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Family Offices

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



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, August 30, 2026
Twenty-Second 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 31 <i>Weekday</i>	L/D Art & Eileen Boeckman †	FBS	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	After Mass
	L/D Michael & Veronica Hilgefard Family †	FAW	6:45 pm	St. Peter	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Tuesday, September 1 <i>Weekday</i>	Gary Sieftring †	FEM	7:15 am	St. Mary	After Mass
	L/D Fred & Evelyn Kunkler Family †	FJP	6:45 pm	St. Joseph	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Wednesday, September 2 <i>Weekday</i>	L/D Dave & Irene Seitz Family †	FBS	7:15 am (L/S)	MHC	After Mass
	Catheryn Knapke †	FAW	Noon (L/S)	Holy Trinity	11:30 am - end
Thursday, September 3 <i>Saint Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church; Memorial</i>	L/D Hugo & Norma Post Family †	FBS	7:15 am	St. Paul	After Mass
	Carma Diller †	FAW	6:45 pm	St. Anthony	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Friday, September 4 <i>Weekday</i>	Charlene Obringer †	FBS	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	After Mass
	JoAnn Wagner †	FAW	Noon (L/S)	MHC	11:30 am - end
Saturday, September 5 <i>Saint Teresa of Calcutta, Virgin; BVM on Saturday; opt. mem.</i>	Norman Alig †	FEM	9:00 am	St. Joseph	After Mass
	Rabe / Bye Wedding	FBS	1:30 pm	Holy Trinity	N/A
	Lofaso / Guggenbiller Wedding	FBST	1:30 pm	St. Joseph	N/A
	Jim Timmerman †	FBS	4:00 pm	St. Anthony	3:15 - 3:45 pm
	Leon & Kathryn Lechleiter †	FAW	4:30 pm	Holy Trinity	3:45 - 4:15 pm
	L/D Gerald & Irene Timmerman Family †	FJP	4:30 pm (L/S)	MHC	3:45 - 4:15 pm
Sunday, September 6 <i>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Charlene Westgerdes †	FJP	7:00 am	St. Joseph	N/A
	L/D Louis & Lalie Link Family †	FBS	8:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	7:25 - 7:45 am
	L/D Miller & Pottkotter Families †	FEM	9:00 am (L/S)	MHC	8:25 - end
	L/D Voisard & Brunswick Families †	FAW	10:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	9:25 - 9:45 am
	L/D Harold & Alvira Kaiser Family †	FEM/DDK	11:00 am	St. Paul	10:25 - 10:45 am
	Aaron Vagedes †	FJP	11:00 am	St. Peter	10:25 - 10:45 am
	Marie Weitzel †	FBS	Noon	St. Mary	11:25 - 11:45 am
	Members of Holy Cross Family of Parishes	FAW/DRK	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-qq4zm, then click on the logo and subscribe.)

Reference for Church Abbreviations

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

Tentatively Scheduled Celebrants listed above:

Fr. Alexander Witt (FAW); Fr. Ethan Moore (FEM);
Fr. Joseph Pasala (FJP); Fr. Barry Stechschulte (FBS); Fr. Bob Stec (FBST)
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, September 2, 7:15 am

Servers: Charlie Roessner, Chris Timmerman

Lector: Les Wenning

Friday, September 4, 12:00 pm

Servers: Joseph Bruns, Henry Bruns

Lector: Julie Schmitz

Saturday, September 5, 4:30 pm

Servers: John Bihn, Tucker Huntsman, Owen Wenning

Lector: Missy Hart

EMHC: Missy Hart, Mark Roessner

Sacristan: Mark Roessner

Ushers: Floyd Bergman, Don Lennartz, LaVern Grube, Chuck Kaiser

Sunday, September 6, 9:00 am

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

Lector: Keshia Willmann

EMHC: Vicki Schmitz, Lois Vogel

Sacristans: Lois Vogel, Mackenzie Kahlig

Ushers: Greg Schmitz, Steve Vogel, Joe Grube, Doug Schmitz

- St. Joseph -

Tuesday, September 1, 6:45 pm

Servers: Tyler Dues, Levi Sutter

Lector: Paige Schulze

Sacristan: Norma Pottkotter

Saturday, September 5, 9:00 am

Servers: Logan Gaerke, Gavin Gaerke

Lector: Mary Gaerke

Sacristan: Jennifer Schulze

Sunday, September 6, 7:00 am

Servers: Joseph Bruns, Henry Bruns, Tanner Grube

Lector: Ryan Steinbrunner

EMHC: Holly Grube

Sacristans: Norma Pottkotter, Danielle Schulze

Ushers: Gary Pottkotter, Grant Pottkotter

- St. Paul -

Thursday, September 3, 7:15 am

Servers: Korbin Wuebker, Hayden Wuebker

Sunday, September 6, 11:00 am

Servers: Landon Sudhoff, Vance Tobe, Gabe Fullenkamp, Blaine Fullenkamp

Lector: Diane Siefring

EMHC: Dennis Siefring, Deacon Dan Kahlig

Ushers: Jeff Meier, Matt Reinhard

Rosary: Mark & Marylene Brunswick

- St. Peter -

Monday, August 31, 6:45 pm

Server: Chris Timmerman

Lector: Marilyn Pottkotter

Sunday, September 6, 11:00 am

Servers: Isaac Roessner, Alex Roessner, Charlie Roessner, James Pottkotter, Francis Pottkotter, Michael Pottkotter

Lector: Nathan Fortkamp

EMHC: Clark Knapke

Sacristan: Marilyn Pottkotter, Jemma Bettinger

Ushers: Joe Will, Kyle Bettinger

- Holy Trinity -

Monday, August 31, 7:15 am

Servers: Lucas Broering, Archer Bihn, Henry Broering

Lector: Rene Klosterman

Sacristans: Kathy Rutschilling, Pam Wellman

Wednesday, September 2, 12:00 pm

Servers: Samuel Gerlach, Leo Gerlach

Lector: Rene Klosterman

Sacristan: Emma Gerlach

Friday, September 4, 7:15 am

Servers: Owen Heitkamp, Gavin Heitkamp

Lector: Rita Riethman

Sacristans: Kathy Rutschilling, Pam Wellman

Saturday, September 5, 4:30 pm

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby, Alex Schwieterman

Lector: Joyce Ontrop

EMHC: Denny Riethman, Michelle Wilker, Karen Hoying

Sacristan: Rita Riethman

Sunday, September 6, 8:00 am

Servers: Samuel Gerlach, Blake Wenning, Lincoln Homan, Leo Gerlach

Lector: Dan Fullenkamp

EMHC: Jennifer Kremer, Joe Rose

Sacristan: Thomas Langenkamp

Sunday, September 6, 10:00 am

Servers: Lucas Broering, Dillan Wenning, Henry Broering, Jacob Broering

Lector: Gary Griesdorn

EMHC: Brooke Stammen, Melissa Bruggeman, Karen Stammen

Sacristans: Nancy Wolters, Campbell Collins, Sawyer Collins

Sunday, September 6, 6:00 pm

Servers: Levi Sutter, Leo Huelskamp, Ray Huelskamp

Lector: Ryan Sutter

EMHC: Amy Klingshirn, Deacon Roger Kaiser, Brenda Kaiser

Sacristan: Cindy Broering

- St. Anthony -

Thursday, September 3, 6:45 pm

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby

Lector: Marty Knapke

Sacristan: Cindy Homan

Saturday, September 5, 4:00 pm

Servers: Wesley Geier, Jack Link

Lector: Joanne Alig

EMHC: Jessica Grey

Sacristan: Janie Timmerman

Ushers: Jeff Sudhoff, Patrick Forsthoefel

Rosary: Marty Knapke

- St. Mary -

Tuesday, September 1, 7:15 am

Servers: Lincoln Homan, Leo Huelskamp

Lector: Vicki Dues

Sunday, September 6, 12:00 pm

Servers: William Moorman, Benjamin Liette, Jay Liette

Lector: Adam Liette

EMHC: Amanda Schoenherr

Ushers: Dan Dues, Rick Uhlenhake

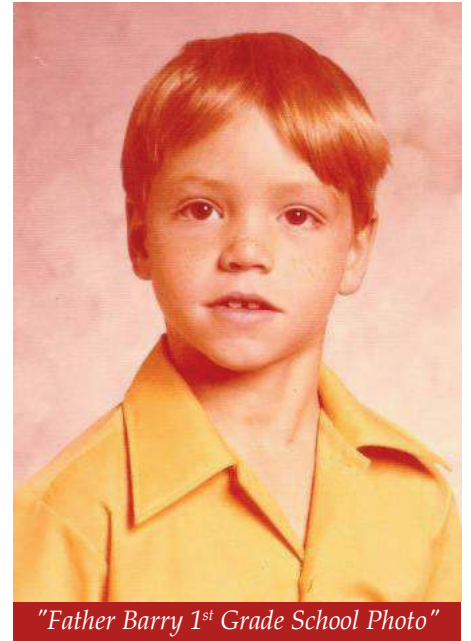


Message from the Priests

Back to School

Where did the summer go? Don't you feel like it really flew by. School has started again and I hope it began okay for everyone, teachers, parents and students. I am of the thinking that the school year should only begin after Labor Day and end before Memorial Day. Starting in August just never seemed right to me. If I had my druthers...

But there is a certain excitement about starting a new school year. I remember it well - up way too early in the morning; combing my hair for the first time in two months; putting on my clean, hand-me-down plaid pants; packing my lunch; getting all my things in my pencil case - it was all very exciting. I can remember that first day of school, sitting at my desk, the room smelling like floor cleaner, feeling like I was more mature at this new grade level, while at the same time giggling uncontrollably and getting a nasty look from Sister Norma, my third-grade teacher. I can still see the 15" silver ruler on her desk. I only saw her use it once on a kid she took to the cloak room and whapped once on his behind. He came out smiling but with a tear coming from the corner of his eye. She didn't have to use it again; we were like angels from that day forward. Oh, the memories...



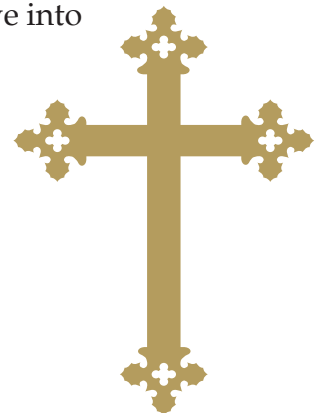
Amid all this excitement, when I cracked open the math book and read the first story problem, I would realize that this is going to be a long year; and looking to the clock on the wall, which seemed to move slower than normal time, and sighing deeply at the thought that lunch and recess were hours and hours away, I would hunch down and try to get into what we were doing.

We all start things out with excitement and enthusiasm, whether it be a new school year or a new job, or a new relationship. But when we realize that after the initial energy surge, we have to buckle down and muddle through the day-to-day drudgery of it all, it can be difficult to persevere in our daily lives. We have to fight monotony and routine. We have to battle against the many distractions and the laziness we can fall into. We have to deal with the depression and despair that can come on us. We have to fight off that anxiety that afflicts us when we look ahead and see nothing new or different coming our way.

That's where the Catholic Faith can make a big difference in our lives. With faith we can see more than the ordinary, everyday things. With hope we can see a brighter future. With love we can see meaning behind whatever we are doing. The Catholic Faith, with the theological virtues of faith, hope and charity, given us in Baptism, can make life exciting and exhilarating. I encourage you to dive into your faith and find that newness of life that it can bring.

God bless all the students returning to school! May they all have a great year at school and grow in their Catholic Faith along with us all.

- Father Barry



Sacramental Information

Wedding Banns

- III Parker Rabe & Courtney Bye
- III Samuel Lofaso & Audrey Guggenbiller
- II Nathan (Nate) Kaiser & Aubrey Knapke
- I Aydan Sanders & Mary Combs
- I Grant Ebbing & Lilie Leuthold
- I Landon Post & Molly Barga

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

Brody Louis Fortkamp
Child of Aaron & Madison

Miles Anthony Schlater
Child of Landon & Ashlyn

Hayes Roman Harlamert
Child of Anthony & Alysha

Myra Beth Sieftring
Child of Caleb & Brittany

Reed Robert Muhlenkamp
Child of Grant & Holly

Lawson Ricky Muhlenkamp
Child of Grant & Holly

Vincent Rick Albers
Child of Derek & Kayla



VIGIL OF TWO HEARTS Schedule of Events @ St. Joseph

Friday, September 4

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, September 5

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

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com

In Loving Memory...

Dolores "Dee" Seitz
June 13, 1921 - August 17, 2026
(Holy Trinity)

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

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

OFFICES CLOSED — Both of Our Parish Offices will be closed on Friday, September 4th and Monday, September 7th.

LABOR DAY MASS CHANGES — Masses will be held at 9:00 am at Holy Trinity and Mary Help of Christians (confessions will not be available). Note: The regularly scheduled 7:15 am Mass and confessions at Holy Trinity & the 6:45 pm Mass, adoration, and confessions at St. Peter are canceled this day.

CONFESSION CANCELED — There will be no confessions available during the 4:30 pm Mass at Mary Help of Christians on Saturday, September 5th or the 10 am Mass at Holy Trinity on Sunday, September 13th.

MASS CHANGES — On Saturday, September 12, 2026, the 4:30 pm Mass and confessions are canceled at Mary Help of Christians. Instead, an outdoor Mass will be held at St. Joseph at 4:30 pm during the St. Joe Homecoming Festival. Also, the 7 am Mass at St. Joseph on Sunday, September 13, 2026 will be canceled due to the festival.

PHILOTHEA CANCELLATIONS — The Noon Mass and confessions at St. Mary in Philothea are canceled on Sunday, September 13, 2026, due to the parish celebration.

INITIAL SERVER TRAINING — This training is for rising 5th grade boys. Training will take place on Tuesday, September 15th at 3:30 pm at Holy Trinity and Thursday, September 17th at 3:30 pm at Mary Help of Christians. Registration is not required but appreciated (please contact either parish office for registration).

REGULAR SERVER TRAINING — This training is for all current boy novices (rising 6th graders) and any young man 6th grade and older who has not been trained. Training will be on Tuesday, September 8th at 3:30 pm at Holy Trinity and Thursday, September 10th at 3:30 pm at Mary Help of Christians. Registration is not required but appreciated (please contact either parish office for registration).

SACRISTAN TRAINING — This training is for any young woman from our parishes (rising 5th grader and up). Training will take place on Monday, September 21st at 3:30 pm at Holy Trinity and Thursday, September 24th at 3:30 pm at Mary Help of Christians. Registration is not required but appreciated (please contact either parish office for registration).

OCIA — 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: Cindy Muhlenkamp: cmuhlenkamp.holycrossfop@gmail.com, 419-678-4802 (Coldwater parishes or Ginny Fortkamp: gfortkamp.holycrossfop@gmail.com, 419-375-4153 (Fort Recovery parishes). Go to <https://www.holycrossfop.org/becoming-catholic> or use the QR Code to check out our website for more information. Feel free to share this information with anyone who may be interested.

MEN'S BOOK STUDY — The Fort Recovery Men's Book Study Group will kick off their discussion on the book, "New Adam – God's Plan for Men" by Dr. John Bishop on Saturday, September 12th and will meet for 6 consecutive weeks through October 17th at 7 am in the Mary Help of Christians rectory. Please purchase a book in advance if you intend to participate as they will not be provided. Call or text Ted Romer at (419) 852-6621 with questions or to sign up.

KAPAUN'S MEN STEWARDSHIP SERIES — Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Group will kick off the next series in the Kapaun's Men series on Stewardship starting Monday, September 7th at 7:30 pm in the Mary Help of Christians Undercroft. This will continue on the 1st & 3rd Mondays through the end of December. Why Stewardship? Rather than just a fancy way of talking about money, Stewardship is actually an attitude and a way of life that describes our proper response to the infinite love and ongoing goodness of God. All men ages 18+ are invited to attend even if you haven't participated in the previous series. Call or text Ted Romer at (419) 852-6621 with questions.

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 24th weekly through November 23rd (no meeting on Labor Day) from 6:30 – 8:00 pm at 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 at gfortkamp.holycrossfop@gmail.com or (419) 852-8960.

- Have you ever thought about the Four Last Things?
- Did you ever wonder what happens when someone you know passes away?
- Can you be cremated?
- Do you want to plan your own funeral but don't know how?

All About Death & Funerals

An Evening w/ Fr. Barry &
a Local Funeral Home Director

Death is a part of everyone's life and it is good to be informed on all that pertains to the end of life and beyond.

Join us for this evening of valuable information on death and funerals, clearing up misconceptions, and deepening your faith in God's providential care for the deceased.



**Holy Trinity's
Grotto**

Tuesday, October 6th
7 - 8:30 PM

**Mary Help of Christians'
Undercroft**

Tuesday, October 13th
7 - 8:30 PM

Refreshments will be provided.

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 — Please be advised of the upcoming bulletin due date changes:

- September 13th bulletin submissions are due by Sunday, August 30, 2026.
- September 20th bulletin submissions are due by Wednesday, September 2, 2026.
- September 27th bulletin submissions are due by Sunday, September 6, 2026.
- October 4th bulletin submissions are due by Wednesday, September 9, 2026.

If you have any information that you would like featured in these bulletins please submit the information to bulletin.holycrossfop@gmail.com as soon as possible or by the above dates at the latest. Also, please note which bulletin or bulletin dates you would like to see your submission featured in. Thank You!

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



FAMILY DAY
Sept. 20, 2026
Coldwater Memorial Park Amphitheater & Depot
Coldwater Park Depot: (approx. 5 pm)
Join us for a potluck meal following the Shroud of Turin presentation w/ BBQ pork from Wendel's BBQ.
Bring a side dish to share along w/ your own drinks & lawn-chairs.

AMPHITHEATER:
Enjoy the musical talents of **Danny Schneible**

4:00 PM
"The Man of the Shroud"
Dave Staples presents "The Man of the Shroud" including a viewing of a life-size photographic reproduction of the Shroud of Turin and an exploration of modern research concerning the Shroud.

All are welcome to attend, Catholic & Non-Catholic

Reminder: Store Closes August 31, 2026



Support our U.S.A. fundraiser!

If you have not as of yet purchased products from our Holy Cross Family of Parishes leaflet (distributed during the Coldwater parade), products can be found at the following link: <https://mcsports.chipply.com/HolyCross2026/?action=viewall> or use the QR code provided.



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.

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

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

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



Holy Cross Family of Parishes Ladies Sodality - Flower Fundraiser

Supporting individual parish efforts for Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance

Celebrated during October 4, 2026 - Sunday Mass Times

Number of single cut flowers to

_____ purchase for 10/4/26 Mass delivery

(\$5/flower to commemorate

each life gone too soon)

_____ OTHER DONATION AMOUNT

PLEASE SPECIFY LADIES SODALITY/MASS TIME TO DIRECT YOUR SUPPORT AND/OR FLOWER DELIVERY. PLEASE, MAKE CHECKS OUT TO LADIES SODALITY OF CHOICE.

_____ St. Peter _____ St. Paul _____ St. Joseph _____ St. Anthony 4 pm (10/3)

_____ MHC _____ St. Mary _____ Holy Trinity 8 am _____ Holy Trinity 10 am

Anyone who has either personally or has a loved one that has suffered a miscarriage or infant loss at anytime is invited to purchase a cut flower(s) or bring flower(s) from home to commemorate each loss as a visual reminder of the impact this issue has on our parish community and a reminder that no one suffers alone. Cut flower(s) brought to church should be placed in one of the supplied vases on the table set up and located in front of the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The flowers may be placed in the vases at any time prior to the start of Mass.

Please detach order form and place in collection basket or drop off to either of our parish offices with donation on or before September 20, 2026.

LOCAL RESOURCES AND SUPPORT AVAILABLE

- Hogenkamp and Brockman Boeckman funeral homes can be contacted at anytime for a pregnancy loss. Both will provide FREE burial materials, grave preparation, hospital pick up of remains, and coordination of any clergy/graveside needs if a pregnancy loss is under 20 weeks. In addition, both funeral homes provide donated grave digging for burial on existing graves of deceased family members and updated marking on cemetery plot maps for all cemeteries in our Family of Parishes. They also provide cost-friendly options for burial of full-term babies in separate graves. These options allow families to lay their children to rest in our local cemeteries.
- Miscarriage kits are available in the entrance of Holy Trinity's Grotto (church basement). Additionally, they are available upon request from Mercer Health OB offices during their normal business hours and the ER (only if a Mercer Health patient). Morgan's Place Cemetery also has a kit delivery option.
- Morgan's Place Cemetery in Shelby County and Heaven's Gain Ministries in Cincinnati provide free and/or low cost burial services for infants of all gestational ages and stillborns.
- Knights of Columbus offers a NO COST Family Fraternal Benefit for stillborns over 20 weeks gestation which is available for insured members that have a minimum of one existing life insurance policy that has a payment of \$5,000 and up to \$10,000 for the death of any child under age 18. Contact J.J.Collins at 419-790-5020 or jonathan.collins@kofc.org
- If you would be willing to share your infant loss story with another suffering family and would allow your contact information to be shared on a non-published list, please contact Ginny Fortkamp, gfortkamp.holycrossfop@gmail.com

EXPECTANT MOTHER'S BLESSING — The blessing of expectant mothers will be after all Masses the weekend of September 5th/6th.

PRAYER REQUEST — Please keep Fr. Michael Kapolka in your prayers as he has been deployed overseas.

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

WOMEN'S SOCIAL GROUP

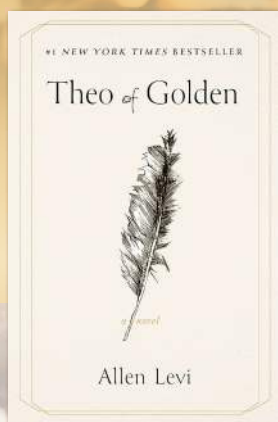
Join us at the first Meeting for the Year where we will be introduced to...

"Theo of Golden"

on

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

Meetings 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!

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

You are invited to a

TAILGATE PARTY

Gear up for game day with food trucks, music, yard games, and a 50/50 drawing!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH FROM 4:30-7:00 PM

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARKING LOT
403 Sharpsburg Rd
Fort Recovery

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.

CHURCH CLEANING — Annual Church Cleaning for Holy Trinity will be held August 31st at 6 pm. Many hands make light work- please consider joining us! Text Sarah Topp at 419-763-9098 if you plan on helping. We will be oiling the pews this year and additional adult help would be appreciated!

DONUT SUNDAY — Holy Trinity Donut Sunday is Sunday, September 13th, following the 8:00 am and 10:00 am Masses in the Grotto. Please come and enjoy donuts and fruit! Free-will donations accepted. ALL are welcome.



St Ann's Ladies Altar Sodality

HARVEST PARTY

28 SEPTEMBER

Start @ 6:30pm
Evergreen Winery

PLEASE BRING A FAVORITE FALL SNACK OR DESSERT TO SHARE!

RSVP Katie at
(513) 614-5117 by Sept 21



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.

THANK YOU CELEBRATION — As Phase 1 is nearing completion we would like to extend our gratitude and appreciation to all who prayed, labored, gave of their time and talents, and financial support. Please join us in celebrating the completion of Phase One at the Pub 49 Bar and Grill on Monday, September 14, 2026, between 7 pm - 9 pm. We give All Glory to God whom through Him has made this possible! Please join us!

BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT APPRECIATION — A special thank-you to Homan Interiors for their excellent work and generous donation to our Beautification Project. We are truly grateful for their kindness and support!

GARAGE SALE HELP NEEDED — This year's garage sale will be a little challenging due to the fact that school will be in session during the garage sale. We will need help on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (8th, 9th, & 10th); ladies and men; if you can donate an hour or two is absolutely fine. Also religion will begin the following week so we will need to get the classrooms cleaned prior; so any help then would be appreciated. Baked items are also a big part of the garage sale; all baked items of any kind are appreciated. Thank you!

*All proceeds go to the
Beautification Project at St. Anthony.*



Location: St. Anthony School Hall
Garage / Bake Sale Dates

Sept. 8th, 9th, & 10th from 9 am - 7 pm

* **EARLY BIRD** on Sept. 7th from 2:00 - 5:00 pm
(Early Bird - \$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.

Thank you for your support!

Any questions, please call (419) 852-8741



St. Peter

ITEMS NEEDED

— St. Peter Ladies Sodality will collect items for the raffle at the parish picnic on October 4th.

Anyone who would like to donate a new or gently used item may place it in the tote at the back of church. Any cash or gift card donation can be given to a sodality officer. Raffle tickets can be purchased from any member or officer from now until the drawing! At the parish picnic the sodality will also hold a silent auction for the Nativity that no longer fits on St. Peter's altar.

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com



St. Mary

PATRIOTIC

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

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

CHURCH CLEANING — Ladies please sign up for church cleaning in preparation for our church's 175th anniversary. A sign up sheet will be located at the back of church and cleaning should be completed September 6th - 12th.



St. Joseph

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.

FESTIVAL WORKER SCHEDULES — Completed Saint Joe Festival workers schedules will be in the back of church.

FESTIVAL SET UP — Tuesday, September 8th - Thursday, September 10th setting up for the Saint Joe Festival beginning at 6 pm. Please meet on parish grounds.

CLEANING — (SEPTEMBER) **Lucy Kaup, Julia Kremer, Theresa Hart, Maria Bergman, Sue Lennartz, Beth Guggenbiller

THE 43RD ANNUAL ST. JOE HOMECOMING FESTIVAL

SEPT. 11TH - 13TH, 2026

Friday, Sept. 11th

7:00 p.m. Beer Stand Opens - Limited Food & Drinks Available
Cornhole Sign-In Begins

8:00 p.m. **St. Joe's Largest Cornhole Tournament**
(\$20 Entry Per Team - Bring Your Own Partner - Payouts to Top Teams)

Saturday, Sept. 12th

4:30 p.m. **Outdoor Mass** (Bring Lawn Chairs)

5:30 p.m. Almost World Famous Chili
Food/Drink Stands Open

6:00 p.m. All Stands Open

7:30 p.m. Amateur Horseshoe Tournament (Sign-In 7:00)

10:00 p.m. **Music by Wicked Sound**

Sunday, Sept. 13th

1:00 p.m. Food/Drink Stands Open - NFL Games on TV

2:00 p.m. All Stands Open
Kona Ice
Kiddie Tractor Pulls (Sign-In 1:30)
Beanbag Tournament (Sign-In 1:30)
Horseshoe Tournament (Sign-In 1:30)

4:00 p.m. BBQ Chicken Dinners (Drive-Thru or Carryout Available)

5:00 p.m. **LIVE Entertainment by Mike Hemmelgarn**

7:30 p.m. **Raffle Drawing - Over \$8,000 in Prizes**

50/50 Drawings	Kiddie Games	Country Store
Attendance Prizes	Instant Gambling	Mug Shuffle

ST. JOSEPH PARISH GROUNDS - 1689 ST. JOE ROAD, FORT RECOVERY



Religious Education

Coldwater Religious Ed.

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FIRST CCD CLASS — Holy Trinity & St. Mary on September 9th; St. Anthony on September 16th

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (Ages 3 Years Old - Kindergarten) — October 4th - December 6th & February 7th - March 21st: Sundays at Holy Trinity at 8:00 & 10:00 am Masses.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT — Sunday, October 4th at St. Anthony 12:30 - 5:30 pm. If your child cannot attend, contact Stephanie ASAP so they can participate at a neighboring parish.

HOLY TRINITY TEACHERS NEEDED:

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

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

*All lesson plans and supplies will be provided to you. There are 28 class nights in total. Contact Stephanie Rutschilling at srutschilling.holycrossfop@gmail.com with any questions or to learn more!

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.

Fort Recovery Religious Ed.

Contact: Harlie Metzger

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

FIRST CCD CLASS — Wednesday, September 9th. Grades 1 - 6, 6:00 - 7:15 pm. Grades 7 - 12, 7:30 - 8:45 pm.

FIRST PRE-K CLASS — Sunday, October 4th. Classes are the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT — Sunday, October 4th at Saint Anthony 12:30 - 5:30 pm. If your child cannot attend, contact Harlie ASAP so they can participate at a neighboring parish.

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Saint of the Week - Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Saint Teresa of Calcutta, the tiny woman recognized throughout the world for her work among the poorest of the poor, was beatified October 19, 2003. Among those present were hundreds of Missionaries of Charity, the order she founded in 1950, as a diocesan religious community. Today the congregation also includes contemplative sisters and brothers, and an order of priests.



Feast Day: Sept. 5th

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Born to Albanian parents in what is now Skopje, Macedonia, Gonxha (Agnes) Bojaxhiu was the youngest of the three children who survived. For a time, the family lived comfortably, and her father's construction business thrived. But life changed overnight following his unexpected death. During her years in public school, Agnes participated in a Catholic sodality and showed a strong interest in the foreign missions. At age 18, she entered the Loreto Sisters of Dublin. It was 1928 when she said goodbye to her mother for the final time and made her way to a new land and a new life. The following year she was sent to the Loreto novitiate in Darjeeling, India. There she chose the name Teresa and prepared for a life of service. She was assigned to a high school for girls in Calcutta, where she taught history and geography to the daughters of the wealthy. But she could not escape the realities around her—the poverty, the suffering, the overwhelming numbers of destitute people. In 1946, while riding a train to Darjeeling to make a retreat, Sister Teresa heard what she later explained as "a call within a call. The message was clear. I was to leave the convent and help the poor while living among them." She also heard a call to give up her life with the Sisters of Loreto and instead, to "follow Christ into the slums to serve him among the poorest of the poor." After receiving permission to leave Loreto, establish a new religious community, and undertake her new work, Saint Teresa of Calcutta took a nursing course for several months. She returned to Calcutta, where she lived in the slums and opened a school for poor children. Dressed in a white sari and sandals—the ordinary dress of an Indian woman—she soon began getting to know her neighbors—especially the poor and sick—and getting to know their needs through visits. The work was exhausting, but Saint Teresa of Calcutta was not alone for long. Volunteers who came to join her in the work, some of them former students, became the core of the Missionaries of Charity. Others helped by donating food, clothing, supplies, and the use of buildings. In 1952, the city of Calcutta gave Saint Teresa of Calcutta a former hostel, which became a home for the dying and the destitute. As the order expanded, services were also offered to orphans, abandoned children, alcoholics, the aging, and street people. For the next four decades, Mother Teresa worked tirelessly on behalf of the poor. Her love knew no bounds. Nor did her energy, as she crisscrossed the globe pleading for support and inviting others to see the face of Jesus in the poorest of the poor. In 1979, she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. On September 5, 1997, God called her home. Blessed Teresa was canonized by Pope Francis on September 4, 2016.

- Information obtained from franciscanmedia.org

Youth Ministry

Coldwater Youth Group

Contact: Natalie Ashbaugh
nashbaugh.holycrossfop@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS:

HIGH SCHOOL LUNCHES — (9th - 12th grade) Mondays from 11:18 - 11:45 am @ The Fr. Yauss starting September 14th.

CHRIST & COFFEE — (7th - 12th grade) Our first Christ & Coffee for the school year will be September 15th from 7 - 7:45 am @ Rooster Joe's.

FISHERS OF FUN — (5th - 8th grade) September 9th from 7:30 - 8:30 pm @ The Fr. Yauss. All rec nights will occur every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month.

CHILDREN'S ADORATION — (K - 6th grade) September 24th @ Holy Trinity from 3:15 - 4:30 pm. All Children's Adoration will occur every 4th Thursday of the month unless stated otherwise.

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



"FOR WHOEVER WISHES TO SAVE
HIS LIFE WILL LOSE IT, BUT WHOEVER
LOSES HIS LIFE FOR MY SAKE
WILL FIND IT."

Fort Fiat Youth Group

Contact: Natalie Ashbaugh
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

TO THE HEIGHTS — (6th - 8th grade) Tuesdays from 3:30 - 4:30 pm at MHC beginning September 8th.

LADIES YOUTH GROUP — (9th - 12th grade) Wednesdays from 9 - 10 pm at MHC beginning September 9th.

MEN'S YOUTH GROUP — (9th - 12th grade) Wednesdays from 9 - 10 pm at MHC beginning September 9th.

BREAKFAST CLUB — (6th - 12th grade) Friday, September 4th from 7:15-8 am at MHC.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING — (7th - 8th grade) All 7th - 8th grade girls are invited to join a group geared towards studying women of the Bible at St. Joe's Sandrell Hall on the 2nd Thursday of the month from October - April at 6:15 - 7:45 pm. Please RSVP to Katie Fortkamp (419) 852-6925.

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



BLUE KNIGHTS — (1st - 4th grade boys) October 1st, 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Meetings are every 1st Thursday.

LITTLE FLOWERS — (1st - 4th grade girls) October 8th, 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Meetings are every 2nd Thursday.

OUR QUEST — (5th - 6th grade girls) October 8th, 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Meetings are every 2nd Thursday.

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.

Contributions

August 10 - 16, 2026

Mary Help of Christians

Offertory.....\$3,959.00
Flowers.....\$ 55.00
Allocated Loose.....\$1,229.97

St. Joseph

Offertory.....\$ 846.00
Allocated Loose.....\$ 252.20

St. Paul

Offertory.....\$1,838.00
Parish Improvement.....\$ 630.00
Flowers.....\$ 50.00
Maintenance.....\$ 100.00
Allocated Loose.....\$ 531.26

St. Peter

Offertory.....\$2,805.00
Flowers.....\$ 55.00
Allocated Loose.....\$ 417.57

Holy Trinity

Offertory.....\$ 5,165.00
Loose.....\$ 3,578.00
Total.....\$ 8,743.00
Candles.....\$ 249.00

St. Anthony

Offertory.....\$ 565.00
Loose.....\$ 450.00
Total.....\$ 1,015.00
Beautification.....\$10,000.00

St. Mary

Offertory.....\$ 807.00
Loose.....\$ 459.00
Total.....\$ 1,266.00

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.

STATIONS FOR VOCATIONS — Sept. 10th at 6:30 pm at the Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics. Service will begin in the Shrine's Adoration Chapel for devotions and veneration of the relic of St. Junipero Serra, patron Saint of vocations. We will then proceed to the courtyard for Stations. Refreshments immediately follow. Contact Mary Ann Kinsella at (937) 622-2478 for more information. Sponored by: Serra Club of the Cincinnati Northwest Deanery. Led by: Fr. Michael Willig Director of Vocations for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

GRIEF SHARE — Starts Mon., Sept. 14th in St. Augustine's Rectory Basement, 48 N. Hanover St., Minster from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Please use the door off the parking lot. The basement is handicap accessible. GriefShare is a support group and welcoming place where people can help you navigate the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 13 week group, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. You'll learn helpful ways of coping and gain solid support each step of the way. To register or for more information contact Bonnie Trzaska (419) 584-8456 or trzaska-bonnie@hotmail.com.

A DAY IN THE HEART OF JESUS THROUGH OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL — Hosted by the Order of Carmelites Discalced Seculars, St. Joseph, Protector of the Holy Family Community is on Saturday, October 17th from 8 am - 2 pm at the Montezuma Retreat Center: 6731 St. Rte. 119, Montezuma OH 45866. It is a beautiful day of recollection and prayer which includes, Mass, a Keynote Speaker, Discussions on Carmelite Doctors of the Church, holy hour, and confessions. We would love to see you there! Cost is \$30 at the door and includes a light breakfast and lunch. Please register using the link: <https://forms.gle/fv8zu5K4GxjgMn6> or contact Gwen Staton at (419) 733-1453.

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 jubilant couples. Couples, RSVP online by Nov. 2nd at www.catholicaoc.org/goldenjubilée.

DISCERNMENT OF THE VOICE OF GOD — Northwest-V Family of Parishes is hosting author Fr. Cliff Ermatinge on Thurs., Sept. 10th. He is speaking on "Discernment of the Voice of God". Arrival time 6:30 pm and start time 7:00 pm. Held at St. Denis Undercroft at 14 E. Wood St., Versailles, OH. All are welcome! Free will offering is greatly appreciated.

HERITAGE DAY CELEBRATION (HDC) — The Heritage Day Celebration (HDC) is a FREE, family-friendly event held each year at the Maria Stein Shrine! It's a wonderful tradition celebrating faith, food, family, and fun—and everyone is invited! Sunday, September 20th from Noon - 4:00 pm at Maria Stein Shrine, 2291 St. Johns Rd, Maria Stein, OH. There will be something for everyone, including: Free Chapel tours, basket raffle, \$1,000 raffle, and more! Sign up for the pie baking contest and/or chili contest (limited spaces available for chili contest), or purchase your raffle tickets online! <https://www.mariasteinshrine.org/heritage-day-celebration>.

ANNUAL 5K RUN/WALK FOR VOCATIONS — The Coldwater Knights of Columbus 14th Annual 5K Run/Walk for Vocations will be held on November 14th. All proceeds from this event will support seminarians and women seeking a Consecrated Religious Life. Sponsorship opportunities are available for businesses or individuals. Please contact Steve Schmidt at (419) 852-8663 for additional information.

OHIO MARCH FOR LIFE — Join us as we travel by bus to Columbus for the Ohio March for Life on October 2, 2026. (Sponsored by St. Henry Parish). Cost for the bus is \$10. Schedule: 7:15 am Morning Mass at St. Henry, 8 am Depart from St. Henry, 10 am Arrive for Pre-Rally Concert, 11 am Rally, 12 pm Ohio March for Life, Stop for Lunch (self pay), 3 pm Depart from Columbus, 5 pm Return to St. Henry. Those under 18 will need to sign a waiver if not accompanied by an adult. Scan the QR code to register. Questions: contact St. Henry Parish office.

CATHOLIC FAMILY NIGHT AT GREAT AMERICAN BALLPARK 2026! — 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>.



MERCER COUNTY CANCER CORN MAZE & PETTING ZOO — This is a local fundraiser for the Cancer Association of Mercer County. The Knights of Columbus are heavily involved with the support of this event. It is family oriented and will be held the weekends of Sept 12th/13th and Sept 19th/20th. Details can be found on their Facebook page www.facebook.com/mercercountycornmaze. The QR code is a link to the volunteer sign up Google sheet. For questions about the event or help with the sign up sheet, contact Dave Penno at (419) 790-9186.



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

FALL ANDREW DINNERS — Thurs., Sept. 24th at St. Patrick, Troy and Tues., Nov. 17th at St. Mary, Hillsboro. The Andrew Dinners are meant for high school and college-age men. These events provide an opportunity for young men to learn about priesthood and seminary, speak with Archbishop Emeritus Dennis Schnurr and the vocation director, and share a meal together. For more information and to register go to: <https://catholicaoc.org/andrew-dinners>. Contact Fr. Michael Willig at mwillig@catholicaoc.org or (513) 263-3390 w/ any questions.

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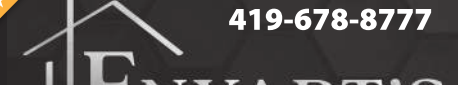
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