Robert & Elizabeth

St. Mary

Lilly Thérèse Siefring
 Child of Bernard & Kendra

VIGIL OF TWO HEARTS Schedule of Events @ St. Joseph

Friday, May 1

- 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, May 2

- 12 am - 8:40 am: Continued Eucharistic Adoration
- 7:45 am: Rosary
- 8:45 am: Benediction
- 9 am: Holy Mass
- 9:30 am: Confessions



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.

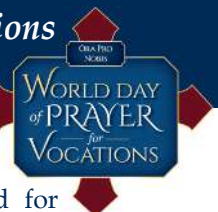
Baptismal Schedule

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.



World Day of Prayer for Vocations Sunday, April 26, 2026



Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood and religious life? Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister. Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.



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

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.

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.

EASTER LILIES — Easter Lilies can be taken out of any of our churches within our Family of Parishes by those that donated in the memory of a loved one now through May 3rd. After May 3rd if there are any Easter Lilies left, anyone is welcome to take them. Thank you to all who donated to help the beautification of our churches.

"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!



EXPECTANT MOTHER'S BLESSING — The blessing of expectant mothers will be after all Masses the weekend of May 2nd/3rd.

FLOWERS FOR MARY — During the month of May, all are welcome to bring flowers from their homes and gardens to place them around or near the Mary statue at any of our parishes. The month of May is dedicated in a special way to our Blessed Mother, and it's also the month that brings flowers. It is an age-old, beautiful, easy tradition that the lay faithful with their family would always offer flowers to Mary during May. This is a symbol of their love for her and a way to ask her to reign over their family, their children, and their hearts. Might we suggest to our families that this is an excellent way to live the faith at home. Sometime during this month take an evening as a family to bring flowers up to Mary at church, say a decade of the rosary together, and go out for ice cream afterwards! Please make sure your name is written on the bottom of your vase if you eventually would like it returned to you.



CANCELLATION — Fr. Witt's Spain/Portugal/France pilgrimage scheduled for September 2026 has been canceled.

ANNOUNCEMENT — Maria Gruss will be stepping away from her position as our Coldwater Youth Ministry Coordinator, in June of 2026, to stay at home with her growing family. Thank you Maria for all you have done for our Family of Parishes!

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

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.

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.

MOTHER'S DAY ROSE SALE — Volunteers will be selling roses after Masses within our Family of Parishes, on Mother's Day weekend (May 9th/10th). Thank you to all the volunteers, and all the people supporting this fundraiser to defend the "Right to Life" of all innocent human beings, from the moment of conception, until natural death.

CRS COLLECTION — Thank you for our generous support of the Catholic Relief Services Collection and for revealing Christ's love to those who are poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections for more information.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT — At times throughout the month of May we will be operating with only three priests during most weeks and some weekends as well. Please pray for Fr. Joseph as he is away during this month. 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!

MASS CHANGE — On Sunday, May 17th, St. Peter will have the 7:00 am Mass and St. Joseph will have the 11:00 am Mass due to the Baccalaureate Mass.

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.

IGNITE — All young adults ages 18–24: If you're looking to grow in community and deepen your love for Jesus while navigating the joys and challenges of adulthood, we invite you to join IGNITE! Our first gathering will be May 7 at 7 pm in the MHC Youth Group Room. Questions? Contact: Chase Kaiser (419) 268-8432 or Natalie Ashbaugh (419) 852-7816.

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.

WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY — The last meeting will be held Monday, May 11th at 7:30 pm at the shelter house at 171 Burrville Rd., Coldwater, Ohio. The book "Home" will be discussed. Have week 12 read for the next meeting.

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.



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!

Miscarriage Kits

Miscarriage kits are now available at any time, day or night, in the main entrance of Holy Trinity's Grotto. Kits are in white boxes featuring the Morgan's Place logo as shown. Please know that you are not alone during this difficult time, and the kits are being provided to help you honor your baby.



Information and assistance from Morgan's Place can be found at <https://www.morgansplacecemetery.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.



Cookie Fundraiser

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Wed., April 29th
@
Mary Help of Christians' Parking Lot
3 - 7 pm

Proceeds support the
Big Events Committee for future events

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!

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.

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS-QUEEN OF PEACE GROUNDS KEEPER NEEDED — We are looking for someone to maintain the Queen of Peace Walk area. Responsibilities would include maintaining landscaping, watering flowers, pulling weeds, etc. around the rosary walk area. This is a paid position. If interested, please contact the office by calling (419) 375-4153.



St. Joseph

CLEANING —

(MAY) **Sandy Stein, Hillary Stein, Ann Backs, Lisa LeFevre, Casey Steinbrunner, Natalie Sudhoff, Brianne Pottkotter



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 needs 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. 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. 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.

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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.

BRUNCH — There will be a brunch hosted by the CYO in the school hall following the graduation Mass on May 17th. All are welcome and encouraged to come enjoy the food and congratulate our graduating senior!

PLEASE JOIN US

Saint Mary bible school 2026
June 1st-4th

FINDING JESUS THROUGH MARY

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.
- Endowments require the principal to remain intact, theoretically lasting forever.



Contributions

April 6 - 12, 2026

Mary Help of Christians

Offertory.....	\$5,483.00
Easter.....	\$ 984.00
Holy Land	\$ 65.00
Youth Group	\$ 20.00
Cemetery.....	\$ 10.00
Allocated Loose	\$ 983.86

St. Joseph

Offertory.....	\$ 750.00
Easter.....	\$2,050.00
Holy Land	\$ 30.00
Donation.....	\$1,000.00
Allocated Loose	\$ 205.46

St. Paul

Offertory.....	\$1,555.00
Easter.....	\$ 750.00
Holy Land	\$ 60.00
Maintenance.....	\$ 100.00
Allocated Loose	\$ 419.27

St. Peter

Offertory.....	\$1,785.00
Easter.....	\$ 820.00
Holy Land	\$ 30.00
Religious Ed.....	\$ 10.00
Catholic Relief.....	\$ 100.00
Catholic Telegraph.....	\$ 20.00
Allocated Loose	\$ 332.41

Holy Trinity

Offertory.....	\$5,753.00
Loose.....	\$3,579.26
Total	\$9,332.26
Perm. Improvement.....	\$4,467.00
Candles.....	\$ 167.00
Good Friday	\$ 225.00

St. Anthony

Offertory.....	\$ 465.00
Loose.....	\$ 327.00
Total	\$ 792.00
Perm. Improvement.....	\$1,166.00
Good Friday	\$ 10.00

St. Mary

Offertory.....	\$ 874.00
Loose.....	\$ 425.00
Total	\$1,299.00
Perm. Improvement.....	\$ 640.00
Candles.....	\$ 81.10

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Coldwater Religious Ed.

Contact: Stephanie Rutschilling
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(419) 678-3328

ATTENTION:

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: holycrossfop.org. Registration is due July 1st.



UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

FIRST COMMUNION — 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.

Fort Recovery Religious Ed.

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

ATTENTION:

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.

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BACCALAUREATE MASSES — MHC - Sunday, May 17th at 9:00 am; St. Paul - Sunday, May 17th at 11:00 am; & St. Peter/St. Joseph - Sunday, May 17th at 11:00 am @ St. Joseph. **Please note, St. Peter will have 7:00 am Mass on May 17th.*

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



SUNDAYKIDZ

4th Sunday of Easter

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Amen Gate Climbs Thief Robber
Shepherd Sheep Hear Voice Follow

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Saint of the Week - St. Peter Chanel

Anyone who has worked in loneliness, with great adaptation required and with little apparent success, will find a kindred spirit in Peter Chanel. Born in France, Saint Peter Chanel's interest in the missions began in school, when he read letters missionaries to America sent back home. As a young priest, Peter revived a parish in a "bad" district by the simple method of showing great devotion to the sick. Wanting to be a missionary, he joined the Society of Mary, the Marists, at 28. Obediently, he taught in the seminary for five years. Then, as superior of seven Marists, he traveled to Western Oceania. The bishop accompanying the missionaries left Peter and a brother on Futuna Island



northeast of Fiji, promising to return in six months. He was gone five years. Meanwhile, Saint Peter Chanel struggled with this new language and mastered it, making the difficult adjustment to life with whalers, traders, and warring natives. Despite little apparent success and severe want, he maintained a serene and gentle spirit, plus endless patience and courage. A few natives had been baptized, a few more were being instructed. When the chieftain's son asked to be baptized, persecution by the chieftain reached a climax. Father Chanel was clubbed to death. Within two years after his death, the whole island became Catholic and has remained so. He was canonized by Pope Pius XII in 1954. Saint Peter Chanel is the first martyr of Oceania and its patron.

- Information obtained from franciscanmedia.org

Youth Ministry

Coldwater Youth Group

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MONDAY APRIL 27 — 11:18 - 11:45 am | Men's and Ladies Lunch @ The Fr. Yauss

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

MONDAY MAY 4 — 11:18 - 11:45 am | Men's and Ladies Lunch @ The Fr. Yauss

MONDAY MAY 4 — 7 pm | Mandatory Parent/Student Steubenville Meeting for all registered to attend @ St. Peter Hall

TUESDAY, MAY 5 — 7 - 8 am | Christ & Coffee @ Rooster Joe (grades 7th - 12th)

Fort Fiat Youth Group

Contact: Natalie Ashbaugh
nashbaugh.holycrossfop@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS:

TO THE HEIGHTS — Tuesdays 3:30 - 4:30 @ MHC. The last To the Heights for the school year is May 5th (6th - 8th grade).

LADIES YOUTH GROUP — Tuesdays 7:15 - 8 am @ MHC. The last Ladies Group for the school year is May 5th (9th - 12th grade).

BREAKFAST CLUB — April 24th 7:15-8 am @ MHC (6th - 12th grade).

STEUBENVILLE MEETING — Those who are attending the Steubenville Conference from July 17th - 19th must attend a mandatory parent and youth meeting on Monday, May 4, 2026, at 7:00 pm in St. Peter Hall. If you are unable to attend for any reason, please be sure to schedule a time to meet with Maria in person or over the phone.

ONGOING FORMS — If your child would like to participate in any youth events starting June 2026 - May 2027, please use the QR code to fill out a permission form.



Thank You!

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ST. ANTHONY TEE BALL/BASEBALL — St. Anthony Tee Ball/baseball for children 4 - 10 years old will be Monday nights at 6:30 p.m. Starting May 4th and continuing through June. There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the church. You can also text Bryce Schlater at (419) 763-9715.

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.

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

SPRING ANDREW DINNERS — 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.

2026 TASTE OF THE SHRINE FUNDRAISER — Enjoy the historical beauty and charm of the Maria Stein Shrine while sampling some of the finest food and drink crafted in God's country! The 2026 Taste of the Shrine Fundraiser is set for Thursday, May 21st from 5 pm - 8 pm. Enjoy food and drinks, a chance to win \$1,000 and a silent auction. For more information and to get your tickets, go to the Shrine's website, mariasteinshrine.org or stop by the Shrine.

SUMMER CHAPEL TOURS — From Memorial Day until Labor Day, the Shrine is offering free Chapel tours on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10 am. Meet in the Gathering Space, across from reception.

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

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>.

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.

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.

"Lord, teach us to pray." Luke 11:1

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You may register with the QR code or mail your check with contact information to:
Julie VanHoose, 3582 El Rego Dr Amelia, OH 45102

Questions contact: Barb Williams (513) 604-5565

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