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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, May 24, 2026
Pentecost Sunday

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, May 25 <i>The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church; Memorial</i>	Harold & Doris Livingston †	FBS	9:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	N/A
	Those who have passed in Military Service †	FEM	9:00 am (L/S)	MHC	N/A
Tuesday, May 26 <i>Saint Philip Neri, Priest; Memorial</i>	Linda Barhorst and Richard Sanning †	FEM	7:15 am	St. Mary	After Mass
	Steve Grieshop †	FJP	6:45 pm	St. Joseph	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Wednesday, May 27 <i>Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop; opt. mem.</i>	Canceled	N/A	7:15 am (L/S)	MHC	After Mass
	Canceled	N/A	Noon (L/S)	Holy Trinity	11:30 am - end
Thursday, May 28 <i>Weekday</i>	Mary Rammel †	FJP	7:15 am	St. Paul	After Mass
	Ed Wendeln †	FBS	6:45 pm	St. Anthony	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Friday, May 29 <i>Saint Paul VI, Pope; opt. mem.</i>	L/D Steinlage & Koesters Families †	FBS	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	After Mass
	Joan Timmerman †	FAW	Noon (L/S)	MHC	11:30 am - end
Saturday, May 30 <i>BVM on Saturday; opt. mem.</i>	Bob & Bernie Muhlenkamp †	FAW	9:00 am	St. Joseph	After Mass
	Mike Franzer †	FAW	4:00 pm	St. Anthony	3:15 - 3:45 pm
	Bruce & Becki Stover †	FBS	4:30 pm	Holy Trinity	3:45 - 4:15 pm
	Mary Siegrist †	FEM	4:30 pm (L/S)	MHC	3:45 - 4:15 pm
Sunday, May 31 <i>The Most Holy Trinity; Solemnity</i>	Hugo Fullenkamp Family †	FEM	7:00 am	St. Joseph	N/A
	Dean Hein †	FAW	8:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	7:25 - 7:45 am
	Clarence Langenkamp †	FJP	9:00 am (L/S)	MHC	8:25 - end
	L/D Leonard & Mildred Prenger Family †	FBS/ DRK	10:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	9:25 - 9:45 am
	L/D Louis & Alma Timmerman Family †	FJP	11:00 am	St. Paul	10:25 - 10:45 am
	Sawyer Overman †	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
	Natasha Link †	FBS/ DDK	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 -

Monday, May 25, 9:00 am (Memorial Day)

Servers: Chase Fiely, Milo Fiely

Lector: Pauline Faller

Wednesday, May 27, 7:15 am (Canceled)

Friday, May 29, 12:00 pm

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby

Lector: Kathy Portz

Saturday, May 30, 4:30 pm

Servers: Tucker Huntsman, Riley Heitkamp, Zavier Bruns

Lector: Les Wenning

EMHC: Lisa Fullenkamp, Rose Tobe

Sacristan: Maggie Hartings

Ushers: Floyd Bergman, Don Lennartz, Dan Schmitz, Matt Whitacre

Sunday, May 31, 9:00 am

Servers: Chase Fiely, Milo Fiely, Emma Pearson, Grant Pearson

Lector: Trent Pearson

EMHC: Trent Pearson, Lori Thien

Sacristan: Stacy Pearson

Ushers: Mike Laux, Mark Metzger, Doug Schmitz, Greg Schmitz

- St. Joseph -

Tuesday, May 26, 6:45 pm

Servers: Braxton Schmitz, Corbyn Schmitz

Lector: Lisa Roessner

Sacristan: Norma Pottkotter

Saturday, May 30, 9:00 am

Servers: Tyler Dues

Lector: Paige Schulze

Sunday, May 31, 7:00 am

Servers: Eric Lamm, Dillan Schulze, Kyle Fullenkamp, Seth Fullenkamp

Lector: Karen Bertke

EMHC: Karen Bertke

Sacristan: Shel Sutter

Ushers: Mel Bertke, Jerry Sutter

- St. Paul -

Thursday, May 28, 7:15 am

Servers: Korbin Wuebker, Hayden Wuebker

Sunday, May 31, 11:00 am

Servers: Brady Evers, Hope Evers, Ty Evers, Mya Will

Lector: Joe Knapke

EMHC: Joe Knapke, Lori Rohrer

Ushers: Jeff Meier, Kevin Wuebker

Rosary: Chris & Theresa Siefring

- St. Peter -

Monday, May 25, 6:45 pm (Canceled)

Sunday, May 31, 11:00 am

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

Lector: Marilyn Pottkotter

EMHC: Abe Timmerman

Sacristan: Marilyn Pottkotter

Ushers: Doug Kahlig, Mitchell Pugh

- Holy Trinity -

Monday, May 25, 7:15 am (Canceled)

Monday, May 25, 9:00 am (Memorial Day)

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby, Oliver Link, Leo Huelskamp, Jude Link

Lector: Rene Klosterman

EMHC: Deacon Roger Kaiser, Luke Klosterman

Wednesday, May 27, 12:00 pm (Canceled)

Friday, May 29, 7:15 am

Servers: Blake Wenning, Reagan Wenning, Kendall Wenning, Miles Bruns

Lector: Rita Riethman

Saturday, May 30, 4:30 pm

Servers: Isabelle Schwieterman, Alex Schwieterman, David Dues

Lector: Yvonne Dues

EMHC: Denny Riethman, Karen Hoying, Michelle Wilker

Sunday, May 31, 8:00 am

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

Lector: Gary Diller

EMHC: Chuck Alig, Tim Wellman

Sunday, May 31, 10:00 am

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

Lector: Abbie Homan

EMHC: Nick Schmitmeyer, Deacon Roger Kaiser, Cindy Schmidt

Sunday, May 31, 6:00 pm

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

Lector: Kim Rose

EMHC: Pam Hicks, Deacon Dan Kahlig

- St. Anthony -

Thursday, May 28, 6:45 pm

Server: Wesley Geier

Lector: Janet Brockman

Sacristan: Janet Brockman

Saturday, May 30, 4:00 pm

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

Lector: Joanne Alig

EMHC: Jessica Grey

Sacristan: Janie Timmerman

Ushers: Greg Alig, Jeff Sudhoff

Rosary: Marty Knapke

- St. Mary -

Tuesday, May 26, 7:15 am

Server: Volunteer Needed

Lector: Stephanie Wendel

Sunday, May 31, 12:00 pm

Servers: Benjamin Liette, Jay Liette,

Lana Kaiser,

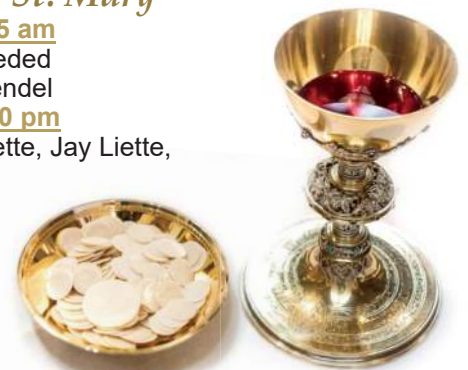
Kali Uhlenhake

Lector: Adam Liette

EMHC: Tracy Liette

Ushers: Dave Hartke,

Kyle J. Uhlenhake



Message from the Priests

The Role of Beauty in Catholic Worship

You may have noticed at Holy Trinity Church in Coldwater the new look to the high altar where the crucifix is mounted. It was painted this year to give the impression of the heavens opening and the light of God coming through the clouds onto the Cross. It is a beautiful image which enhances the worship space and elevates the minds and hearts of those attending Mass there. What was a blank white wall is now a beautiful depiction of Heaven.

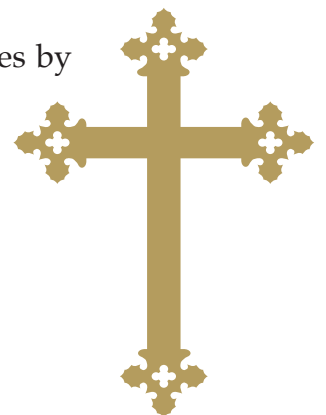
This sheds light on the purpose of beauty in our Catholic Faith. God Himself is the All-Beautiful One and the source of beauty that we see in creation. The Church tries to show this beauty in her architecture, décor, and liturgical vessels and vestments. It is meant to both reflect God's beauty and to show our attention to God in our worship. Just like dressing up for a party or decorating the home for a holiday, we put on our Sunday best and make everything beautiful for such an esteemed Guest and for such a holy event that the Mass is.

There was a time when beauty was not emphasized and even purposefully avoided. This movement was born out of modern post-Christian thought. It tried to take a horizontal view of life and translate that into art, music, and architecture. Discord and disharmony and a purposeful distortion of form without any sense of symmetry were the marks of this movement. It reached its apex in the 1960's and 70's and had a deep impact on the Church. It was a rejection of the vertical perspective which the Church had developed over the centuries. In reality it was man-centered and not God-centered. At the core of this movement was a search for Man without God.

In the practical reality of Church life in our area, the repercussions are found in the nondescript, dull and uninspiring look of many of our churches; case in point the formerly blank wall of Holy Trinity. But that is changing. Little by little we are seeing a resurgence of traditional beauty in our Catholic churches. It is not, however, a simple return to a pre-Vatican II church. It is a restoration of beauty in our worship spaces, a beauty that inspires and lifts one up when one enters a church. True beauty does that and makes your experience even richer and more grace-filled.

I hope you will think about this and maybe add a little beauty to our churches by maybe dressing up a little more on Sundays for Mass, showing God you want to give Him your best every week. He is definitely worth it.

- Fr. Barry Stechschulte



Sacramental Information

Wedding Banns

- II Regan Martin & Kaylee Deeter
- I Colin Subler & Alison Smith
- I Aaron Oakley & Ally Kaiser
- I Brock Dues & Gracyn Temple

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!

Cole & Taylor (Binkley) Muhlenkamp
Married Saturday, May 9, 2026
(St. Peter)

Blake & Shelby (Acheson) Findley
Married Saturday, May 9, 2026
(St. Paul)

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

Newly Baptized

St. Mary
Grace Marie Siefring
Child of Tyler & Heather

St. Peter
Higgins Paul Evers
Child of Ryan & Casey



Memorial Day Prayer

— May 25, 2026 —

God of power and mercy, you destroy war and put down earthly pride. Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears, that we may all deserve to be called your sons and daughters. Keep in your mercy those men and women who have died in the cause of freedom and bring them safely into your kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this though Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

— from Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers

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.



In Loving Memory...

Isaac Donald Kahlig
May 7, 2026 - May 7, 2026
(Mary Help of Christians)

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

- John 11:26

Baptismal Sponsors

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

Baptismal Classes

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

Baptismal Schedule

1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday
12:30 pm - MHC	12:30 pm - St. Peter	12:30 pm - St. Paul	12:30 pm - St. Joseph
1:30 pm - Holy Trinity	1:30 pm - St. Mary	1:30 pm - Holy Trinity	1:30 pm - St. Anthony

Holy Cross Family of Parishes

MEMORIAL DAY MASSES — Masses will be held at 9 am at both Holy Trinity and Mary Help of Christians on Monday, May 25th. Please note: the regularly scheduled 7:15 am Mass at Holy Trinity and the 6:45 pm Mass at St. Peter are both canceled on this day.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES — All are welcome to attend the Memorial Day Service on Monday, May 25th, at Coldwater Memorial Park following the 9 am Mass at Holy Trinity. The park service will begin at 10 am. Following the service at the park, a Cemetery Ceremony will be held at St. Elizabeth Cemetery in Coldwater and at St. Mary's Cemetery, Philothea. Both Cemetery Ceremonies will be at 11:00 am.

OFFICES CLOSED — Both parish offices will be closed for Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, 2026.

MASS CANCELLATIONS & OFFICE CLOSURE — On Wednesday, May 27, 2026, the 7:15 am Mass at Mary Help of Christian and Noon Mass, Adoration, & confessions at Holy Trinity are all canceled due to a staff retreat. Both Parish offices will also be closed on this day.

ADORATION CANCELLATION & MASS RELOCATION — There will be no adoration or Noon Mass at Mary Help of Christians on Friday, June 5th. The Mass will instead be held at St. Peter at Noon for the start of 40 hours of Adoration.

ST. ANTHONY BEAUTIFICATION UPDATE — The 4 pm Mass will be held at the St. Anthony School from Thursday, June 18th through Saturday, August 8th while the Sanctuary undergoes painting and new flooring installation. To ensure a safe and beautiful worship space, the church will be closed during this time for painting and scaffolding. Confession will continue to be offered before Mass in the 3rd classroom at the St. Anthony school. Beautification Project volunteers are needed. We need volunteers Monday, June 15 - 19 to assist with: removing carpet, peninsula, and everything in Sanctuary and helping set up the school for Mass during the renovation period.

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. Please note that May 7th was the last meeting until it resumes on Thursday, September 3rd.

SERVANTS OF CHRIST — This is a Holy Cross Family of Parishes men's group that meets the first and third Friday of every month at 4:30 am in the Grotto. Please note that May 15th was the last meeting until it resumes in the fall due to the group taking the summer off. Contact David Bettinger @ (419) 852-2582 with any questions.

Join our Pilgrimage to the Beatification of Ven. Archbishop Fulton Sheen September 23 - 24, 2026



- Vespers are at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis.
- Time will be available to explore downtown St. Louis and visit the Gateway Arch.
- Beatification Mass is at the Dome at America's Center.
- A block of rooms has been reserved in Collinsville, IL. Breakfast will be provided at the hotel on 9/24/26. The rate is \$126 for a double queen room. (Your completed registration with the hotel needs to be made by August 14, 2026, to get the guaranteed rate.)
- In addition to the room there will be a \$50/person cost for the charter bus.
- Extra money is needed for lunch and dinner on 9/23/26 and lunch and dinner on 9/24/26.

Contact Cindy Muhlenkamp to sign up for the trip and for registration details at 419-678-4802 or cmuhlenkamp.holycrossfop@gmail.com

HEARING ASSIST

Helping our parishioners hear during Mass!

Bluetooth Connection
for hearing aids
is now available at
Holy Trinity
&
Mary Help of Christians



Please stop by either parish office for instructions and/or assistance if needed.

Welcome New Members

Holy Trinity

Janet Turner

Brad & Janel Sanning
along with their children
Jackson & Maggie

Justin & Isabel Kemper

Alex & Alana Muhlenkamp



HOLY CROSS FAMILY OF PARISHES APPAREL — 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. 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!



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!

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 gatherings will be on Thursdays at 7 pm in the MHC Youth Group Room. Questions? Contact: Chase Kaiser (419) 268-8432 or Natalie Ashbaugh (419) 852-7816.

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!

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.

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>



INITIAL SERVER TRAINING — This training is for rising 5th grade boys. Training will take place on Wednesday, June 17th at 5:30 pm at Holy Trinity and Thursday, June 18th at 5:30 pm at Mary Help of Christians.

SERVER TRAINING — This training is for all current boy novices (rising 6th graders) and any young man 6th grade and older who has not been trained. Training will be on Wednesday, June 10th at 5:30 pm at Holy Trinity and Thursday, June 11th at 5:30 pm at Mary Help of Christians.

NEW SACRISTAN TRAINING — This training is for any young woman from our parishes (rising 5th grader and up). Training will take place on Wednesday, June 24th at 5 pm at Holy Trinity and Thursday, June 25th at 5 pm at Mary Help of Christians.

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.



Family Eucharistic Adoration

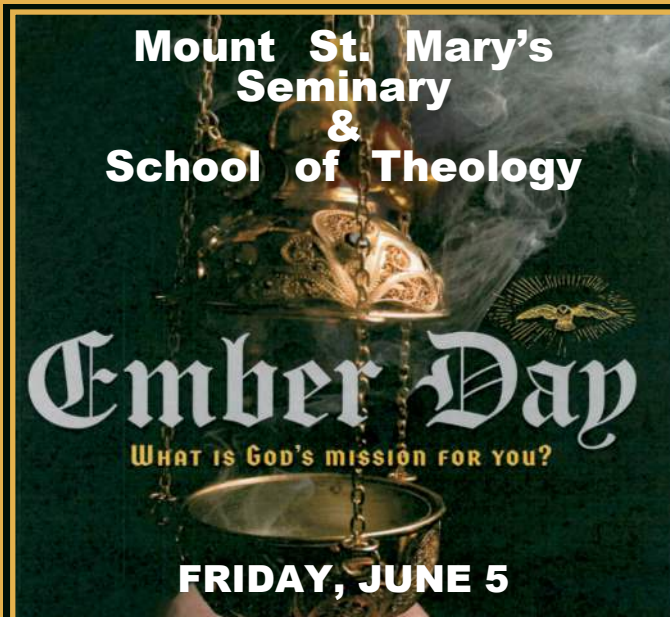


St. Joseph Catholic Church
6:30 - 7:30 pm
Thursday, May 28, 2026

Mary, Queen of Heaven w/ Fr. Witt
*There will be refreshments w/ a King/Queen activity in Sanderell Hall following Adoration.

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.

Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology



Ember Day
WHAT IS GOD'S MISSION FOR YOU?
FRIDAY, JUNE 5

Ember Day is a retreat 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. Hosted by the Cincinnati seminarians and vocation director Fr. Michael Willig. Register at <https://resources.catholicaoc.org/event/ember-day-june-5>.

40 Hours of Adoration

Friday, June 5th @ Noon

—◇◇ Sunday, June 7th @ 2:00 pm



Please join us in Adoration...

honoring & spending time w/ Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

- Sign up sheets are in the main entrance of each of our seven churches.
- One parishioner from each parish is asked to sign up in each time slot.
- Noon Mass on Friday at St. Peter will mark the start of 40 Hours leading up to the Feast of Corpus Christi on Sunday.
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will start after the Noon Mass.

Jesus' one sacrifice on Calvary is sacramentally made present in every holy sacrifice of the Mass. The Feast of Corpus Christi, also known as the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, celebrates the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Every consecrated host is the Body, Blood, Soul & Divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Note: Mary Help of Christians will not be having Noon Mass on Friday. Mass will be held at St. Peter instead.



JOYFEST SATURDAY MAY 30TH

OPENS AT 5:30 PM
A TENT EVENT HOSTED AT
MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS FIELD

HOLY CROSS GOT TALENT

SIGN UP



ALL TALENTS WELCOME

FOOD TRUCKS - BOUNCY HOUSES - PRIZES

Use the QR Code above to sign up for
HOLY CROSS GOT TALENT SHOW
or contact either parish office if interested in performing.
Sign up by: Saturday, May 23rd for Talent Show participation!
(Questions: please contact either Family Parish Office.)

BIKE BLESSING ROSARY RUN

SATURDAY, MAY 30TH AT 11 AM

WHERE: MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARKING LOT
403 SHARPSBURG RD.
FORT RECOVERY, OH 45846

WHY: TO BEGIN THE RIDING SEASON WITH A
BLESSING FOR PROTECTION AND TO CONSECRATE
OUR TIME ON THE ROAD TO JESUS

WHAT: BLESSING FOLLOWED BY A GROUP RIDE TO
10 LOCAL CHURCHES WITH AN OPPORTUNITY FOR
LUNCH AND FELLOWSHIP TO CONCLUDE



Parish Information



Holy Trinity

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, & Apr. \$7,475.00 for an average of \$14,962. 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!

BRIARWOOD DRIVE — The social action committee will be collecting personal items for the residents at Briarwood the weekends of June 13th & 20th. Items needed: Large or small kleenex boxes, chapstick, liquid body wash, lotions for dry skin, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and bars of soap. Please place items in the designated bins in the church entrances.

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

THE K OF C PICNIC CAKE STAND NEEDS YOUR HELP — The K of C Picnic Cake Stand would greatly appreciate any baked goods, such as cakes, cookies, cupcakes, brownies, and rice krispie treats. Cake mixes will be available at all entrances of Holy Trinity the weekend of May 30th and 31st. Baked goods can be dropped off at anytime on Friday, June 5th through Sunday, June 7th at a NEW LOCATION near the railroad tracks. Look for signs! Hope to see you at the picnic!



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.

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

MEN'S SODALITY MEETING — The meeting will take place on Monday, June 8th at 7:00 pm in the St. Anthony School Hall. Please be advised the start time will be a half hour earlier than normal to end earlier. All men of St. Anthony Parish are members and welcome to attend. Snack and Refreshments are provided at the end of the meeting. Hope to see you there!



St. Mary

PATRIOTIC ROSARY —

Rosary is held every Tuesday at 7:30 pm at St. Mary Church.


VOLUNTEERS NEEDED —

St. Mary will be celebrating their 175th Anniversary on Sept. 13th. We are looking for volunteers to help plan the event. Please text or call Jeff Timmerman at (419) 305-0745 to sign up.

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. 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.

ST. MARY BIBLE SCHOOL 2026 — Please join us for bible school "Finding Jesus through Mary" on June 1st - 4th in Philothea. Please use the QR code to register. 

COLLECTING DONATIONS — St. Mary's Ladies Sodality will be collecting donations for Mercer County Council on Aging's garage sale. Any donations can be placed in the trailer parked next to the church from June 6th - 8th.



St. Joseph

CLEANING —

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



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2026/2027 SACRAMENT DATES:

COMBINED HCFOP CONFIRMATION RETREAT — Sunday, October 4th from 12:00 pm - 5:30 pm

CONFIRMATION MASS — Sunday, October 18th at 2:30 pm @ Holy Trinity Church.

COMBINED DRAGON SLAYERS RETREAT — Saturday, January 23rd

FIRST RECONCILIATIONS — St. Anthony - February 13th @ 10:00 am, Holy Trinity - February 27th @ 9:00 am, St. Mary - March 6th @ 10:00 am

FIRST COMMUNION MASSES — Holy Trinity - 4:30 pm on April 10th (half of grade), Holy Trinity - 10:00 am on April 11th (half of grade), Saint Anthony - 4:00 pm on April 17th, Saint Mary - 12:00 pm on April 18th.

Fort Recovery Religious Ed.

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CONFIRMATION MASS — Sunday, January 24th at 1:00 pm @ Mary Help of Christians Church.

FIRST RECONCILIATIONS — St. Peter - Saturday, February 13th @ 10:00 am, St. Paul - March 6th @ 10:00 am, Mary Help of Christians - March 13th @ 10:00 am

FIRST COMMUNION MASSES — Mary Help of Christians - 4:30 pm on April 10th, Saint Peter - 11:00 am on April 11th, Saint Paul - 11:00am on April 18th.

Saint of the Week - St. Augustine of Canterbury

In the year 596, some 40 monks set out from Rome to evangelize the Anglo-Saxons in England. Leading the group was Augustine, the prior of their monastery. Hardly had he and his men reached Gaul when they heard stories of the ferocity of the Anglo-Saxons and of the treacherous waters of the English Channel. Augustine returned to Rome and to Gregory the Great—the pope who had sent them—only to be assured by him that their fears were groundless. Augustine of Canterbury set out again. This time the group crossed the English Channel and landed in the territory of Kent, ruled by King Ethelbert, a pagan married to a Christian, Bertha. Ethelbert received them kindly, set up a residence for them in Canterbury and within the year, on Pentecost Sunday 597, was himself baptized. After being consecrated a bishop in France, Augustine returned to Canterbury, where he founded his see. He constructed a church and monastery near where the present cathedral, begun in 1070, now stands. As the faith spread, additional sees were established at London and Rochester. Work was sometimes slow and Augustine of Canterbury did not always meet with success. Attempts to reconcile the Anglo-Saxon Christians with the original Briton Christians—who had been driven into western England by Anglo-Saxon invaders—ended in dismal failure. Augustine failed to convince the Britons to give up certain Celtic customs at variance with Rome and to forget their bitterness, helping him evangelize their Anglo-Saxon conquerors. Laboring patiently, Augustine of Canterbury wisely heeded the missionary principles—quite enlightened for the times—suggested by Pope Gregory: purify rather than destroy pagan temples and customs; let pagan rites and festivals be transformed into Christian feasts; retain local customs as far as possible. The limited success Augustine achieved in England before his death in 605, a short eight years after his arrival, would eventually bear fruit long after in the conversion of England. Augustine of Canterbury can truly be called the “Apostle of England.”



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Youth Ministry

Coldwater Youth Group

Contact: Maria Gruss
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

MENS LUNCH — This will be held weekly in Sanderell Hall during the summer after the St. Joseph 9 am Mass starting on Saturday, May 23rd.

SUMMER COFFEE W/ CHRIST — Stay tuned for more details.

YOUTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED — Sign up for a time slot to help out at the bouncy houses or drink stand during the K of C Picnic this year! June 5-7. All help is greatly appreciated! Access the sign ups by using the QR codes below!



Drink Stand: QR Code



Bouncy Houses: QR Code

Fort Fiat Youth Group

Contact: Natalie Ashbaugh
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

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.



LEADERSHIP AWARDS — Congratulations to Carson Fullenkamp and Olivia Knapke for being chosen to receive these awards. Please pray for them and their future endeavors.

HS REC NIGHTS — High School rec nights will begin June 1st, and will occur every other week from 7:30 - 9:00 pm at MHC. Nights will include slip-n-kick, pickleball, capture the flag, and more.

MS REC NIGHTS — Middle School rec night will begin June 8th, and will occur every other week from 7:30 - 9:00 pm at MHC. Nights will include car races, pickleball, and more.

MEN'S GROUP CAMPOUT — All boys entering 7th - 12th grade are invited to join us for a weekend retreat beginning at 5:30 pm on June 12th and concluding at 9:00 am on June 14th. Scan the QR code below for the location details and to access the permission form and additional information.



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EVERY OTHER MONDAY STARTING JUNE 1ST

7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

@ MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

NIGHTS INCLUDE

PICKLEBALL, CAPTURE THE FLAG, SLIP N KICK, CAMPFIRES, AND JESUS!

SNACKS AND DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED

FORT FIAT

MIDDLE SCHOOL REC NIGHTS

EVERY OTHER MONDAY STARTING JUNE 8TH

@ Mary Help of Christians

7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

NIGHTS INCLUDE

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Snacks and drinks will be provided



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- Pastoral Care and Outreach. Assists our priests and deacons, along with parishioner volunteers to serve our families specific needs.
- Effective Communication. Assists in our evangelization and educational outreach efforts in reaching the correct people.
- Accurate distribution of church donations.

Contributions

May 4 - 10, 2026

Mary Help of Christians		Holy Trinity	
Offertory.....	\$ 5,510.00	Offertory.....	\$4,380.00
Altar Flowers	\$ 20.00	Loose.....	\$3,354.25
Cemetery.....	\$ 65.00	Total.....	\$7,734.25
Flowers.....	\$ 845.00	Perm. Improvement.....	\$4,280.00
Hyderabad, India.....	\$ 150.00	Candles.....	\$ 189.00
Allocated Loose	\$ 1,157.72		
St. Joseph		St. Anthony	
Offertory.....	\$ 929.00	Offertory.....	\$ 580.00
Flowers.....	\$ 55.00	Loose.....	\$ 563.02
Allocated Loose	\$ 241.77	Total	\$1,143.02
		Perm. Improvement.....	\$ 400.00
St. Paul		St. Mary	
Offertory.....	\$ 2,471.00	Offertory.....	\$ 415.00
Parish Improvement.....	\$20,330.00	Loose.....	\$ 215.00
Maintenance.....	\$ 100.00	Total.....	\$ 630.00
Flowers.....	\$ 277.00	Perm. Improvement.....	\$ 495.00
Hyderabad, India.....	\$ 50.00		
Allocated Loose	\$ 493.36		
St. Peter			
Offertory.....	\$ 2,025.00		
Building	\$ 585.00		
Allocated Loose	\$ 391.15		



Thank you for your generosity!

Community Interests

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 in the east room of Holy Trinity's Grotto, Coldwater. Meetings are open, anonymous, & free.

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.

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@stisidorefamilia.org.

SHOE COLLECTION — Coldwater Kiwanis is collecting new and gently used shoes of all sizes for those in third world countries supported by Missions in Motion. Shoes must be wearable with NO holes. Will not accept high heels, wedges or winter boots. Drop off May 1 – 31 at Innergy Fitness, Chief's, Briarwood and Coldwater Library.

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.

PRIEST PANEL OPEN MIC — Quo Vadis is hosting a priest panel with local priests on Sunday, June 7, 2026 from 7 - 9 pm at the Maria Stein Spiritual Center (2365 Saint John's Road, Maria Stein, OH 45860). This is an open mic event, so bring your questions about the priesthood, the Catholic faith, and life in the Church. This event is open to the public - all are welcome to attend!

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

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.

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Friday June 5th – Sunday June 7th

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- Budweiser products & vodka drinks
- Wine from Vineyard at Evergreen Farms
- Free entertainment
- Free pony rides Sunday afternoon
- Great food at family friendly prices
- Games of chance
- Inflatables & activities for the entire family



Friday, June 5th

- 6:00 - Food, Wine & Beer Stands open
- 6:00 - Inflatables for kids
- 7:30 - Entertainment by Roger DeMange
- 7:30 - Queen of Hearts ticket sales
- Dusk - Free Movie for the Kids
- 11:30 - Picnic Closes

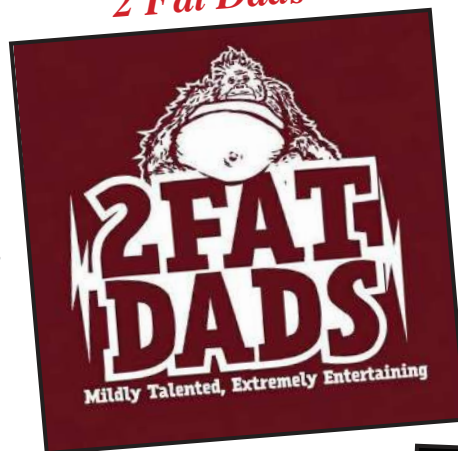
Saturday, June 6th

- 4:30 - Mass in Holy Trinity Church
- 5:30 - All stands open following mass
- 6:00 - Inflatables for kids
- 6:00 - Free Barrel Train Rides for Kids
- 6:30 - 8:30 - Dan & Dee Crafts for Kids
- 7:00 - Entertainment by CPR Band
- 8:00 - Queen of Hearts Drawings Begin
- Dusk - Free Movie for the Kids
- 11:30 - Picnic Closes

Sunday, June 7th

- 1:00 - All Stands Open
- 1:00 - Inflatables for kids
- 1:00 - Free Kiddie Tractor pull
- 2:00 - Entertainment by Two Fat Dad's
- 2:00 - Free Euchre tournament
- 2:00 - Free Board Games
- 2:00 - Free Lininger Pony Rides
- 2:00 - 5:00 - Dan & Dee Crafts for Kids
- 3:00 - 5:00 - Moeder BBQ Chicken Dinners
Drive-thru available
- 6:00 - Mass in Holy Trinity Church
- 8:00 - Stands Close
- 8:00 - Raffle Drawing
- 9:00 - Picnic Closes

2 Fat Dads



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