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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:

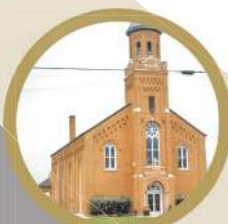
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St. Anthony



St. Joseph



St. Mary



St. Paul



St. Peter

Sunday, August 2, 2026
Eighteenth 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, August 3 <i>Weekday</i>	Jack Wenning †	FBS	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	After Mass
	Zeno Jutte †	FAW	6:45 pm	St. Peter	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Tuesday, August 4 <i>Saint John Vianney, Priest; Memorial</i>	Ken Spoltman †	FEM	7:15 am	St. Mary	After Mass
	L/D Mary Gaerke Family †	FJP	6:45 pm	St. Joseph	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Wednesday, August 5 <i>The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major; opt. mem.</i>	Kimo Bechtol †	FBS	7:15 am (L/S)	MHC	After Mass
	L/D Urban Winner Family †	FAW	Noon (L/S)	Holy Trinity	11:30 am - end
Thursday, August 6 <i>The Transfiguration of the Lord; Feast</i>	Marvin Keller †	FBS	7:15 am	St. Paul	After Mass
	Bob Post †	FAW	6:45 pm	St. Anthony (School Hall)	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Friday, August 7 <i>Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint Cajetan, Priest; opt. mem.</i>	Bernard & Rita Hoying †	FBS	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	After Mass
	L/D Cletus & Verena Tobe Family †	FAW	Noon (L/S)	MHC	11:30 am - end
Saturday, August 8 <i>Saint Dominic, Priest; Memorial</i>	Dottie Fullenkamp †	FEM	9:00 am	St. Joseph	After Mass
	Meyer / Dixon Wedding	FBS	1:00 pm	Holy Trinity	N/A
	Jim Timmerman †	FBS	4:00 pm	St. Anthony (School Hall)	3:15 - 3:45 pm
	Jane Braun †	FAW	4:30 pm	Holy Trinity	3:45 - 4:15 pm
	Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life	FJP	4:30 pm (L/S)	MHC	3:45 - 4:15 pm
Sunday, August 9 <i>19th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Michael Stein †	FJP/DRK	7:00 am	St. Joseph	N/A
	Sara Brackman †	FBS	8:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	7:25 - 7:45 am
	L/D John & Marceil Alig Family †	FEM	9:00 am (L/S)	MHC	8:25 - end
	Members of Holy Cross Family of Parishes	FAW/DDK	10:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	9:25 - 9:45 am
	L/D Harold Kaiser Family †	FEM	11:00 am	St. Paul	10:25 - 10:45 am
	L/D Stanley & Viola Ahlers Family †	FJP	11:00 am	St. Peter	10:25 - 10:45 am
	Keith Fullenkamp †	FBS	Noon	St. Mary	11:25 - 11:45 am
	Salome Zehringer †	FAW	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, August 5, 7:15 am

Servers: Elijah Grieshop, Ezekiel Grieshop

Lector: Les Wenning

Friday, August 7, 12:00 pm

Servers: Joseph Bruns, Henry Bruns

Lector: Lisa Romer

Saturday, August 8, 4:30 pm

Servers: Carson Fullenkamp, Joseph Fortkamp, Daniel Fortkamp

Lector: Kathy Portz

EMHC: Nancy Wuebker, Ruth Beyke

Sacristan: Kathy Portz, Rachel Fortkamp

Ushers: Floyd Bergman, Don Lennartz, Randy Wuebker, Ken Romer

Sunday, August 9, 9:00 am

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

Lector: Tom Remaklus

EMHC: Tom Remaklus, Sharon Metzger

Sacristan: Sharon Metzger, Abby Evers

Ushers: Joe Dues, Joe Grube, Steve Wendel, Don Willmann

- St. Joseph -

Tuesday, August 4, 6:45 pm

Servers: Logan Gaerke, Gavin Gaerke

Lector: Mary Gaerke

Sacristan: Norma Pottkotter

Saturday, August 8, 9:00 am

Server: Blaise Bergman

Lector: Paige Schulze

Sacristan: Jennifer Schulze

Sunday, August 9, 7:00 am

Servers: Tyler Dues, Blaise Bergman, Hudson Pottkotter

Lector: Aimee Pottkotter

EMHC: Deacon Roger Kaiser

Sacristan: Shel Sutter, Rebecca Schulze

Ushers: Ed Dues, Jerry Sutter

- St. Paul -

Thursday, August 6, 7:15 am

Servers: Korbin Wuebker, Hayden Wuebker

Sunday, August 9, 11:00 am

Servers: Russell Hart, Korbin Wuebker, Hayden Wuebker

Lector: Kathy Keller

EMHC: Chrissy Hart, Andrew Dirksen

Ushers: Dave Keller, Matt Hart

Rosary: Ken & Lil Knapke

- St. Peter -

Monday, August 3, 6:45 pm

Servers: Logan Gaerke, Gavin Gaerke

Lector: Mary Gaerke

Sunday, August 9, 11:00 am

Servers: Kale Diller, Easton Diller, Logan Gaerke, Gavin Gaerke, Benson Gaerke

Lector: Katie Diller

EMHC: Greg Diller

Sacristan: Jane Hipple, Lydia Gaerke

Ushers: Jim Knapke, Mike Roessner

- Holy Trinity -

Monday, August 3, 7:15 am

Servers: Carter Heitkamp, Owen Heitkamp, Gavin Heitkamp

Lector: Rene Klosterman

Wednesday, August 5, 12:00 pm

Servers: James Pottkotter, Francis Pottkotter, Michael Pottkotter

Lector: Lauren Baucher

Sacristans: Lucy Grigsby, Gemma Grigsby

Friday, August 7, 7:15 am

Servers: Lucas Broering, Henry Broering, Miles Bruns

Lector: Rita Riethman

Saturday, August 8, 4:30 pm

Servers: David Dues, Leo Grigsby, Alex Schwieterman

Lector: Joyce Ontrop

EMHC: Denny Riethman, Michelle Wilker, Karen Hoying

Sunday, August 9, 8:00 am

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby, Lincoln Homan

Lector: Matt Grigsby

EMHC: Chuck Alig, Dan Fullenkamp

Sunday, August 9, 10:00 am

Servers: Jack Bettinger, Dillan Wenning, Josh Homan, Eli Eyink

Lector: Terry Liette

EMHC: Nick Schmitmeyer, Deacon Dan Kahlig, Cindy Schmidt

Sunday, August 9, 6:00 pm

Servers: Levi Sutter, Gabriel Simper, Leo Huelskamp

Lector: Charmaine Bettinger

EMHC: Stephanie Rutschilling, Sarah Klosterman, Pam Hicks

- St. Anthony -

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

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby

Lector: Paul Welling

Sacristan: Janet Brockman

Saturday, August 8, 4:00 pm (Mass in School Hall)

Servers: Wesley Geier, Jack Link

Lector: Paul Welling

EMHC: Tana Sudhoff

Sacristan: Janie Timmerman

Ushers: Corey Sudhoff, Mitch Sudhoff

Rosary: Teri Minnich

- St. Mary -

Tuesday, August 4, 7:15 am

Servers: Lincoln Homan, Leo Huelskamp

Lector: Stephanie Wendel

Sunday, August 9, 12:00 pm

Servers: Austin Uhlenhake, Carson Uhlenhake, Gavin Uhlenhake

Lector: Betsy Uhlenhake

EMHC: Amy Welling

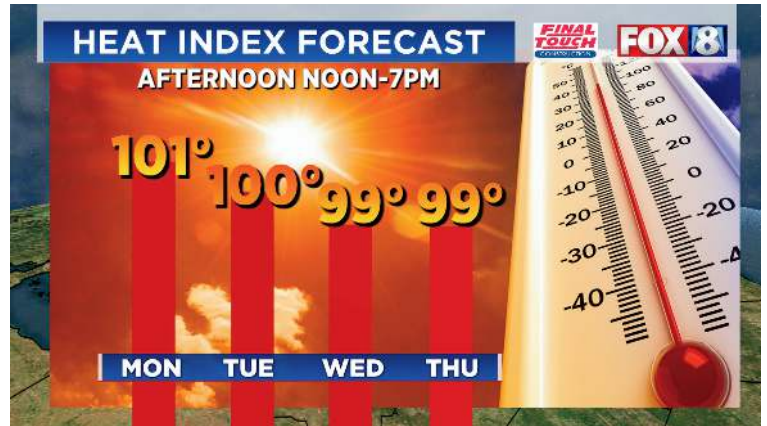
Ushers: Tony Puthoff, Kevin Welling



Message from the Priests

Summer Time Blues Don't Have To Get You Down

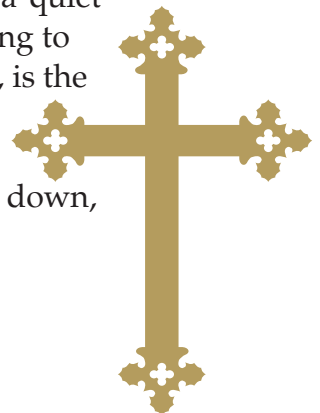
August was always my least favorite month of the year. In August it was usually unbearably hot and muggy; summer vacation was going to end soon which brought on the gloomy thought that the summer wasn't as good as I thought it would be. Baseball season was over, and I struck out more than ever. In August I wasn't earning any money mowing lawn because it was too dry, and the grass didn't grow anymore. There were too many green beans to snip and too many window frames to scrape and paint. (Why my dad always painted the house in August, I'll never know. No amount of lemonade could rescue you from having to stand on a ladder against the white wall of our house directly under the blazing sun!) All of the enthusiasm and excitement of June was draining away as I realized I would be back in school in a few short weeks. To be honest, August has always been an exceptionally depressing month for me in the past.



But amid all the distress of August, I can find today that there are some good points in this month. Air conditioning makes going to church a lot easier. (Remember those days in church with the sweat dripping down your back against that hard pew in that stuffy church building?) Plus, I don't have to go to school anymore myself, and I can smile at all the dour looks on the kids' faces as they think about the looming first day of the new school year. Usually in August, major league baseball starts to get interesting as the playoffs draw near. And seeing the football team working out on the practice field at school, gives a glimmer of hope for some exciting Friday nights to come. In August the days start to get shorter and the nights get cooler. You can just sense that Fall is coming soon (my favorite time of the year). So, August doesn't have to be all that bad, I guess. It's all in how you look at things. The old glass half-empty, half-full idea comes to mind.

Now we could let a month or a season of the year get us down, like August for me, or maybe it's January for you. But we don't have to. Any time of the year, any day of the week, any hour of the day, can be full of joy, can be a happy moment. We have God in our hearts! We know our Lord and Creator and He knows us! What more do we need? Just the realization of God's nearness to us – that we are safe and provided for – is all we truly need. It is a truth that should go deep into our souls and give us so much consolation and peace.

All it takes is to think about and talk over with God these things a little in a quiet moment each day. Of course, in our hectic lives we have to make the effort at getting to that quiet place. Just a little prayer time when we are alone, to feel God's closeness, is the answer. We believe in Him, don't we? We have to bring that belief into our minds and hearts. But remember, it's not all our doing. That kind of experience of God is a gift from Him; the gift of faith. We have to ask Him for it. He won't let us down, not even in August.



- Father Barry

Sacramental Information

Wedding Banns

III Preston Meyer & Brooke Dixon
I Bradley Siefker & Emma Grieshop

And the two shall become one.

Sacrament of Matrimony

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

Marriage Congratulations!

Andrew & Allison (Eyink) Hicks
Married Saturday, July 18, 2026
(Holy Trinity)

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

Newly Baptized

Holy Trinity

Eloise Kay-Ann Burrows
Child of Timothy & Gabrielle

Eden Marie Wenning
Child of Gabriel & Olivia

Maiv Louise Dues
Child of Cody & Adahlia

Gage Thomas Wenning
Child of Matthew & Deanna

Liam Jon Bruns
Child of Aaron & Brittany

St. Paul

Hazel Ann Muhlenkamp
Child of Samuel & Sarah

VIGIL OF TWO HEARTS Schedule of Events @ St. Joseph

Friday, August 7

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, August 8

12 am - 8:40 am: Continued Eucharistic Adoration
7:45 am: Rosary
8:45 am: Benediction
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.)

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.



Holy Cross Family of Parishes

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.

CCD REGISTRATION — Registration is still open for the Coldwater Parishes (Note: The after school session is now full). Volunteer hall monitors are needed. Volunteer teachers are also still needed (mainly for the 3:15 - 4:30 session). Please note: high school students can also volunteer teach. Please register by scanning the QR code or by going to the Holy Cross Family of Parishes website @ holycrossfop.org. Questions: contact the Coldwater Parish Office.



PILGRIMAGE UPDATE — The Holy Cross Family of Parishes pilgrimage to the Beatification Mass of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen is fully booked. See the community interests page of this bulletin for other local pilgrimages that still have space available.

EXPECTANT MOTHER'S BLESSING — The blessing of expectant mothers will be after all Masses the weekend of August 1st / 2nd.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS REMINDER — On August 1, 2026, Mass Intentions were opened for scheduling through the end of August, 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. You may stop in the office or call during office hours to schedule your intention. 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.

Welcome New Members

St. Mary

**Zachary & Abby Zwiebel
along with their child John**

Hope of the Poor
MISSION TRIP WITH HOLY CROSS
FAMILY OF PARISHES

Informational Meeting
Wednesday August 5th
7:00 pm
Holy Trinity Grotto
(Basement)

June 4-9, 2027
Mexico City
Fr. Witt, Chaplain
\$850 + airfare

HOPE
OF THE POOR
www.hopeofthepoor.org


Where is the
Holy Spirit
Leading Us?

As part of Synod 2027, Archbishop Casey invites each of us to participate in a Conversations in the Spirit listening session. Join others across our archdiocese in prayerfully considering what the Holy Spirit is asking of our Church at this time, thereby assisting Archbishop Casey as he establishes pastoral priorities for the future.

There are approximately 60 sessions scheduled between Labor Day and Thanksgiving.

Register today at
catholicaoc.org/conversations

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.

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.

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.

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!



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.

MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS — To see what maintenance and improvement projects are underway at our different parishes, go to www.holycrossfop.org, click on the "more" tab, then "Improvement Projects", then click on the church to explore the projects and their current status.

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**



OCIA

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Go to <https://www.holycrossfop.org/becoming-catholic> or use the QR Code to check out our website for more information.



ARE YOU OR ANYONE YOU KNOW...

- Someone who has not been baptized into any faith denomination and wishes to learn about becoming a member of the Catholic Faith?
- Someone who was baptized in another Christian denomination and wishes to learn about becoming a member of the Catholic Faith?
- Someone who was baptized in the Catholic Church but never received the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and/or Confirmation?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about the Catholic Faith in a process called Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, also known as **OCIA** (formerly RCIA). The day and time for our sessions are set to fit the needs of those who register. Questions about registration or inquiry about special circumstances can be directed to:

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

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

Feel free to share this information with anyone you know who may be interested.

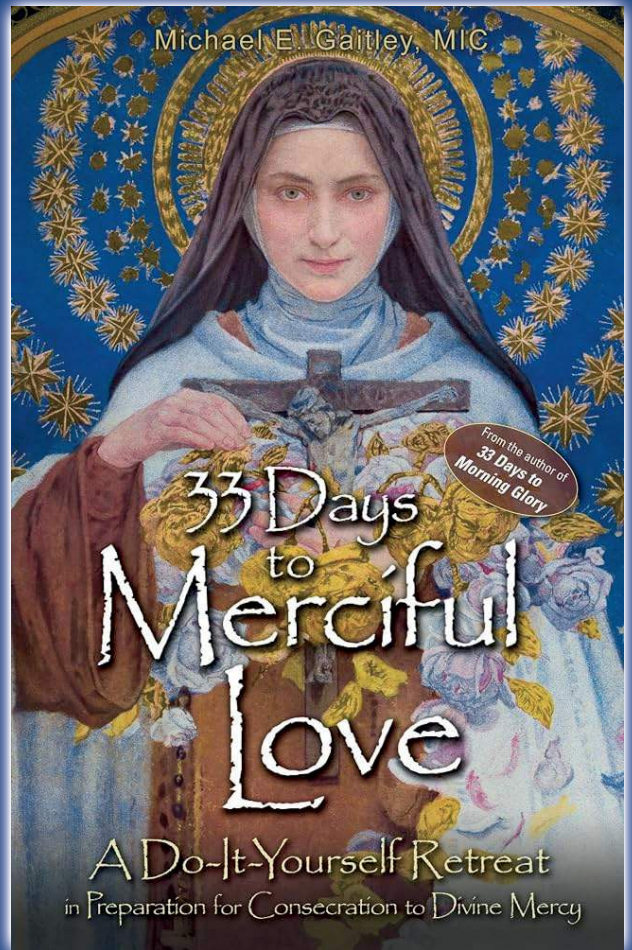
Join our Family of Parishes for the
33 Day Consecration
to
Merciful Love

Weekly meetings will take place in
Holy Trinity's Grotto on Tuesdays,
6:30 - 7:30 pm from Aug. 25th to Sept. 29th.

Day 1 of the 33 days starts on Sat., Aug.
29th ending with the Consecration taking
place on Thurs., Oct. 2nd at the 6:45 pm
Mass at St. Anthony.

(Refreshments will be provided in the school after the Mass.)

Note: Please purchase the book on your
own prior to the start of the consecration.



#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

Theo of Golden



Allen Levi

*Please Note: The church will not be
providing copies of the book, so please
order one on your own.*

WOMEN'S SOCIAL GROUP

Join us at the first Meeting for the Year
where we will be introduced to...

"Theo of Golden"

on

Thurs., Sept. 3rd @ 7:30 pm

Meeting are every 1st & 3rd Thursday
of each month in the St. Isidore room of
Holy Trinity's Grotto.



All Adult Women of the
Holy Cross Family of Parishes Community are Welcome!
Hope to see you there!

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

SOCIAL HOUR —

Join us for Adult Social hour on Sunday evening August 9th behind Philothea church at the shelter

house. Bring your lawn chairs and your own refreshments, see you at 7 pm.

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

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

175TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT — We are looking for any stories, history, photos, etc. regarding the church, past families/events - anything people would love to see or hear about. Please include any dates or information you may have, even a phone call with a fun story would be extremely appreciated. Send, call or text Barb Uhlenhake at (419) 953-0582 or email at Uhlenhake7@gmail.com - Thank you!



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 on 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.

GARAGE SALE UPDATE — Labor Day is fast approaching which means St. Anthony Garage Sale!!!! The dates for the garage/bake sale are: Sept. 8th, 9th, & 10th from 9:00 am - 7:00 pm with EARLY BIRD on Sept. 7th from 2:00 - 5:00 pm (\$5.00 donation). We have clothing (all sizes) furniture, kitchen items, books, Christmas decorations, tools, toys, games, baby furniture (A BEAUTIFUL BABY CRIB) and so much more. Any questions, please call (419) 852-8741.

BEAUTIFICATION UPDATE — The painting, renovation, and restoration project is on schedule. We are grateful to Dale and Terri Minnich who have generously stepped forward to cover the cost of the archway angels. Sincere appreciation to Smooth Finish Drywall & Services LLC for the outstanding work completed, quick response in the drywall installation, mudding, priming, and painting. We are also grateful to the Joseph and Maryann Diller Family, who have generously stepped forward to cover the cost of updating and repainting the Stations of the Cross. As we move into Phase II, we need to raise \$40,000 to continue the project. The estimated cost of the renovation and restoration of Phase II is currently \$100,000. We sincerely appreciate everyone's prayers, support, and generous donations. Your continued generosity is helping preserve the beauty of our church for future generations! Visit <https://www.holycrossfop.org/improvement-projects> then click on St. Anthony for updated project schedule.



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.

COUNTRY STORE — Items for Country Store may be left at the back of church. Baked items may be left in the refrigerated truck the weekend of the festival.

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

CLEANING — (AUGUST) **Victoria Lochtefeld, Becki Metzger, Alysha Homan, Jenny Post, Rachel Hess, Eileen Lochtefeld



Religious Education

Coldwater Religious Ed.

Contact: Stephanie Rutschilling

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

HOLY TRINITY TEACHERS NEEDED:

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

Grades 1st - 8th - 6:30 - 7:45 pm session: 3 teachers

High School - 8:00 - 9:15 pm session: 1 teacher (prefer male)

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

Fort Recovery Religious Ed.

Contact: Harlie Metzger

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MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS TEACHER NEEDED:

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

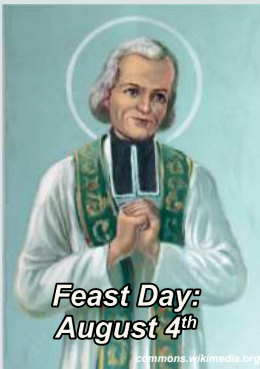
7th Grade - Gospel Messages, Grace/Virtue, 7 Sacraments

***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!**

Saint of the Week - Saint John Vianney

A busy pastor jokingly suggests the secret of John Vianney's holiness: "He died seventeen years before telephones!" Call they didn't, but visit they did, keeping Vianney eighteen hours a day in the confessional. Stories abound of reading hearts and exorcisms, but Vianney's first miracle was getting ordained. Difficulty with studies delayed him, prompting the rector's apology to the bishop, "So far to ordain just one, especially this one!" The bishop, who could not know he was ordaining the future patron Saint of parish priests, replied, "No burden to ordain one good priest!" In Ars, only an elderly handful attended Mass, "praying," one told Vianney, "for a priest with brains." But he stayed forty-two years, fulfilling the promise he made the day he arrived. In a sculpture just outside the village Vianney points skyward: "Show me the way to Ars," he tells a boy, "and I'll show you the way to heaven." To someone who feared there was no heaven beyond the grave, Vianney smiled, "My child, it would have been heaven enough to have lived as Jesus' disciple on earth."

—Peter Scagnelli



- Information obtained from diocesan.com

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows

THEY SHOULD BOTTLE THE WHITENER JESUS USED



Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. Mt 17:1-2

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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Boat Crowd Heart Pity Cured
Loaves Fish Blessing Satisfy Full

Youth Ministry

Coldwater Youth Group

Contact: Natalie Ashbaugh
nashbaugh.holycrossfop@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

CHRIST & COFFEE (7th - 12th grade) — Will continue at 8:15 am at Rooster Joes. New start time will begin on September 1st at 7:15 am.

FISHERS OF FUN (ages 12+) — Beginning September 9th from 7:45 - 8:45 pm and occurs every second and fourth Wednesday of the month unless stated otherwise @ Fr. Yauss.

HIGH SCHOOL LUNCH (9th - 12th grade) — Beginning September 7th and occurs every Monday @ Fr. Yauss.

CHILDREN'S ADORATION (K - 6th grade) — 3:30 - 4:30 pm on the fourth Thursday of the month @ Holy Trinity.

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.



Fort Fiat Youth Group

Contact: Natalie Ashbaugh
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

MS REC NIGHT DATES — Remaining date is August 3rd @ MHC from 7:30 - 9 pm.

HS REC NIGHT DATES — Remaining date is August 10th @ MHC from 7:30 - 9 pm.

KICKOFF PARTY (6th - 12th grade) — Our annual kickoff party will be August 9th from 2 - 4 pm at 173 Union City Rd, Fort Recovery. There will be swimming, yard games, snacks, and door prizes.

TTH (6th - 8th grade) — The first To the Heights will be September 8th from 3:30 - 4:30 @ MHC.

LADIES GROUP (9th - 12th grade) — The first Ladies Group will be September 9th from 9 - 10 pm @ MHC Youth Group Room.

MEN'S GROUP (7th - 12th grade) — The first Men's Group will be September 9th from 9 - 10 pm @ MHC Undercroft.

BREAKFAST CLUB (6th - 12th grade) — The first Breakfast Club will be September 4th beginning at 7:15 am @ MHC Undercroft.

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.



- 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!



Stewardship

Did You Know?

Database & Records

Our parishes are actively updating the database to ensure accurate and complete records. This is part of our ongoing effort to improve communication, streamline services, and better serve our community.

If any of the following changes have occurred, please let your parish know:

- New to the parish, you can go online to register: <https://www.holycrossfop.org/new-parishioner-registration>
- Address change
- Marital status change
- Birth of child
- No longer wish to receive contribution envelopes

You can contact the Coldwater Parish Office at 419-678-4802, Ft. Recovery Parish Office at 419-375-4153.

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July 13 - 19, 2026

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Cemetery.....\$ 20.00
Allocated Loose\$1,140.06

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Allocated Loose\$ 233.76

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Cemetery.....\$ 10.00
Allocated Loose\$ 492.43

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Offertory.....\$2,100.00
Allocated Loose\$ 387.04

Holy Trinity

Offertory.....\$5,111.00
Loose.....\$3,230.05
Total.....\$8,341.05
Candles.....\$ 351.00

St. Anthony

Offertory.....\$ 555.00
Loose.....\$ 252.00
Total.....\$ 807.00

St. Mary

Offertory.....\$1,000.00
Loose.....\$ 834.00
Total.....\$1,834.00
Candles.....\$ 286.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Community Interests

FOOD PANTRIES — Holy Trinity Food Pantry is open Saturdays from 9 - 11 am. Located at 830 W. Main St., Coldwater (Mercer Health West Campus). For information: Rob Fisher (419) 678-3538. The Food Pantry located at the Ft. Recovery Family Office is open by appointment Mon. - Fri. Call the office at (419) 375-4153 to schedule a time. Anyone in the county in need is welcome to use the pantries.

AL-ANON & AA MEETINGS — Al-Anon for family/friends of alcoholics, Thursdays, 7:30 - 8:30 pm at Spiritual Center (Montezuma Annex) & Fridays from 7:30 - 8:30 pm in Briarwood's Private Dining Room at 100 Don Desch Dr., Coldwater. AA Meetings on Fridays from 7:30 - 8:30 pm in the east room of Holy Trinity's Grotto, Coldwater. Meetings are open, anonymous, & free.

COMEDY FUNDRAISING EVENT — Join us Sat., Oct. 10th, at the Osgood Community Veterans Center for an evening of laughter featuring comedian Shayne Smith. Doors open at 5 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>.



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/goldenjubilee.

SCHOENSTATT FAMILY DAY — Sunday, September 13th from 1:00 - 4:00 pm. Paris Street Park, 155 S. Paris St., Minster, OH 45865. Invitation open to singles, couples, families, and children. Join us for a joyous afternoon of fun, family, food and building faith community! Questions? Contact Deacon Roger Klosterman at rklosterman7797@gmail.com or schoenstattcouplesleague.nw ohio@gmail.com. RSVP & Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/VkjUwVVQ7Tt2Gp588> "The family is the place where hearts are formed and communities are built." - Fr. Joseph Kentenich

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SECULAR CARMELITE COMMUNITY — Are you seeking a deeper prayer life? The Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites, "St. Joseph, Protector of the Holy Family Community," is seeking new members. We are a community of Catholic men and women (married and single) who are called to a life of prayer and contemplation as we are formed in Carmelite spirituality and in the writings of the Carmelite saints such as St. Teresa of Jesus, St. John of the Cross, and St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus. If you feel called to deepen your life of prayer, please call Tom Batty (937) 564-2031 or Theresa Jenkins (937) 418-1732 for more information and for meeting times. Our community (located in Celina, OH) is welcoming visitors in September and October of this year.

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>.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES — Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley "Celebration of Caring" fundraiser, supporting Northern Miami Valley programming, will be held on Friday, August 7th, from 5:00 - 10:00 pm at the Round Barn in Piqua (150 Fox Drive). Admission is \$65 per person, includes beer, wine or soft drinks; dinner; entertainment by Dueling Pianos International; and the chance to win great prizes. To register, go to cssmv.org/Events.

PILGRIMAGE INFORMATION (CHRIST OUR LIGHT FAMILY OF PARISHES) — Pilgrimage to the Beatification of Archbishop Fulton Sheen - September 22-25, 2026. Before there was an internet, Fulton Sheen had 30 million people tuning in for his TV and radio show every. single. week. His "influencer" impact exceeded that of every Catholic media today put together. By a long shot. That influence sent ripples through the world, and to us today. It's not an exaggeration to say that if you have a living faith today, it might be because, in the 1950's, a Saint reminded the world every week that "Life is Worth Living." In the history of America, only 2 people born here have been canonized and only 6 beatified. This is genuinely a once-in-a-lifetime event, to honor a once-in-an-era impact and we are so excited to share the experience with you! Full itinerary and registration can be found at www.canterburypilgrimages.com/15704.

PILGRIMAGE INFORMATION (NWV FAMILY OF PARISHES) — Join Us for a Historic Pilgrimage to the Beatification Mass of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. Be part of this historic moment as Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen is formally declared "Blessed," one step closer to canonization. The Northwest-V Family of Parishes invites you to join us for a 3-day pilgrimage, September 23-25, 2026, including visits to the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, the Beatification Mass in St. Louis, and the Fulton Sheen Museum in Peoria. The pilgrimage includes daily Mass and accommodations at the Hyatt Regency St. Louis. The cost is \$709 per person (double occupancy), with pricing subject to change. If you are interested in attending, please call the St. Denis Parish Office in Versailles at 937-526-4945 to be added to the list as final details are being arranged.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED — The Spiritual Center of Maria Stein is in need of volunteers. Can you spare a couple hours in the morning? Gather your friends & come help us make beds/sweep/light dusting. We need you around 9 am or 10 am. No more than 2 hours max. We are very busy with retreats & need additional help before we wear out the wonderful volunteers we have! What a great opportunity to make a difference. (419) 925-7625 or email marketing@spiritualcenter.net



FATIMA USA 2026

Spiritual Center of Maria Stein
2365 St. Johns Rd, Maria Stein, OH

After the Mass, a candle-lit rosary will take form on the grounds as each prayer is recited. The program will conclude with a candle lit procession around the grounds.



**Friday, Aug 14
Holy Mass begins
at 7:30 PM**

**with Fr. Ethan Moore
Parochial Vicar
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Fr. Ethan Moore was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati in 2015. He has served as head chaplain for the University of Cincinnati campus ministry and various assignments in the Dayton and Cincinnati area. Father is a big fan of Chic-fil-A sauce, motorcycles, karaoke, but mostly living in the Spirit all for Jesus.



- All priests are invited to concelebrate the Mass
- First Communicants please dress up to participate in the procession
- Candles and holders available
- Donations accepted
- Handicap, bus, and general parking available
- No food services available

Please bring your rosary, lawn chair, flashlight, and Mass and weather appropriate clothing



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