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Holy Trinity

Coldwater Office

419-678-4802
120 E. Main St.
P.O. Box 107
Coldwater, OH 45828

Mon - Thurs:
8:30 am - 12:30 pm & 1 pm - 5 pm
Fri: 8:30 am - 1 pm



Mary Help of Christians

Fort Recovery Office

419-375-4153
403 Sharpsburg Road
Fort Recovery, Ohio 45846

Mon: 9 am - 3 pm
Tues - Thurs: 8 am - 5 pm
Fri: 9 am - 1 pm



Website:

www.holycrossfop.org

Facebook:

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St. Anthony



St. Joseph



St. Mary



St. Paul



St. Peter

Sunday, October 18, 2026
Twenty-ninth 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, October 19 <i>Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs</i>	L/D Clete & Norma Bettinger Families †	FBS	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	After Mass
	Allen Dues †	FAW	6:45 pm	St. Peter	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Tuesday, October 20 <i>Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest; opt. mem.</i>	Dave Mescher †	FBS	7:15 am	St. Mary	After Mass
	L/D Jerome & Rita Pottkotter Family †	FJP	6:45 pm	St. Joseph	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Wednesday, October 21 <i>Weekday</i>	Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life	FJP	7:15 am (L/S)	MHC	After Mass
	Larry Obringer †	FBS	Noon (L/S)	Holy Trinity	11:30 am - end
Thursday, October 22 <i>Saint John Paul II, Pope; opt. mem.</i>	Jim Abels †	FJP	7:15 am	St. Paul	After Mass
	L/D Dennis & Carma Diller Family †	FBS	6:45 pm	St. Anthony	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Friday, October 23 <i>Saint John of Capistrano, Priest, opt. mem.</i>	Herb & Rosemary Kaiser †	FBS	7:15 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	After Mass
	Mass Canceled - Priest Convocation	N/A	Noon (L/S)	MHC	11:30 am - end
Saturday, October 24 <i>Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop; BVM on Saturday; opt. mem.</i>	L/D Vincent & Marjorie Schoenherr Family †	FBS	9:00 am	St. Joseph	After Mass
	Joan Muhlenkamp †	FJP	4:00 pm	St. Anthony	3:15 - 3:45 pm
	Thomas Schwieterman †	FEM	4:30 pm	Holy Trinity	3:45 - 4:15 pm
	L/D Virgil & Eleanor Schoenlein Family †	FAW	4:30 pm (L/S)	MHC	3:45 - 4:15 pm
Sunday, October 25 <i>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Members of Holy Cross Family of Parishes	FAW/DDK	7:00 am	St. Joseph	N/A
	Joyce Jansen †	FJP	8:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	7:25 - 7:45 am
	L/D John & MaryAnn Wendel Family †	FBS	9:00 am (L/S)	MHC	8:25 - end
	Karen Stucke †	FEM	10:00 am (L/S)	Holy Trinity	9:25 - 9:45 am
	L/D Ludwig & Deloros Wuebker Family †	FBS	11:00 am	St. Paul	10:25 - 10:45 am
	Rose Ann Diller †	FAW/DRK	11:00 am	St. Peter	10:25 - 10:45 am
	Andy Wendel †	FJP	Noon	St. Mary	11:25 - 11:45 am
	Robert & Joan VonderHaar †	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-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, October 21, 7:15 am

Servers: Charlie Roessner, Chris Timmerman

Lector: Ted Romer

Friday, October 23, 12:00 pm

Servers: Xavier Bruns, Luke Bruns

Lector: Diane Siegrist

Saturday, October 24, 4:30 pm

Servers: Tucker Huntsman, Xavier Bruns, Luke Bruns, Beau Schlater

Lector: Kathy Portz

EMHC: Kathy Portz, Esther Heitkamp

Sacristan: Mark Roessner

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

Sunday, October 25, 9:00 am

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

Lector: Tom Remaklus

EMHC: Roger Wenning, Cheryl Wenning

Sacristans: Roger & Cheryl Wenning

Ushers: Mike Laux, Mark Metzger, Doug Schmitz, Greg Schmitz

– St. Joseph –

Tuesday, October 20, 6:45 pm

Servers: Braxton Schmitz, Corbyn Schmitz

Lector: Ryan Sutter

Sacristan: Matt Hess

Saturday, October 24, 9:00 am

Servers: Blaise Bergman

Lector: Paige Schulze

Sacristan: Rebecca Schulze

Sunday, October 25, 7:00 am

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

Lector: Aimee Pottkotter

EMHC: Christa Fullenkamp

Sacristans: Christa Fullenkamp

Ushers: Bryan Pottkotter, Grant Pottkotter

– St. Paul –

Thursday, October 22, 7:15 am

Servers: Korbin Wuebker, Hayden Wuebker

Sunday, October 25, 11:00 am

Servers: Brady Evers, Ty Evers, Camden LeFevre

Lector: Kathy Keller

EMHC: Rita McElDowney, Lindsey Reinhard

Ushers: Ross Homan, Dave Keller

Rosary: Harry & Barb Schoen

– St. Peter –

Monday, October 19, 6:45 pm

Servers: Logan Gaerke, Gavin Gaerke

Lector: Mary Gaerke

Sunday, October 25, 11:00 am

Servers: Carter Fortkamp, Derek Fortkamp, Kale Diller, Easton Diller, Theo Schmitz

Lector: Katie Diller

EMHC: Ben Knapke

Sacristan: Marilyn Pottkotter, Kenzie Rindler

Ushers: Eric Schmitz, Blayne Tobe

– Holy Trinity –

Monday, October 19, 7:15 am

Servers: Leo Huelskamp, Ray Huelskamp

Lector: Rene Klosterman

Sacristans: Kathy Rutschilling, Pam Wellman

Wednesday, October 21, 12:00 pm

Servers: Oliver Link, Jude Link

Lector: Nancy Clune

Sacristans: Peyton Link

Friday, October 23, 7:15 am

Servers: A.J. Alig, Ryan Alig

Lector: Rita Riethman

Sacristans: Kathy Rutschilling, Pam Wellman

Saturday, October 24, 4:30 pm

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby, Alex Schwieterman

Lector: Diane Wellman

EMHC: Megan Wolters, Michelle Wilker, Brenda Schwieterman

Sacristans: Brenda Schwieterman

Sunday, October 25, 8:00 am

Servers: Carter Heitkamp, Owen Heitkamp, Gavin Heitkamp, Jameson Tobe

Lector: Lauren Baucher

EMHC: Karen Hoying, Dan Tobe

Sacristans: Pam Wellman

Sunday, October 25, 10:00 am

Servers: Owen May, Mason Evers, John Evers, Miles Muhlenkamp

Lector: Connie May

EMHC: Deb Kaiser, Tony Hart, Connie May

Sacristans: Jerri Buening

Sunday, October 25, 6:00 pm

Servers: Liam Cowan, Eli Eyink

Lector: Ryan Sutter

EMHC: Sarah Klosterman, Stephanie Rutschilling, Amy Klingshirn

Sacristans: Cindy Broering

– St. Anthony –

Thursday, October 22, 6:45 pm

Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby

Lector: Janet Brockman

Sacristan: Janet Brockman

Saturday, October 24, 4:00 pm

Servers: Jacob Kahlig, Wesley Kahlig

Lector: Cindy Muhlenkamp

EMHC: Ellen Sudhoff

Sacristan: Cindy Muhlenkamp

Ushers: Greg Alig, Nick Dues

Rosary: Marty Knapke

– St. Mary –

Tuesday, October 20, 7:15 am

Servers: Lincoln Homan

Lector: Stephanie Wendel

Sunday, October 25, 12:00 pm

Servers: Matthew Uhlenhake, Garrett Uhlenhake, Cole Uhlenhake

Lector: Jordan Geier

EMHC: Jay Uhlenhake

Ushers: Nick Uhlenhake, Tony Puthoff

Message from the Priests

Rediscovering Confession: Part 7 (of 10)

Key Verses: Mark 2:1-12; Matthew 16:19; John 20:19-23; James 5:14-16; 2 Corinthians 5:17-20

All of the Sacraments are a miracle. Bread and wine being transformed into the Living Presence of God? A miracle. The adoption that we receive in Holy Baptism into the family of God? An undeserved miracle. But even though the Sacraments themselves are miraculous, God also works miracles through them. And if there is one Sacrament in which I have seen the most miracles it is the Sacrament of Confession. In my experience, when people get this Sacrament right everything else has a tendency to fall into place. The Devil hates that fact and has worked to undermine this Sacrament by sowing many misunderstandings about it. The number of otherwise faithful Catholics that have fallen for these misunderstandings breaks my heart.

1. The *main misunderstanding might be: where does it say that I have to go to men to have my sins forgiven?* That's what the whole book is all about!

Though Adam and Eve were created for immediate and intimate access to God, they very quickly lost this relationship. In the fullness of time, Jesus came to reconcile sinners to the Father. This ministry of reconciliation was passed along to the Apostles and has come down to our day in an unbroken line that we call *Apostolic succession*. St. Paul attests to this fact when he says:

Therefore, if any one is in Christ, he is a new creation...All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to Himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. So we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We beseech you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. --2 Corinthians 5:17-20

This flows exactly from our understanding of the Sacrament of Holy Orders. In that Sacrament, the man we are instructed to go to has been sent out into the world entrusted with Christ's own power and authority (John 20:21). Christ works through the priest like a light shines through a pane of glass. In this Sacrament, He uses the priest's ears to hear our Confession and the priest's voice so that we can hear His clear and definitive forgiveness.

2. *But did St. Paul just take this power for himself?* No, the ministry of reconciliation by which the Apostles and their successors work is what our Lord had in mind from the beginning of His ministry.

In the Gospels, Jesus first shows that He Himself has the authority to forgive sins, that He truly is God.

"But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins"--He said to the paralytic--"I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home"--Mark 2:10-11

As Scripture goes on, it shows the Apostles entering progressively more deeply into this ministry. It starts with the Apostles continuing St. John's Baptism. John's Baptism was not our Sacrament of Baptism but was a sign of repentance from sin. When they were baptized with John's Baptism, they came to him "confessing their sins" (Matthew 3:6). John bridges the Old Testament ministry of reconciliation performed through the Levitical priests (see Leviticus 5:5) to the New Testament.

As Jesus continues, He expresses His desire to found a Church on St. Peter's confession. Oftentimes, people get bogged down by the verse "You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church" to the point that they forget the next line: "whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Matthew 16:19). The entry on this term from the Jewish Encyclopedia is stunning:

“The power of binding and loosing was always claimed by the Pharisees...[they] possessed and exercised the power of tying or untying a thing...This does not mean that, as the learned men, they merely decided what, according to the Law, was forbidden or allowed, but that they possessed and exercised the power of tying or untying a thing by...their divine authority....”

But just in case we miss that, He makes it even more explicit: After His Resurrection, He breathed on them and told them “If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained”. At this point, I think it’s actually more fair to ask: where does it say in Scripture that we can confess our sins privately in our hearts?

3. This might give rise to *another misunderstanding*: Maybe Jesus gave the Apostles this authority, but it doesn’t seem nearly as central as Catholics make it out to be. But this becomes even clearer when we understand the biblical connection between sin and disease.

Throughout Scripture, physical healing is linked with Spiritual healing. This is evident in the Apostles’ reaction to the man born blind (see John 9). Although we know (and Jesus knew) that sin does not result in punishment as a cause and effect, the Biblical worldview sees a strong relationship between sin and death, disease, and destruction. So the healing of the body was often considered a beautiful sign of a deeper inner healing. This sheds a whole new light on the many miraculous healings effected through the Apostles (see for example Acts 5:15). To us moderns, the healing of illnesses seems to be unconnected to inner moral wounds, but to the Biblical worldview, the message is clear: when the Apostles heal, they are giving visible signs of that deeper healing.

This is especially explicit in St. James’ instruction when someone is sick:

Is any among you sick? Let him call for the priests of the Church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects.--James 5:14-16

It’s important to read the final part of this verse in its context. St. James doesn’t describe a liturgical rite (the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick) in one place and then the forgiveness of sins in another place. It is all in the same action. It is precisely by sending for the priest and Jesus, working through the priest, that the man is forgiven, healed, and saved.

4. Believe me when I say that I know how difficult this Sacrament can be. Perhaps a final question, one borne out of pain, frustration, and maybe a little bit of fear, might be “*why does God want mercy to be given in this way*”? God answered that for me in a powerful way when I was around 14 years old.

I had said something I truly regretted to my sister. It really hurt her. Even when I got punished for it, I was glad because I knew I deserved it. I remember crying myself to sleep, repenting with all my heart for what I had said. That heartfelt repentance was good. But I also remember waking up the next day and refusing to believe in my own contrition. I convinced myself that I wasn’t really sorry, that she deserved what I said because of whatever she had done to me. I chose to continue in my sin.

In other words, because my repentance was abstract, I was able to abstract it. Compare that with this Sacrament: it takes place outside of us. We bring sins from the hidden depths and say them aloud. That is the wisdom of God in this Sacrament: my repentance is made concrete in the confession I speak, and God’s mercy is taken from the hiddenness of Heaven and spoken aloud over me.

In Jesus, through Mary,

Fr. Witt



Sacramental Information

Wedding Banns

- II Andrew Varno & Libby Pottkotter
- II Cale Rammel & Lydia Brunswick
- I Anthony Cornett & Madison Ott

And the two shall become one.

Sacrament of Matrimony

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

Newly Baptized

Mary Help of Christians

Edmond Charles Combs
Child of Gabriel & Hannah

Dominic James Kaiser
Child of Mark & Kayla

St. Anthony

Wesley James Siefring
Child of Mitchell & Emily

MEN INQUIRING ABOUT THE PERMANENT DIACONATE — Any man who may be discerning a possible vocation to serve the Church as a Permanent Deacon should contact Deacon Mark Machuga, Director of the Office of the Diaconate, to discuss the discernment process, prerequisites, and the formation cycle. Deacon Mark can be reached at 513-263-6641 or deaconoffice@catholicaoc.org.

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

Holy Cross Family of Parishes

ALL SOULS DAY MASS — On Monday, November 2nd a 6:15 am Mass will be held outdoors in the St. Joseph cemetery for All Souls' Day. Please bring lawn chairs. All are welcome to attend.

UPCOMING MEMORIAL MASSES — The Memorial Mass remembers and prays for the individuals from Holy Cross Family of Parishes who have passed away this past year - mid October to mid October. Masses will be on Mon., Nov. 2, 2026, at 6:45 pm at Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church for the deceased from Mary Help, St. Joseph, St. Paul and St. Peter Parishes and Thurs., Nov. 5, 2026, at 6:45 pm at Holy Trinity Catholic Church for the deceased from Holy Trinity, St. Anthony and St. Mary Parishes. The evening begins at 6:45 pm with a candle lighting service, followed immediately with Mass. After Mass a social and light lunch will take place at both churches. An invitation will be mailed to a contact person from each individual's family, but all are welcome to attend.

CANCELLATIONS — The regularly scheduled Adoration, Confession and Mass at St. Peter on Mon., Nov. 2nd and at St. Anthony on Thurs., Nov. 5th are both canceled due to the Memorial Masses being held those evenings.

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.

WOMEN'S SOCIAL GROUP REMINDER — The October meetings are on the third & fifth Thursday for the month of October. 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.



FINANCIAL REPORTS — The Parish Financial Reports for fiscal year 2025-2026 are available at the entrances of each church. Thank you for your generous contributions to our parishes and designated collections throughout the year. Please contact your business manager if you have any questions. Fort Recovery Parishes: Amy Lennartz (419) 375-4153. Coldwater Parishes: Charmaine Bettinger (419) 678-4802.

DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY — Holy Cross Family of Parishes is on a journey to know, love, and serve Christ in our parish community. Together we must embrace Christ's vision for missionary discipleship so our parish can thrive and be a place for others to grow together in faith. The very first step in this process involves assessing our greatest strengths and opportunities, and that is where the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) comes in! The DMI is an important survey tool that invites you to reflect on your discipleship journey here at Holy Cross Family of Parishes. The Disciple Maker Index is designed to: invite parishioners to reflect on their journey of discipleship, enable parish leadership to make data-driven decisions, and help parishioners grow in their faith. The 10–15-minute survey can be accessed through an online link starting on October 27th and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide your perspective on our parish's efforts to help you grow in relationship with Christ. All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. We will share the link with you a bit closer to the launch of the survey. Paper surveys will also be available for those who do not have the ability to complete the survey online. Together we must embrace Christ's vision for missionary discipleship so our parish can thrive and be a place for others to grow together in faith. Thank you for helping with this important project and please continue to pray for this intention and for the growth and protection of our parish.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT — This week we will be operating with only three priests. Please pray for Fr. Moore as he will be away. The remaining priests will do their best to make things run as smoothly as possible. Thank you for your patience in the case that something happens or needs to be canceled. Please pray for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life!

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY — For this weekend's World Mission Sunday collection, October 17-18, please support our sisters and brothers in 1,200 mission dioceses worldwide through the Holy Father's Pontifical Mission Societies. Many are struggling with earthquakes, armed conflicts, and destruction of church facilities. Your support helps to educate seminarians, novices, and catechists as well as to maintain hospitals, clinics, and schools to build their self-sustainability. Thank you for your generous gift that enables God's love and hope to come alive. If you want more information about supporting missionary work or about becoming a missionary yourself, please visit the website for Archdiocese of Cincinnati Mission Office: <https://catholicaoc.org/offices/mission-and-pontifical-mission-societies>.



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DR. JOHN BERGSMA



EVENT DETAILS:

- 8 am - Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
- 8:45 am - Coffee and snacks (Grotto)
- 9:10 am - Welcome & Introduction
- 9:15 am - First Presentation: "Mass
Conversion: How I Discovered the
Eucharist and the Catholic Church"
- 10:15 am - St. Paul Center Presentation
- 10:30 am - Break/Book Sales & Book Signing
(Grotto)
- 11:00 am - Second Presentation: "Love Basics
for Catholics"
- 12:00 pm - Book Raffle & Closing Remarks
- 12:05 pm - Final Book Sales & Book Signing
(Grotto)

Saturday, January 23, 2027: 8 AM - 12:45 PM

Holy Trinity Catholic Church @ 120 East Main St., Coldwater, OH 45828



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HOLY CROSS FAMILY OF PARISHES PRESENTS

MARRIED COUPLES TRIVIA NIGHT BONANZA!

SECRET GRAND PRIZE FOR THE WINNING TEAM

A very Mercer County trivia night

CATEGORIES INCLUDE:
The MAC, 'Merica, Last Names, Fun Facts about Fr. Joseph, & more!

WHEN: SAT, OCT 24 Doors Open 7:00 PM Games 7:30 PM	TEAMS: Round up 2 or 3 couples and make a night of it
WHERE: MHC UNDERCROFT	BYOB: Bring your own drinks & snacks for your crew

RSVP YOUR TEAM TO:
frethan.holycrossfop@gmail.com
(RSVP APPRECIATED BUT NOT REQUIRED)

Please Note: If you don't have a team, you will be matched up with other couples at Trivia Night to form a team there. All Holy Cross Family married couples welcome to attend!

Join us for...

OCIA for Everyone

First Monday of the Month

@
St. Peter School Hall,
7:30 - 8:30 pm

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

Note: Please bring your own *Catechism of the Catholic Church* to each meeting.

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.

HOMEBOUND MEALS — St. Ann's of Holy Trinity is offering Homebound Meals on October 18th. If you are not on the list and would like to be added, please call (567) 644-8373.

SUPPORT ST. ANN'S SODALITY! — Order online or from any St. Ann's Sodality member. Available to order: Texas Roadhouse rolls, honey cinnamon butter, beef jerky, and/or peanut brittle. Pickup is on November 19, 2026 at Holy Trinity Parking Lot. Rolls are limited to 250 dozen packages. Beef jerky and peanut brittle packages include a FREE appetizer voucher. Orders are due October 26th.



OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE ROSARY — Please join us in prayer at Holy Trinity on Monday, October 19th @ 6:30 pm; Tuesday, October 20th @ 7:00 pm; Wednesday, October 21st @ 7:20 pm; Monday, October 26th @ 6:00 pm; Tuesday, October 27th @ 7:00 pm; and Wednesday, October 28th @ 7:20 pm. The Rosary is led by St. Ann's Rosary Sodality on Mondays, the Knights of Columbus on Tuesdays, and the Squires on Wednesdays.



St. Anthony

THANK YOU —

The St. Anthony garage sale was again a great success; this is only possible because of the wonderful cooperation of the entire parish plus surrounding communities. This year, all proceeds are being evenly split between the St. Anthony Men's and Ladies' Sodalities. Thank you Fr. Witt and the religion teachers for allowing us to "push" back religion for a week in order to have the garage sale. To everyone who helped in any way: donating items, purchasing items, setting up, pricing, tearing down etc; it certainly was a huge undertaking; but working with everyone made it an enjoyable experience. And a special "THANK YOU" to Bart and Mary Doll for donating a large tent and putting it up and taking down: so much appreciated. Thank you to all involved!

- Garage Sale Committee

VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR FUNERAL MEAL ASSISTANCE — St. Anthony is looking for a volunteer to assist with the planning and coordination of funeral meals. Joanne Alig currently handles this responsibility and would appreciate having someone work alongside her to help with the process. This is a wonderful opportunity to support our parish and families during a difficult time. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please reach out at (419) 852-7337. Thank you for considering helping our parish community!



St. Paul

LECTORS — The 2027

lector workbooks are in each parish sacristy labeled with your name.

Please pick up at your earliest convenience. Thank you!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION — We are in need of committed Eucharistic Adorers on Thursdays at St. Paul's Parish from 8 - 9 am and also from 12 - 1 pm. If you would be able to fill a slot for an hour or 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 lead the rosary every Wednesday in October starting at 7 pm in the Church.

ACCEPTING DONATIONS — The Fall Raffle/CYO Brunch 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.

FALL RAFFLE & CYO BRUNCH — The St. Paul Altar Rosary Sodality Raffle will be held on Sunday, November 1st, following the 11:00 am Mass. Raffle tickets will be available in the back of each church for anyone who would like to participate. Tickets are \$5 each. Please place your completed ticket(s) and payment in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket. Everyone is also invited to attend the CYO Brunch that morning from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. Thank you for supporting St. Paul's Altar Rosary Sodality and the CYO!



St. Paul's Altar Rosary Sodality Raffle & CYO Brunch

GOOD FOOD • GREAT COMPANY • A STRONGER PARISH

Sunday, November 1st
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM
 Raffle Drawing to Follow 11:00 Mass

Breakfast Includes:

- Eggs
- Smoky Links
- Ham
- Pancakes
- Muffins
- Fruit
- Coffee & Juice

COME FOR BREAKFAST. STAY FOR COMMUNITY.

ST. PAUL'S PARISH

All Are Welcome!



St. Peter

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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 18, 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.

LECTORS — The 2027 lector workbooks are in each parish sacristy labeled with your name. Please pick up at your earliest convenience. Thank you!

BLOOD DRIVE — Mary Help of Christians is hosting a blood drive on Monday, October 26, 2026. We are looking for volunteers to help with the first shift from 11:45 am - 3:00 pm or to help with the second shift from 3:00 - 6:15 pm. Help is also needed to set up at 10:45 am, tear down at 6:30 pm, or volunteers to make cookies. Please contact Megan Wendel at (419) 852-5066 if you can help.

LADIES SODALITY SEWING GROUP RAFFLE — Nov. 9, 2026. 1st prize: Maroon Quilt (56"x78"), 2nd prize: Noah's Ark Quilt (34"x42"), 3rd prize: Fairy Tote Bag, 4th prize: OSU Tote Bag, 5th prize: purple & white Afghan (26"x44"). Tickets are \$1/each or 6 for \$5. Tickets are available in the back of church or contact Eileen Tobe. Drop tickets and donations in the weekly collection before Nov. 1, 2026, at any of the Ft. Recovery churches or mail to: Eileen Tobe, 234 New Weston Ft. Loramie Rd., Ft. Recovery, OH 45846. Thank you for supporting the MHC Ladies Sodality Sewing Group!



St. Joseph

LOST & FOUND —

There are many items in the back of church in the lost & found on the shelf and in a box on the floor. If you

had lost any items at the St. Joe Festival, they are in with the other lost & found items. Please take your items. Any items still remaining by November 1st will be donated or discarded.

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



St. Mary

PATRIOTIC

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

THANK YOU — What a wonderful celebration of 175 years of faith, family, and community! We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who joined us in celebrating this very special milestone in the life of our parish. We were especially blessed by the presence of our Archbishop, who celebrated Mass with us and shared in the joy of this historic occasion. As we celebrate 175 years of our parish's history, we give thanks for the generations who came before us and for the faith that continues to bring us together today. May we carry that faith forward and continue building a strong and vibrant parish community for generations to come. - The 175th Celebration Planning Committee



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

September 28 - October 4, 2026

Mary Help of Christians

Offertory.....\$5,290.00
Right to Life.....\$2,716.00
Allocated Loose.....\$1,076.14

St. Joseph

Offertory.....\$1,420.00
Right to Life.....\$ 228.00
Allocated Loose.....\$ 220.65

St. Paul

Offertory.....\$2,272.00
Right to Life.....\$ 845.00
Allocated Loose.....\$ 464.82

St. Peter

Offertory.....\$2,140.00
Right to Life.....\$1,428.00
Youth Group.....\$ 10.00
Allocated Loose.....\$ 365.34

Holy Trinity

Offertory.....\$ 6,951.00
Loose.....\$ 3,072.00
Total.....\$10,023.00
Candles.....\$ 208.00
Respect Life.....\$ 3,674.50

St. Anthony

Offertory.....\$ 975.00
Loose.....\$ 259.00
Total.....\$ 1,234.00
Respect Life.....\$ 336.00
Candles.....\$ 37.00
Fuel Collection.....\$ 470.00

St. Mary

Offertory.....\$ 565.00
Loose.....\$ 467.00
Total.....\$ 1,032.00
Candles.....\$ 88.00
Respect Life.....\$ 731.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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) — Currently through December 6th & February 7th through March 21st: Sundays at Holy Trinity at 8:00 & 10:00 am Masses.

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.

CONFIRMATION MASS — October 18, 2026, at 2:30 pm at Holy Trinity.

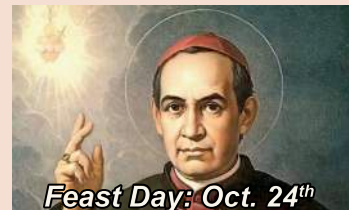
Fort Recovery Religious Ed.

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(419) 375-4153

FIRST PRE-K CLASS — Classes are the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

Saint of the Week - Saint Anthony Mary Claret'

The "spiritual father of Cuba" was a missionary, religious founder, social reformer, queen's chaplain, writer and publisher, archbishop, and refugee. He was a Spaniard whose work took him to the Canary Islands, Cuba, Madrid, Paris, and to the First Vatican Council. In his spare time as weaver and designer in the textile mills of Barcelona, Anthony learned Latin and printing: The future priest and publisher was preparing. Ordained at 28, he was prevented by ill health from entering religious life as a Carthusian or as a Jesuit, but went on to become one of Spain's most popular preachers. Anthony Mary Claret spent 10 years giving popular missions and retreats, always placing great emphasis on the Eucharist and devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. It was said that his rosary was never out of his hand. At age 42, he founded a religious institute of missionaries beginning with five young priests, known today as the Claretians. Anthony Mary Claret was appointed to head the much-neglected archdiocese of Santiago in Cuba. He began its reform by almost ceaseless preaching and hearing of confessions, and suffered bitter opposition mainly for opposing concubinage and giving instruction to black slaves. A hired assassin—whose release from prison Anthony had obtained—slashed open his face and wrist. Anthony succeeded in getting the would-be assassin's death sentence commuted to a prison term. His solution for the misery of Cubans was family-owned farms producing a variety of foods for the family's own needs and for the market. This invited the enmity of the vested interests who wanted everyone to work on a single cash crop—sugar. Besides all his religious writings are two books he wrote in Cuba: *Reflections on Agriculture and Country Delights*. He was recalled to Spain for a job he did not relish—being chaplain for the queen. Anthony went on three conditions: He would reside away from the palace; he would come only to hear the queen's confession and instruct the children; and he would be exempt from court functions. In the revolution of 1868, he fled to Paris with the queen's party, where he preached to the Spanish colony. All his life Anthony Mary Claret was interested in the Catholic press. He founded the Religious Publishing House, a major Catholic publishing venture in Spain, and wrote or published 200 books and pamphlets. At Vatican I, where he was a staunch defender of the doctrine of infallibility, Anthony won the admiration of his fellow bishops. Cardinal Gibbons of Baltimore remarked of him, "There goes a true saint." At the age of 63, he died in exile near the border of Spain.



Feast Day: Oct. 24th

- Information obtained from franciscanmedia.org

Youth Ministry

Coldwater Youth Group

Contact: Natalie Ashbaugh
nashbaugh.holycrossfop@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

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

FISHER OF FUN — (5th - 8th grade) Wednesday, October 28th from 7:30 - 8:30 pm.

CHILDREN'S ADORATION — (K - 6th grade) October, 22nd @ Holy Trinity from 3:15 - 4:30 pm.

STEBENVILLE INFO MEETING — If your 8th - 12th grader is interested in joining us for the annual Steubenville Conference in the summer of 2027, we will be hosting an informational meeting on Thurs., Oct. 29th at 7:30 pm at Mary Help of Christians Undercroft. At the meeting, we will go over: conference dates, cost, how to register, what to expect during the conference. This is just an informational meeting. Attending this meeting does not mean your child is committing to attend the conference. Come learn more, ask questions, and see if Steubenville is something your child might be interested in!

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) Friday, October 23rd from 7:15 - 8 am @ Mary Help of Christians (Linda Thieman - Mission Work/Meeting Mother Teresa)

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING — (7th - 8th grade girls) November 12th from 6:15 - 7:45 pm @ St. Joe's Hall. Please RSVP to Katie Fortkamp (419) 852-6925

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FORT FIAT & COLDWATER YOUTH GROUP

Fall FESTIVAL

5:30-8:00
@ HOLY TRINITY GROTTO
NOVEMBER 7TH

ALL 6TH -12TH GRADE ARE INVITED FOR A CHILI COOKOFF,
DOOR PRIZES, CORNHOLE, BOBBING FOR APPLES, SQUARE
DANCING, & CARAMEL APPLE BAR

RSVP BY NOVEMBER 4TH



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Congratulations!
to our students who
have been confirmed!

Community Interests

14th ANNUAL K OF C RUN/WALK FOR VOCATIONS — This is scheduled for Saturday, November 14th on the historic grounds of St. Charles Center, Carthage, Ohio, with registration from 8:30 - 9:45 am. The 5K begins at 10 am. The mission of the 5k, is to further our support for Vocations by increasing awareness and providing financial support to Seminarians and other Religious Vocations. All runners and walkers are encouraged to participate. Pumpkin pies will be awarded to age group winners for door prizes. There will be fresh donuts for all participants. Pre-registration: \$15. Race day registration: \$20. Participants 18 and under receive a \$5 discount. For more information and to register online go to: <https://runsignup.com/Race/OH/Celina/KofC5kRunWalkforVocations>. 

BREAKFAST — All are invited to Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission Breakfast on Oct. 25th from 9 - 11:30 am in the OLG church basement. It is a free will offering with all profits going to our Mission projects in Guatemala.

2026 T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST — MCRTL is again offering 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 23rd, 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.

GIVING THANKS — A free community Thanksgiving Day meal, will be held at Coldwater American Legion on Thursday, November 26th serving from 11 am - 1:30 pm. Dine-in or carry-outs are available. There is no charge, but donations are accepted to defray the cost of the meal. Can goods, dry goods and monetary donations will also be accepted for the Holy Trinity Food Pantry. Delivery for home bound will also be available. Call Marilyn Kahlig (419) 852-0428. Anyone willing to make desserts for Giving Thanks or anyone willing to volunteer at Giving Thanks please call Marilyn Kahlig (419) 852-0428.

COLDWATER K OF C — Meetings are held the third Thursday of every month in the Grotto (church basement) at 7 pm.

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.

"COME AND SEE" LIVE-IN WEEKEND AT THE JOSEPHINUM COLLEGE SEMINARY: NOVEMBER 13-15, 2026 — Young men (high school juniors and seniors and college students) interested in learning more about college seminary and the priesthood in general are invited to a live-in weekend at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus. There is no cost for the registrant. Those interested should contact Fr. Michael Willig for registration information: vocations@catholicaoc.org.

ARE YOU RECEIVING THE CATHOLIC TELEGRAPH? — Every registered household in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati should receive The Catholic Telegraph Magazine each month at no personal cost to the reader. The CT is the official magazine of the archdiocese. If you are not receiving your copy, please email ctsubscribe@catholicaoc.org or call (513) 263-5164. You can also visit us at thecatholictelegraph.com.

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.

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.

COLDWATER K OF C SWEET CORN PROJECT — The K of C wants to thank the parish and community for supporting the Sweet Corn Project this year. We had a wet start to the season which hurt the yields on several of the pickings thus the early sell-outs that occurred. Overall, we had a good year and the proceeds are being donated to the following organizations: Mercer County Right to Life, Center for Neurological Development, Maria Stein Shrine, Choosing Life Pregnancy Center, and Rustic Hope. The K of C plans to have a sweet corn fundraising project again in 2027.

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.

A STRONGER MARRIAGE BEGINS WITH ONE WEEKEND

— The Encounter Weekend helps couples deepen their love, strengthen communication, and renew their commitment to one another. Upcoming weekend: November 6 - 8 | Spiritual Center, Maria Stein, OH. Apply today at <https://esharing.org/applyWeekend.php>. For questions or more details contact: Andy and Melanie Reinersman at (859) 653-8464, or register at application@esharing.org or visit esharing.org.

CELEBRATE YOUR JUBILEE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY WITH ARCHBISHOP CASEY — Couples celebrating jubilee anniversaries (25th, 50th, 55th, 60th, etc.) in 2026 are invited to Mass with Archbishop Casey on November 15th, 10:00 am, Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains (Cincinnati) or November 21st, 4:30 pm, St. Francis of Assisi (Dayton). Family members are welcome to attend as well, and a special blessing will be offered for the jubilarian couples. Couples, RSVP online by Nov. 2nd at www.catholicaoc.org/goldenjubilée.

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.

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.

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St. Anthony: (Est. 1852) 471 St. Anthony Rd., Ft. Recovery, OH 45846
St. Mary: (Est. 1851) 3821 Philothea Rd., Coldwater OH 45828
MHC: (Est. 1881) 403 Sharpsburg Rd., Ft. Recovery, OH 45846
St. Joseph: (Est. 1839) 1689 St. Joe Rd., Ft. Recovery, OH 45846
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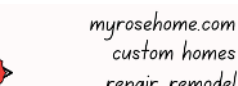
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