



*The Last will be First,
& the First will be Last*



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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, September 20, 2026
Twenty-Fifth 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, September 21 <i>Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist; Feast</i>	Carl Bettinger †	FBS	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	After Mass
	Tim Dirksen †	FAW	6:45 pm	St. Peter	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Tuesday, September 22 <i>Weekday</i>	L/D Joe & Sharon Dues Family †	FBS	7:15 am	St. Mary	After Mass
	Earl & Ruth Heyne †	FJP	6:45 pm	St. Joseph	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Wednesday, September 23 <i>Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest; Memorial</i>	Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life	FJP	7:15 am (L/S)	MHC	After Mass
	L/D Jim & Clara Forsthoefel Family †	FEM	Noon (L/S)	Holy Trinity	11:30 am - end
Thursday, September 24 <i>Weekday</i>	Poor Souls in Purgatory †	FJP	7:15 am	St. Paul	After Mass
	Dale Kaup †	FEM	6:45 pm	St. Anthony	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Friday, September 25 <i>Weekday</i>	Jeff Wenning †	FJP	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	After Mass
	Bob Post †	FEM	Noon (L/S)	MHC	11:30 am - end
Saturday, September 26 <i>Weekday; Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs; BVM on Saturday; opt. mem.</i>	L/D Glen & Roberta Good Family †	FEM	9:00 am	St. Joseph	After Mass
	Kiser / Larkin Wedding	FEM	1:30 pm	Holy Trinity	N/A
	Block / Bonifas Wedding	FJP	1:30 pm	St. Anthony	N/A
	Doris Livingston †	FJP	4:00 pm	St. Anthony	3:15 - 3:45 pm
	L/D Charles Koester Family †	FEM	4:30 pm	Holy Trinity	3:45 - 4:15 pm
	Damon Klenke †	FAW	4:30 pm (L/S)	MHC	3:45 - 4:15 pm
Sunday, September 27 <i>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Dottie Fullenkamp †	FAW	7:00 am	St. Joseph	N/A
	L/D Hein & Berger Families †	FJP	8:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	7:25 - 7:45 am
	Leroy Ahrns †	FBS	9:00 am (L/S)	MHC	8:25 - end
	Todd Ashbaugh †	FEM	10:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	9:25 - 9:45 am
	L/D Al & Mary Keller Family †	FBS/DRK	11:00 am	St. Paul	10:25 - 10:45 am
	Members of Holy Cross Family of Parishes	FAW	11:00 am	St. Peter	10:25 - 10:45 am
	Wilma Heitkamp †	FJP/DDK	Noon	St. Mary	11:25 - 11:45 am
	L/D William Sr. & Marcella Short Family †	FEM	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-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);
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 23, 7:15 am

Servers: Joseph Bruns, Henry Bruns

Lector: Ted Romer

Friday, September 25, 12:00 pm

Servers: Xavier Bruns

Lector: Diane Siegrist

Saturday, September 26, 4:30 pm

Servers: Carson Fullenkamp, Joseph Fortkamp,
Daniel Fortkamp

Lector: Diane Siegrist

EMHC: Rose Tobe, Nancy Wuebker

Sacristan: Maggie Hartings, Rachel Fortkamp

Ushers: Floyd Bergman, Don Lennartz, Joe Siegrist,
Randy Wuebker

Sunday, September 27, 9:00 am

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

Lector: Pauline Faller

EMHC: Roger Wenning, Cheryl Wenning

Sacristan: Roger & Cheryl Wenning, Mackenzie Kahlig

Ushers: John Faller, Joe Dues, Chuck Keller, Mike Laux

– St. Joseph –

Tuesday, September 22, 6:45 pm

Servers: Tyler Dues, Levi Sutter

Lector: Lisa Roessner

Sacristan: Matt Hess

Saturday, September 26, 9:00 am

Servers: Blaise Bergman

Lector: Paige Schulze, Rebecca Schulze

Sunday, September 27, 7:00 am

Servers: Eric Lamm, Dillan Schulze, Kyle Fullenkamp,
Seth Fullenkamp

Lector: Aimee Pottkotter

EMHC: Christa Fullenkamp

Sacristan: Christa Fullenkamp

Ushers: Allen Grube, Bryan Pottkotter

– St. Paul –

Thursday, September 24, 7:15 am

Servers: Korbin Wuebker, Hayden Wuebker

Sunday, September 27, 11:00 am

Servers: Brady Evers, Ty Evers, Camden LeFevre

Lector: Amanda Brackman

EMHC: Deacon Roger Kaiser, Dennis Siefring

Ushers: Doug Weigel, Kevin Wuebker

Rosary: Harry & Barb Schoen

– St. Peter –

Monday, September 21, 6:45 pm

Servers: Levi Sutter

Lector: Marissa Gaerke

Sunday, September 27, 11:00 am

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

Lector: Elaine Post

EMHC: Kristi Post

Sacristan: Donna Brunswick

Ushers: Marcus Gaerke, Shane Gaerke

– Holy Trinity –

Monday, September 21, 7:15 am

Servers: Dillan Wenning, Miles Bruns

Lector: Rene Klosterman

Sacristan: Kathy Rutschilling, Pam Wellman

Wednesday, September 23, 12:00 pm

Servers: James Pottkotter, Francis Pottkotter,
Michael Pottkotter

Lector: Charmaine Bettinger

Sacristan: Charmaine Bettinger

Friday, September 25, 7:15 am

Servers: Lucas Broering, Henry Broering, Jacob Broering

Lector: Rene Klosterman

Sacristan: Kathy Rutschilling, Pam Wellman

Saturday, September 26, 4:30 pm

Servers: Lincoln Homan, Josh Homan

Lector: Gary Lefeld

EMHC: Denny Riethman, Michelle Wilker,

Brenda Schwieterman

Sacristan: Rita Riethman

Sunday, September 27, 8:00 am

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Karsyn Homan, Kratyn Homan,
Krew Homan

Lector: Jacqui Broering

EMHC: Mary Lou Wenning, Kathy Prenger

Sacristan: Pam Wellman, Lucy & Gemma Grigsby

Sunday, September 27, 10:00 am

Servers: Emmitt May, Gabriel Simper, Brandon Wendel

Lector: Tessa Huwer

EMHC: Carla Kahlig, Bob Rose, Cindy Geise

Sacristan: Jerri Buening

Sunday, September 27, 6:00 pm

Servers: Liam Cowan, Eli Eyink

Lector: Dee Fullenkamp

EMHC: Stephanie Rutschilling, Dan Fullenkamp,
Amy Klingshirm

Sacristan: Cindy Broering

– St. Anthony –

Thursday, September 24, 6:45 pm

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby

Lector: Marty Knapke

Sacristan: Cindy Homan

Saturday, September 26, 4:00 pm

Servers: Wesley Geier, Jack Link

Lector: Marty Knapke

EMHC: Donna Sudhoff

Sacristan: Cindy Muhlenkamp

Ushers: Jeff Sudhoff, Patrick Forsthoefel

Rosary: Julie Brackman

– St. Mary –

Tuesday, September 22, 7:15 am

Servers: Lincoln Homan

Lector: Stephanie Wendel

Sunday, September 27, 12:00 pm

Servers: Austin Uhlenhake, Carson Uhlenhake,
Gavin Uhlenhake

Lector: Martin Schoenherr

EMHC: Deacon Dan Kahlig

Ushers: Ben Uhlenhake,
Alex Uhlenhake



Message from the Priests

Rediscovering Holy Orders: Part 3 (of 10)

Key Verses: Mark 3:13-19; Luke 22:19; John 20:21-23; Matthew 16:13-19 ; 1 Timothy 4:14; Titus 1:5.

You were probably expecting a different Sacrament this week. But before we can understand the other Sacraments more deeply, we first need to understand the priesthood. Throughout this article I'm going to focus primarily on priests. Even though the Sacrament of Holy Orders is conferred to deacons, priests, and bishops, most Catholics encounter this Sacrament through the ministry of their parish priest. While doing so, I want to acknowledge the fact that priests sometimes struggle to talk about the priesthood because we don't want to draw attention to ourselves. Yet the Church's teaching on Holy Orders isn't meant to elevate the man. Quite the opposite. Every priest knows how profoundly inadequate he is for the dignity he has received. Nevertheless, unless we understand what Christ does through His priests, we will never fully appreciate the Sacraments He entrusted to His Church.

1. This leads us to our first misunderstanding, namely, that *there is nothing special about the priest except that he merely facilitates things*. We could have a church without priests. This is completely false and totally unbiblical.

As we said before, there are three Sacraments that change the soul of the recipient. Holy Orders is one of these Sacraments. The Sacrament of Holy Orders conforms the soul to be in *persona Christi capitis*, that is, in the *person of Christ the Head of the Body*. This flows from Jesus' own words after He rose from the dead. In John 20:21, Jesus tells His Apostles:

"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit..." --John 20:21-22

There are a couple of things to unpack here. Firstly, note Jesus' unique actions: He breathes on them. This is the only time He does this in all the Gospels, but that action is packed with Biblical meaning. God breathes His Spirit (sometimes translated as "life-breath") into Adam in Genesis 2 which gives Adam life. In Ezekiel 37, there is a beautiful scene where, as part of His prophecy to restore God's people through a coming messiah, God places Ezekiel in a land of bones. In this place of death, God then commands the winds (perhaps the same winds that hovered over the waters in Genesis 1), to enliven the bones. The Biblical overtones are clear: in this moment, the Apostles--dead perhaps in sin and fear after the Crucifixion--are now reborn and given a new Spirit (Ezekiel 36:26). Another way of thinking about this rebirth is that their souls were changed.

This ties into the first half of the verse: "as the Father has sent Me, even so I send you". How did the Father send the Son? With power and the Holy Spirit (see Acts 10:38). Jesus taught with authority (Mark 1:22). Now He commands His first priests to do the same (Matthew 28:19-20). Jesus sanctified and healed to show His authority over sin (see Luke 5:24). We will get into the Sacrament of Confession later, but for now, note the parallel passage in Matthew 9, "When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men." The plural is original to the Greek. Finally, Jesus comes with authority to govern as the King of Heaven and earth. His Apostles are responsible, not for lording authority over others (see Matthew 20:25), but to use that authority to govern the people of God (see Acts 2:42-47).

All of this points us to the Catholic understanding of *in persona Christi capitis*: that Jesus uses the person of the priest to continue His saving work into our day. This is crucial to our understanding of all the Sacraments, especially the Mass. Think of the Lord's command to "do this in memory of Me". What is the

“this”: it is to take bread and declare it to be the Body of Christ and to take wine and to declare it to be His Blood. If the priest were merely performing a religious role, then the Lord has commanded him to do something that he simply cannot do. Only God can change the substance of a thing from one thing to another. But if God has endowed His priests with His own authority and power, then this command actually becomes possible, not because the man himself is so great, but because Jesus has allowed this man to stand in His place.

Jesus uses the ears of the priest so that His people may be heard; the eyes of the priest so that His people can be seen; the hands of the priest so that His people can be healed; the feet of the priest so that His people may encounter God; and most especially the voice of the priest, so that His people can hear the voice of God.

To be clear, this doesn't mean that when the priest is at the grocery he is acting in the full power of Christ. The priest doesn't cease to be a man after ordination. But in those moments when the priest is engaged in the work that Jesus was sent to do and that Jesus sends His priests to do, it is Jesus working through the priest in that moment. In a real sense, it is not the man who says, “This is my body” (nobody thinks we're eating Father-So-and-So's body). It is Jesus working and speaking through him.

2. A second misunderstanding or objection to this might be something like, *Doesn't this apply to everybody who was Baptized?* Not from a biblical perspective.

The Catholic Church is structured in a hierarchy because Jesus Himself structured things in a hierarchy. We see this throughout the Gospel: Jesus is surrounded by people who have decided to follow Him attentively (the disciples). Out of that group and after a night of intentional prayer, Jesus called those whom He wanted to be His Apostles (see Mark 3:13). And even out of that group, we see a further hierarchy appear: that of the twelve Peter, James, and John are called especially to His side. Finally, Peter himself has a very dear place in Jesus' heart and mission (see Matthew 16:18 and Luke 22:32). These designations are not just in name, but also in action. After proclaiming parables to the crowds, it is to His Apostles that Jesus says, “to [the Apostles] it has been given to know the secrets of the Kingdom of Heaven, but to [others] it has not been given” (Matthew 13:11). Additionally, compare Luke 9 with Luke 10. The Apostles receive a distinct commission that emphasizes authority over demons and disease. The 72, on the other hand, are commissioned primarily to prepare Christ's way into the towns He intends to visit. A different mission does not mean a lesser mission. This is summed up well by the Second Vatican Council which wrote:

Though they differ from one another in essence and not only in degree, the common priesthood of the faithful and the ministerial or hierarchical priesthood are nonetheless interrelated...The ministerial priest, by the sacred power he enjoys, teaches and rules the priestly people; acting in the person of Christ, he makes present the Eucharistic sacrifice, and offers it to God in the name of all the people.

But the faithful, in virtue of their royal priesthood, join in the offering of the Eucharist. They likewise exercise that priesthood in receiving the Sacraments, in prayer and thanksgiving, in the witness of a holy life, and by self-denial and active charity. --Lumen Gentium, 10.

We all have a different part to play (see 1 Corinthians 12). And it is good that we play it as well as we can. But Jesus is doing something incredibly special through His priests. Every time a priest celebrates Mass, hears a Confession, Baptizes a child, or anoints the sick, Christ Himself continues to teach, sanctify, and govern His Church...just as He promised. The priest is never meant to draw attention to himself. His greatest task is to become so transparent that, through his ministry, the faithful encounter not Father So-and-So, but Jesus Christ Himself.

In Jesus, through Mary,

Fr. Witt



Sacramental Information

Wedding Banns

- III Jackson Kiser & Katie Larkin
- III Colin Block & Harmony Bonifas
- I Adam Diller & Hailey Stammen
- I Ryan Post & Brittany Walterbusch

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!

Parker & Courtney (Bye) Rabe
Married Saturday, September 5, 2026
(Holy Trinity)

Samuel & Audrey (Guggenbiller) Lofaso
Married Saturday, September 5, 2026
(St. Joseph)

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

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.

Newly Baptized

Holy Trinity
Isadora Leigh Berger
Child of Adam & Brianne

Bennett Donald Ahlers
Child of Justin & Rachel

Hayes Michael James
Child of Trey & Haley

Grace Isabella Kemper
Child of Justin & Isabel

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

Holy Cross Family of Parishes

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!



33 DAY CONSECRATION TO MERCIFUL LOVE — Weekly meetings are taking 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 started 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.)

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com

BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES — Please be advised: the Sept. 27th and Oct. 4th bulletin submission deadlines have passed. If you have any information that you need advertised throughout our parishes before the publication of the October 11th bulletin, please contact cmuhlenkamp.holycrossfop@gmail.com or cbettinger.holycrossfop@gmail.com. They will handle getting your information out through our other means of communication: Facebook, Website, MyParish App, & bulletin boards in the churches. Thank You!

BULLETIN SUBMISSION NOTICE: Submissions must be receive 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.

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).

SERVANTS OF CHRIST MEN'S GROUP — The group resumed on September 18th at 4:30 am in The Grotto and will continue on the first and third Friday of each month. They are watching and discussing the video series Into the Breach: The Dignity of Work. This series examines the nature of work and its role in a man's life and his sanctification. For more information contact Dave Bettinger (419) 852-2582.

WOMEN'S SOCIAL GROUP DATE CHANGES — The October meetings will be changed to the third & fifth Thursday for the month of October due to the Merciful Love Consecration on Oct. 1st. Meetings are held in the St. Isidore room of Holy Trinity's Grotto. All adult women of the Holy Cross Family of Parishes community are welcome! Keep up to date on meeting information by using the "groups" button within the MyParish App. Use the QR code provided to get the MyParish App.



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

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.

ANNUAL COAT DRIVE — St. Joseph, St. Peter, St. Paul and Mary Help of Christians parishes along with Our Home Family Resource Center will once again conduct a winter coat drive. Please put your new or clean, gently used coat, new hats and gloves in the large containers which will be placed at the church entrances beginning in September. There is always a special need for children's coats. Watch the bulletin for updates on the exact location of the coat giveaway planned for October 17, 2026. Contact Pat Wendel (419) 375-4229 for details.

LITTLE FLOWERS MUSIC LEADER — We are looking for someone to help with the music station at MHC's Little Flowers meetings. This can be a high school student or adult. Meetings are once a month October through March. Please contact Rachel Tobe for more information at (567) 644-6188.

ADULT EVANGELIZATION ANNOUNCEMENT — It's exciting to see so many of our parishioners coming forward with ideas to encourage and help others to grow in their faith. In order to maintain a complete picture of all proposed and active events/projects in our parishes, we would like any individual or group with a proposal for a new event or project to complete the "Adult Faith Formation Event/Project Submission Form" that is available on our website at <https://www.holycrossfop.org/get-involved> or use the QR Code. As Director of Adult Evangelization, Cindy Muhlenkamp will review the information provided and present to Fr. Witt for approval as well as ensure the proposal does not create a conflict with upcoming events/projects. We would also like existing group leaders to complete the form when a new book, study, or event is being planned. Contact Cindy if you have any questions, (419) 678-4802.



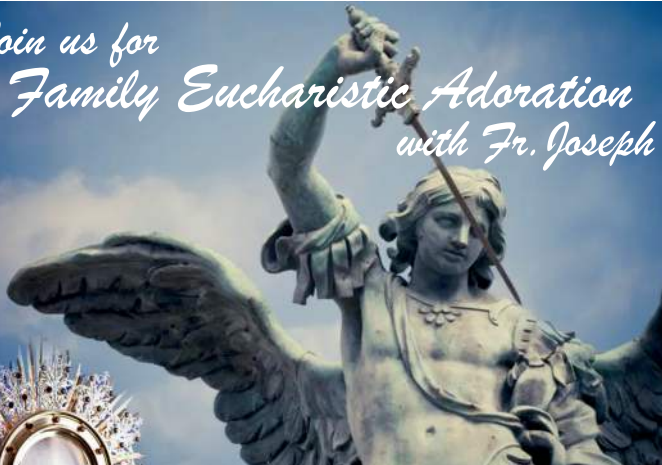


Cookie Fundraiser

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Wed., Sept. 30th
@
Holy Trinity's Parking Lot
3 - 7 pm

Proceeds support the
Big Events Committee for future events



Join us for

Family Eucharistic Adoration

with Fr. Joseph



6:30 - 7:30 pm / Sept. 24, 2026 @ St. Joseph

Followed by: Slay the Dragon activity in Sanderell Hall

Save the Date!

Welcome.

There is **More to Life**

— Women's Retreat for women (21+) —

You are invited to step away from the busyness of life and take time for you! Join other women from our parish family for an overnight retreat filled with prayer, fellowship, and renewal in God's presence. This overnight retreat is a chance to be still, be refreshed, and to grow in faith with your sisters in Christ.



Location: Holy Trinity Grotto

Dates: February 6-7th, 2027

Cost: FREE (with meals provided!)

Registration: Opens January 2nd



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

- 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.



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 _____ OTHER DONATION AMOUNT (\$5/flower to commemorate each life gone too soon)

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.




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.

HARVEST PARTY — On September 28th starting at 6:30 pm at Evergreen Winery. Please bring a favorite fall snack or dessert to share! All adult women of Holy Trinity parish are invited. Sponsored by St. Ann's Ladies Altar Sodality. RSVP to Katie at (513) 614-5117 by Sept. 21st.



OCTOBER MONTH OF THE ROSARY

Please join us in prayer at Holy Trinity!

Monday, October 5 @ 6:30 pm
Tuesday, October 6 @ 6:30 pm
Wednesday, October 7 @ 7:30 pm

Monday, October 12 @ 6:30 pm
Tuesday, October 13 @ 7:00 pm
Wednesday, October 14 @ 7:30 pm

Monday, October 19 @ 6:30 pm
Tuesday, October 20 @ 7:00 pm
Wednesday, October 21 @ 7:30 pm

Monday, October 26 @ 6:00 pm
Tuesday, October 27 @ 7:00 pm
Wednesday, October 28 @ 7:30 pm

Mondays – Led by St. Ann's Rosary Sodality

Tuesdays – Led by The Knights of Columbus

Wednesdays – Led by The Squires



St. Anthony

GATHERING FOR FELLOWSHIP

— Join us for 30 minutes of prayer in the church every 2nd Thursday of the month at 8 am

followed by coffee and conversation at the Pub. All are welcome to join at the church and pub or either of the two. Questions or opinions please call (419) 852-8741.

LADIES SODALITY MEETING — September 28th at 7 pm in the school hall.

BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT APPRECIATION — A special thank-you to Rick and Kate Kremer, Roger Kremer, Bob Kremer, Jeff and Kay Grey, Erik and Jessica Grey, and Nick and Amy Grey for sponsoring Phase II the Ceiling Mural, window surrounds to genuine gold leaf application, and gold leaf border around the Stations of the Cross with the balance going towards the new priest and server bench. We are truly grateful for their kindness and support!

ST. ANTHONY MEN'S SODALITY MEETING — The meeting is on Mon., Sept. 21st. It will take place at 7:00 pm in the St. Anthony School Hall. All men of St. Anthony Parish are members and welcome to attend. Snack and Refreshments are provided at the end of the meeting. Hope to see you there!



St. Joseph

CLEANING

— (SEPTEMBER) **Lucy

Kaup, Julia Kremer, Theresa Hart, Maria Bergman, Sue Lennartz, Beth Guggenbiller



St. Mary

PATRIOTIC ROSARY

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



St. Paul

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

AT ST. PAUL —

We are in need of

more committed Eucharistic

Adorers on Thursdays at St. Paul's Parish from 8:00 - 9:00 am and also from 12:00 - 1:00 pm. If you would be able to fill a slot for an hour or even a half hour, or if you could share a slot with someone, we would appreciate hearing from you. Text or call Rita McEldowney at (937) 621-3126.



Mary Help of Christians

FLOATING ROSARY

— 1st - 6th

grade parents,

siblings, grandparents, and

all community members are welcome as we honor Our Heavenly Mother and Her Most Holy Rosary with a Floating Rosary on Sunday October 11, 2026 at 7:00 pm on the soccer fields (just north of Mary Help of Christians Church). Each child will attach an intention to send up to Our Blessed Mother for Her Intercession. Please join us as we get excited to pray the Rosary! If interested in volunteering to help make the Floating Rosary the day of, please reach out to Sarah Kahlig @ (419) 234-3152.



St. Peter

PARISH PICNIC

— St Peter parish

picnic will be held on

Sunday, October 4th with

lunch at 12:30 pm. Chili & chicken

nuggets will be provided. Look for sign up sheets in the back of church to let us know how many from your family will be joining us and if you would like to bring an optional side dish.

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

Religious Education

Coldwater Religious Ed.

Contact: Stephanie Rutschilling
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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.

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.

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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.

- Saint of the Week - Saint Padre Pio of Pietrelcina

Did the World War II American flyer really see Padre Pio in midair, preventing the bombing of his village below? Did Padre Pio actually "bilocate" in Italy, the Holy Land, even America, as countless witnesses testified? Or "read hearts" before penitents spoke? What of the stigmata, Christ's wounds imprinted on Padre Pio's hands, feet, and side? John Paul II, who as a young man visited Padre Pio, never mentioned these extraordinary elements at the canonization. Instead, the pope spoke of "trials accepted with love," referring perhaps to sanctions restricting Padre Pio's faculties for hearing confessions and celebrating public Mass, imposed because of criticism, later discredited, sent to the Vatican; of Padre Pio's offering his sufferings in union with Jesus' passion for a suffering world; of his continual availability to sinners seeking direction and absolution; of Padre Pio's prayer that blossomed in charity, especially through his "House for the Relief of Suffering," a healthcare facility that anticipated by decades today's holistic partnering of medical science and spirituality. Finally, how comforting for us "ordinary" Christians, this extraordinary saint's most frequent advice: "Pray, hope, and don't worry!" —Peter Scagnelli



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Parents are truly the primary catechists of their children!

They prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith. On Catechetical Sunday, we not only highlight the work of catechists in parishes and schools, but we also commend parents and guardians and encourage them to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation.

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



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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.

CHRIST & COFFEE — (7th - 12th grade) Tuesdays from 7:15 - 8 am @ Rooster Joe.

FISHERS OF FUN — (5th - 8th grade) Wednesday, September 23rd, 7:30 - 8:30 pm. Please meet in the Youth Group Room in the Fr. Yauss building.

CHILDREN'S ADORATION — (K - 6th grade) September 24th @ Holy Trinity from 3:15 - 4:30 pm.

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.



Fort Fiat Youth Group

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

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

MEN'S YOUTH GROUP — (7th - 12th grade) Wednesdays from 9 - 10 pm at MHC.

BREAKFAST CLUB — (6th - 12th grade) Friday, October 9th from 7:15 - 8 am @ MHC (Anne Will - Consecrated Life)

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING — (7th - 8th grade) First meeting will be Thursday, October 8th from 6:15 - 7:45 pm @ St. Joe's Hall. Please RSVP to Katie Fortkamp (419) 852-6925

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.

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.



Little Flowers Girls' Club - Coldwater

2026/2027 Meeting Schedule

October 13 - St. Mary
November 10 - St. Mary
December 15 - St. Mary
January 12 - Holy Trinity
February 9 - Holy Trinity
March 9 - Holy Trinity
April 13 - St. Anthony
May 11 - St. Anthony

Coldwater BLUE KNIGHTS Boys' Club Crusaders for Virtue

DATE	LOCATION	TIME	WHAT TO BRING
October 13	Holy Trinity	6:30 - 8 PM	completed task sheet
November 10	Holy Trinity		
December 15	Holy Trinity		
January 12	St. Mary		
February 9	St. Mary		
March 9	St. Mary		
April 13	St. Anthony		
May 11	St. Anthony		



2026 - 2027 Schedule

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Did You Know?

A Loose Cash Reminder

For those who are unaware, in the Coldwater parishes wherever loose cash is donated is where it will stay — at that particular church. Fort Recovery parishes collect all of the loose cash and then divide the loose cash amongst the Fort Recovery parishes, proportional to the number of families that belong to each particular church. If you would like your donation to stay at the church you attended in the Fort Recovery churches (or a church other than the one you attended, for that matter), place your cash in any marked envelope. (It does not have to be the envelopes provided to you by the church. The envelope should be marked with the name of the particular church to which you would like it to be sent.) This is also a good time to remember that when you go to Mass while on vacation, you can still put your envelope for your home parish in that collection, too — anywhere in the world! As long as it has your home parish and parish address listed, the money will be sent home.

Contributions

August 31 - September 6, 2026

Mary Help of Christians		Holy Trinity	
Offertory.....	\$5,144.00	Offertory.....	\$5,415.00
Youth Group	\$ 94.00	Loose.....	\$2,859.00
Cemetery.....	\$ 100.00	Total.....	\$8,274.00
Allocated Loose	\$1,344.25	Candles.....	\$ 301.00
St. Joseph		St. Anthony	
Offertory.....	\$ 749.00	Offertory.....	\$ 715.00
Allocated Loose	\$ 275.63	Loose.....	\$ 453.00
		Total.....	\$1,168.00
St. Paul		St. Mary	
Offertory.....	\$1,870.00	Offertory.....	\$ 995.00
Maintenance.....	\$ 740.00	Loose.....	\$ 424.25
Cemetery.....	\$ 100.00	Total.....	\$1,419.25
Allocated Loose	\$ 580.63	Candles.....	\$ 51.00
St. Peter			
Offertory.....	\$2,380.00		
Building	\$ 805.00		
Allocated Loose	\$ 456.37		



Thank you for your generosity!

Community Interests

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.

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 Sat., Oct. 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/fv8zu5K4GxjXjgMn6> 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 Nov. 15th, 10 am, Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains (Cincinnati) or Nov. 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, RSVP online by Nov. 2nd at www.catholicaoc.org/goldenjubilée.

AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA — Please join us on October 10, 2026, at the Fort Recovery Monument Park. The Rosary Rally starts promptly at noon. Join the Daughters of Isabella for prayers and the rosary. If you aren't comfortable standing, please bring a lawn chair. Any questions: call (419) 852-9415.

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.

HERITAGE DAY CELEBRATION (HDC) — Sunday, September 20th, Noon - 4 pm at Maria Stein Shrine. 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>.

MERCER COUNTY CANCER CORN MAZE & PETTING ZOO — Fundraiser for the Cancer Association of Mercer County. The K of C are heavily involved with the support of this event. It is family oriented and will be held the weekend of Sept 19th/20th. Details can be found on their Facebook page www.facebook.com/mercercountycornmaze

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

MISSION PROJECT — All are invited to Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission Breakfast on Sept. 20th from 9 - 11:30 am in the OLG church basement. It is a free will offering with all profits going to our Mission project in Guatemala.

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.



PORK LOIN DINNER — The Fort Recovery Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Pork Loin Dinner on Sun., Oct. 11th. A drive thru pick-up will be available between 4 - 6 pm at the K of C Hall. Dinners are pre-sale only. You can order your dinners by using an envelope found in the back of the Family of Churches. Ordering information is inside the envelope. Please try to place your order by Sept. 30th with the final turn in being Oct. 4th. Thank you for supporting your local Knights of Columbus.

NOMINATE AN OUTSTANDING CAREGIVER FOR RECOGNITION TODAY! — Caregiver Masses honor all those who work or volunteer as a caregiver – helpful family members and friends, nurses and physicians, dietary staff and lab workers, social workers and home health aides, those who volunteer at healthcare facilities, retirement communities and in parishes. You can nominate an individual for this year's Mass and reception here: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/q70NuT3gqf>, email nominations to can@ccswoh.org or call the Caregiver Assistance Network at (513) 869-4483. All nominations are due by September 25th. The 22nd Annual Caregiver Mass is scheduled for November 22nd, 10:00 am, at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains.

A STRONGER MARRIAGE BEGINS WITH ONE WEEKEND — Life's demands can leave little time for nurturing your marriage. This fall, give yourselves the gift of time together. The Encounter Weekend helps couples deepen their love, strengthen communication, and renew their commitment to one another. Upcoming weekends: October 9 - 11 | Holy Spirit Center, Norwood, OH & November 6 - 8 | Spiritual Center, Maria Stein, OH. Apply early as weekends fill quickly. Your marriage is worth it! Apply today at <https://esharing.org/applyWeekend.php>. For questions or more details contact: Andy and Melanie Reinersman at (859) 653-8464, application@esharing.org or visit esharing.org.

BETHANY BRUNCHES — Sat., Oct. 10, 2026, Oratory of St. John Vianney at St. Anthony, 6104 Desmond St., Cincinnati (east side of Cincinnati); Sat., Jan. 16, 2027, Mother of God Family of Parishes (Dayton/Kettering); & Sat., Feb. 27, 2027, St. John Bosco Family of Parishes (west side of Cincinnati). Bethany Brunches are open to women 16 - 35 (under 18 needs a chaperone). These events provide an opportunity to deepen one's relationship with Christ through prayer, fellowship, and spiritual conversation. Young women will have the chance to meet religious sisters, learn about consecrated life, ask questions about vocation and discipleship, and connect with other women of faith over brunch. Priests are encouraged to invite young women from their parish to attend and experience a day of faith, community, and encouragement. Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/Bethany26>.

PILGRIMAGE INFO (NWV FAMILY OF PARISHES) — A Historic Pilgrimage to the Beatification Mass of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen will be formally declared "Blessed," one step closer to canonization. Join Northwest - V Family of Parishes for a 3 - day pilgrimage, Sept. 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 interested in attending, call the St. Denis Parish Office in Versailles at (937) 526-4945 to be added to the list.

RADIO ROSARY — Radio Rosary prayed on WCSM at 9:30 am every Sunday. The Radio Rosary is sponsored each week by local Catholic organizations and individuals.

SACRED HEART RADIO — Sacred Heart Radio is your local Catholic media connection helping you to learn, live and share the truth of your faith 24-7! Listen on 740 AM & 910 AM or download the app at sacredheartradio.com.

HEALING MASSES - 2026 — Montezuma Retreat House at 7 pm on October 13th and November 10th.

ST. CARLO ACUTIS EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBITION AT THE MARIA STEIN SHRINE — October 5th - 16th this exhibition is free and open to the public during normal business hours. Located in the Upper Room of the Maria Stein Shrine (elevator available). If your parish or organization would like to exhibit this International Exhibition of The Eucharistic Miracles of the World, or if you would like to know more information please contact Caleb Gaier by calling (419) 925-4532 ext 206 or at c.gaier@mariasteinshrine.org.

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.

ST. PEREGRINE CANCER PRAYER SERVICE — St. Peregrine Relic for prayer and veneration at the Maria Stein Shrine. The prayer service is held for those who are on a journey with cancer, as a patient or as a caregiver. The next service is on Sun., Oct. 11th 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 c.gaier@mariasteinshrine.org or call (419) 925-4532.

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 must sign waiver if not accompanied by an adult. Register w/ QR code or contact St. Henry Parish office.



PILGRIMAGE TO CINCINNATI — In Persona Christi Pilgrimage to Cincinnati on Monday, October 26, 2026 (7:30 am - 8:30 pm). Cost: \$80/adult, \$40/child under 18. Join Journeys Revealed Ministries and Silver Cross Catholic Store for a pilgrimage to Cincinnati with Fr. Andrew Reckers this fall! Come and see the Cathedral Basilica where the priests in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati are ordained and the seminary where they are formed. Visit us online at journeysrevealed.com/pilgrimage for a more detailed itinerary and to register.

VOCATION NIGHT AT MOUNT ST. MARY'S SEMINARY & SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY — On Wed., Oct. 14, 2026, single men aged 18 - 35 are invited to come to a Vocation Night at Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology. Doors open at 4:45 pm and the evening ends at 8:30 pm. The evening includes Mass, dinner, talks, a tour and a social with the seminarians. Registration is required. To register, email Fr. Michael Willig at vocations@catholicaoc.org.

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

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

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