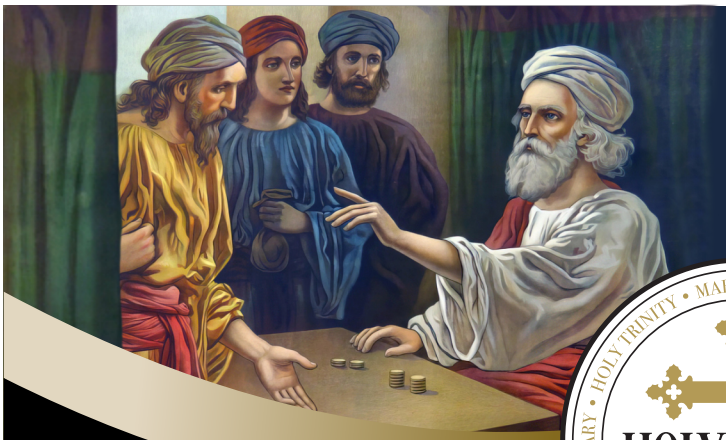


For to everyone who has,
more will be given and he will grow rich;
but from the one who has not,
even what he has will be taken away.

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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:
www.facebook.com/holycrossfop



St. Anthony



St. Joseph



St. Mary



St. Paul



St. Peter

Sunday, November 15, 2026

Thirty-third 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, November 16 *Saint Margaret of Scotland; Saint Gertrude, Virgin; opt. mem.*	Ralph & Esther Severt †	FBS	7:15 am *(L/S)*	Holy Trinity	After Mass
	Esther Homan †	FAW	6:45 pm	St. Peter	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Tuesday, November 17 *Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious; Memorial*	Kathy Spoltman †	FEM	7:15 am	St. Mary	After Mass
	Allen Dues †	FJP	6:45 pm	St. Joseph	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Wednesday, November 18 *The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saint Peter and Paul, Apostles; Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin; opt. mem.*	Irene Sietz †	FJP	7:15 am *(L/S)*	MHC	After Mass
	L/D Charlie † & Mary Jane Keller Family	FEM	Noon *(L/S)*	Holy Trinity	11:30 am - end
Thursday, November 19 *Weekday*	L/D Wuebker & Post Families †	FJP	7:15 am	St. Paul	After Mass
	Bob Post †	FEM	6:45 pm	St. Anthony	5:45 - 6:30 pm
Friday, November 20 *Weekday*	Lavern Muhlenkamp †	FJP	7:15 am *(L/S)*	Holy Trinity	After Mass
	L/D Raphael & Anna Garke Family †	FEM	Noon *(L/S)*	MHC	11:30 am - end
Saturday, November 21 *The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Memorial*	Travis Fullenkamp †	FBS	9:00 am	St. Joseph	After Mass
	Jutte / Wendel Wedding	DDK	1:30 pm	MHC	N/A
	Jim Timmerman †	FJP/ DRK	4:00 pm	St. Anthony	3:15 - 3:45 pm
	Vera Schmidt †	FBS	4:30 pm	Holy Trinity	3:45 - 4:15 pm
	L/D Allen & Traxler Families †	FMW	4:30 pm *(L/S)*	MHC	3:45 - 4:15 pm
Sunday, November 22 *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe; Solemnity*	Dottie Fullenkamp †	FAW/ DDK	7:00 am	St. Joseph	N/A
	Vera Schmidt †	FJP	8:00 am *(L/S)*	Holy Trinity	7:25 - 7:45 am
	Mike Evers †	FMW	9:00 am *(L/S)*	MHC	8:25 - end
	Bud Knapke †	FBS	10:00 am *(L/S)*	Holy Trinity	9:25 - 9:45 am
	L/D Clarence & Helen Guggenbiller Family †	FAW	11:00 am	St. Paul	10:25 - 10:45 am
	Members of Holy Cross Family of Parishes	FMW	11:00 am	St. Peter	10:25 - 10:45 am
	L/D Buschur & Eifert Families †	FJP	Noon	St. Mary	11:25 - 11:45 am
	Robert & Evelyn Geise †	FBS	6:00 pm	Holy Trinity	5:15 - 5:45 pm

MASSES ONLINE — Watch Masses at Holy Trinity & Mary Help of Christians online, indicated by *(L/S)* with the time. Masses are also archived and viewable on a later day and can be accessed on the website: holycrossfop.org (Masses are also streamed to Youtube. For Holy Trinity search: Coldwater Cluster, then click on the logo and subscribe. For Mary Help of Christians search: mhc-gq4zm, then click on the logo and subscribe.)

Reference for Church Abbreviations

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

Tentatively Scheduled Celebrants listed above:
Fr. Alexander Witt (FAW); Fr. Ethan Moore (FEM); Fr. Joseph Pasala (FJP); Fr. Barry Stechschulte (FBS); Fr. Michael Willig (FMW)
Deacon Dan Kahlig (DDK); Deacon Roger Kaiser (DRK)

Adoration Schedules

Mon., SPT: 5:45 - 6:30 pm
Tues., SM: 7:45 am - Noon
Tues., SJ: 8:30 am - 6:30 pm
Wed., HT: 8 am - 11:45 am
Thurs., SPL: 7:45 am - 5 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, November 18, 7:15 am
Servers: Joseph Bruns, Henry Bruns
Lector: Ted Romer
Friday, November 20, 12:00 pm
Server: Blaise Bergman
Lector: Julie Schmitz
Saturday, November 21, 4:30 pm
Servers: John Bihn, Owen Wenning, Beau Wendel
Lector: Debbie Bueter
EMHC: Tom Bueter, Debbie Bueter
Sacristan: Tom & Debbie Bueter
Ushers: Floyd Bergman, Don Lennartz, Bobby Stump, Matt Whitacre
Sunday, November 22, 9:00 am
Servers: Blake Homan, Vance Tobe, Gabriel Jutte, Alex Jutte, Charlie Homan
Lector: Julie Schmitz
EMHC: Robert Metzger, Sharon Metzger
Sacristans: Sharon Metzger, Kelsie Schmitz
Ushers: Chuck Keller, Gary J. Wendel, Jeff Wendel, Randy Wendel

– St. Joseph –

Tuesday, November 17, 6:45 pm
Servers: Logan Gaerke, Gavin Gaerke
Lector: Mary Gaerke
Sacristan: Matt Hess
Saturday, November 21, 9:00 am
Server: Blaise Bergman
Lector: Jane Hipple
Sacristan: Rebecca Schulze
Sunday, November 22, 7:00 am
Servers: Tyler Dues, Blaise Bergman, Tanner Grube
Lector: Aimee Pottkotter
EMHC: Aimee Pottkotter
Sacristans: Norma Pottkotter
Ushers: Gary Pottkotter, Grant Pottkotter

– St. Paul –

Thursday, November 19, 7:15 am
Servers: Sam Grigsby, Leo Grigsby
Sunday, November 22, 11:00 am
Servers: Brady Evers, Ty Evers, Camden LeFevre
Lector: Diane Siefring
EMHC: Dennis Siefring, Julie Bruns
Ushers: Mike Bruns, Joe Hawk
Rosary: Mark & Marylene Brunswick

– St. Peter –

Monday, November 16, 6:45 pm
Server: Theo Schmitz
Lector: Kim Schmitz
Sunday, November 22, 11:00 am
Servers: Isaac Roessner, Alex Roessner, Charlie Roessner, James Pottkotter, Francis Pottkotter, Michael Pottkotter
Lector: Elaine Post
EMHC: Donna Brunswick
Sacristan: Donna Brunswick
Ushers: Marcus Gaerke, Shane Gaerke

– Holy Trinity –

Monday, November 16, 7:15 am
Servers: Archer Bihn, Lincoln Homan
Lector: Rene Klosterman
Sacristans: Kathy Rutschilling, Pam Wellman
Wednesday, November 18, 12:00 pm
Servers: Oliver Link, Leo Huelskamp, Jude Link
Lector: Lauren Baucher
Sacristan: Peyton Link
Friday, November 20, 7:15 am
Servers: Lucas Broering, Henry Broering, Jacob Broering
Lector: Rita Riethman
Sacristans: Kathy Rutschilling, Pam Wellman
Saturday, November 21, 4:30 pm
Servers: David Dues, Lincoln Homan, Thomas Dues
Lector: Tara Berkenstock
EMHC: Megan Wolters, Nate Wenning, Brenda Schwieterman
Sacristan: Brenda Schwieterman
Sunday, November 22, 8:00 am
Servers: Samuel Gerlach, Blake Wenning, Archer Bihn, Leo Gerlach
Lector: Dan Fullenkamp
EMHC: Jennifer Kremer, Joe Rose
Sacristan: Thomas Langenkamp
Sunday, November 22, 10:00 am
Servers: Owen May, Mason Evers, John Evers, Miles Muhlenkamp
Lector: Tessy Huwer
EMHC: Deb Kaiser, Stephanie Rutschilling, Connie May
Sacristan: Jerri Buening
Sunday, November 22, 6:00 pm
Servers: Liam Cowan, Eli Eyink
Lector: Kim Rose
EMHC: Sarah Klosterman, Pam Hicks, Amy Klingshirn
Sacristan: Cindy Broering

– St. Anthony –

Thursday, November 19, 6:45 pm
Server: Wesley Geier
Lector: Paul Welling
Sacristan: Cindy Homan
Saturday, November 21, 4:00 pm
Servers: Mason Alig, Logan Alig
Lector: Janet Brockman
EMHC: Deacon Roger Kaiser
Sacristan: Janet Brockman
Ushers: Corey Sudhoff, Mitch Sudhoff
Rosary: Teri Minnich

– St. Mary –

Tuesday, November 17, 7:15 am
Server: Lincoln Homan
Lector: Stephanie Wendel
Sunday, November 22, 12:00 pm
Servers: William Moorman, Benjamin Liette, Jay Liette
Lector: Vicki Dues
EMHC: Tracy Liette
Ushers: Nick Uhlenhake, Alex Uhlenhake

Message from the Priests

Correspondence from Fr. Michael Kapolka

A few months ago Fr. Mike reached out asking for assistance at the Catholic community at his deployment location, and a few generous parishioners along with a few staff assisted in providing him with the needed supplies. The following is the thank you letter we received from Fr. Mike:

Fr. Witt and the Parishioners of the Holy Cross Family,

I hope this letter finds you all well and in God's grace. I am nearing the end of the third month of my deployment. It was quite the surprise to learn in the middle of July that I was being deployed, and even more so that I would be replacing a priest who had been injured. Fortunately, my predecessor was able to receive much-needed shoulder surgery and has been recovering. I appreciate all your prayers for my safety during that hectic travel time.

I did not know what to expect when I got out here, and these past weeks have been full of surprises. For one, it appears that I am the only Catholic military chaplain in the country, and our men and women in uniform are spread all over, which means I have been traveling quite a bit to visit them and offer Mass and Confessions. That commute between Fort Recovery and Coldwater does not seem so long to me now! Many of the Faithful here are not able to attend Mass regularly, sometimes only on a weekday and only when military operations allow it. For some, I was the first priest they had seen in the five months since their deployment began. That has been a great personal affirmation of my ministry. There have been other highlights as well. I was able to celebrate Confirmation for a young lady in the Marines, and I have a few OCIA students who are anticipating receiving Baptism and their other Sacraments out here. There are even a handful of young Airmen discerning vocations to the priesthood!

One particular hardship has been difficulty in getting the proper resources. For instance, the only sacramental wine I had in the beginning were the two small three-ounce bottles I hand carried. When I showed up, there were no supplies for celebrating Holy Mass other than a few sleeves of hosts: no chalice, no paten, no candles, cloths, Crucifix, Missal…not much of anything. Were it not for the travel kit I brought with me, I would not have been able to offer Mass at all. That brings me to the purpose of my letter, your incredible charity and generosity.

I am reminded of the description that St. Elizabeth of Hungary's confessor, Conrad of Marburg, gives of her, that after the death of her husband, she implored him to permit her to leave her castle and beg for alms in the streets. Safe to say I have never asked my confessor to let me beg alms, but God had other plans. It was one thing to find myself a virtual missionary priest in a far-flung land, but it was the greatest consolation to know that nestled in a quiet corner of Ohio were faithful disciples aflame with love for their brothers and sisters in Christ, who would not hesitate to give to one of the least brothers of Mine.

Your fellow Catholics out here are facing real hardships, not only the spartan living conditions, but also the separation from home and family with little knowledge of when they may return. Your generous gifts mean that for many months to come, even after I have returned home, these Catholic servicemen and those who follow them will continue to be nourished with the Holy Eucharist and reverent, albeit simple, liturgies, will be united to Christ and the Church at prayer, even if they cannot be physically united to their families at home. You have given them access to the Most Holy Rosary (how happy that the Rosaries arrived in the month of October) and the promise of Our Lady for those who wear the Brown Scapular. May God reward you abundantly for your charity.

Please continue to pray for me, for the safety and swift return of our troops, and for peace in the world. Know that I pray for you daily and remember you and your intentions frequently at the Altar. I can assure you that even from halfway around the world, there is no place like God's Country!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Mike

20 October 2026, Memorial of St. Paul of the Cross

Sacramental Information

Wedding Banns

III Owen Jutte & Kierra Wendel
I Luke Kohler & Taylor Will

And the two shall become one.

Sacrament of Matrimony

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

Marriage Congratulations!

Andrew & Libby (Pottkotter) Varno
Married Saturday, October 31, 2026
(Holy Trinity)

Cale & Lydia (Brunswick) Rammel
Married Saturday, October 31, 2026
(Mary Help of Christians)

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

Newly Baptized

Holy Trinity

Harper Anne Ontrop
Child of Luke & Caitlynn

Mary Help of Christians

Franklin Charles Jutte
Child of Kevin & Kelly

In Loving Memory…

Cleo A. Sudhoff
September 2, 1930 - November 1, 2026
(St. Peter)

Daniel J. Stelzer
December 12, 1959 - November 2, 2026
(Holy Trinity)

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

OCIA Rite for Entrance

The Rite for Entrance into the Catechumenate is a rite for unbaptized candidates in the OCIA (Order for Christian Initiation of Adults) to come together in public for the first time to manifest their will to the Church and for the Church, fulfilling her apostolic office, to receive those who intend to become her members. This rite will be celebrated on November 29th at the 8 am Mass at Holy Trinity and at the 9 am Mass at Mary Help of Christians. Please pray for the candidates, their sponsors and family members as they continue to learn and grow in the Catholic faith.



Baptismal Sponsors

This is an honor, but so much more. Whether for Baptism or Confirmation, being a sponsor means that you are promising to assist the parents in raising this person in the Catholic Faith. In order to fulfill that responsibility, the sponsor needs to be a practicing Catholic. This means that prayer, scripture, the sacraments and especially Mass are important priorities in his/her life. This also means that a sponsor needs to be a fully initiated Catholic who has received the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion, Confirmation, and, if married, was married in the Catholic Church.

Baptismal Classes

The Baptismal Class is required for all first-time parents and registration is needed prior to attendance. Please contact the Coldwater Parish office if you prefer baptism of your child at Holy Trinity, St. Anthony, or St. Mary. Please contact the Ft. Recovery Parish office if you prefer baptism of your child at Mary Help of Christians, St. Joseph, St. Paul, or St. Peter.

Baptismal Schedule

1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday
12:30 pm - MHC	12:30 pm - St. Peter	12:30 pm - St. Paul	12:30 pm - St. Joseph
1:30 pm - Holy Trinity	1:30 pm - St. Mary	1:30 pm - Holy Trinity	1:30 pm - St. Anthony

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

Holy Cross Family of Parishes

UPDATE ON FR. WITT'S VOICE — Fr. Witt went to the ENT, and they scoped his vocal cords. The vocal box looked fine, and there were minimal abnormalities/nodes that might have been the cause of these issues. There does not seem to be any structural issues causing the loss of his voice. Over the next month, he will work with a speech pathologist. The hope is that working with the speech pathologist will allow them to identify and strengthen any muscles that are not as strong as they should be, which should hopefully alleviate the situation. Fr. Witt is so grateful for all your prayers, especially to the Blessed Mother, St. Blaise, and Pope Benedict XVI. Please keep them coming!

REMINDER TO ALL VISITORS, BUSINESSES, & PARISHIONERS — We have a **No Soliciting Policy** on all of our church grounds. This includes all church properties within our entire Family of Parishes. It is not permitted to distribute any forms of advertising on any church premises including, but not limited to, the promotion of any type of event, activity, non-profit, or for profit information. All promotional materials in any format must be brought to the parish office for review. After review, if approved, the Holy Cross Family of Parishes staff will distribute all materials in their proper place. This policy ensures all materials are in line with the teachings of our Catholic faith and keeps our churches and church grounds orderly, neat, and clean. **Please note, it is prohibited at all times to distribute any materials on vehicles in our parking lots.** Additionally, for businesses wanting to advertise in our bulletin, you may directly contact Sherry Montell with Diocesan @ smontell@diocesan.com or (614) 301-7444.

GUATEMALA MISSION — Tickets are currently being sold to benefit the Guatemala mission health and school programs in La Labor. There is a $100 weekly winner based on the Ohio Pick 3 Wednesday night drawing. Also on March 8, 2027, we will be drawing three additional prizes of $1000, $300, and $200 respectively. Tickets are $20.00 each and are available from your normal ticket seller or by putting a request in your parish collection basket, and you will receive a ticket and receipt in the mail. You may also call (419) 852-0991 if you have any questions or to request a ticket.

Welcome New Members

Holy Trinity

Michel and Kristin Siefker
along with their children
Tommy & Maeve

Mary Help of Christians

Owen & Rachel Schoen

St. Paul

Preston & Kristin Hoying

BULLETIN SUBMISSION NOTICE: Submissions must be receive 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.

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 next meeting is Thurs., Nov. 19th which will be held in the main 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.

REMINDER — This coming weekend we will have Fr. Michael Willig filling in for Fr. Moore for a few Masses while he is away. The 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!

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.

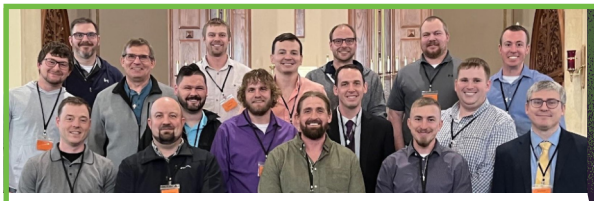
CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT — Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, over 11% of the population lives in poverty. Through this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain here in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and those working on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd.



REVISED MASS INTENTION POLICY — Mass intentions may be written as follows: Joe Smith (one person), Joe & Jill Smith (husband and wife – one or both deceased), L/D Joe & Jill Smith Family (husband and wife) - L/D means Living & Deceased, L/D Joe Smith Family, L/D Smith & Jones Families (husband last name & wife maiden name) – one or two last names only, or Jim & Joan Jones – 50th Wedding Anniversary. Also, intention may be for one institution (Ex: L/D Fort Recovery Graduating Class of 1971 or L/D Members of the St. Joseph Ladies Sodality). Only parishioners may request Mass intentions. One intention per Mass. Mass intention can only be requested by an individual, not a group or institution (These Mass intentions are counted towards their personal Mass intentions for the year). Mass intention for more than one individual person is not allowed unless they are husband and wife (Can do as separate intentions or do L/D Joe & Jill Smith Family, and this includes the parents and all descendants who are both living and deceased.) A Mass intention can be for a non-Catholic deceased person. An individual may schedule their and their spouse's Mass intentions. Cannot schedule for an adult child, sibling, etc. They can call or come into the office to schedule intentions. For an elderly person who is in the nursing home or completely home-bound, they may ask their child to take care of requesting their Mass intentions. Mass intentions open on the first of every month up through the end of that same month for the upcoming year. Also, each individual parishioner at Holy Trinity, St. Anthony, or St. Mary is allowed one Mass intention at one of those three parishes. Each individual parishioner at Mary Help of Christians, St. Joseph, St. Paul, or St. Peter is allowed two Mass intentions at any of those four parishes. **Effective starting on January 1, 2027 for any Mass Intention scheduled for the year 2028:** Each household in the Holy Cross Family of Parishes may have 2 Mass intentions per year (one weekend and one weekday Mass). Individual parishioners at Holy Trinity, St. Anthony or St. Mary, may have the Mass intentions at one of those three parishes. Individual parishioners at Mary Help of Christians, St. Joseph, St. Paul, or St. Peter may have the Mass intentions at any of those four parishes.

PRAYER REQUEST — We are asking for continued prayers for Fr. Michael Kapolka as he is stationed overseas. Also, please pray for all of our military.

PILGRIMAGE — Fr. Barry is leading a pilgrimage to France in June of 2027. This trip will include encounters with the Saints throughout France and many beautiful churches on an 11-day bus trip. You will see the newly renovated Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris, the Eiffel Tower, Normandy Beach, and the Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette. You will meet great saints like St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Bernadette, and St. John Vianney. Also, we'll have a lot of fun drinking some wine and enjoying French cuisine. Most of all, with daily Mass and rosary, we'll have a deep spiritual experience that will make a lasting memory. Please contact Father Barry if you are interested in going to France next June. Registration forms and more details can be found in the brochures available in our churches, on the announcements page of our website at holycrossfop.org, or on our Facebook page.



JANUARY 30/31 2027

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Welcome.

There is **More** to **Life**

Men's Retreat

Holy Cross Family of Parishes

An event for 25 men (ages 21+) from our parish family

Location: Holy Trinity Grotto (Coldwater, Ohio)
Dates: January 30-31, 2027
Check-in begins Sat. 8:30 AM
Event concludes Sunday at approx. 3:00 PM
Cost: FREE! (25 spots available); Meals Provided

Overnight accommodations in the Father Yauss Building (next door to the church)

For any questions contact: Contact Josh Wendel
Phone: (419) 852-5566
Email: welcome.men.holycrossfamily@gmail.com

Poinsettia Donation

"In Memory of a Loved One"

A poinsettia may be donated in memory of a loved one at your parish by filling out this form. Please enclose your donation in an envelope marked "Poinsettia" and drop it in a collection basket at any of our parishes or at either Holy Cross Family Office. Each poinsettia costs the parishes $25 - $35. A donation amount to cover the cost of a poinsettia is recommended, but any donation amount will be accepted.

Your name: _____ **Parish:** _____

Loved One's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ **Amount:** _____

Forms are due by Tuesday, December 1, 2026

Everyone of all faiths are Welcome to Join us in Embracing Scripture from the Heart of the Church with one of today's most respected scholars

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

REGISTER NOW!
$20 per person
https://stpaulcenter.com/events/john-bergsma-in-coldwater-oh

Just in Time for Christmas!

Products Available Starting November 1st

Please join us in supporting our Holy Cross Family of Parishes!

Building & Promoting the Faith!

Products ordered by November 15th will be in by December 11, 2026.

Please Note: Holiday products will be available for purchase from November 1, 2026 - January 1, 2027. If you would like to receive your items before Christmas please make sure to order them prior to November 15th.

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DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX

Holy Cross Family of Parishes is on a journey to know, love and serve Christ better and thrive! WE WANT TO HEAR FROM OUR PARISHIONERS! Complete the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey Oct. 27, 2026 - Nov. 24, 2026. The survey assesses our unique strengths and opportunities. Share your perspective now to help strengthen Holy Cross Family of Parishes and better prepare us for the future!

For the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey link, please visit the following links or use the QR codes provided for your individual parish.

Holy Trinity: https://survey.catholicleaders.org/d/daa3a0
MHC: https://survey.catholicleaders.org/d/da03td
St. Anthony: https://survey.catholicleaders.org/d/daa8d0
St. Joseph: https://survey.catholicleaders.org/d/dadg58
St. Mary: https://survey.catholicleaders.org/d/d0d66b
St. Paul: https://survey.catholicleaders.org/d/d01tg4
St. Peter: https://survey.catholicleaders.org/d/da1tca

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Please continue to pray for this intention and for the growth and protection of our Family of Parishes.

HOLY CROSS FAMILY OF PARISHES

Paper surveys are available in the offices at Coldwater & Fort Recovery. Any paper surveys will need to be returned by December 1st.

Parish Information



Holy Trinity

ADVENT CANDLES — Advent candles are available in the sacristy. They are $6.00 a box.

NEW MEMBERS NEEDED — The Social Action committee is looking for some new members. We meet 3 to 4 times a year on Mondays, it varies which one. We do projects during the year. Winter coat drive in January. Briarwood supplies in the summer. Lenten speaker, usually on a Tuesday in Lent. Angel Tree in November. Lenten Soup Supper on Ash Wednesday. Anyone interested can contact Cindy Hemmelgarn at (419) 953-6636.

MIXED CHOIR — The Holy Trinity Mixed Choir has our weekly rehearsals on Thursday evenings, from 7 - 8:30 pm. The Mixed Choir sings primarily at the 10 am Mass on Sundays. We need people to join us. We also need Cantors to sing and lead the 4:30 pm Saturday and the 8 am Sunday Masses. Please contact Ron Johnson (rjohnson.holycrossfop@gmail.com) for more information. Rehearsals: Thursday evenings, 7 - 8:30 pm. Open to all ages. Come and learn to sing our liturgies.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR — Rehearsals: Wednesdays, 4:30 - 5:30 pm between our afternoon and evening Religion class times. Open to all ages. Come and learn to sing our liturgies.

HOLY TRINITY ANGEL TREE — Tags for the Angel Tree are available this weekend on the trees at the back of church as well as the East Wing entrance and by the steps in the West Wing. Gifts are due back November 29th. Please place all gifts in the East Wing entrance. Contact Julia Eyink (419) 733-1769 with any questions. Thank you!



St. Anthony

BEAUTIFICATION UPDATE — We are currently tying up a few loose ends with Phase I of the project. We are also excited to share that an anonymous donor has generously donated $10,000 toward updating our church speaker system, including hearing aid assistance for parishioners. Looking ahead, we anticipate beginning Phase II at the end of January 2027. This phase will focus on painting the remaining areas of our church, continuing our efforts to restore and beautify our sacred space. To complete Phase II, we will need to raise an additional $15,000. We are incredibly grateful for the generosity, prayers, and continued support of our parish family. Every donation brings us one step closer to completing these improvements and preserving the beauty for generations to come!

CHRISTMAS PARTY — St. Anthony's Ladies Sodality Christmas Party will be held on Monday, December 7th, at 6:00 pm at Pub 49. Please sign up on the sheet located in the back of church or RSVP to Ashleigh Knapke at (419) 733-4020 by November 30th. We look forward to celebrating the Christmas season with everyone!

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.



St. Joseph

MERCER COUNTY ANGEL TREE TAGS — Would you like to help with this great program and make Christmas memorable for hundreds of children in Mercer County? This wonderful program connects generous people to local families who need a helping hand this Christmas season. The tags are available in the main entrance of Mary Help of Christians, St. Peter and St. Joe churches. If you wish to be part of this great program but did not take a tag and would rather make a financial donation you may do that by putting your donation in an envelope marked "ANGEL TREE" and drop it in the collection. If you do this by check, please make your check payable to "Mary Help of Christians" and mark the memo Angel Tree. If you took a tag, make sure the gift is returned in the boxes by December 7th. Thank you for your contributions to this project each year. If you have any questions, please call Pat Wendel at (419) 375-4229.

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

CLEANING — (NOVEMBER) **Nicole Pottkotter, Carrie Lamm, Lindsey Lamm, Amy Steinbrunner, Sara Leuthold, Jenni Jones, Cathy Homan



St. Peter

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SNOW REMOVAL COMMITTEE NOVEMBER 2026 — *Roger Rammel, Mark Overman, Eric Albers, Scott Dues, Dan Ranly, Matt Roessner, Abe Timmerman, Mike Roessner, Jarrett Post, Craig Heitkamp, Doug (Lisa) Kahlig, Doug (Brenda) Kahlig, Roger Roessner, Aaron Will, Dave Rammel, Chris Kemper, Kyle Dues, Joe Bruggeman, Phil Ontrop, Curt Rammel, Steve Reinhard, Mitch Bruggeman, Aaron Bergman, Dustin Overman, Mark Pearson, Jacob Timmerman, Rick Heitkamp, Alan Pottkotter Responsible for church sidewalks. Don't forget that Wednesday evenings is CCD. It is very important to have the snow cleared away as much as possible.

DONUT SUNDAY — On November 15th, join us in the basement after 11 am Mass for donuts and fruit!

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St. Mary

CHRISTMAS DONATIONS — The Ladies Sodality is collecting donations to help local St. Marys parishioners in need this Christmas. Donations may be placed in the box at the back of church through Sunday, December 6th. Thank you for your generosity!

CHRISTMAS PARTY — The St. Mary Ladies Sodality Christmas Party will be held on Monday, December 7th at the Philothea School Hall. Cocktails at 6:30 pm, dinner at 7 pm. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of Philothea Church by November 22nd. Hope to see you there.

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



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!

ST. PAUL'S ALTAR ROSARY SODALITY — Our annual Christmas Dinner will be Thursday, December 3rd. Social time begins at 6:00 pm, with dinner at 6:30 pm. If you would like to help with the Giving Tree gifts, you are welcome to bring an optional donation of a toothbrush, toothpaste, or other toiletry item. Please sign up in the back of the church or RSVP to Kathy Gonzalez at (419) 852-6125. We warmly welcome all women of the parish age 18 and older to attend.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING — Decorating will begin at St. Paul's after Mass on Sunday, December 20th. We would appreciate your help! Families are welcome to stay and help decorate.



Mary Help of Christians

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CHRISTMAS KICKOFF — Get ready to kick off the Christmas season with a morning full of holiday fun for the whole family! Join us on Saturday, November 28, 2026, from 9 am to Noon in Mary Help of Christians' Undercroft for a festive morning filled with Christmas cheer. Enjoy a visit with Santa, face painting, a photo booth, games, Christmas crafts, a delicious breakfast bar, and a coffee bar for the adults. There will be something for everyone to enjoy! Bring the whole family and join us for a morning of Christmas fun. We can't wait to celebrate the most wonderful time of the year with you!

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

October 25 - November 1, 2026

Mary Help of Christians

Offertory	$4,493.00
Flowers	$ 5.00
Religious Ed	$ 45.00
Food Pantry	$ 500.00
Allocated Loose	$1,350.90

St. Joseph

Offertory	$ 881.00
Flowers	$ 20.00
Allocated Loose	$ 276.99

St. Paul

Offertory	$2,356.00
Parish Improvements	$1,125.00
Allocated Loose	$ 583.50

St. Peter

Offertory	$2,695.00
Building Fund	$ 250.00
Allocated Loose	$ 458.62

Holy Trinity

Offertory	$ 6,067.00
Loose	$ 3,242.71
Total	$ 9,309.71
Candles	$ 344.00
World Mission	$ 10.00
Youth Group	$ 1,696.00
*Online Giving Month	$11,479.00

St. Anthony

Offertory	$ 685.00
Loose	$ 395.00
Total	$ 1,080.00
Candles	$ 102.75
Cemetery	$ 290.00
*Online Giving Month	$ 1,105.00

St. Mary

Offertory	$ 640.00
Loose	$ 517.00
Total	$ 1,157.00
Cemetery	$ 460.00
*Online Giving Month	$ 1,315.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Note: ***Online Giving** represents ALL eCatholic and EFT donations including Perm. Improvement and any other special collections that were donated online.

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.

NOVEMBER 18th — Catholic Adulting for all 11th - 12th graders from CW at Holy Trinity, 8:00 - 9:15 pm. This is your class for the evening, attendance will be taken.

NOVEMBER 25th — No Class.



The Precepts of the Church

Given to us by the Church, these are the minimum obligations every practicing Catholic is expected to follow.

1. You shall attend Mass on Sundays & holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor.
2. You shall confess your sins at least once a year.
3. You shall humbly receive your Creator in Holy Communion at least once a year during the Easter Season.
4. You shall observe the prescribed days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church.
5. You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church.
6. You shall observe the Church's laws regarding marriage.

Fort Recovery Religious Ed.

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

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

NOVEMBER 18th — Catholic Adulting for all 11th - 12th graders from FR at Saint Peter, 6:30 - 8:45 pm. Pizza and drinks will be provided. This is your class for the evening, attendance will be taken.

NOVEMBER 25th - No Class.

PRAYER PARTNERS — Anyone is welcome to become a prayer partner for our students preparing to receive Confirmation in January. Cards with candidates' names are available in the back of each Church.



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Youth Ministry

Coldwater Youth Group

Contact: Natalie Ashbaugh
nashbaugh.holycrossfop@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS:

FISHERS OF FUN (5th - 8th grade) — No Fishers of Fun on November 25th due to Thanksgiving.

CHRIST & COFFEE (7th - 12th grade) — Every Tuesday 7:15 - 8 am @ Rooster Joes.

HIGH SCHOOL LUNCH (9th - 12th grade) — Every Monday 11:18 - 11:45 am @ Fr. Yauss. If your son or daughter would like to join, please inform Natalie.

SOCK & UNDERWEAR DRIVE — Join us for our Sock & Underwear Drive on December 2nd from 7 - 9 pm. You are welcome to stop in before or after CCD class and package items. Pizza and snacks will be provided.

STEUBENVILLE — All 8th - 12th grade students are invited to join us July 16 - 18, 2027 for the Steubenville Conference. Packets to sign up can be found at both parish offices. All forms and a $50 deposit must be turned in by December 1st to reserve a spot. If you have any questions, please contact Natalie at nashbaugh.holycrossfop@gmail.com

Socks & Underwear Drive



Coldwater Youth Ministry is teaming up with Our Home Family Resource Center to collect socks and underwear for children in need this upcoming Christmas season. Please consider joining our parishes youth in donating! Boys and girls sizes 4 - Adult Small are needed. Collection boxes are located at the entrances of the Coldwater parishes or you may drop donations off at the parish office. Please have all donations in by Sunday, November 29th.

For 6th - 12th grade

Fort Fiat & Coldwater Youth Groups

FALL FESTIVAL

November 15th

Holy Trinity's Grotto

3:00 - 5:30 pm

Join us for Our Fall Festival!
The afternoon will include square dancing, bobbing for apples, chili cook-off, and caramel apple bar.

Fort Fiat Youth Group

Contact: Natalie Ashbaugh
nashbaugh.holycrossfop@gmail.com

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) — November 6th 7:15 am @ MHC- Deion Hohne.

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Saint of the Week - Saint Elizabeth of Hungary



In her short life, Elizabeth of Hungary manifested such great love for the poor and suffering that she has become the patroness of Catholic charities and of the Secular Franciscan Order. The daughter of the King of Hungary, Elizabeth chose a life of penance and asceticism when a life of leisure and luxury could easily have been hers. This choice endeared her in the hearts of the common people throughout Europe. At the age of 14, Elizabeth of Hungary was married to Louis of Thuringia, whom she deeply loved. She bore three children. Under the spiritual direction of a Franciscan friar, she led a life of prayer, sacrifice, and service to the poor and sick. Seeking to become one with the poor, she wore simple clothing. Daily she would take bread to hundreds of the poorest in the land who came to her gate. After six years of marriage, her husband died in the Crusades, and Elizabeth was grief-stricken. Her husband's family looked upon her as squandering the royal purse, and mistreated her, finally throwing her out of the palace. The return of her husband's allies from the Crusades resulted in her being reinstated, since her son was legal heir to the throne. In 1228, Elizabeth joined the Secular Franciscan Order, spending the remaining few years of her life caring for the poor in a hospital which she founded in honor of Saint Francis of Assisi. Elizabeth's health declined, and she died before her 24th birthday in 1231. Her great popularity resulted in her canonization four years later.

- Information obtained from franciscanmedia.org

Community Interests

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.

BEHOLD — Mount St. Mary's Seminarians and Queen City Catholic invite young adults to join us for BEHOLD on Fri., Nov. 20th at St. Lawrence (3860 Warsaw Ave, Cincinnati). Eucharistic Adoration begins at 7 pm, with prayer teams, music and worship, and the opportunity for Confession. After Adoration, stick around for a social with music, snacks, cocktails, and other beverages! Behold is a wonderful opportunity for young adults to encounter Christ, grow in faith and connect with others in the young adult community. Please share this invitation with young adults in your parish! Learn more and download the flyer here: https://queencitycatholic.org/behold-event

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OHIO TEEN SUMMER INSTITUTE — Eagle Eye Ministries endeavors to form, unite, and inspire young Catholics for the new evangelization by deepening their relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, study, culture and community. We are inviting all teens ages 16-18 and already strong in their Catholic faith to our annual Ohio Teen Summer Institute on June 5-13, 2027 at the Maria Stein Spiritual Center. Come join peers on a similar journey, and the Brothers and Sisters of St. John for fun, friendship, recreation, prayer and study. Registration will be opening soon, so mark your calendars to join us for this great summer experience! St. John the beloved, pray for us.

ADVENT PARISH MISSION — Experience a transformative Parish Mission, 'Awaken Our Hearts: An Advent Mission of Faith & Discipleship', at Christ Our Light Family of Parishes from November 28th to December 1st. We will explore what the big deal about Mass is and why it matters, the seven truths of the Church you must know to defend your faith, and what the call to evangelization is. Guest speaker the Dynamic Deacon, Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers will lead us in faith-filled reflections. See christourlightohio.org for more details.

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.

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

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

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.

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.

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

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

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.

RETROUVAILLE – HOPE for couples going through difficult times in their marriages. Retrouvaille is a program of healing and renewal consisting of one weekend and six follow-up sessions over the course of two months. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on January 8 - 10, 2027, call (513) 286-3013 or visit HelpOurMarriage.org.

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.

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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
St. Paul: (Est. 1868) 517 Meiring Rd., Ft. Recovery, OH 45846
St. Peter: (Est. 1860) 1477 Philothea Rd., Ft. Recovery, OH 45846

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