

# DECEMBER 24, 2017 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## ST ANTHONY

471 ST ANTHONY RD, FT RECOVERY, OH 45846  
PO BOX 107, COLDWATER OH 45828(mailing)

Sunday, December 31, 11 a.m.  
Liturgical Ministers

**Lector:** Ashley Post  
**Comm Dist:** Holden Wendel, Mandy Diller,  
Tracy Muhlenkamp  
**Servers:** Evan Sudhoff, Leanne Klenke  
Emily & Samantha Knapke  
**Ushers:** Jacob & Steve Muhlenkamp  
**Gift Bearers:** Gary & Marty Knapke  
**Rosary:** Judy Sudhoff

### Christmas, Monday, December 25 at 10 a.m.

**Lector:** Justin Wendel; **Comm. Distr:** Lisa Knapke, Janie  
Timmerman, Krista Evans; **Servers:** Grant Welsch, Riley &  
Keara Alig, Allison Sudhoff; **Ushers:** Tyler Alig, Aaron Laux  
**Rosary:** Gary & Marty Knapke; **Gift Bearers:** Chris Muhlenkamp

Stewardship Offering December 17, 2017	\$465.00
Loose	292.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$757.00</b>

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:** Sunday, December 24,  
Christmas Eve Mass at 10PM and on Christmas morning,  
Monday, Dec. 25 at 10AM.

**CYO** No games are scheduled for Dec. 24 or Dec. 31. On  
Jan. 7, the boys will take on St. Augustine, Minster, at 12:30  
and the girls will play Holy Trinity Purple at 2:30.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** There are no classes scheduled  
for Dec. 27 or Jan. 3.

**GUATEMALAN MISSION RAFFLE WINNER #369,** Seth  
Fullenkamp, St. Joseph Parish.

**From Father Walling: THANK YOU VERONICA HOMAN!**  
After over 25 years of service to St. Anthony Church,  
Veronica will be retiring. I am looking for someone to take  
over the weekly church cleaning duties. A full description of  
the job can be found at our cluster website  
[www.coldwatercluster.org](http://www.coldwatercluster.org) (under bulletins) or ask for a copy  
at the cluster office. Please contact myself or Ellen Homan,  
Business Manager, if interested.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING UPCOMING**  
Monday, Jan. 15. Agenda items are welcomed. Please  
contact Fr. Walling or Gary Sudhoff ahead of time.

**PLEASE SEE CLUSTER SECTION FOR ACTIVITIES THAT ARE  
CLUSTER WIDE.**

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**Parish Life Coord/DRE** Cindy Muhlenkamp--419-375-3013  
**Music:** Julie Brackman--419-942-1580  
**Maintenance:** Ralph Leugers --419-942-8365  
**Home Bound:** Janie Timmerman--419-375-2320  
Judy Sudhoff-419-942-1197  
**Parish Council Pres:** Gary Sudhoff--419-942-3640  
**Call for Prayer/Dinner Theater/Janie Timmerman--419-375-2320**  
**Hall Rental:** Dana Grieshop--419-942-1633

## ST MARY

3821 PHILOTHEA RD, COLDWATER, OH 45828  
PO BOX 107, COLDWATER, OH 45828(mailing)


Sunday, December 31, 9:15 a.m.  
Liturgical Ministers

**Lector:** Rose Ann Siefing  
**Comm Distr:** Donna Hemmelgarn, Stephanie Wendel,  
Caryn Timmerman  
**Servers:** Adam Hess, Derek & Damon Siefing,  
Caleb Wendel  
**Gift Bearers:** Kevin & Amy Welling  
**Ushers:** Ben & Dusty Uhlenhake

### Christmas, Monday, December 25 at 9:15 a.m.

**Lector:** Amanda Geier; **Comm. Distr:** Gerry Kohn, Amanda  
Schoenherr & Mary Ann Harting; **Servers:** Erin & Nate Kaiser, Jack  
& Julia Siefing; **Gift Bearers:** Jay & Pam Wehrkamp;  
**Ushers:** Jason Kaiser, Greg Doenges

Stewardship Offering December 17, 2017	\$922.00
Loose	324.05
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,246.05</b>

 **WEDDING BANNS** 3<sup>rd</sup> Banns for Sarah Niekamp (St.  
Henry) and Joseph Knapke (Coldwater).

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:** Sunday, December 24,  
Christmas Eve Mass at 11PM and on Christmas morning,  
Monday, Dec. 25 at 9:15AM.

**NO MASS OR CCD** on Wednesday, Dec. 27 or Jan. 3.  
Classes resume Jan. 10.

**A HUGE THANK YOU** to the Howard Hartings family for the  
donation of the new outdoor nativity scene. It is very beautiful

**IT'S AN EXCITING EVENT FOR ST. MARY CHURCH!** Our very own  
parishioner **Jarred Kohn** will be ordained into the priesthood on Saturday  
May 19, 2018. Charter buses will be available for any St. Mary parishioner  
who would be interested in attending the ordination Mass at St. Peter in  
Chains Cathedral in Cincinnati. There will be no charge. If you feel you  
would like to give, a free will donation will be accepted. We would like to  
get a tentative count of the number of interested parishioners who are  
wanting to attend, so please leave your name and the number of seats  
you would like to reserve by contacting Marjorie Hess at  
[marigary@bright.net](mailto:marigary@bright.net) or phone at 419-678-2103. Contact Marj by Dec. 1.  
We will get a more definite count after the first of the new year. St. Mary's  
parishioners only please.

**THANK YOU** "Dear St. Mary's Parish, Thank you for your generosity  
towards me again this semester. Your continued support, both financially  
and most important spiritually, continue to bring joy to my heart. Know of  
my continued prayers as we enter into this joyous Christmas season!  
*Through the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts, Aaron Hess*"

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING UPCOMING**  
Tuesday, Jan. 16. Agenda items are welcomed. Please contact  
Fr. Walling or Kevin Welling ahead of time.

**PLEASE SEE CLUSTER SECTION FOR ACTIVITIES THAT ARE CLUSTER WIDE.**

**Parish Life Coordinator** Donna Hemmelgarn--419-678-8188  
[rdhemm@hometowncable.net](mailto:rdhemm@hometowncable.net)  
**Music:** Peg Muhlenkamp --419-678-3635  
Diane Geier--419-678-4470  
Sue Homan --419-678-3858  
**DRE:** Cluster Office--419-678-4802  
**Hall Rental:** Rick Hemmelgarn --419-678-8188  
**Maintenance:** Rose Ann Siefing--419-678-3108  
**Home Bound:** Kevin Welling--419-942-3254  
**Parish Council Pres.** Julie Spoltman-- 419-678-3194  
**Call for Prayer:**

**MASS INTENTIONS –birthday(b), death date(d), wedding anniversary(w)**

**HOLY TRINITY**

Day	Date		Time	Intentions
Sat.	Dec. 23	Fourth Sunday of Advent Vigil	5 p.m.	Adele Stelzer(b), Ruth Lawler(d), Rolly Weis(d), Bernard Muhlenkamp(d)
Sun.	Dec. 24	Fourth Sunday of Advent	7 a.m.	
			9 a.m.	Deacon Cletus Homan(b)
			10:30 am	Wayne Snider(d)
			12 noon	Members of the Parish
			No 6 p.m.	
Sun.	Dec. 24	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Vigil	5 pm	
			12 midnight	
Mon.	Dec. 25	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)	7 a.m.	
			9 a.m.	Arthur Vagedes(d)
			10:30 a.m.	Joe Lefeld(d)
			12 noon	
Tues.	Dec. 26	St. Stephen, The First Martyr	7:15 a.m.	Dave Lefeld(d), Ruth Ernst(d), Nick LoBianco Sr.(b), Arthur Pleiman(w)
Wed.	Dec. 27	St. John, Apostle & Evangelist	7:15 a.m.	Robert Shockney(w), Patty Forsthoefel(d), Ronald Wourms(d)
Thurs	Dec. 28	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs	7:15 a.m.	Richard P. Hamberg(b), William Wint(d), Ken Muhlenkamp(b), Luella Reinhart(d)
Fri.	Dec. 29	Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord/St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr	7:15 a.m.	Mary Ann Bell (St. Ann)
Sat.	Dec. 30	Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord	7:15 a.m.	Julius Jutte(b)
		The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Vigil	5 p.m.	Robert Heinrichs(b), Regina Bettinger(b), Arthur Pleiman(d), Howard & Irene Huwer(w)
Sun.	Dec. 31	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	7 a.m.	
			9 a.m.	Eugene (Jim) Ontrop(d), Paul J. Braun(d)
			10:30 am	Gregory Gross(d)
			12 noon	Frances Droesch(b)
Sun.	Dec. 31	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Vigil	No 6 p.m.	
Sun.	Dec. 31		5 p.m.	Lester Buening(d)

**ST MARY**

Sun.	Dec. 24	Fourth Sunday of Advent	9:15 a.m.	Virgina Meyer(b), Members of the Parish
Sun.	Dec. 24	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Vigil	11 p.m.	Craig Spoltman(d), Carl & Bertha Harting(w)
Mon.	Dec. 25	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)	9:15 a.m.	
Wed.	Dec. 27	No Traditional Latin Mass		
Sat.	Dec. 30	Wedding Mass		Sarah Niekamp and Joseph Knapke
Sun.	Dec. 31	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	9:15 a.m.	Werner Loshe(d), Members of the Parish

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Sun.	Dec. 24	Fourth Sunday of Advent	11 a.m.	Marita Post(b), Members of the Parish
Sun.	Dec. 24	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Vigil	10 p.m.	Members of the Parish
Mon.	Dec. 25	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)	10 a.m.	
Sun	Dec. 31	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	11 a.m.	Don Muhlenkamp(b), Joe Diller(b), Members of the Parish

**DAILY READINGS**

Sun.	Dec. 24	2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Psalm 89/Romans 16:25-27/Luke 1:26-38 Isaiah 9:1-6/Psalm 96/Titus 2:11-14/Luke 2:1-14
Mon.	Dec. 25	Isaiah 62:11-12/Psalm 97/Titus 3:4-7/Luke 2:15-20
		Isaiah 52:7-10/Psalm 98/Hebrews 1:1-6/John 1:1-18
Tues.	Dec. 26	Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59/Psalm 31/Matthew 10:17-22
Wed.	Dec. 27	1 John 1:1-4/Psalm 97/1 John 1:1-4/John 20:1a, 2-8
Thurs	Dec. 28	1 John 1:5-2:2/Psalm 124/Matthew 2:13-18
Fri.	Dec. 29	1 John 2:3-11/Psalm 96/Luke 2:22-35
Sat.	Dec. 30	1 John 2:12-17/Psalm 96/Luke 2:36-40
Sun.	Dec. 31	Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Psalm 105/Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

## HOLY TRINITY LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

The Nativity of The Lord	Sunday/Vigil	Monday	Monday	Monday	Monday	Monday
	December 24	December 25	December 25	December 25	December 25	December 25
	Midnight	7 a.m.	9 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	12 noon	No 6 pm
<b>Lectors</b>	Mauri Cron Ken Hoying	Abbie Homan Gary Lefeld	Chad Lefeld Kathy Hart	Dee Fullenkamp Mindy Bensman	Brenda Kuess Jane Clune	
<b>Comm. Distri.</b>	Karen Hoying Allison May Susan Jenkins Dolores Cron Charles Selhorst Cindy Giere Cindy Hemmelgarn Linda Eyink Luke Klosterman	Diane Roessner Kevin Sanning LaVern Stammen Dan Tobe Catherine Wenning	Nate Wenning Mary Wolters Trey Wolters Adam Alig Lauren Baucher Kathy Bohman Jenny Bruns Lauren Bruns Kim Bruns	Janet Steinbrunner Andrew Waite Brianna Wenning Cindy Wenning Mike Wenning Natalie Will Nancy Wolters Alan Bensman Adam Brocious	Brenda Heinrichs Dee Irish Barb Kremer Roger Kremer Frank Mohlman	
<b>Servers</b>	Ben Wenning Trey Wolters Megan Wolters	Megan Schwieterman Thomas Schwieterman Blake Siefiring Clair Stammen	Nathan Schmittmeyer Andrew Schoen Issac Schoen Michael Schoenherr	Hannah Bergman Heath Bills Sam Broering Will Broering	Austin Riethman Dane Rindler Roxanne Roessner Riley Jane Schmidt	
	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sunday/Vigil of the Solemnity</b>
	<b>December 30</b>	<b>December 31</b>	<b>December 31</b>	<b>December 31</b>	<b>December 31</b>	<b>December 31</b>
	<b>5 p.m.</b>	<b>7 am</b>	<b>9 am</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>12 noon</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>
<b>Lectors</b>	Hank Schwieterman Mike Hoying	Jack Wenning Gary Griesdorn	Marilyn Link Rita Schmittmeyer	Alan Bensman Rene Klosterman	Mauri Cron Mary Siefiring	Tara Berkenstock Joyce Ontrop
<b>Comm. Distri.</b>	Barb Goffena Vickie Lefeld Connie May Kathy Moeder Terry Pottkotter Elaine Rosenbeck Dave Schmidt Jerolyn Schulze Hank Schwieterman	Mary Lou Wenning Chuck Alig Ralph Alig Lindsey Borger Abbie Homan	Paul Bruggeman Linda Brunswick Jason Cupp Gary Diller Jenny Dippold Scott Dippold Mandy Fisher Lucy Gaerke Robert Gaerke	Wendi Ebbing Holly Emerine Linda Eyink Rob Fisher Cindy Geise Cindy Giere Lynn Giere Deb Griesdorn Connie Hein	Amy Selhorst Kathy Selhorst Krista Wellman Mackenzie Alt Nancy Clune	Chuck Wenning Michelle Wilker Patty Wynk Tim Berkenstock David Bertke Patti Depweg Barb Goffena Melissa Homan Pam Hoying
<b>Servers</b>	Dylan Wenning Lexi Wright Zach Zwiebel Jacob Wenning	Derek Albers Katie Alig Abby Ashbaugh Tyler Backs	Sarah Brunswick Matt Brunswick Maria Clune Courtney Bye	Abby Bruggeman Marcus Bruns Janel Bruns Reese Brunswick	Molly Steinke Maddie Steinke Nolan Tobe Joseph Welsch	Sarah Brunswick Matt Brunswick Maria Clune Courtney Bye
	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
	<b>December 25</b>	<b>December 26</b>	<b>December 27</b>	<b>December 28</b>	<b>December 29</b>	<b>December 30</b>
	<b>7:15 a.m.</b>	<b>7:15 a.m.</b>	<b>7:15 a.m.</b>	<b>7:15 a.m.</b>	<b>6:15 a.m.</b>	<b>7:15 a.m.</b>
<b>Weekday Servers</b>		Haley Smith Maddie Smith Mason Smith Molly Steinke	Brennan Sudhoff Graden Sutton Eli Tobe Olivia Tobe	Oliver Vickery Luke Zwiebel Natalie Vogel Nicholas Wehrman	Madison Wendel Becca Wenning Gavin Wenning Rachel Wenning	
<b>Choirs</b>						

### HOLY TRINITY

<b>Cluster Office 419-678-4802</b>	<b>CCD Office 419-678-3328</b>
<b>Music:</b> Ron Johnson <a href="mailto:rjohnson@coldwatercluster.org">rjohnson@coldwatercluster.org</a>	<b>CCD Administrator:</b> Charmaine Bettinger <a href="mailto:cbettinger@coldwatercluster.org">cbettinger@coldwatercluster.org</a>
<b>Maintenance:</b> Rob Schmidt	<b>Youth Ministry: 419-678-3328</b>
<b>Parish Council President:</b> Larry Schmittmeyer: 419-678-4914	Susan Jenkins: <a href="mailto:1heartafterhis@gmail.com">1heartafterhis@gmail.com/</a> Taylor McGee: <a href="mailto:tmcgee@coldwatercluster.org">tmcgee@coldwatercluster.org</a>
<b>Call for Prayer:</b> 678-4084	<b>Church Basement Rental:</b> Brenda Wellman: 678-4802

### Holy Trinity Stewardship

December 17, 2017	
Envelopes	\$11,250.00
Loose	<u>1,933.12</u>
Total	\$13,183.12
Food Pantry	\$1,234.00

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108 E. Main St., Coldwater, OH 45828



**WEDDING BANNS** 3<sup>rd</sup> Banns for Sarah Niekamp (St. Henry) and Joseph Knapke (Coldwater).

**NEWLY BAPTIZED** Conrad Robert Heyne, son of Benjamin and Rachel (Platfoot) Heyne and Jett William Tobe, son of Clint and Ashleigh (Kahlig) Tobe

**SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE** will be collecting adult and children socks, hats, gloves/mittens, scarves & coats (new and/or clean gently used) between December 30th and January 8th. You may put them in the boxes at the entrances of the church, questions call Donna Billerman 419 852-5126.

**150<sup>th</sup> TIME CAPSULE** See our website for the items that were put in the time capsule. (under bulletins)

**150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY HISTORICAL BOOKLETS** are free for the taking; they can be found near the bulletin shelves.

### BULLETIN FLASHBACKS

(Enjoy the history)

**December 28, 1958:** Parish Properties: during this year the parish has acquired two new properties: the Kramer property at 204 W. North and Foss property at 210 W. North. The total cost of these properties was \$18,405.50. Because of their location in respect to our new school, the Archbishop gave permission to the parish to acquire these properties which may be used for needed playground and parking.

**December 28, 1969:** New Year's Resolution: amid the good new year resolutions you will make we ask you to keep two especially, that is to be faithful to daily prayer and receive the sacraments of Confession and Holy Communion regularly.

The beautiful pewter magnet/ornament that commemorates our parish's 150th anniversary is still available in the cluster office for \$12.



### CCD NEWS

Charmaine Bettinger 419-678-3328

[cbettinger@coldwatercluster.org](mailto:cbettinger@coldwatercluster.org)

[www.coldwatercluster.org/calendar.php](http://www.coldwatercluster.org/calendar.php)

### UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

**Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>-Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>:** Christmas Break. Classes resume Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>

**Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>:** **Teacher Inservice** Carpool will leave church parking lot at 6:30PM. The annual St. Mary's Deanery Religious Education In-Service meeting will be held at 7 PM on Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at Holy Redeemer Parish (the Parish Hall building, attached to the Church) in New Bremen. All DREs/CREs/AREs and catechists are welcome to attend. Speaker will be Denise Warnecke from the Archdiocese office of Evangelization and Discipleship; and her topic will be "Christian Meditation for Children". And remember, this event helps you receive requirements needed for Catechist Certification! Please register for this event with your parish DRE/CRE; and thanks for all you do to help educate our parishioners in the Catholic Faith!

**Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>:** Religion Classes Resume.

**Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>:** Cluster First Communion Parent/Student Meeting. 6:30PM. No 3:15 Session for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade only. Parents/students meet in the church basement.

**NEEDED:** Two 7<sup>th</sup> grade teachers to teach the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the year. 6:30-7:30PM session. Classes begin Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>. Please call Charmaine or email if you are willing to teach the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the year.

### CYO SCORES

#### Girls

HT Black"- 23 and St. Nick Osgood- 12

HT "Black"- 36 and Marion St. John's- 42

### JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Wednesday evenings 7:30-9 p.m.

Taylor McGee

[tmcgee@coldwatercluster.org](mailto:tmcgee@coldwatercluster.org) or 419-678-3328

No Youth Group on December 27 or Jan. 3.

### CLUSTER INFORMATION

### MERRY CHRISTMAS



**ETERNAL REST** to Elmer Speck whose funeral was Monday, December 18 at Holy Trinity (served by funeral team 6) and Pat Otten whose Memorial Mass was Saturday, December 23 at Holy Trinity and Eugene 'Butch' Borger, whose funeral was Saturday, December 23 at Holy Trinity. (served by luncheon team 1)

### FROM FR. WALLING: THANK YOU, ELLEN HOMAN!

**Staff position open.** Ellen who has been business manager for our Coldwater cluster parishes for the past ten years, has decided to retire. Ellen's dedication and hard work has been a great blessing for me as pastor and for our entire cluster, and she will be missed. I am now beginning the search to hire a new business manager for the cluster. Persons interested in applying for the position, please contact me and include a statement of interest along with a resume and references by **Friday, January 5, 2018**. For a description of what the job involves, go to our cluster website [www.coldwatercluster.org](http://www.coldwatercluster.org) (under bulletins) or ask for a copy from the cluster office.

### COLDWATER CLUSTER HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Sunday Evenings 7:30-9 pm

Susan Jenkins

[1heartafterhis@gmail.com](mailto:1heartafterhis@gmail.com) or 419-678-3328

**Merry Christmas! Enjoy your time with your family and friends!**

Youth Group Meetings will resume on Sunday night, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm

**CLUSTER OFFICES CLOSED DEC. 25 & 26 & JAN 1 & 2.**

**PATRIOTIC ROSARY** on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary, Philothea. Please pray for our country. (No patriotic rosary on Dec. 26)

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**MASSES ON CHRISTMAS WEEKEND:** Christmas is one of those very special holy days that remains a holy day of obligation no matter when it falls. Christmas this year falls on a Monday so we are privileged to attend one Mass to fulfill our Sunday obligation and a second Mass to fulfill our Christmas obligation. Here are some options: #1, Saturday evening and Sunday evening; #2, Saturday evening and Monday; #3, Sunday morning and Sunday evening; and #4, Sunday morning and Monday.

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD** Monday, January 1, is **not a Holy day of obligation** this year, however, Masses will be offered at Holy Trinity, Sunday, Dec. 31 at 5 pm, Jan. 1 at 7 & 9 am; and at St. Anthony on Monday, Jan. 1 at 11 am; and at St. Mary on Monday, January 1 at 9:15 am.

**LATIN MASS**, Fr. Witt will be offering the *Traditional Latin Mass* (TLM) on Mondays at 10 am at St. Anthony and Wednesdays at 8 am at St. Mary, Philothea. This will be in addition to the regular morning Mass at 7:15 a.m. at Holy Trinity, Coldwater. If you are interested, please send him an email to determine the best time. He is also looking to train Altar Boys to serve the TLM. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact him at the cluster office or [awitt@coldwatercluster.org](mailto:awitt@coldwatercluster.org)



**PRAYER** Pope Francis on the "Our Father", from his homily on He noted that Jesus always used the word "Father" in the most important or challenging moments of his life, saying our Father "knows the things we need, before we even ask Him." He is a Father who listens to us in secret just like Jesus advised us to pray in secret.

"It's through this Father that we receive our identity as children. And when I say 'Father' this goes right to the roots of my identity: my Christian identity is to be his child and this is a grace of the Holy Spirit. Nobody can say 'Father' without the grace of the Spirit. 'Father' is the word that Jesus used in the most important moments: when he was full of joy, or emotion: 'Father, I bless you for revealing these things to little children.' Or weeping, in front of the tomb of his friend Lazarus: 'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer,' or else at the end, in the final moments of his life, right at the very end."

Pope Francis went on to stress how the word 'Father' was the one most used by Jesus in the most important or challenging moments of his life. He warned that "unless we feel that we are his children, without considering ourselves as his children, without saying 'Father,' our prayer is a pagan one, it's just a prayer of words. Vatican Radio: "Pope: The 'Our Father' is the cornerstone of our prayer life", [http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2016/06/16/pope\\_the\\_%E2%80%99our\\_father%E2%80%99\\_is\\_the\\_cornerstone\\_of\\_our\\_prayer\\_life/1237671](http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2016/06/16/pope_the_%E2%80%99our_father%E2%80%99_is_the_cornerstone_of_our_prayer_life/1237671)

**TAX SAVINGS** Are you eligible for additional tax savings by gifting investments to the parish? You may benefit from transferring securities or donating funds from a retirement account to the parish. For more information, contact Ellen Homan, Business Manager.

**YOUNG ADULTS** interested in Catholic community and formation! We are looking to start a young adult group in Mercer County for those ages 19-30ish. Through bible studies and fun outings we are looking to grow closer to Christ and community! If you are interested please contact Taylor McGee at 419.678.3328.

**SHARING OUR FAITH WITH OTHERS: On Evangelization in the Modern World**, apostolic exhortation of Pope Paul VI: #77 The power of evangelization will find itself considerably diminished if those who proclaim the Gospel are divided among themselves in all sorts of ways. Is this not perhaps one of the great sicknesses of evangelization today? Indeed, if the Gospel that we proclaim is seen to be rent by doctrinal disputes, ideological polarizations or mutual condemnations among Christians, at the mercy of the latter's differing views on Christ and the Church and even because of their different concepts of society and human institutions, how can those to whom we address our preaching fail to be disturbed, disoriented, even scandalized?

The Lord's spiritual testament tells us that unity among His followers is not only the proof that we are His but also the proof that He is sent by the Father. It is the test of the credibility of Christians and of Christ Himself. As evangelizers, we must offer Christ's faithful not the image of people divided and separated by unedifying quarrels, but the image of people who are mature in faith and capable of finding a meeting-point beyond the real tensions, thanks to a shared, sincere and disinterested search for truth. Yes, the destiny of evangelization is certainly bound up with the witness of unity given by the Church. This is a source of responsibility and also of comfort.

At this point we wish to emphasize the sign of unity among all Christians as the way and instrument of evangelization. The division among Christians is a serious reality which impedes the very work of Christ. The Second Vatican Council states clearly and emphatically that this division "damages the most holy cause of preaching the Gospel to all men, and it impedes many from embracing the faith." [123] For this reason, in proclaiming the Holy Year we considered it necessary to recall to all the faithful of the Catholic world that "before all men can be brought together and restored to the grace of God our Father, communion must be reestablished between those who by faith have acknowledged and accepted Jesus Christ as the Lord of mercy who sets men free and unites them in the Spirit of love and truth." [124]

And it is with a strong feeling of Christian hope that look to the efforts being made in the Christian world for this restoration of the full unity willed by Christ. St. Paul assures us that "hope does not disappoint us." [125] While we still work to obtain full unity from the Lord, we wish to see prayer intensified. Moreover we make our own the desire of the Fathers of the Third General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, for a collaboration marked by greater commitment with the Christian brethren with whom we are not yet united in perfect unity, taking as a basis the foundation of Baptism and the patrimony of faith which is common to us. By doing this we can already give a greater common witness to Christ before the world in the very work of evangelization. Christ's command urges us to do this; the duty of preaching and of giving witness to the Gospel requires this.

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### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CONTEST

Sunday, January 21 at the PALACE (High School gym). Girls and Boys ages 9 to 14 (age as of 1/1/2018). Registration begins at 1pm. Contest begins at 1:30. Pick up forms at Middle School office or at the event. Call Gary Hoying with questions 419.678.2696

**SAVE THE DATES!** We will be having a Cluster Mission on January 22-24 from 7-9 pm each night. Peter Andrastek from Evangelical Catholic will share with us *The ONE Thing . . . that will change your life!*

**WATCH OUR MASSES ON LINE:** 5 pm (Saturday) and the 9 a.m. & 10:30 am (Sunday) Masses on-line. Viewers can watch the Masses live or check in later to watch the archived recording. Access to these Masses can be found on our website ([www.coldwatercluster.org](http://www.coldwatercluster.org)).

**www.formed.org** If you are a reader of ebooks, formed.org has a huge selection of books for your enjoyment. There are works of nonfiction regarding the Catholic faith and theology, practical living, prayer and devotion, and parenting. There are also classic and contemporary works of fiction. Check them out. Use parish code 7222be to start your own account!



### OUR BULLETIN SPONSORS FOR THE WEEK

*Ft. Recovery Industries, Inc.  
Healthy Lawns, Inc.  
Briarwood Village  
C & B Sanning Auto Repair*

### GENERAL INTEREST INFORMATION

**CASC** (Catholic Adult Singles Club). Sat., Jan. 6, winery/Versailles. For more information call 419-678-8691.

#### Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics

2291 St Johns Rd, Maria Stein  
[www.MariaSteinShrine.org](http://www.MariaSteinShrine.org)

To register for any of these events call 925-4532



**Nativities and Classic Advent Calendars Exhibit** now through Jan. 7 (Closed Dec. 24-26, 31 and Jan. 1): Collection of Tim and Katherine Nealeigh. Shrine of the Holy Relics Gathering Space. Come see a variety of Nativities and Advent Calendars from different cultures. **\*\*\*Special Presentation: December 21 at 7 PM "Nativities Through the Ages" led by Matt Hess\*\*\***

**St. Dymphia Prayer Service** Sun., Jan. 28 at 2:30 p.m. She is the saint of those suffering mental illness, Alzheimer and epilepsy. Special guest: Robert Skipper, LPCC

**GRIEF SHARE SESSIONS** Mondays, Jan. 2- March 27 from 7 to 8:30 pm at Precious Blood Rectory, Chickasaw (contact Herb at 419.953.5398 or email [hiwilker@mercy.com](mailto:hiwilker@mercy.com)) or at St. Henry CCD Center, Tuesdays, Jan. 9-April 3, 3:30-5 pm (contact Pat at 678-4118 or email [shclusteroffice@hotmail.com](mailto:shclusteroffice@hotmail.com)) Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend. It's a place where you can be around people who understand how you are feeling and are able to offer you encouragement. (materials donated by Hogenkamp Funeral Home)

**PRO-LIFE AD** To commemorate the 45th Anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision legalizing abortion, the Mercer County Right to Life Chapter will once again purchase a full-page ad in the Daily Standard. For a \$5 donation, your name, along with several hundred others, will be included in the Pro-Life Ad. To participate in this year's Ad Campaign, please send \$5 along with the name or names as you wish it to appear in the newspaper to Janet Gels, 507 N 2nd St., Coldwater, OH 45828 by January 6. Make checks out to Mercer County Right to Life. Please don't wait until the last minute to turn in your name. This ad will appear in the newspaper Wednesday, January 17.

**MARIA STEIN SHRINE EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** is the rock on which the Sisters of the Precious Blood founded our ministry. As we look toward our future, it is imperative to our legacy that we continue our emphasis on prayer. The Adoration Guild continues to carry out our tradition on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday afternoon from 1-5pm. New members are not only welcome, but also needed to continue this ministry. Volunteer musicians are welcome and needed for occasional Saturday morning masses and other services. To learn more about either of these volunteer opportunities, contact Susan Jenkins at [sjenkins@mariasteinshrine.org](mailto:sjenkins@mariasteinshrine.org).

**IS YOUR MARRIAGE HURTING IN ANY WAY?** Has your marriage grown cold, distant, unloving or uncaring? Then please consider Retrouvaille—a program to help heal and renew marriages. Retrouvaille is for marriages that have lost some of their spark, for marriages having difficulties in communication and even those marriages on the edge of separation or divorce. The next program begins Jan. 12-14 in Cincinnati. Call 800.470.2230 or go to [Retrouvaille.org](http://Retrouvaille.org) for more info. Other weekends and locations are available

**PROM DRESS EXCHANGE** Sun., Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> from 1-3PM in the St. Henry Elementary School Gym. Sellers must pay a \$5 fee to show their dress, and they determine the sale price. People selling dresses must drop them off between 11:30AM and 12:30PM that day, and they can pick up their money or unsold items at 3:15 PM. Free admittance & open to the public. All proceeds to benefit the St. Henry Academic Promoters, any questions contact Brenda Goewert at (419) 678-4054.

**VIGIL OF THE TWO HEARTS** Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup> starting at 7pm at St Sebastian Church. The Rosary will be recited and confessions will be heard by Fr. Alphons Minja and Fr. Paul Wolhwend. A 8pm Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Alphons Minja, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. An all night vigil will be held in reparation for our sins and those of the whole world. At 6:30am Fr. Vincent Hoying will have the Procession of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Mass at 7am. Let's make a resolution in this New Year to spend more time with our Lord Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

**SAVE THE DATE 2018 MEN'S CONFERENCE** Saturday, April 28 at Taft Theater in Cincinnati. Flyer available online under special events at [www.coldwatercluster.org](http://www.coldwatercluster.org). Presented by CMG Booking (the Catholic Speakers Organization) and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

**COUNTY AL-ANON MEETINGS** for family/friends of Alcoholics--Thursdays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in Montezuma Church of Christ, 71 S. Canal St., and Fridays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in Holy Trinity church basement, Coldwater; County AA meeting (Alcoholic Anonymous) for alcoholics Thursdays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Montezuma United Methodist Church, 70 S. High St. and Fridays from 7:30- 8:30 p.m. in Holy Trinity church basement, Coldwater.