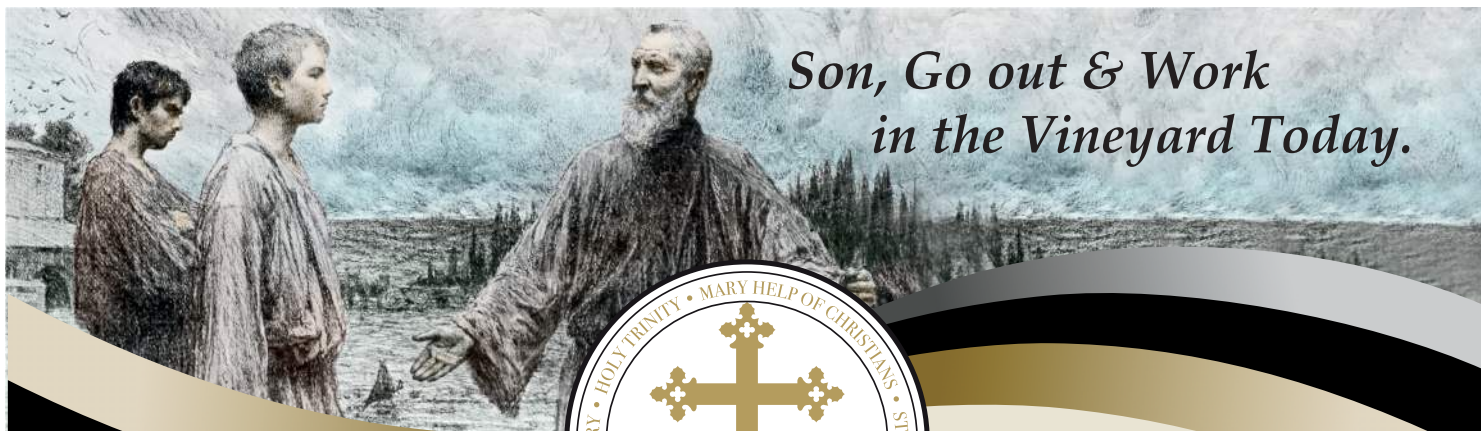




*Son, Go out & Work
in the Vineyard Today.*



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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

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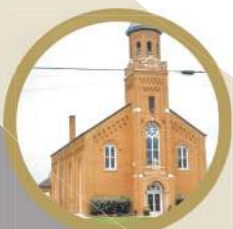
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St. Anthony



St. Joseph



St. Mary



St. Paul



St. Peter

Sunday, September 27, 2026
Twenty-Sixth 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 28 <i>Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr; Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs; opt. mem.</i>	L/D Kathy Hart Family †	FBS	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	After Mass
	Jim Timmerman †	FAW	6:45 pm	St. Peter	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Tuesday, September 29 <i>Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels; Feast</i>	L/D Joe and Sharon Dues Family †	FEM	7:15 am	St. Mary	After Mass
	Paul Backs †	FJP	6:45 pm	St. Joseph	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Wednesday, September 30 <i>Saint Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church; Memorial</i>	L/D Timmerman & Dirksen Families †	FBS	7:15 am (L/S)	MHC	After Mass
	L/D Lou & Ann Brunswick Families †	FAW	Noon (L/S)	Holy Trinity	11:30 am - end
Thursday, October 1 <i>Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church; Memorial</i>	Doris Muhlenkamp †	FBS	7:15 am	St. Paul	After Mass
	Bob Post †	FAW	6:45 pm	St. Anthony	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Friday, October 2 <i>The Holy Guardian Angels; Memorial</i>	L/D Julius & Alfrieda Sanning Family †	FBS	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	After Mass
	L/D Bob † & Marilyn Wendel Family	FAW	Noon (L/S)	MHC	11:30 am - end
Saturday, October 3 <i>BVM on Saturday; opt. mem.</i>	L/D William & Virginia Pottkotter Family †	FEM	9:00 am	St. Joseph	After Mass
	Janet Gaerke †	FBS	4:00 pm	St. Anthony	3:15 - 3:45 pm
	Dennis Diller †	FAW/DRK	4:30 pm	Holy Trinity	3:45 - 4:15 pm
	Fred Schmitz †	FJP	4:30 pm (L/S)	MHC	3:45 - 4:15 pm
Sunday, October 4 <i>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	L/D St. Joseph Ladies Sodality †	FJP	7:00 am	St. Joseph	N/A
	L/D Gary Niekamp Family †	FBS	8:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	7:25 - 7:45 am
	L/D Art Swain Family †	FEM	9:00 am (L/S)	MHC	8:25 - end
	Members of Holy Cross Family of Parishes	FAW	10:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	9:25 - 9:45 am
	Dorothy Muhlenkamp †	FEM/DDK	11:00 am	St. Paul	10:25 - 10:45 am
	Ralph Evers †	FJP	11:00 am	St. Peter	10:25 - 10:45 am
	Keith Fullenkamp †	FBS	Noon	St. Mary	11:25 - 11:45 am
	Robert & Barbara Bettinger †	FAW	6:00 pm	Holy Trinity	5:15 - 5:45 pm

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

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

Reference for Church Abbreviations

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

Tentatively Scheduled Celebrants listed above:

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

Adoration Schedules

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

St. Joseph - First Fridays of the Month

8:30 pm Friday - 8:30 am Saturday

Contact Info.: Adoration.nw1@gmail.com

Ministry Schedule

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

- Mary Help of Christians -

Wednesday, September 30, 7:15 am

Servers: Charlie Roessner, Chris Timmerman

Lector: Les Wenning

Friday, October 2, 12:00 pm

Servers: Joseph Bruns, Henry Bruns

Lector: Ted Romer

Saturday, October 3, 4:30 pm

Servers: Vincent Wenning, Xavier Bruns, Beau Schlater

Lector: Les Wenning

EMHC: Ruth Beyke, Lisa Fullenkamp

Sacristan: Ted Romer

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

Sunday, October 4, 9:00 am

Servers: Blake Homan, Vance Tobe, Gabriel Jutte, Charlie Homan

Lector: Tim Hart

EMHC: Gail Dues, Tim Hart

Sacristan: Stacy Pearson, Emma Pearson

Ushers: Mark Metzger, Greg Schmitz, Doug Schmitz, Gary J. Wendel

- St. Joseph -

Tuesday, September 29, 6:45 pm

Servers: Joseph Bruns, Henry Bruns

Lector: Jane Hipple

Sacristan: Norma Pottkotter

Saturday, October 3, 9:00 am

Servers: Logan Gaerke, Gavin Gaerke

Lector: Mary Gaerke

Sacristan: Jennifer Schulze

Sunday, October 4, 7:00 am

Servers: Joseph Bruns, Henry Bruns, Tanner Grube

Lector: Karen Bertke

EMHC: Kim Pottkotter

Sacristan: Kim Pottkotter, Danielle Schulze

Ushers: Mel Bertke, Grant Pottkotter

- St. Paul -

Thursday, October 1, 7:15 am

Servers: Korbin Wuebker, Hayden Wuebker

Sunday, October 4, 11:00 am

Servers: Russell Hart, Korbin Wuebker, Hayden Wuebker

Lector: Jackie Evers

EMHC: Jackie Evers, Deacon Dan Kahlig

Ushers: Jared Rindler, Joe Hawk

Rosary: Chris & Theresa Siefring

- St. Peter -

Monday, September 28, 6:45 pm

Servers: Theo Schmitz

Lector: Kim Schmitz

Sunday, October 4, 11:00 am

Servers: Coby Schmitz, Hoyt Schmitz, Braxton Schmitz, Corbyn Schmitz, Tyler Kahlig, Tate Kahlig

Lector: Marilyn Pottkotter

EMHC: Abe Timmerman

Sacristan: Brenda Kahlig

Ushers: Doug Kahlig, Mitchell Pugh

- Holy Trinity -

Monday, September 28, 7:15 am

Servers: Archer Bihn, Lincoln Homan

Lector: Rene Klosterman

Sacristans: Kathy Rutschilling, Pam Wellman

Wednesday, September 30, 12:00 pm

Servers: Leo Huelskamp, Ray Huelskamp

Lector: Nancy Clune

Sacristan: Norma Wermert

Friday, October 2, 7:15 am

Servers: Jack Bettinger, Blake Wenning

Lector: Rita Riethman

Sacristans: Kathy Rutschilling, Pam Wellman

Saturday, October 3, 4:30 pm

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby, Alex Schwieterman

Lector: Ken Hoying

EMHC: Denny Riethman, Deacon Roger Kaiser, Brenda Kaiser

Sacristan: Rita Riethman

Sunday, October 4, 8:00 am

Servers: Samuel Gerlach, Archer Bihn, Lincoln Homan, Leo Gerlach

Lector: Nick Knapke

EMHC: Betty Hamberg, Herb Hamberg

Sacristan: Thomas Langenkamp, Emma Gerlach

Sunday, October 4, 10:00 am

Servers: Jack Bettinger, Dillan Wenning, Brandon Wendel

Lector: Ed Hosbach

EMHC: Cindy Hemmelgarn, Nancy Wolters, Stephanie Rutschilling

Sacristan: Nancy Wolters, Campbell Collins, Sawyer Collins

Sunday, October 4, 6:00 pm

Servers: Levi Sutter, Leo Huelskamp, Ray Huelskamp

Lector: Charmaine Bettinger

EMHC: Amy Klingshirn, Sarah Klosterman, Pam Hicks

Sacristan: Cindy Broering

- St. Anthony -

Thursday, October 1, 6:45 pm

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby

Lector: Paul Welling

Sacristan: Janie Timmerman

Saturday, October 3, 4:00 pm

Servers: Jacob Kahlig, Wesley Kahlig

Lector: Paul Welling

EMHC: Janie Timmerman

Sacristan: Janie Timmerman

Ushers: Greg Alig, Nick Dues

Rosary: Marty Knapke

- St. Mary -

Tuesday, September 29, 7:15 am

Servers: Lincoln Homan, Leo Huelskamp

Lector: Vicki Dues

Sunday, October 4, 12:00 pm

Servers: Derek Dues, Jacob Uhlenhake, Henry Uhlenhake, Gibson Dues

Lector: Jordan Geier

EMHC: Amy Welling

Ushers: Jason Kaiser,

Kevin Welling



Message from the Priests

Rediscovering Confirmation: Part 4 (of 10)

Key Verses: Acts 8:14-17; Acts 1:8; Acts 2:1-4; Isaiah 11:1-3; 2 Corinthians 1:21-22

For many people, Confirmation can feel empty or like a disappointment. For that reason, Confirmation is probably one of the least loved Sacraments. I know this from my own experience. After spending a year learning about how the Holy Spirit was going to come into my life in a deeper way, that He was going to give me several gifts and fruits (whatever that meant), I woke up the next morning still struggling with the same old struggles. Did anything even really change? This observation caused me as a teenager to fall into the first misunderstanding. I didn't hear it from my Protestant friends, but many of them probably thought something similar:

1. *Misunderstanding: That Confirmation is not Biblical. There's no place in the Bible where it says that Jesus instituted the Sacrament and, besides, we already received the Spirit in Baptism. Does this Sacrament feel like a letdown because it's not a real Sacrament?*

If you feel this way, read Acts of the Apostles and see if that changes your perspective. In Acts, we see the Apostles by-and-large at their best. But it's not because they finally "get it". It's because they have received the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit truly changes things. Consider this passage:

Now when the Apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit; for It had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit...Simon [not Peter] saw that the Spirit was given through the laying on of the Apostles' hands... --Acts 8:14-18

There are several interesting things to note here: Firstly, those involved had already believed and received Baptism from the Deacon Philip. But in order for the fullness of the Holy Spirit to come upon them, the big guns had to be brought in. It's fascinating that a sinful man (Simon) is the one who is able to see the exact cause of the Holy Spirit's coming: It is through a laying on of hands by the Apostles themselves that they receive the Holy Spirit.

2. At this point someone might object: *"Is the laying on of hands really that important?"* Scripture's answer is an emphatic "yes"! Throughout salvation history, God repeatedly uses this visible action to communicate His invisible grace.

The action is used throughout the Old Testament to signify succession (Numbers 27:18), purification from sin (Leviticus 16:21), and even ordination (Numbers 8:10). Jesus Himself modeled this behavior to heal (Luke 4:40) and to bless (Matthew 19:13). As He was preparing to Ascend into Heaven, He promised His Apostles that they would lay hands on the sick and that through that action the sick would be healed (Mark 16:18, see Acts 28:8). When the Apostles decided that their Apostolic power needed to be handed on in part to the deacons, they laid hands on the men chosen (Acts 6:6). Their successors continued to use this action when commissioning Paul and Barnabas for missionary work (Acts 13:3). This action continues down to the Church to this day. It is this act that remains constant in the ordination rite of deacons, priests, and bishops. In that moment, the power that the Apostles received from Jesus flows through time and space down to him. The authority Christ entrusted to the Apostles did not die with them. Through the laying on of hands it has been handed on from generation to generation. This direct, unbroken line is what we call "Apostolic Succession". Every bishop, priest, and deacon exercises his ministry through this Apostolic Succession. So when the bishop comes and lays hands on the recipient of Confirmation, it is an

act pregnant with meaning, history, and power.

3. This brings us back to our original misunderstanding: *When I stood before the Bishop and he laid hands on me, did anything even really happen?* Yes! The Second Vatican Council summarizes this beautifully:

They are more perfectly bound to the Church by the Sacrament of Confirmation, and the Holy Spirit endows them with special strength so that they are more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith, both by word and by deed, as true witnesses of Christ-- Lumen Gentium, 11.

The Sacrament of Confirmation is the third Sacrament that changes the soul of the recipient. In Baptism, we were given the power to become the children of God (John 1:12), to become another Christ, and thereby to enter into a worshipping relationship with the Father. Now through Confirmation, a new power is given. The Holy Spirit's power is now directed not just to our inner sanctification, but to the outer sanctification of the world. Jesus Himself tells us that true followers will be persecuted and that they will have to give testimony (Luke 21:13).

That word "witness" is key. In English, it sounds somewhat benign, but in Greek, the meaning is quite clear: The Greek word there is martyrion (μαρτύριον), from which we derive the word *martyr*, that is, one who sheds their blood for Christ. In that same passage, Jesus assures us of His tender care for us: "I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict...But not a hair of your head will perish (Luke 21: 15, 18). In our Lord's words, we can see a prophecy from Isaiah falling into place. God says through Isaiah:

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse and a branch shall grow out of his roots. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. And His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.--Isaiah 11:1-3

What Isaiah spoke concerning Jesus the Son is now spoken of God's adopted sons and daughters at Confirmation.

But this all leads us back to the original question: *why did Confirmation feel so empty for many of us?* Because many of us stopped going to religion class. Maybe we were even told by a well-meaning catechist that "you're an adult in the Church now". It sounds like we're finished. For many people, Confirmation was Catholic graduation.

It felt empty because we treated it like an ending when instead it should be treated like a beginning. A new chapter of my life--one in which the faith planted within me at Baptism is strengthened by the Holy Spirit and carried out into the world, wherever life takes me. And when we do that, the Sacraments can bear incredible fruit.

And remember what we learned about Holy Orders: It was not so much the man of the Bishop who stood before you and laid his hands upon you: it was Jesus Himself standing before you in the person of the Bishop. Jesus Himself came to the door of your heart, He knocked. Did you answer the door? If you didn't, He didn't take those gifts back with Him. Those gifts of grace remain on the doorstep of your heart, waiting for us to open the door and receive those gifts and to bear abundant fruit in our lives.

In Jesus, through Mary,

Fr. Witt



Sacramental Information

Wedding Banns

- II Adam Diller & Hailey Stammen
- II Ryan Post & Brittany Walterbusch
- I Devin Huelskamp & Rachel Davis
- I Kendrik Wendel & Emma Kahlig

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!

Nathan & Aubrey (Knapke) Kaiser
Married Saturday, September 12, 2026
(Mary Help of Christians)

*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.

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

In Loving Memory...

Jerald "Jerry" Post
August 9, 1946 - September 7, 2026
(Holy Trinity)

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

Stewardship

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

Notice:
September 7 - 13, 2026
contributions will be available in the
October 4th bulletin.

**Thank you for your patience,
understanding, & continued support!**



Thank you for your generosity!

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.)

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

BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES — Please be advised: the October 4th bulletin submission deadline has passed. If you have any information that you need advertised throughout our parishes before the publication of the October 11th bulletin, 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 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.

VIGIL OF TWO HEARTS *Schedule of Events @ St. Joseph*

Friday, October 2

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, October 3

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.)

EXPECTANT MOTHER'S BLESSING — The blessing of expectant mothers will be after all Masses the weekend of October 3rd/4th.

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.

SERVANTS OF CHRIST MEN'S GROUP — Meetings are at 4:30 am in The Grotto on the first and third Friday of each month. They are currently 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.

Priesthood Sunday *September 27, 2026*

Priesthood Sunday seeks to reaffirm the priesthood of Jesus Christ and its central place in the life of the Church. This day also specifically honors priests, without whom the Holy Sacraments could not be conferred, for a single day out of the 365 days of the year during which they tirelessly serve their parishes.

Please Thank & Pray for Priests!



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

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.



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.

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.



Join us for...

OCIA for Everyone

First Monday of the Month

@

St. Peter School Hall,

7:30 - 8:30 pm

October: How are we saved? What is grace?

November: Are all denominations equal if someone loves Jesus and seeks to follow him? What should we do for our loved ones who have stopped practicing the Catholic faith?

December: NO SESSION

January: The Sacraments

February: The Mass

March: Consecrations and other Catholic Devotions, Living the liturgical calendar.

April: The Four Last Things, and Jesus' second coming

May: Questions about difficult social issues and the Catholic response

First Session - Monday, October 5th!

PREGNANCY & INFANT LOSS REMEMBRANCE — Anyone who has either personally or has a loved one that has suffered a miscarriage or infant loss at anytime is invited to 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 during October 3rd & 4th Masses throughout our Family of Parishes. The flowers may be placed in the vases at any time prior to the start of the Masses.

- *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.

Welcome.

CRHP 2.0

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

Save the Date!

Parish Information

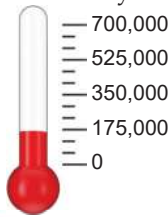


Holy Trinity

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.



OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE ROSARY

Please join us in prayer at Holy Trinity!

Mon., Oct. 5 @ 6:30 pm	Mon., Oct. 19 @ 6:30 pm
Tues., Oct. 6 @ 6:30 pm	Tues., Oct. 20 @ 7:00 pm
Wed. Oct. 7 @ 7:30 pm	Wed. Oct. 1 @ 7:30 pm
Mon., Oct. 12 @ 6:30 pm	Mon., Oct. 26 @ 6:00 pm
Tues., Oct. 13 @ 7:00 pm	Tues., Oct. 27 @ 7:00 pm
Wed. Oct. 14 @ 7:30pm	Wed. Oct. 28 @ 7:30 pm

(Mondays – Led by St. Ann's Rosary Sodality)

(Tuesdays – Led by The Knights of Columbus)

(Wednesdays – Led by The Squires)



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. 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.



St. Mary

PATRIOTIC

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



St. Joseph

CLEANING

— (OCTOBER) **Julie Kaiser, Harlie Metzger, Jill Hart, Stephanie Leistschneider, Michele Dues, Patty Homan, Kenzie Kaiser



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.

ROSARY — The 6th grade CCD class will again be leading the rosary every Wednesday in October beginning at 7:00 pm in the Church. All are welcome!

ST. PAUL'S ROSARY SODALITY — Our fall meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 13th at 7:00 pm at the hall. Every woman age 18 and older has a place in the St. Paul Ladies Sodality, and we'd love to have you come to the fall meeting! It's a great opportunity to get involved, connect with other women of the parish, and learn more about upcoming activities and events.

FALL RAFFLE/CYO BRUNCH — This will be on Sunday, November 1st from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. If you or your business would like to donate an item or prize to the raffle, please contact a sodality officer or call Kathy at (419) 852-6125.

FUNDRAISING CONTINUES FOR ST. PAUL PARISH HALL RENOVATION PROJECT —

We want to thank you for your generosity as Phase 1 & 2 has been completely funded. The handicapped accessible bathrooms, kitchen, and the main hall are due to be completed around September 15th. The rectory windows, cry room, and confessional repairs are waiting scheduling and contractor availability. We are still in need of financial contributions for Phase 3, which will address drainage issues (water issues in the hall basement), repair/repave the parking lot, and new landscaping around the hall and church. We currently have a balance of \$61,000, which is approximately 50% of the funding needed to complete Phase 3. Keep your eyes open for an upcoming Open House! Please feel free to reach out to any of your St. Paul Parish council members: Dustin Sudhoff, President (937) 344-1590, Lindsey Reinhard (419) 852-4446, Matt Hart (419) 852-2372, Michele Homan (419) 852-1947, Kevin Knapke (419) 305-6869, Kim Knapke (419) 852-3756.



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.

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.

Religious Education

Coldwater Religious Ed.

Contact: Stephanie Rutschilling
srutschilling.holycrossfop@gmail.com, (419) 678-4802

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.

Contact: Harlie Metzger
hmetzger.holycrossfop@gmail.com, (419) 375-4153

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 Jerome

Most of the saints are remembered for some outstanding virtue or devotion which they practiced, but Jerome is frequently remembered for his bad temper! It is true that he had a very bad temper and could use a vitriolic pen, but his love for God and his son Jesus Christ was extraordinarily intense; anyone who taught error was an enemy of God and truth, and Saint Jerome went after him or her with his mighty and sometimes sarcastic pen. He was above all a Scripture scholar, translating most of the Old Testament from the Hebrew. Jerome also wrote commentaries which are a great source of scriptural inspiration for us today. He was an avid student, a thorough scholar, a prodigious letter-writer and a consultant to monk, bishop, and pope. Saint Augustine said of him, "What Jerome is ignorant of, no mortal has ever known." Saint Jerome is particularly important for having made a translation of the Bible which came to be called the Vulgate. It is not the most critical edition of the Bible, but its acceptance by the Church was fortunate. As a modern scholar says, "No man before Jerome or among his contemporaries and very few men for many centuries afterwards were so well qualified to do the work." The Council of Trent called for a new and corrected edition of the Vulgate, and declared it the authentic text to be used in the Church. In order to be able to do such work, Saint Jerome prepared himself well. He was a master of Latin, Greek, Hebrew, and Chaldaic. He began his studies at his birthplace, Stridon in Dalmatia. After his preliminary education, he went to Rome, the center of learning at that time, and thence to Trier, Germany, where the scholar was very much in evidence. He spent several years in each place, always trying to find the very best teachers. He once served as private secretary to Pope Damasus. After these preparatory studies, he traveled extensively in Palestine, marking each spot of Christ's life with an outpouring of devotion. Mystic that he was, he spent five years in the desert of Chalchis so that he might give himself up to prayer, penance, and study. Finally, he settled in Bethlehem, where he lived in the cave believed to have been the birthplace of Christ. Jerome died in Bethlehem, and the remains of his body now lie buried in the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome.



Feast Day:
Sept. 30th

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.

FISHER OF FUN — (5th - 8th grade) Wednesday, October 14th, 7:30 - 8:30 pm. Please meet in the Youth Group Room in the Fr. Yauss building.

CHILDREN'S ADORATION — (K - 6th grade) October, 22nd @ 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

Contact: Natalie Ashbaugh
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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

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people:
"The man came to the second son and said the same thing;
and he answered, 'I will, sir'; but he did not go.
Which of the two did the will of his father?"
They said, "The first." Mt 21:30-31

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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

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.

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

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 September 30th with the final turn in being October 4th. Thank you for supporting your local Knights of Columbus.

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>.

FROM THE SAFE ENVIRONMENT OFFICE OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI — We would like to remind all parish/school employees and volunteers of the requirements of the Decree on Child Protection. All employees and volunteers are required to have completed Archdiocese of Cincinnati SafeParish™: Protecting Children From Sexual Abuse - Arch. of Cincinnati Edition. In addition, employees are required to complete an online background check, manual fingerprinting, and B4 form once prior to beginning employment. Ohio Department of Education licensees may have additional requirements, and school offices or athletic departments should be consulted if there are any questions. Volunteers are required to complete an online background check prior to volunteering with youth. Employees and volunteers are required to stay current in completing SafeParish™ quarterly bulletins.

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.

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.

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.

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

2026 T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST — Mercer County RTL is excited to again offer their T-Shirt Design Contest. The winning design will receive a cash prize of \$300 and be used for the 2027 'Pro-Life T-Shirt Day'! All participants will receive a \$20 gift card to McDonalds. The rules are as follows: designs must have a maximum of two colors and utilize one side of a t-shirt. Submit design entries to: prolifegeneration.mercercounty@outlook.com by October 23, 2026. 7th - 12th grade students who live in or worship in Mercer County are eligible. Please include the contestant's name in the subject portion of the e-mail. In the message portion of the entry please list the contestant's address, age, and school. Scores will be based equally on inspiration and creativity.

CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS & AUXILIARY — Membership is open to all honorably discharged Catholic veterans and their families (Active, Reserve, National Guard). Wartime service is not required - just 90 days of active-duty service. We advocate for and support all veterans, regardless of faith, through our programs of Catholic Action, Americanism, Youth Activities, and Veteran Welfare. We are proud of our service, and we love our faith! We would like you to join us and continue serving "For God, For Country, For Home." Ohio has 17 Posts, and we are looking to grow our service to veterans, our Church, and our communities in your parish / area. Contact us for more information: Department of Ohio, CWV: (614) 221-7601 or ohiocwv@sbcglobal.net

CATHOLIC IN RECOVERY RETREATS — These retreats offer hope and healing for individuals and family members impacted by a variety of addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments. Retreat participants are given various opportunities to encounter the Lord and deepen their recovery through various talks, personal testimonies, meetings, prayer & reflection time, engaging the sacraments, & fellowship with others seeking recovery rooted in Catholic spirituality. Info.: <https://catholicinrecovery.com/events>.

SUPPORT LIFE — Choosing Life Pregnancy Center provides compassionate assistance to expectant mothers and families, offering resources and guidance and support. Some of the free services we offer are: 2D/4D ultrasounds, pregnancy test verification, online parenting classes with points, adoption planning, life skill classes, support mentoring and counseling. We also offer walk-in ultrasounds on Tuesdays from 11:30 am - 4:30 pm. "Everything Shoppe" is open to purchase quality items Mon. - Fri. 11 am - 5 pm. We accept donations new or good used condition. Located at 560 Touvelle St., Celina, Ohio. For more info.: www.choosinglife.us or contact (419) 733-4847, (567) 890-LIFE, or choosinglife@bright.net.

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.



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.

ST. GERARD MASS OF HOPE AND HEALING — All married couples, family, and friends are invited to the annual St. Gerard Mass of Hope for the Blessing of Children. Friday, Oct. 16, 2026, at 7:00 pm at Holy Rosary Church, St. Marys. Hosted by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, this free event provides an opportunity for prayerful support for married couples experiencing infertility or pregnancy loss. It includes Holy Mass on the feast day of St. Gerard Majella, the patron saint of expectant mothers, followed by a reception with fellowship, delicious hors d'oeuvres and resources. For more information contact Dcn. David Ulmer at dulmer@catholicaoc.org.

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.

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

FALL ANDREW DINNER — 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.

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.

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.

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.

THE CATHOLIC ADULT SINGLES CLUB — This is a Catholic club for adults 21 and older that has social events every weekend and a club meeting once a month. For more information please call (567) 510-8197.

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

MCRTL — The Ohio March for Life is on October 2nd. Plan to depart from Romer's Catering in Celina at 7:30 am and return at 4:00 pm. Call Connie with questions and/or to reserve your seat: (216) 815-0430. Thanks to a special donor, the cost of attending the march with the MCRTL has been fully covered so there is NO COST! Whether you've been to the March before or if this will be your first time, please join us as we stand together for life!

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