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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, July 5, 2026
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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, July 6 <i>Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin, Martyr; opt. mem.</i>	L/D Schneider & Moorman Families †	FBS	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	After Mass
	Poor Souls in Purgatory	FAW	6:45 pm	St. Peter	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Tuesday, July 7 <i>Weekday</i>	Jeffery Naumann †	FEM	7:15 am	St. Mary	After Mass
	L/D Joe & JoAnn Catanzaro Family †	FJP	6:45 pm	St. Joseph	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Wednesday, July 8 <i>Weekday</i>	L/D John & Marceil Alig Family †	FBS	7:15 am (L/S)	MHC	After Mass
	Elmer & Nothburga Geise †	FAW	Noon (L/S)	Holy Trinity	11:30 am - end
Thursday, July 9 <i>Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs; opt. mem.</i>	Dorothy Guggenbiller †	FBS	7:15 am	St. Paul	After Mass
	Jim Timmerman †	FAW	6:45 pm	St. Anthony (School Hall)	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Friday, July 10 <i>Weekday</i>	L/D Meier & Steinbrunner Families †	FBS	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	After Mass
	L/D Charles & Elizabeth Keller Family †	FAW	Noon (L/S)	MHC	11:30 am - end
Saturday, July 11 <i>Saint Benedict, Abbot; Memorial</i>	L/D Ferd & Sally Eifert Family †	FJP	9:00 am	St. Joseph	After Mass
	Joann Wagner †	FBS	4:00 pm	St. Anthony (School Hall)	3:15 - 3:45 pm
	Brad Wendel †	FAW	4:30 pm	Holy Trinity	3:45 - 4:15 pm
	Scott Knapke †	FJP	4:30 pm (L/S)	MHC	3:45 - 4:15 pm
Sunday, July 12 <i>15th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Bob Post †	FJP	7:00 am	St. Joseph	N/A
	Luke Schmitmeyer †	FBS	8:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	7:25 - 7:45 am
	Thomas J. Schwieterman †	FEM	9:00 am (L/S)	MHC	8:25 - end
	Richard Faller †	FAW	10:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	9:25 - 9:45 am
	L/D Leo Schoen Family †	FEM/DRK	11:00 am	St. Paul	10:25 - 10:45 am
	Overman Family †	FJP	11:00 am	St. Peter	10:25 - 10:45 am
	L/D Noll & Sanning Families †	FBS	Noon	St. Mary	11:25 - 11:45 am
	Members of Holy Cross Family of Parishes	FAW	6:00 pm	Holy Trinity	5:15 - 5:45 pm

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

Masses are also archived and viewable on a later day and can be accessed on the website: holycrossfop.org
(Masses are also streamed to Youtube. For Holy Trinity search: Coldwater Cluster, then click on the logo and subscribe.
For Mary Help of Christians search: mhc-gg4zm, then click on the logo and subscribe.)

Reference for Church Abbreviations

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

Tentatively Scheduled Celebrants listed above:

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

Adoration Schedules

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

St. Joseph - First Fridays of the Month

8:30 pm Friday - 8:30 am Saturday

Contact Info.: Adoration.nw1@gmail.com

Ministry Schedule

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

- Mary Help of Christians -

Wednesday, July 8, 7:15 am

Server: Xavier Bruns

Lector: Les Wenning

Friday, July 10, 12:00 pm

Server: Levi Sutter

Lector: Lisa Romer

Saturday, July 11, 4:30 pm

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

Lector: Les Wenning

EMHC: Linda Lennartz, Maggie Hartings

Sacristan: Maggie Hartings

Ushers: Floyd Bergman, Don Lennartz, Dan Schmitz, Bobby Stump

Sunday, July 12, 9:00 am

Servers: Blake Homan, Vance Tobe, Gabriel Jutte

Lector: Amy Klingshirn

EMHC: Sharon Metzger, Wes Kahlig

Sacristan: Sharon Metzger

Ushers: Gary J. Wendel, Jeff Wendel, Randy Wendel, Don Willmann

- St. Joseph -

Tuesday, July 7, 6:45 pm

Servers: Joseph Bruns, Henry Bruns

Lector: Danielle Pottkotter

Sacristan: Shel Sutter

Saturday, July 11, 9:00 am

Server: Blaise Bergman

Lector: Mary Gaerke

Sunday, July 12, 7:00 am

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

Lector: Paige Schulze

EMHC: Eileen Lochtefeld

Sacristan: Paige Schulze

Ushers: Bryan Pottkotter, Grant Pottkotter

- St. Paul -

Thursday, July 9, 7:15 am

Server: Russell Hart

Sunday, July 12, 11:00 am

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

Lector: Amanda Brackman

EMHC: Deacon Roger Kaiser, Andrew Dirksen

Ushers: Dave Keller, Steve Keller

Rosary: Chris & Theresa Siefing

- St. Peter -

Monday, July 6, 6:45 pm

Server: Levi Sutter

Lector: Marilyn Pottkotter

Sunday, July 12, 11:00 am

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

Lector: Mindy Bettinger

EMHC: Abe Timmerman

Sacristan: Brenda Kahlig

Ushers: Kegan Timmerman, Clete Timmerman

- Holy Trinity -

Monday, July 6, 7:15 am

Servers: Jack Bettinger, Myra Stammen, Lincoln Homan

Lector: Rene Klosterman

Wednesday, July 8, 12:00 pm

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby, Leo Huelskamp

Lector: Nancy Clune

Sacristans: Lucy Grigsby, Gemma Grigsby

Friday, July 10, 7:15 am

Servers: Blake Wenning, Reagan Wenning, Kendall Wenning

Lector: Rita Riethman

Saturday, July 11, 4:30 pm

Servers: David Dues, Emma Siefing, Alex Schwieterman

Lector: Joyce Ontrop

EMHC: Denny Riethman, Michelle Wilker, Karen Hoying

Sunday, July 12, 8:00 am

Servers: A.J. Alig, Audrey Alig, Abby Alig, Lincoln Homan

Lector: Gary Diller

EMHC: Chuck Alig, Tim Wellman

Sunday, July 12, 10:00 am

Servers: Lucas Broering, Henry Broering, Myra Stammen, Miles Muhlenkamp

Lector: Raquel Kaiser

EMHC: Deanna Wenning, Stephanie Rutschilling, Kathy Schulze

Sunday, July 12, 6:00 pm

Servers: Breann Mathewson, Ryan Mathewson, Leo Huelskamp

Lector: Charmaine Bettinger

EMHC: Pam Hicks, Stephanie Rutschilling

- St. Anthony -

Thursday, July 9, 6:45 pm (Mass in School Hall)

Server: Leo Grigsby

Lector: Janet Brockman

Sacristan: Janet Brockman

Saturday, July 11, 4:00 pm (Mass in School Hall)

Servers: Jack Link, Hallory Kahlig, Hailey Grey

Lector: Cindy Homan

EMHC: Rodney Homan

Sacristan: Cindy Homan

Ushers: Greg Alig, Nick Dues

Rosary: Marty Knapke

- St. Mary -

Tuesday, July 7, 7:15 am

Servers: Lincoln Homan, Leo Huelskamp

Lector: Stephanie Wendel

Sunday, July 12, 12:00 pm

Servers: Lana Kaiser, Austin Uhlenhake, Carson Uhlenhake, Grace Siefing

Lector: Stephanie Wendel

EMHC: Mary Ann Harting

Ushers: Ben Uhlenhake, Brian Uhlenhake



Message from the Priests

This is a (slightly shorter) version of Fr. Hess' bulletin insert over at St. Henry's. In it, he walks us through a really important, but difficult aspect of Church teaching. I highly recommend reading the full article and reading the next few articles, too! --Fr. Witt

Witnessing to Marriage

As I write this article, we are celebrating the Memorial of Ss. Thomas More and John Fisher, and are two days from the Solemnity of St. John the Baptist. These martyrs share a common thread: they died in defense of marriage. Ss. Thomas More and John Fisher refused to accept King Henry VIII's invalid claim that his marriage to Catherine of Aragon could be set aside so he could marry Anne Boleyn, severing England from the Catholic Church. St. John the Baptist was beheaded for condemning Herod's marriage to Herodias, his brother's wife. In each case, an earthly king abused his power to suppress the truth; the martyrs lost their heads but gained an everlasting Kingdom.

In light of these feasts and Jesus' recent words in the Sunday readings ("Fear no one... but the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna" and "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me... whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me"), I want to share guidance on how Catholics should respond when invited to an invalid marriage. I am speaking specifically about baptized Catholics attempting marriage outside the Catholic Church. Consider this the first of a two- or three-part series.

The author I am drawing from begins with an important clarification:

I will be discussing baptized Catholics only and their obligation to marry in the Church. No Catholic may ever attend a "gay marriage" or a "marriage" involving someone previously married without a declaration of nullity. Attending either requires no discernment—it is morally wrong.

Those are strong words, but clarity is a work of mercy. Scripture clearly teaches that such unions are contrary to God's plan. While every person deserves respect and compassion, these attempts at marriage cannot be affirmed.

The author continues by addressing the more difficult situation: a baptized Catholic, otherwise free to marry, attempting marriage outside the Church without the required dispensation. She notes that this once would have been unthinkable for practicing Catholics, yet today it is common—not because Church teaching has changed, but because fidelity to Christ often demands difficult sacrifices.

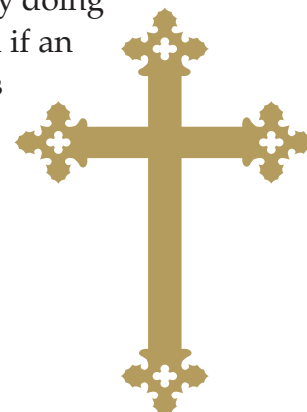
Again, her words are strong, but they deserve serious consideration. Such an attempted marriage is invalid. Another author explains:

An "invalid marriage" is not a type of marriage or a technicality. It is not a marriage at all. The couple is not married in objective reality, regardless of what they or civil authorities may believe. Attendance at such a ceremony can reasonably be understood as supporting what is, objectively, cohabitation and fornication.

This is why the issue must be treated seriously. At the same time, I recognize that many faithful Catholics simply have never been taught this clearly, or have even been taught otherwise. My concern is also for those souls, because we cannot live the truth well if we do not know it well.

Today, one of the clearest ways Catholics witness to Christ is by remaining faithful even when it is painful. Declining the invitation of someone we love, or explaining why we cannot support an invalid marriage, is deeply difficult. Ss. Thomas More, John Fisher, and John the Baptist knew that cost well.

In the next two bulletins, we will examine the most common arguments for attending invalid weddings and why they ultimately fail. Prudence and discernment can never justify doing or affirming what is objectively wrong, even if we hope good might result or even if an authority figure gives permission. Priestly authority exists only to lead Christ's people into the truth. This teaching calls each of us to examine our consciences honestly. Let us pray for the light to see clearly—and for the courage to walk in that Light.



In Christ,

Fr. Hess

Stewardship

Did You Know?

Thank You!

As we begin this new fiscal year, we give thanks for the many blessings God has poured into our Holy Cross Family of Parishes. Your prayers, service, and generosity have been the heartbeat of our mission, allowing us to grow in faith, serve our communities, and share Christ's love with others. Let us continue to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us—our time, our talents, and our treasure—so that together we may continue to build strong vibrant parishes. Every act of kindness, every moment of service, and every offering given in love makes a difference.

"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously." 2 Corinthians 9:6

Contributions

June 15 - 21, 2026

Mary Help of Christians	Holy Trinity
Offertory.....\$4,324.00	Offertory.....\$4,388.00
Youth Group.....\$ 25.00	Loose.....\$3,629.15
Holy Father.....\$ 50.00	Total.....\$8,017.15
Allocated Loose.....\$1,262.79	Food Pantry.....\$2,077.00
	Candles.....\$ 123.00
St. Joseph	St. Anthony
Offertory.....\$ 810.00	Offertory.....\$ 500.00
Allocated Loose.....\$ 263.71	Loose.....\$ 329.00
	Total.....\$ 829.00
St. Paul	St. Mary
Offertory.....\$2,366.00	Offertory.....\$ 595.00
Parish Improv.....\$3,700.00	Loose.....\$ 494.00
Maintenance.....\$ 100.00	Total.....\$1,089.00
Allocated Loose.....\$ 538.13	
St. Peter	
Offertory.....\$2,475.00	
Allocated Loose.....\$ 426.65	



Thank you for your generosity!

Sacramental Information

Wedding Banns

- II Andrew Hicks & Allison Eyink
- I Charles Huelsman & Lauren Gilliland
- I Bernard Kuether & Abigail Diller
- I Isaac Jacobs & Faith Grube

And the two shall become one.

Sacrament of Matrimony

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

Newly Baptized

Holy Trinity

Cooper Gerald Sanning
Child of Bradley & Janel

St. Paul

Rose Alma Eilerman
Child of Joel & Lindsay



Marriage Congratulations!

Darin Schmitmeyer & Madison Smith
Married Saturday, June 20, 2026
(Holy Trinity)

Jared Rodeheffer & Hanna Metzger
Married Saturday, June 20, 2026
(St. Peter)

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

In Loving Memory...

Joseph I. Brackman
May 22, 1952 - June 21, 2026
(St. Joseph)

*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

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com

Welcome to the Holy Cross Family!



Congratulations to Adam Fennig who was received into full communion with the Catholic Church when he made a profession of faith and received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist on June 22nd at St. Peter. Please keep him in your prayers.

Holy Cross Family of Parishes

REMINDER TO ALL VISITORS, BUSINESSES, & PARISHIONERS — We have a **No Soliciting Policy** on all of our church grounds. This includes all church properties within our entire Family of Parishes. It is not permitted to distribute any forms of advertising on any church premises including, but not limited to, the promotion of any type of event, activity, non-profit, or for profit information. All promotional materials in any format must be brought to the parish office for review. After review, if approved, the Holy Cross Family of Parishes staff will distribute all materials in their proper place. This policy ensures all materials are in line with the teachings of our Catholic faith and keeps our churches and church grounds orderly, neat, and clean. **Please note, it is prohibited at all times to distribute any materials on vehicles in our parking lots.** Additionally, for businesses wanting to advertise in our bulletin, you may directly contact Sherry Montell with Diocesan @ smontell@diocesan.com or 614-301-7444.

OFFICES CLOSING EARLY — Both parish offices will be closing early at 3 pm on Wednesday, July 8, 2026.

ADORATION CANCELLATION — There will be NO Adoration held at St. Anthony on Thursdays before the 6:45 pm Mass until the completion of the current St. Anthony Church renovations.

CCD TEACHERS NEEDED — Please prayerfully consider teaching CCD for the upcoming 2026/2027 school year. More details are available in the Religious Education section of this bulletin. If interested in volunteering, or for questions, please contact Stephanie Rutschilling for the Coldwater Parishes or Harlie Metzger for the Ft. Recovery Parishes.

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

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.



ADD/UPDATE INFORMATION FOR ONE CALL NOW — Holy Cross Family Parishioners are able to update their contact information for the One Call Now System via a link on our website, holycrossfop.org. Click on SIGN UP/EDIT ONE CALL on the left side of the screen. You can also add yourself to the groups that receive alerts regarding changes. Also, after signing up text the word "alert" to 22300 to receive text updates. These are very beneficial for CCD, Mass, & Adoration cancellations.

INITIAL SERVER TRAINING — This training is for rising 5th grade boys. Training will take place on Thursday, July 9th at 5:30 pm at Holy Trinity. Sign ups are appreciated if attending but not necessary.

OFFICES CLOSED — Both parish offices will be closed on Friday, July 3, 2026 due to the 4th of July holiday.

MASS CHANGES — Morning Masses will be held at 9 am at both Holy Trinity and Mary Help of Christians on Saturday, July 4, 2026 for the holiday. The morning Mass at St. Joseph is canceled on this day. All Vigil Masses on July 4th will still be held as regularly scheduled.

EXPECTANT MOTHER'S BLESSING — The blessing of expectant mothers will be after all Masses the weekend of July 4th/5th.

MASS INTENTIONS REMINDER — On July 1, 2026 Mass Intentions are opened for scheduling through July 2027. As a reminder, each individual parishioner at the Coldwater parishes is allowed one Mass Intention and each individual parishioner at the Fort Recovery parishes is allowed two Mass Intentions per calendar year. The suggested donation for a Mass Intention is \$5. Example formats for Mass Intentions are as follows: John Doe; John & Jane Doe; L/D John & Jane Doe Family; L/D Jones & Doe Families, John & Jane Doe Wedding Anniversary.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGES FOR THIS MONTH!

VIGIL OF TWO HEARTS

Schedule of Events

@ St. Joseph on July 3rd

@ Mary Help of Christians on July 4th

Friday, July 3rd

7 pm: Rosary & Confessions

8 pm: Holy Mass followed by Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament

8:30 pm - 12 am: Eucharistic Adoration with private & community prayer

12 am: Benediction

Saturday, July 4th

7:45 am: Rosary (Mary Help of Christians, Fort Recovery)

9 am: Holy Mass (Mary Help of Christians, Fort Recovery)



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

BULLETIN SUBMISSION NOTICE: Submissions must be received by 8:00 am, 10 days prior to the Sunday publication date unless otherwise noted. Submit info to bulletin.holycrossfop@gmail.com. Also, please follow submission guidelines at holycrossfop.org.

MEASURE UP CAMPAIGN (Fort Recovery Parishes) — Every year Knights of Columbus around Ohio collect and raise money to help people with developmental disabilities. This flagship program is the Measure Up campaign. The Fort Recovery council will use the money donated to benefit the Neurological Center and Mercer County DD. Donating is easy, on the weekend of July 4th - 5th there will be Measure Up envelopes at the end of the pews at MHC, St. Joseph, St. Paul, and St. Peter churches. Simply put your donation in the envelope and drop it in the collection basket. Thank you. Contact Calvin May @ (419) 852-6973 for any questions.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION — Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! Our contributions join those from our brothers and sisters worldwide to help Pope Leo XIV in his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need and support for the Holy See. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

HEARING ASSIST — Bluetooth connection for hearing aids is 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.



*Family
Eucharistic Adoration*

**St. Joseph
Catholic Church**
6:30 - 7:30 pm
Thursday, July 23, 2026

St. Brigid's Feast Day w/ Fr. Moore
*There will be refreshments w/
outdoor games following Adoration.



*God our Father,
Giver of life, we entrust the United States of
America to your loving care. You are the rock on
which this nation was founded. You alone are the
true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty, &
the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for
your glory & dwell among your people. Send your
Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders.
Open their minds to the great worth of human life
& the responsibilities that accompany human
freedom. Remind your people that true happiness is
rooted in seeking & doing Your will. Through the
intercession of Mary Immaculate, patroness of our
land, grant us the courage to reject the "culture of
death." Lead us through this life. We ask this
through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

- Author Unknown

MISSION LOTTERY WINNER — (6/17/26) Craig Buschur, St. Henry, OH & (6/24/26) Kelly Muhlenkamp, Fort Recovery, OH — Congratulations!

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.

ANNOUNCEMENT — At times throughout the month of July we will be operating with only three priests. Please pray for Fr. Moore and Fr. Joseph as they will be away at different times 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!

Welcome New Members

Holy Trinity
Ross & Ericka Forsthoeft
along with their children
Charlie, Harlow, and June

St. Anthony
Roland & Brenda Homan
along with their children
Rudy, Kyle, and Derek




*Saturday,
JULY 4th*

*For
FREEDOM
Christ has
SET US FREE*

Galatians 5:1

INDEPENDENCE DAY
GOD BLESS AMERICA




*Please Note: Details of events are still evolving.
All who sign up will be kept up to date of any changes.*

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



- Beatification Mass is at the Dome at America's Center.
- Other events are still being determined (more information to follow).
- 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.)*
- There will be a \$50/person cost for the charter bus.
- There will be a ticket cost to attend the Beatification Mass.
- 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

Parish Information

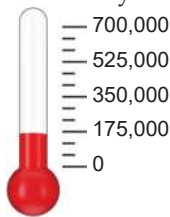


Holy Trinity

FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER —

We have reached our 1st year goal of \$175,000!

Thank you for your generosity. As we enter the second year of our 4 years, we continue to monitor the condition of the roof, spouting/gutters/downspouts and the parking lot. Once again, we are targeting \$14,500 per month in order to reach our 2nd year goal.



St. Mary

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

PHILOTHEA SCHOOL HALL —

The ramp is being redone now through July 18, 2026. Be aware that the school hall will not be handicap accessible during this time.

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!

ADULT SOCIAL HOUR — Join us for Adult Social hour on Sunday evening July 12th behind Philothea church at the shelter house. Bring your lawn chairs and your own refreshments, see you at 7 pm. Next date is August 9th.



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 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 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.



St. Peter

CAFETERIA CLEANING —

It's cafeteria spring cleaning time. Please come either 7/7/26 or 7/8/26 at 5:00

pm. Otherwise the doors will be open all day for your convenience, and you can come when you can make it. Please write down whatever you cleaned. Bring your own buckets and rags. Please find a replacement if you can't make it. Thank you. Cathy Link, Pat Guggenbiller, Lynn Link, Karen Timmerman, Theresa Heinrichs, Darlene Sudhoff, Amy Dues, Debra Kahlig, Kelsey Dues, Angie Koester, Lisa Dues, Brenda Kunk, Katie Alig, Kelsea Grieshop, Brittany Siefing, Teresa Meyer, Valerie Heitkamp, Peyton Dues, Ruth Siefing, Sarah Sudhoff, Jamie Albers, Lisa Braun.

ST. PETER CARNIVAL'S CHICKEN DINNERS — Sun., July 19th, carryout only at St. Peter Hall from 4:30 - 5:30 pm. This will be a 3 piece broasted chicken dinner by Brick Street Tavern. Dinners are \$10 each. ORDER OPTIONS: turn in the form (can be found in the back of St. Peter Church), text your order to (937) 802-0509, OR use the QR code. PAYMENT OPTIONS: Venmo @mjgaerke, drop envelope in any Holy Cross Parish collection basket, Brick Street Tavern, either Church Office, or to any Carnival Committee Member: Mary Gaerke, Stacy Link, Betsy Overman, Rachel Pottkotter, Betsy Sutter. Make checks payable to St. Peter Carnival. RETURN ORDERS BY: JULY 10, 2026.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH CARNIVAL — Sunday, July 19th from 2:00 - 5:00 pm. Games are open to all ages, even the adults are welcome to participate! All proceeds go back to St. Peter: the Easter egg hunt, new basketball poles, gaga pit, and sandbox were all funded by previous Carnival proceeds. A tote will be in the back of St. Peter Church if anyone is willing to donate items for the junk food stand. Want to volunteer? Text: (937) 802-0509



St. Joseph

ST. JOE FESTIVAL

— Sign up sheets are in the back of church, please sign up to work shifts by August 6th. Chairmen/ Co

Chairs: there will be a meeting August 6th at 6:30 pm at the shelter house. Please place your non-perishable donations in the back of church for the country store.

SAVE THE DATE — The 43rd annual St. Joe Homecoming Festival will be on September 11 - 13, 2026. More information to follow.

CLEANING — (JULY) **Lori Pottkotter, Sherri Pottkotter, Danielle Pottkotter, Emilie Pottkotter, Ashley Pottkotter, Kim Pottkotter, Julie Bechtol

SACRED HEART RADIO

740 AM & 910 AM

Youth Ministry

Coldwater Youth Group

Contact: Natalie Ashbaugh
nashbaugh.holycrossfop@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY — held weekly on Saturdays in Sanderell Hall after the St. Joseph 9 am Mass.

SUMMER COFFEE W/ CHRIST — held weekly on Tuesdays at Rooster Joe's at 8:15 am

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 began June 1st, and will occur biweekly from 7:30 - 9:00 pm at MHC.

MS REC NIGHTS — Middle School rec night began June 8th, and will occur every other week from 7:30 - 9:00 pm at MHC.

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 began June 1st (7th - 12th grade).

SILENCING THE LIES CAMPOUT

AT MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

JULY 26TH - JULY 27TH

OPEN TO ALL HOLY CROSS FAMILY GIRLS
INCOMING 9TH - 12TH GRADES

Silencing the Lies is a faith-filled overnight camping retreat designed especially for high school girls who desire deeper confidence, authentic friendship, and freedom in Christ. Inspired by the book Sincerely, Stoneheart by Emily Wilson Hussem, this retreat invites girls to uncover the subtle lies the enemy whispers and replace them with the life-giving truth of God.



SIGN UP USING THE QR CODE

QUESTIONS?
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SUNDAYKIDZ

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



At that time Jesus said,
"I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
that you have hidden these things from the wise and intelligent
and have revealed them to infants." Mt 11:25

Religious Education

Coldwater Religious Ed.

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srutschilling.holycrossfop@gmail.com, (419) 678-4802

HOLY TRINITY TEACHERS NEEDED:

Grades 1st - 5th - 3:15 - 4:30 pm session: 3 teachers

Grades 1st - 4th - 6:30 - 7:45 pm session: 1 teacher

Grades 5th - 8th - 6:30 - 7:45 pm session: 4 teachers

High School - 8:00 - 9:15 pm session: 2 teachers

VOLUNTEERS FOR NIGHT RUNNERS — Crosswalk and hall monitoring is needed at the Middle School and Fr. Yauss Center during the 6:30 pm religion session.

ST. ANTHONY TEACHERS NEEDED:

1st Grade - 6:30 - 7:45 pm session: 1 teacher

7/8th Grade - 6:30 - 7:45 pm session: 1 teacher

Fort Recovery Religious Ed.

Contact: Harlie Metzger

hmetzger.holycrossfop@gmail.com, (419) 375-4153

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS TEACHER NEEDED:

1st Grade - God Loves Us, What is a Sin, Blessed Trinity

5th Grade - 7 Sacraments, How to Pray the Rosary, Types of Prayer

7th Grade - Gospel Messages, Grace/Virtue, 7 Sacraments

ST. PETER/ST. JOSEPH TEACHERS NEEDED:

5th Grade - 7 Sacraments, How to Pray the Rosary, Types of Prayer

*All lesson plans and supplies will be provided to you. There are 28 class nights in total. Please contact Harlie Metzger at hmetzger.holycrossfop@gmail.com with any questions or to learn more!

Saints of the Week — Saint María Goretti

Does anything match a mother's pride in her children? First Communions, confirmations, graduations, weddings: how these delight a mother's heart! Imagine, then, Assunta Goretti, the only mother ever to attend her child's canonization! In poverty-stricken rural Italy, widowed Assunta tended fields for the Serenelli family, whose eighteen-year old son Alessandro propositioned her barely twelve-year old Maria; then, when she resisted, crying, "It is a sin! God forbids it!" he stabbed her fourteen times. As she lay dying, Maria assured the attending priest, "Yes, I forgive Alessandro! I want him to be in Paradise with me someday." Imprisoned, unrepentant, Alessandro changed after dreaming that a radiant Maria had offered him fourteen lilies. "I've kept my promise," she smiled. "You'll be here with me someday." Upon release, he rushed to beg Assunta's forgiveness. "Jesus has forgiven you," she replied, "my Maria too. How can I refuse?" Next morning, mother and murderer walked arm in arm to church and knelt side by side for Communion.



—Peter Scagnelli

- Information obtained from diocesan.com

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- Click "Find Your Parish Subscription" (top right), find our parish, & enter zip code: 45828.
- Make an account by entering your name and email, then you are good to go!



Community Interests

FATIMA USA-2026 — The Spiritual Center of Maria Stein will commemorate Our Lady's apparition and message at Fatima on Friday, August 14th, at 7:30 pm. Fr. Ethan Moore will celebrate the Mass. There also will be confessions, a candlelight rosary, and procession through the woods. All First Communicants are welcome to join in the procession in their attire. Please bring your own lawn chair for seating, and dress appropriately. Come join us for this Fatima celebration!!

CATHOLIC NURSE SOCIETY — We encourage all nurses to join us for fellowship, prayer, and fun conversations that are uniquely about the joys, triumphs, and hardships of being a nurse. Meetings are held at 11 am on the first Saturday of each month, second floor, at the Shrine of the Holy Relics in Maria Stein. We hope you will join us. Contact Janet Munday with any questions, (419) 954-1670 voice/text.

CELEBRATE YOUR JUBILEE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY WITH ARCHBISHOP CASEY — Couples celebrating jubilee anniversaries (25th, 50th, 55th, 60th, etc.) in 2026 are invited to Mass with Archbishop Casey on November 15th, 10:00 am, Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains (Cincinnati) or November 21st, 4:30 pm, St. Francis of Assisi (Dayton). Family members are welcome to attend as well, and a special blessing will be offered for the jubilarian couples. Couples should RSVP online by November 2nd at www.catholicaoc.org/goldenjubilée.

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.

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.

COMEDY FUNDRAISING EVENT — Join us on Saturday, October 10th, at the Osgood Community Veterans Center for an unforgettable evening of laughter featuring comedian Shayne Smith. Doors open at 5:00 pm with food trucks and a cash bar available before the show begins at 7:30 pm. This 21+ fundraiser will support adult faith formation efforts at St. Henry Parish and the Holy Cross Family of Parishes. Tickets are \$52 and can be purchased by scanning the QR code or go to: <https://sthenryfamily.flocknote.com/signup/255629>.



SAVE THE DATE! CATHOLIC FAMILY NIGHT AT GREAT AMERICAN BALLPARK! — You are invited to join Archbishop Casey and Catholics from across the archdiocese at Catholic Family Night at Great American Ballpark on Saturday, Sept. 5, 2026, which is the Saturday of Labor Day weekend. The Cincinnati Reds will play the Milwaukee Brewers that evening at 6:40 p.m. Discounted tickets are now on sale through Reds ticketing at this link: <https://www.gofevo.com/event/Archdiocesecincinnati22>.

D OF I MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT — Our last meeting was Tues. June 2nd. The day bus trip to Shipshewana was a success, and so much fun! The D of I worked the big wheel race at the Jubilee, and hopefully you saw us in the parade. There will be no meeting in July or August. The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 1st, which will be a birthday party with a catered meal. So mark your calendars. Have a blessed, fun and safe summer!

CMA MASSES OF THANKSGIVING — Please join Archbishop Casey as he celebrates three regional Masses of Thanksgiving for the generosity of thousands who contributed to the 2026 Catholic Ministries Appeal! All are welcome to attend. There will be a meet and greet following each Mass. Sunday, July 12th at 11:00 am at Holy Angels Parish, 119 East Water St., Sidney, OH 45365; Saturday, August 1st at 5:00 pm at Church of the Incarnation, 55 Williamsburg Ln., Centerville, OH 45459; and Sunday, August 2nd at 10:00 am at St. Antoninus Parish, 1500 Linneman Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45238.

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.

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

SUMMER DAY WITH THE SAINTS — Summer! Sun! Saints! This is a fun and educational day for kids to enjoy at the Shrine and learn about the Saints. There will be saint-themed crafts, prayers, activities, and snacks. The same program is offered each day, choose between Monday, August 3rd, Tuesday, August 4th, or Wednesday, August 5th. Cost is \$10 per child and runs from 1 pm until 4 pm in the Shrine Courtyard. This event is for children entering 1st through 6th grades. To register, log onto mariasteinshrine.org. Space is limited.

CANCER PRAYER SERVICE AT THE SHRINE — The Shrine is pleased to be able to offer the St. Peregrine Relic for prayer and veneration. Three times per year a prayer service is held for those who are on a journey with cancer, whether it be as a patient or as a caregiver. The next service will be held on Sunday, July 12th at 2 pm in the Shrine's Adoration Chapel. This event is free and open to the public. All who have been affected by cancer are encouraged to attend. For those battling cancer, you can submit your name or a loved one's name for prayer. Please contact Caleb Gaier at (419) 925-4532 or c.gaier@mariasteinshrine.org. The Shrine is located at 2291 St. Johns Rd. in Maria Stein. For more event information, visit www.mariasteinshrine.org.

SYNOD 2027 — Archbishop Casey has announced that we will conduct an archdiocese synod over the next two years, culminating with a general assembly in Fall 2027. Synod 2027 will offer us a collective opportunity to prayerfully listen to the Holy Spirit and to one another to discover anew the joy of discipleship, recognizing Christ in our midst and responding enthusiastically to His call. The latest on Synod 2027 can be found at catholicaoc.org/Synod2027.

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.

RAFFLE WINNERS — Coldwater K of C raffle winners from the Coldwater picnic can be found using the QR code or with the following link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ksCe84C6FJsMhV9DR4johz_u-SD8T8nh/view?usp=sharing



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.

MINISTRY TO SURVIVORS OF ABUSE (REPORTING) — The Archdiocese of Cincinnati regards child abuse in all its forms as gravely sinful and criminal. Anyone who knows of or suspects child abuse by a legitimate member of the clergy or hierarchy, employee, or volunteer of the archdiocese should first report the abuse to the appropriate secular legal authority and then to Ms. Teresa Maley, Coordinator of Ministry to Survivors of Abuse of the Archdiocese, at (513) 263-6623 or 1 (800) 686-2724 ext. 6623.

RETRouvaille — Hope for couples going through difficult times in their marriages. Retrouvaille is a program of healing and renewal consisting of one weekend and six follow-up sessions over the course of two months. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on September 11-13, 2026, call (513) 286-3013 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org

FOLLOW & PRAY WITH ARCHBISHOP CASEY — Follow Archbishop Casey at: Instagram: [@archbishopcasey](https://www.instagram.com/archbishopcasey) and/or Facebook: [facebook.com/archbishopcasey](https://www.facebook.com/archbishopcasey)

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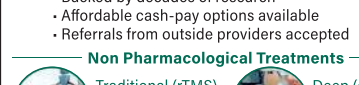
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