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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 12, 2026
Fifteenth 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 13 <i>Saint Henry: opt. mem.</i>	Ken Schwieterman †	FBS	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	After Mass
	L/D Tex & Joan Kaiser Family †	FAW	6:45 pm	St. Peter	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Tuesday, July 14 <i>Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin; Memorial</i>	Ralph "Cappy" Stammen †	FEM	7:15 am	St. Mary	After Mass
	Elaine Brunswick †	FJP	6:45 pm	St. Joseph	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Wednesday, July 15 <i>Saint Bonaventura, Bishop, Doctor of the Church; Memorial</i>	Roger Timmerman †	FEM	7:15 am (L/S)	MHC	After Mass
	Randy Mescher †	FJP	Noon (L/S)	Holy Trinity	11:30 am - end
Thursday, July 16 <i>Our Lady of Mount Carmel; opt. mem.</i>	Ken & Lil Knapke Family	FEM	7:15 am	St. Paul	After Mass
	Jim Timmerman †	FAW	6:45 pm	St. Anthony (School Hall)	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Friday, July 17 <i>Weekday</i>	L/D Paul † & Grace Rutschilling Family	FEM	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	After Mass
	L/D Leander & Agnes Schwieterman Family †	FAW	Noon (L/S)	MHC	11:30 am - end
Saturday, July 18 <i>Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest; BVM on Saturday; opt. mem.</i>	L/D Luke & Mildred Will Family †	FBS	9:00 am	St. Joseph	After Mass
	Hicks / Eyink Wedding	FEM	1:00 pm	Holy Trinity	N/A
	Jim Timmerman †	FEM	4:00 pm	St. Anthony (School Hall)	3:15 - 3:45 pm
	Alvin May †	FBS/DRK	4:30 pm	Holy Trinity	3:45 - 4:15 pm
	Natalie Siegrist †	FAW	4:30 pm (L/S)	MHC	3:45 - 4:15 pm
Sunday, July 19 <i>16th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Walt & Vera Bills †	FAW	7:00 am	St. Joseph	N/A
	Rick Pleiman †	FEM	8:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	7:25 - 7:45 am
	Members of Holy Cross Family of Parishes	FAW	9:00 am (L/S)	MHC	8:25 - end
	L/D Boeckman & Wolters Families †	FEM	10:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	9:25 - 9:45 am
	Robert Fortkamp †	FBS	11:00 am	St. Paul	10:25 - 10:45 am
	L/D Dale & Marilyn Bruns Family †	FAW	11:00 am	St. Peter	10:25 - 10:45 am
	L/D Norbert & Lillian Dues Family †	FEM	Noon	St. Mary	11:25 - 11:45 am
	L/D Don & Audrey Niekamp Family †	FBS	6:00 pm	Holy Trinity	5:15 - 5:45 pm

MASSSES 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 15, 7:15 am

Servers: Chris Timmerman, Charlie Roessner

Lector: Elly Boeckman

Friday, July 17, 12:00 pm

Server: Blaise Bergman

Lector: Kathy Portz

Saturday, July 18, 4:30 pm

Servers: Carson Fullenkamp, Joseph Fortkamp,
Daniel Fortkamp

Lector: Debbie Bueter

EMHC: Tom Bueter, Debbie Bueter

Sacristans: Tom & Debbie Bueter, Rachel Fortkamp

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

Sunday, July 19, 9:00 am

Servers: Lucas Winner, Elijah Grieshop, Ezekiel Grieshop,
Lane Knapke

Lector: Carol Jutte

EMHC: Dan Jutte, Grace Jutte

Sacristans: Dan & Grace Jutte, Abby Evers

Ushers: Paul Alig, Roger Broerman, John Faller,
Kevin Fortkamp

- St. Joseph -

Tuesday, July 14, 6:45 pm

Servers: Logan Gaerke, Gavin Gaerke

Lector: Mary Gaerke

Sacristan: Paige Schulze

Saturday, July 18, 9:00 am

Server: Tyler Dues

Lector: Paige Schulze

Sacristan: Kelsie Schmitz

Sunday, July 19, 7:00 am

Servers: James Pottkotter, Francis Pottkotter,
Michael Pottkotter

Lector: Ryan Steinbrunner

EMHC: Kim Pottkotter

Sacristans: Kim Pottkotter, Jennifer Schulze

Ushers: Steve Dues, Ed Dues

- St. Paul -

Thursday, July 16, 7:15 am

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby

Sunday, July 19, 11:00 am

Servers: Nick Siefing, Riley Stammen, Joseph Siefing

Lector: Marilyn Fortkamp

EMHC: Marilyn Fortkamp, Joe Knapke

Ushers: Matt Reinhard, Jeff Meier

Rosary: Jerry & Bec Bihn

- St. Peter -

Monday, July 13, 6:45 pm

Server: Tate Kahlig

Lector: Nathan Fortkamp

Sunday, July 19, 11:00 am

Servers: Reese Diller, Levi Sutter, Chris Timmerman,
Theo Schmitz, Nolan Winner

Lector: Elaine Post

EMHC: Donna Brunswick

Sacristan: Donna Brunswick

Ushers: Jake Gaerke, Marcus Gaerke

- Holy Trinity -

Monday, July 13, 7:15 am

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby, Leo Huelskamp

Lector: Rene Klosterman

Wednesday, July 15, 12:00 pm

Servers: James Pottkotter, Francis Pottkotter,
Michael Pottkotter

Lector: Lauren Baucher

Sacristans: Lucy Grigsby, Gemma Grigsby

Friday, July 17, 7:15 am

Servers: Jack Bettinger, A.J. Alig, Lincoln Homan

Lector: Rita Riethman

Saturday, July 18, 4:30 pm

Servers: Lucas Broering, Josh Homan, Henry Broering

Lector: Ken Hoying

EMHC: Megan Wolters, Deacon Roger Kaiser,
Brenda Schwieterman

Sunday, July 19, 8:00 am

Servers: Carter Heitkamp, Owen Heitkamp, Archer Bihn,
Gavin Heitkamp

Lector: Dan Fullenkamp

EMHC: Chuck Wenning, Adam Alig, Gary Diller

Sunday, July 19, 10:00 am

Servers: Liam Cowan, Blake Wenning, Miles Bruns

Lector: Nick Knapke

EMHC: Abbie Homan, Luke Klosterman, Kathy Schulze,
Deanna Wenning

Sunday, July 19, 6:00 pm

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby, Lincoln Homan

Lector: Pam Hicks

EMHC: Pam Hicks, Stephanie Rutschilling

- St. Anthony -

Thursday, July 16, 6:45 pm *(Mass in School Hall)*

Server: Wesley Geier

Lector: Paul Welling

Sacristan: Janet Brockman

Saturday, July 18, 4:00 pm *(Mass in School Hall)*

Servers: Jacob Kahlig, Wesley Kahlig

Lector: Janet Brockman

EMHC: Janie Timmerman

Sacristan: Janie Timmerman

Ushers: Corey Sudhoff, Mitch Sudhoff

Rosary: Julie Brackman

- St. Mary -

Tuesday, July 14, 7:15 am

Server: Lincoln Homan

Lector: Vicki Dues

Sunday, July 19, 12:00 pm

Servers: Matthew Uhlenhake,
Garrett Uhlenhake, Cole Uhlenhake

Lector: Jordan Geier

EMHC: Jay Uhlenhake

Ushers: Alex Uhlenhake

Craig Uhlenhake



Message from the Priests

ERAs

Say what you want about Taylor Swift 🧚‍♀️ ...actually maybe don't !? Back in 2023-2024 she went on a 5 🌐 continent, 145 concert tour entitled Eras. She sang songs for all of her albums 🎧 over the course of her career, and, from what I understand, she spoke into this idea 💡 that, as humans 👁️, we grow/change/develop throughout our life. She coined 🏛️ the term "Eras" to describe this reality.

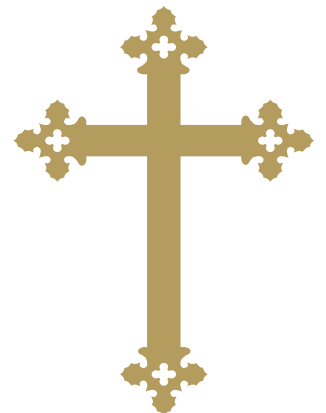
I think it is good to sometimes step back and remember 😞. When we allow ourselves to remember our story 📖 ...to appreciate where we have been and where we are now, it can give us a sense of peace 🙌 and satisfaction. More than likely there are unique chapters in the book of our lives 📖, some that we thoroughly enjoyed and maybe some that were a little more difficult or bumpy. Rather than zoom 🏎️ by always focusing on the next and the next and the...instead to hit the pause button ⏸️ and reflect and pray into just how faithful God is and has been for us all along the way. I think this can help us see better the whole picture 🖼️ that we are.

From childhood 🧒 to adolescence, into young adulthood, entering into our vocation, marriage 💍, kids, jobs, ups ⬆️, downs ⬇️, getting settled, empty nesting 🏠, retirement, becoming more elderly... There is just so much to this life ❤️, and it is healthy to allow each "Era" to be what it is and not wish it away or wait to start once we get there...wherever there is with finances 💰, time ⌚, or confidence, but simply to soak 🛀 up what is the now of our lives and ultimately to be grateful 😊.

This year marks the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi, and Pope Leo has made 2026 a universal jubilee time to get to know Francis and receive serious 😞 graces through his intercession. St. Francis is a super interesting figure in our church 🏰. He was deeply holy and brought about a radical shift in the European culture and church through his leadership and legacy. However, it can also be the case that he is only known for his "Era" with the Animals 🐻🐺🐓🐼🐮🦊🐰.

After Francis became a true follower of Jesus 🙏, he would daily pray before the cross these simple but profound words: **"Who are you, my God, and who am I?"** This desire to know, and be known, to discover and rest in one's identity was an endless place of life for this great Saint 😊. I propose, in whatever "Era" we currently find ourselves in, to allow these words of St. Francis to permeate our hearts ❤️ and our prayers 🙏 and to help us to accept that our lives—whatever stage we might be in—matter to our God.

- Fr. Ethan



Sacramental Information

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.



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!

Zach & Natalie (Hrycko) Niekamp
Married Saturday, June 27, 2026
(Holy Trinity)

Joshua & Emma (Rohrer) Thoma
Married Saturday, June 27, 2026
(St. Paul)

Grant & Anna (Stimpert) Meyer
Married Wednesday, July 1, 2026
(Holy Trinity)

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

Newly Baptized

St. Anthony
Maverick William Bruggeman
Child of Joshua & Kaitlyn

Alan Robert Sudhoff
Child of Ethan & Lydia

St. Joseph
Oakley Marie Whitacre
Child of Matthew & Kelly



Wedding Banns

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

And the two shall become one.

In Loving Memory...

Curtis Edward Grube
January 12, 2000 - June 28, 2026
(Mary Help of Christians)

Dorothy V. Gaerke
January 8, 1928 - June 29, 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



SACRED HEART RADIO
740 AM & 910 AM



Holy Cross Family of Parishes

MEASURE UP CAMPAIGN (Coldwater Parishes) — Every year Knights of Columbus around Ohio collect and raise money to help individuals with developmental disabilities. This flagship program is the Measure Up campaign. The Coldwater council will use the money donated to benefit the Mercer County DD. Donating is easy. On the weekend of July 11th - 12th and 18th - 19th, there will be Measure Up envelopes at the end of the pews at Holy Trinity, St. Anthony, and St. Mary churches. Simply put your donation in the envelope and drop it in the collection basket. Thank you. Contact Nathan Gruss at (419) 852-5197 for any questions.

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.

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.



Family
Eucharistic Adoration

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

God Bless the U.S.A. w/ Fr. Moore
*There will be refreshments w/ outdoor games following Adoration.
(Please note: only the theme has changed for this event.)

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.

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.

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!

GriefShare®

Help and encouragement
after the death of a loved one

A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. At this 13-week group, you'll receive valuable guidance and tips, leading you to relief, comfort, and peace of mind.

Sessions begin Monday, August 24 weekly
through November 23 (no meeting on Labor Day)
6:30 - 8:00 PM

Mary Help of Christians Church Library
(enter the doors on the back side of church)

Please register on the GriefShare website
www.griefshare.org
- click on "Find a Group"

OR email, call or text Ginny Fortkamp
gfortkamp.holycrossfop@gmail.com
419-852-8960

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.

BECOMING CATHOLIC

OCIA

Order of Christian Initiation Of Adults



Holy Cross Family of Parishes (Holy Trinity, Mary Help of Christians, St. Anthony, St. Joseph, St. Mary, St. Paul and St. Peter Parishes) welcomes you as you explore a relationship with Jesus and the Church He founded. Our community will make this spiritual journey with you through the **ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS** known as OCIA (formerly known as RCIA).

It is the process by which those who wish to explore the Catholic Faith are welcomed and introduced to the beliefs and practices of the Church. We will pray with you and help you form a deeper relationship with God the Father, His Son, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit through our study and through our conversations. We will study the Bible, the Sacraments, the Mass, the Ten Commandments, and so much more. We will explain Catholic practices and beliefs.

Our call to conversion lasts a lifetime. **The OCIA process in most cases takes less than a year. It starts in September and continues to April.**

There are situations in which this process takes a shorter length of time. It is a series of classes and gatherings to prepare adults who desire to learn about the Catholic Faith.

• **We welcome unbaptized adults** (special arrangements are made for preparing children) for the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. • **We welcome adults and children who have been previously baptized in another faith** who desire full communion with the Catholic Church through a profession of faith and reception of the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. • **We also welcome Baptized Catholics who have not continued their religious instruction** and are seeking to renew their life in the Church by receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist.

The day and time for our sessions are set to fit the needs of those who register. We generally meet for one and one-half hours once a week. All materials used are provided for you; there is no charge.

The full OCIA process consists of four stages or periods of formation:

1. **Period of Inquiry (Pre-catechumenate)** – a time of learning and discernment, ending sometime near December with the Rite of Acceptance for the unbaptized and the Rite of Welcoming for the baptized.
2. **Period of Catechumenate** – a time when the instruction provides a more in-depth focus on the doctrines of the Catholic faith. This period ends at the beginning of Lent with the Rite of Sending and the Rite of Election.
3. **The Period of Purification and Enlightenment** – coincides with the season of Lent. It is a time of more spiritual preparation for the Catechumens, to deepen their knowledge and relationship to Christ. This stage culminates at the Easter Vigil liturgy, when those preparing receive the Sacraments of Initiation or are received into full communion with the Church.
4. The final stage is **The Period of Mystagogy**, a Greek word meaning “leading into the mysteries” or “learning about the mysteries.” Mystagogy takes place from Easter through Pentecost. The newly initiated begin their lifelong pilgrimage of growth as the mysteries of their faith unfold.

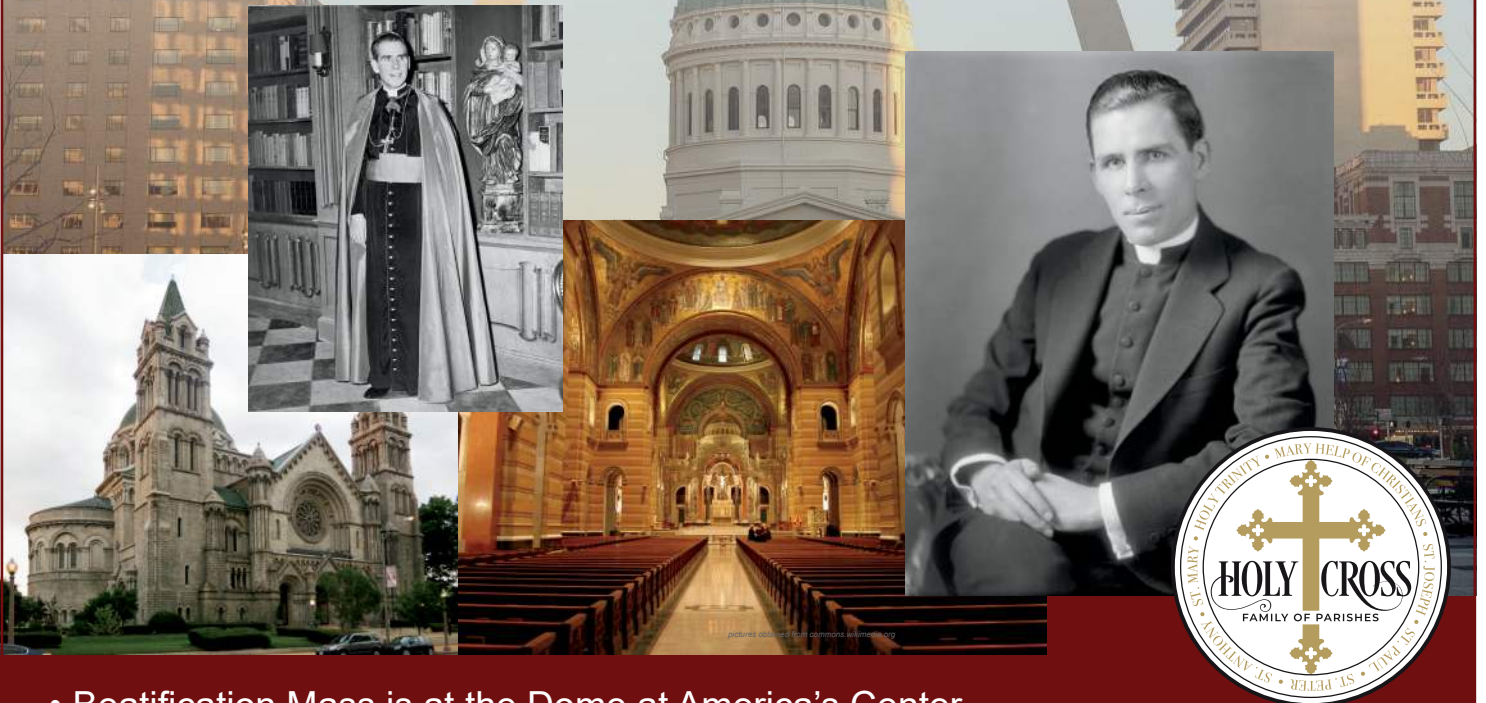
If you or someone you know is interested in exploring the Catholic faith through OCIA and wishes to receive more information or request a registration packet, please contact the OCIA coordinators using one of the following methods:

gfortkamp.holycrossfop@gmail.com; Ginny Fortkamp 419-375-4153 (Fort Recovery parishes)

cmuhlenkamp.holycrossfop@gmail.com; Cindy Muhlenkamp 419-678-4802 (Coldwater parishes)

*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.



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. 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.



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



St. Paul

AVAILABLE ITEMS

— As part of our parish renovation, we have a

variety of items that are no

longer needed but may be useful to others. We invite parishioners to look through the available kitchen items, décor, trophies, and other miscellaneous items. If you find something you can use or would enjoy, please feel free to take it with our compliments, free of charge.. We are grateful these items can find a new home within our parish family. Items will be available in the upper classrooms of St. Paul Church following Mass on July 12th, 19th, and 26th or reach out to a Parish Council Member to set up a time to look at the items prior to July 26, 2026 deadline, at that time all remaining items will be donated or gifted. Thank You, St Paul Parish Council: Dustin Sudhoff, Lindsey Reinhard, Michele Homan, Kevin Knapke, Kim Knapke, Matt Hart



St. Peter

ST. PETER LADIES SODALITY

— Please join us for our Sodality

Summer Social & New Member

Induction on July 29th at 7:00 pm. Refreshments will be provided. All women of the parish are warmly welcome to attend. RSVP encouraged but not required: aschmitz419@outlook.com.

St. Peter's Church Carnival

Sunday, July 19

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

Youth Ministry

Coldwater Youth Group

Contact: Natalie Ashbaugh
nashbaugh.holycrossfop@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS:

CHRIST & COFFEE (7th - 12th grade) — All grades 7-12 are welcome to join our bible study at 8:15 am. Please meet at Rooster Joe's in Coldwater and bring your bibles.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY (9th - 12th grade) — All high school boys are welcome to join a bible study led by Fr. Witt. The bible study will be held at the St. Joe shelter house after 9:00 am Mass.

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



Fort Fiat Youth Group

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

MS REC NIGHT DATES — Remaining dates are July 20th and August 3rd @ MHC from 7:30 - 9 pm

HS REC NIGHT DATES — Remaining dates are July 13th, 27th, and August 10th @ MHC from 7:30 - 9 pm

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.



Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Today's feast dates back to the 14th century, when it was instituted by the Carmelite order in celebration of the pope's approval of its name and constitutions. It is celebrated on July 16th because Carmelite tradition states that Our Lady appeared to Simon Stock and gave him the scapular on that day. Hermits lived on Mount Carmel in northern Israel in the 12th century and by the 13th century they became known as the "Brothers of Our Lady of Mount Carmel." The Carmelites have a long standing reputation for being especially devoted to Mary and have promoted devotion to her throughout the centuries. Saint Teresa of Avila even called them "the Order of the Virgin". The scapular they wear, and invite all of us to wear as well, symbolizes her special protection and calls us to prayer and penance. Now this feast is celebrated all over the world, from Spain to Peru and beyond. Our Lady lovingly covers us with her mantle of protection and calls us into a deeper relationship with Our Lord. Let us answer that call today. — Tami Urcia



Feast Day: July 16th

- Information obtained from diocesan.com

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



"And other seed fell on the good soil and yielded a crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear." Mt 13:8-9

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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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SILENCING THE LIES CAMPOUT

AT MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

JULY 26TH - JULY 27TH

OPEN TO ALL HOLY CROSS FAMILY GIRLS
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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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Religious Education

Coldwater Religious Ed.

Contact: Stephanie Rutschilling

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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

- Go to **FORMED.org**
- 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!



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

***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!**

THE SEED THAT FALLS ON
GOOD GROUND WILL YIELD
A FRUITFUL HARVEST.

Stewardship

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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 22 - 28, 2026

Mary Help of Christians

Offertory.....\$ 4,628.00
Cemetery.....\$ 120.00
Peter's Pence\$ 1,513.00
Allocated Loose\$ 1,100.95

St. Joseph

Offertory.....\$ 1,875.00
Peter's Pence\$ 334.00
Allocated Loose\$ 229.91

St. Paul

Offertory.....\$ 2,245.00
Parish Improvement.....\$13,900.00
Maintenance.....\$ 100.00
Peter's Pence\$ 589.00
Cemetery.....\$ 50.00
Allocated Loose\$ 469.17

St. Peter

Offertory.....\$ 2,400.00
Building Fund\$ 310.00
Peter's Pence\$ 793.00
Cemetery.....\$ 200.00
Allocated Loose\$ 371.97

Holy Trinity

Offertory.....\$ 4,283.00
Loose.....\$ 2,912.65
Total.....\$ 7,195.65
Perm. Improvement.....\$ 1,195.00
Food Pantry.....\$ 660.00
Candles.....\$ 122.00
Holy Father Collection.\$ 3,415.00
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St. Anthony

Offertory.....\$ 675.00
Loose.....\$ 128.00
Total.....\$ 803.00
Perm. Improvement.....\$ 520.00
Holy Father Collection.\$ 289.00
Hyderabad, India.....\$ 5,000.00
Cemetery.....\$ 369.00
*Online Giving Month\$ 1,125.00

St. Mary

Offertory.....\$ 883.00
Loose.....\$ 775.00
Total.....\$ 1,658.00
Perm. Improvement.....\$ 110.00
Hyderabad, India.....\$ 5,000.00
Holy Father Collection.\$ 229.00
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Note: *Online Giving represents ALL eCatholic and EFT donations including Perm. Improvement and any other special collections that were donated online.

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!!

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>.



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.

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

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.

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.

CATHOLIC FAMILY NIGHT AT GREAT AMERICAN BALLPARK 2026! — You are invited to join Archbishop Casey and Bishop Iffert of the Diocese of Covington and Catholics from across our region 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 pm. Ahead of the game an on-field ceremony will recognize local Catholics who put Love into Action. The first pitch ceremony will include Fr. Michael Willig pitching to his brother, Fr. Jacob Willig. Join us at the ballpark by purchasing discounted tickets for the Sept. 5th game through Reds ticketing at: <https://www.gofevo.com/event/Archdiocesecincinnati22>.

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.

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

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

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.

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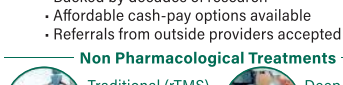
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