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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 31, 2026
The Most Holy Trinity

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, June 1 <i>Saint Justin, Martyr; Memorial</i>	Donald Feltz †	FBS	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	After Mass
	L/D Jerry & Norma Grieshop Family †	FJP	6:45 pm	St. Peter	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Tuesday, June 2 <i>Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs; opt. mem.</i>	L/D Louis Dirksen Family †	FEM	7:15 am	St. Mary	After Mass
	Dottie Fullenkamp †	FJP	6:45 pm	St. Joseph	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Wednesday, June 3 <i>Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs; Memorial</i>	Dave Garke †	FJP	7:15 am (L/S)	MHC	After Mass
	Mike Franzer †	FBS	Noon (L/S)	Holy Trinity	11:30 am - end
Thursday, June 4 <i>Weekday</i>	L/D Viro & Henrietta Will Family †	FJP	7:15 am	St. Paul	After Mass
	Bob Schaefer †	FBS	6:45 pm	St. Anthony	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Friday, June 5 <i>Saint Boniface, Bishop, Martyr; Memorial</i>	Mary Wenning †	FJP	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	After Mass
	Julia Heitkamp †	FBS	Noon (L/S)	St. Peter	N/A
Saturday, June 6 <i>Saint Norbert, Bishop; BVM on Saturday; opt. mem.</i>	L/D Jerry & Irene Timmerman Family †	FJP	9:00 am	St. Peter	After Mass
	Martin / Deeter Wedding	FNB	1:00 pm	MHC	N/A
	Mary Jane Braun †	FJP/DDK	4:00 pm	St. Anthony	3:15 - 3:45 pm
	Jim Rengers †	FBS	4:30 pm	Holy Trinity	3:45 - 4:15 pm
	John & Mary Overman 50 th Wedding Anniv.	FJW	4:30 pm (L/S)	MHC	3:45 - 4:15 pm
Sunday, June 7 <i>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi); Solemnity</i>	Members of Holy Cross Family of Parishes	FBS	7:00 am	St. Joseph	N/A
	L/D Stanley & Viola Ahlers †	FJP/DRK	8:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	7:25 - 7:45 am
	L/D Gerald & Irene Timmerman Family †	FBS	9:00 am (L/S)	MHC	8:25 - end
	L/D Stammen & Cowan Families †	FJP	10:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	9:25 - 9:45 am
	L/D Brunswick & Balster Families †	FEM	11:00 am	St. Paul	10:25 - 10:45 am
	Chuck Overman †	FBS	11:00 am	St. Peter	10:25 - 10:45 am
	Carl Fortkamp †	FJP	Noon	St. Mary	11:25 - 11:45 am
	Regina Bettinger †	FEM	6:00 pm	Holy Trinity	5:15 - 5:45 pm

MASSES ONLINE — Watch Masses at Holy Trinity & Mary Help of Christians online, indicated by (L/S) with the time. Masses are also archived and viewable on a later day and can be accessed on the website: holycrossfop.org (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); Fr. Jacob Willig (FJW); Fr. Ned Brown (FNB)
 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, June 3, 7:15 am

Server: Chase Fiely

Lector: Ted Romer

Friday, June 5, 12:00 pm (Canceled)

Saturday, June 6, 4:30 pm

Servers: Carson Fullenkamp, John Bihn, Rachel Fortkamp, Joseph Fortkamp

Lector: Debbie Bueter

EMHC: Tom Bueter, Nancy Wuebker

Sacristan: Tom & Debbie Bueter

Ushers: Floyd Bergman, Don Lennartz, Randy Wuebker, Bobby Stump

Sunday, June 7, 9:00 am

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

Lector: Amy S. Wendel

EMHC: Jane Weitzel, Jodi Wendel

Sacristan: Dan & Grace Jutte

Ushers: Jeff Wendel, Steve Vogel, Gary J. Wendel, Steve Wendel

- St. Joseph -

Tuesday, June 2, 6:45 pm

Servers: Tyler Dues, Levi Sutter

Lector: Paige Schulze

Sacristan: Paige Schulze

Sunday, June 7, 7:00 am

Servers: Tyler Dues, James Pottkotter, Francis Pottkotter, Michael Pottkotter

Lector: Pat Gehret

EMHC: Eileen Lochtefeld

Sacristan: Christa Fullenkamp

Ushers: Steve Post, Bryan Pottkotter

- St. Paul -

Thursday, June 4, 7:15 am

Servers: Korbin Wuebker, Hayden Wuebker

Sunday, June 7, 11:00 am

Servers: Nick Siefing, Camden LeFevre, Vance Tobe

Lector: Kathy Keller

EMHC: Carl Link, Jackie Evers

Ushers: Dave Keller, Steve Keller

Rosary: Jerry & Bec Bihn

- St. Peter -

Monday, June 1, 6:45 pm

Server: Theo Schmitz

Lector: Kim Schmitz

Friday, June 5, 12:00 pm

Servers: Carter Fortkamp, Derek Fortkamp

Lector: Lisa Roessner

Saturday, June 6, 9:00 am

Servers: Logan Gaerke, Gavin Gaerke

Lector: Mary Gaerke

Sunday, June 7, 11:00 am

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

Lector: Ryan Sutter

EMHC: Lisa Roessner

Sacristan: Lisa Roessner

- Holy Trinity -

Monday, June 1, 7:15 am

Servers: Kennley Siegrist, Grace Siegrist, Mya Siegrist

Lector: Rene Klosterman

Wednesday, June 3, 12:00 pm

Servers: Samuel Gerlach, Oliver Link, Jude Link

Lector: Nancy Clune

Sacristan: Peyton Link, Emma Gerlach

Friday, June 5, 7:15 am

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby, Lincoln Homan

Lector: Rita Riethman

Saturday, June 6, 4:30 pm

Servers: David Dues, Josh Homan, Emma Siefing

Lector: Diane Wellman

EMHC: Denny Riethman, Nate Wenning,

Brenda Schwieterman

Sunday, June 7, 8:00 am

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Archer Bihn, Oliver Link, Jude Link

Lector: Matt Grigsby

EMHC: Brenda Kaiser, Deacon Roger Kaiser

Sunday, June 7, 10:00 am

Servers: Liam Cowan, Dana Knapke, Myra Knapke, Clara Knapke

Lector: Gary Griesdorn

EMHC: Lynn Giere, Bob Rose, Carla Kahlig

Sunday, June 7, 6:00 pm

Servers: Levi Sutter, Breann Mathewson, Ryan Mathewson, Eli Eyink

Lector: Dee Fullenkamp

EMHC: Dan Fullenkamp, Amy Klingshirn

- St. Anthony -

Thursday, June 4, 6:45 pm

Server: Wesley Geier

Lector: Paul Welling

Sacristan: Janet Brockman

Saturday, June 6, 4:00 pm

Servers: Mason Alig, Lilly Alig, Logan Alig

Lector: Janet Brockman

EMHC: Amanda Forsthoefel

Sacristan: Janet Brockman

Ushers: Corey Sudhoff, Nick Dues

Rosary: Julie Brackman

- St. Mary -

Tuesday, June 2, 7:15 am

Server: Lincoln Homan

Lector: Vicki Dues

Sunday, June 7, 12:00 pm

Servers: William Moorman, Jacob Uhlenhake, Kate Uhlenhake, Isabella Uhlenhake

Lector: Betsey Uhlenhake

EMHC: Stephanie Wendel

Ushers: Ben Uhlenhake, Nick Uhlenhake



Message from the Priests

In God We Trust: America at 250

As America approaches the celebration of 250 years of independence, we pause with grateful and humble hearts to thank Almighty God for His hand upon our country throughout history. From the founding of this nation until today, God has blessed America with freedom, opportunity, strength, and hope. Through seasons of challenge and triumph, His providence has guided this nation and preserved the liberties we cherish. Our national motto boldly declares, "IN GOD WE TRUST," reminding us that true greatness does not come from wealth or power alone, but from faith in God and obedience to His ways.

From the earliest days of our nation, leaders recognized the importance of faith in the life of the country. President George Washington wisely stated, "It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible." President John Adams reminded Americans, "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people." Years later, President Abraham Lincoln declared, "It is the duty of nations as well as men to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God." President Ronald Reagan also warned, "If we ever forget that we are one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under." These words continue to remind us that faith, moral responsibility, and trust in God are essential to the strength and future of America.

The Holy Scriptures proclaim, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12). The Bible also reminds us, "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray... then I will hear from heaven and will heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14). Throughout history, the people of Israel found victory, strength, and protection whenever they remained faithful and walked with God. In the same way, our nation can remain strong only when we seek the guidance, mercy, and presence of the Lord.

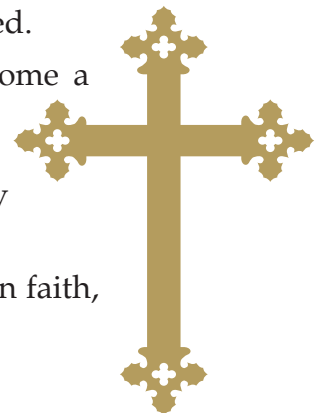
As we prepare for this historic milestone in our nation's history, let us celebrate not only with fireworks and festivities, but also with prayer, repentance, gratitude, and renewed faith. Many brave men and women sacrificed their lives to preserve the freedom of this country. In this generation, let us also accept responsibility for a spiritual battle — praying for our nation, defending faith within our homes, and standing for truth, unity, and righteousness. Freedom has always required sacrifice, and today we are called to offer spiritual sacrifice through prayer, faithfulness, and trust in God.

As we are now five weeks away from this great celebration, let every family take up this spiritual mission together. Attend five Masses as a family — one each week during these next five weeks. Offer the Holy Rosary for America, for peace, for unity, and for the spiritual renewal of our nation. Set aside time each day to pray for our leaders, our communities, our military, our churches, and future generations. Teach our children and grandchildren the importance of faith, gratitude, honesty, and love for God. Let our homes become places where prayer is valued, faith is lived, and God is honored.

May this anniversary become more than a national celebration; may it become a spiritual awakening for our country and for every heart. May our churches become lights of hope, our families become witnesses of faith, and our nation continue to stand as "one nation under God." As America enters her 250th year, may every heart boldly proclaim, "IN GOD WE TRUST."

May God continue to bless the United States of America and keep her strong in faith, freedom, and righteousness for generations to come.

- Fr. Joseph Pasala



Sacramental Information

Marriage Congratulations!

Craig & Elizabeth (Homan) Mestemaker
Married Saturday, May 16, 2026
(Mary Help of Christians)

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

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.

Wedding Banns

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

And the two shall become one.

In Loving Memory...

Michael H. Stein
August 10, 1954 - May 17, 2026
(St. Joseph)

*I am the resurrection and the life,
says the Lord whoever
believes in me will never die.*
- John 11:26

Newly Baptized

Holy Trinity
Zoey Jo Osterfeld
Child of Michael & Christy

Noa Rose Post
Child of Jared & Sydney

Daniel Gregory Alig
Child of Braedon & Cadence

Welcome to the Holy Cross Family!



On May 14, 2026, at St. Anthony Church, Bryan Brunswick completed his initiation into the Catholic Church by receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Charles Vasey was received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church, as well, and Charles and his wife Anne were married in the Church. Please welcome them and keep them in your prayers.

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.



First Holy COMMUNION

*Congratulations
to our 2026
First Communicants!*



Holy Cross Family of Parishes

SCAM WARNING — Please ignore any email, phone, or text messages supposedly from Fr. Witt asking you to purchase anything. These are Fraudulent messages from someone trying to scam parishioners. Also, AI can be used to fake phone numbers, email addresses, and other forms of communication. Please be aware if you are being asked for personal information, especially in association with financial inquiries. These are more than likely fraudulent. We have especially been seeing a rise in fraudulent emails and text messages.

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. (Please Note: there will be no confessions.)

JOYFEST — A tent event hosted at Mary Help of Christians field opens at 5:30 pm after the 4:30 pm Mass on Saturday, May 30th. There will be a talent show, food trucks, bouncy houses, and prizes.

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.

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

INITIAL SERVER TRAINING — This training is for rising 5th graders. 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 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.

EXPECTANT MOTHER'S BLESSING — The blessing of expectant mothers will be after all Masses the weekend of June 6th/7th.

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 15th - 19th 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 suspended over the summer, starting back up on Thurs., Sept. 3, 2026.

MEN'S GROUP — Meetings are suspended over the summer, picking back up sometime in the fall of 2026. The restart date will be determined closer to that time.

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.

HEARING ASSIST — Bluetooth connection for hearing aids is now available at Holy Trinity and Mary Help of Christians. This is being provided to help our parishioners hear during Mass. Please stop by either parish office for instructions and/or assistance if needed.

ANNOUNCEMENT — At times throughout the month of June we will be operating with only three priests during most weeks and some weekends as well. Please pray for Fr. Witt & Fr. Moore as they will be away at different times 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!

Welcome New Members

Mary Help of Christians

Craig & Elizabeth Mestemaker

PARISH ADORATION RENEWAL PRAYER



Lord Jesus, thank You for staying with us in the Most Holy Eucharist.

Thank You for the tremendous gift of adoration in our family of parishes.

As we celebrate the renewal of our adoration, we beg you to draw forth more adorers to share in experiencing the gift of Your love in adoration.

Inspire all parishioners to sign-up for a weekly hour to encounter You.

Please bless all adorers with special graces.

May our Holy Hours help towards the salvation and conversion of souls.

Strengthen and form us as adorers to grow in holiness, generosity and sacrifice.

Mary our Mother, we love you and consecrate ourselves, our parish and our adoration to your Immaculate Heart and to the Sacred and loving Heart of God in the Host.

Amen

VASES FROM FLOWERS FOR MARY DURING MAY — If you brought a vase of flowers to be displayed near the statue of Mary during this month, you may retrieve your vase from church anytime after Sunday, May 31st. Thank you for bringing in flowers to honor our Blessed Mother.

VIGIL OF TWO HEARTS

Schedule of Events @ St. Peter

(Please note: location change is only for the month of June due to Corpus Christi 40 Hours.)

Friday, June 5

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, June 6

12 am - 8:40 am: Continued Eucharistic Adoration

8:15 am: Rosary

9 am: Holy Mass

9:30 am: Confessions



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

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. Also, the First Friday 8 pm & First Saturday 9 am Masses will be held at St. Peter instead of St. Joseph.



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!



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>



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.

SAFE PARISH — Are you willing to occasionally assist our youth programs in ways such as driving for field trips, volunteering at events, and more? We are always looking for people who are 18 years and older to help us out! If you are interested in being added to our SafeParish list of adults, or would like more information, please contact Kathy Portz at kathyportz@gmail.com or Charmaine Bettinger at cbettinger.holycrossfop@gmail.com.

**Mount St. Mary's
Seminary
&
School of Theology**

Ember Day

WHAT IS GOD'S MISSION FOR YOU?

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

This 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>.

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.

Stewardship

Did You Know?

Contact Information

Have you moved? Changed your phone number or email addresses? Has there been a family status change? Please contact the church so we can make sure our information is correct and up to date.

Why we need to know:

- Sacramental Records Management. The Church is required by Canon Law to maintain Sacramental Records as they serve as official documentation for parishioners and future generations.
- 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 11 - 17, 2026

<p>Mary Help of Christians</p> <p>Offertory.....\$ 3,410.00</p> <p>Altar Flowers\$ 55.00</p> <p>Cemetery.....\$ 1,387.00</p> <p>Youth Group.....\$ 40.00</p> <p>Hyderabad, India.....\$ 4,625.00</p> <p>Allocated Loose.....\$ 1,212.98</p> <p>St. Joseph</p> <p>Offertory.....\$ 865.00</p> <p>Flowers.....\$ 20.00</p> <p>Allocated Loose.....\$ 253.30</p> <p>St. Paul</p> <p>Offertory.....\$ 2,796.00</p> <p>Parish Improvement.....\$14,220.00</p> <p>Flowers.....\$ 65.00</p> <p>Hyderabad, India.....\$ 180.00</p> <p>Allocated Loose.....\$ 516.90</p> <p>St. Peter</p> <p>Offertory.....\$ 2,174.00</p> <p>Flowers.....\$ 75.00</p> <p>Hyderabad, India.....\$ 100.00</p> <p>Allocated Loose.....\$ 409.82</p>	<p>Holy Trinity</p> <p>Offertory.....\$5,481.00</p> <p>Loose.....\$3,335.35</p> <p>Total.....\$8,816.35</p> <p>St. Anthony</p> <p>Offertory.....\$ 510.00</p> <p>Loose.....\$ 296.00</p> <p>Total.....\$ 806.00</p> <p>St. Mary</p> <p>Offertory.....\$ 898.00</p> <p>Loose.....\$ 532.00</p> <p>Total.....\$1,430.00</p> <p>*Online Giving Month.\$ 80.00</p>
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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 14th & 21st. 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 krispy 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 any time 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. Mary

P A T R I O T I C ROSARY

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

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.



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.

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.



Mary Help of Christians

DOUGHNUT SUNDAYS

— This will be held once a month during the summer. Free doughnuts will be available after the 9:00 am Mass at Mary Help of Christians. The dates are June 7th, July 12th, and August 9th held in the Undercroft, but if the weather is nice, it may be held outside. This is being sponsored and held by the Ignite young adult's group.



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 — This years garage sale will be in September. More information will follow. If anyone has any questions, please call (419) 852-8741.

MEN'S SODALITY MEETING — Meeting is 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. Joseph

CLEANING

— (JUNE) **Paige Schulze, Barb Schoenherr, Aimee Pottkotter, Annette Schmitt, Jenny Acheson, Claire Barlage, Michelle Stammen



St. Paul

THANK YOU

— Thank you to everyone who generously donated to Phase 1 of our renovation project, which includes restroom updates and handicap-accessible restrooms in the parish hall. With your support, Phase 1 has been fully funded, and construction is scheduled to begin on June 15, 2026. We truly appreciate the kindness, prayers, and commitment shown by our parish community throughout this project. As we continue forward, planning for Phase 2 is already underway. We are excited to share that \$11,000 has already been raised toward the \$158,840 needed for Phase 2, which will include updates to the kitchen and parish hall. In addition, final window measurements were completed on May 14, 2026, and installation is expected within the next 6-8 weeks. Roofs are ready for replacement and we are patiently waiting for some good weather and our turn to pop up on the roster. If we are blessed enough to raise the funds for Phase 2 by July 1, 2026, we can move forward with completion of Phase 2 this year. Every donation and prayer helps move this project forward. We will keep the parishioners updated as the projects proceed. To follow our renovation project, visit the Holy Cross Family of Parishes website under "More" and then "Parish Improvements" or reach out to a parish council member with any question or concern.

- God Bless, St Paul Parish Council



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Coldwater Religious Ed.

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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.



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), St. Anthony - 4:00 pm on April 17th, St. 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, St. Peter - 11:00 am on April 11th, St. Paul - 11:00 am on April 18th.

Saint of the Week - St. Norbert

In the 12th century in the French region of Premontre, Saint Norbert founded a religious Order known as the Praemonstratensians or the Norbertines. His founding of the Order was a monumental task: combating rampant



Feast Day: June 6th

heresies—particularly regarding the Blessed Sacrament, revitalizing many of the faithful who had grown indifferent and dissolute, plus effecting peace and reconciliation among enemies. Saint Norbert entertained no pretensions about his own ability to accomplish this multiple task. Even with the aid of a goodly number of men who joined his Order, he realized that nothing could be effectively done without God's power. Finding this help especially in devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, he and his Norbertines praised God for success in converting heretics, reconciling numerous enemies, and rebuilding faith in indifferent believers. Many of them lived in central houses during the week and served in parishes on weekends. Reluctantly, Saint Norbert became archbishop of Magdeburg in central Germany, a territory half pagan and half Christian. In this position he zealously and courageously continued his work for the Church until his death on June 6, 1134.

- Information obtained from franciscanmedia.org



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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.



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.



MEN'S GROUP BIBLE STUDY — All 7th - 12th grade boys are invited to Fr. Witt's bible study on Monday nights at 7:30 at MHC. The bible study will begin June 1st (7th - 12th grade).

KINGS ISLAND TRIP — All Holy Cross 6th - 12th grade are invited to join us for a trip to Kings Island on Tuesday, July 7th. Cost is \$40 per person. See the flyer for more information and to sign up (6th - 12th grade)

FORT FIAT WISHLIST — Attached below is the link to our Amazon Wish List. If you would like to support the Fort Fiat Youth Program through a donation, we would greatly appreciate your generosity! https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/3C7NYE9J8KIYO?ref_cm_sw_r_apin_ggr-subnav-share_A2Z6VCMRBEWT60DMB9W7&language=en-US



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Community Interests

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 1st – 31st 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!

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.

59TH ANNUAL COLDWATER, OHIO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PICNIC



Friday, June 5th – Sunday, June 7th

Picnic Highlights

- Cash attendance prizes
- 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

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