

# DECEMBER 31, 2017 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

## ST ANTHONY

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

Sunday, January 7, 11 a.m.  
Liturgical Ministers

**Lector:** Carol Muhlenkamp  
**Comm Dist:** Alan Post, Lisa Knapke, Janie Timmerman  
**Servers:** Faith & Josh Diller, Ethan & Emily Sudhoff  
**Ushers:** Mitch Alig, Jim Timmerman  
**Gift Bearers:** John Evans family  
**Rosary:** Roger & Vicky Knapke

### Solemnity of Mary, Monday, January 1 at 11 a.m.

**Lector:** Jackie Roessner;  
**Comm. Distr:** Steve Muhlenkamp, Donna Sudhoff, Rose Post;  
**Servers:** Dylan & Emma Leugers, Kourtney & Adam Diller;  
**Ushers:** Jeff Sudhoff, Joel Muhlenkamp  
**Gift Bearers:** Kevin Sudhoff family  
**Rosary:** Elmer & Mary Lou Klenke

Stewardship Offering December 24, 2017	\$910.00
Loose	185.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,095.00</b>
Christmas	\$2,791.00

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD:**  
January 1 at 11 am.

**CYO** No games are scheduled for 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 Jan. 3. Classes resumes Jan. 10.

**GUATEMALAN MISSION RAFFLE WINNER #166,** Heidi Dues of Fort Recovery.

**BLESSING FOR EXPECTANT PARENTS** next Sunday, January 7 after Mass.

**GUATEMALA MISSION MEETING** Monday, Jan. 8th at 7 pm at St. Peter's church basement. We will be meeting to organize the annual mission party at St. Anthony to be held on February 10<sup>th</sup> for all purchasing raffle tickets for the 2018 Guatemala Mission effort

**MEN'S SODALITY MEETING** Mon., Jan 8 at 7:30 pm in the school.

**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 by January 5<sup>th</sup>.

**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.**

## ST MARY

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Sunday, January 7, 9:15 a.m.  
Liturgical Ministers

**Lector:** Joe Barhorst  
**Comm Distr:** Ben Dues, Brittany Uhlenhake, Ginny Dues  
**Servers:** Allyson Schritz, Sophia Ontrop,  
& Jan. 10 Tyler Timmerman, Russ Moorman  
**Gift Bearers:**  
**Ushers:** Dave Fullenkamp, Gerald Heitkamp

### Solemnity of Mary, Monday, January 1 at 9:15 a.m.

**Lector:** Aaron Hess; **Comm. Distr:** Barb Gaerke, Barb Uhlenhake and Connie Kohn; **Servers:** Adam Hess, Derek & Damon Siefring, Caleb Wendel; **Ushers:** Carl Harting, Kyle Uhlenhake

Stewardship Offering December 24, 2017	\$868.00
Loose	244.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,112.00</b>
Christmas	\$5,177.00

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD:**  
January 1 at 9:15 am.

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

**BLESSING FOR EXPECTANT PARENTS** next Sunday, January 7 after Mass.

**MEN'S SODALITY CHRISTMAS PARTY** January 14th from 2-6pm in the school hall. A sign up sheet will be in the back of church.

**NEW MINISTRY SCHEDULES** will be made out in January. If you want taken off a list or would like to join a ministry, please contact Donna Hemmelgarn 678-8188

**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 [marjary@bright.net](mailto:marjary@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.

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

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Parish Life Coordinator	Donna Hemmelgarn--419-678-8188 <a href="mailto:rdhemm@hometowncable.net">rdhemm@hometowncable.net</a>
Music:	Peg Muhlenkamp --419-678-3635 Diane Geier--419-678-4470 Sue Homan --419-678-3858 Cluster Office--419-678-4802
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Hall Rental:	Rose Ann Siefring--419-678-3108
Maintenance:	Kevin Welling--419-942-3254
Home Bound:	Julie Spoltman-- 419-678-3194
Parish Council Pres.	
Call for Prayer:	

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

**HOLY TRINITY**

Day	Date		Time	Intentions
Sat.	Dec. 30	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)
			No 6 p.m.	
Sun.	Dec. 31	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Vigil	5 p.m.	Lester Buening(d)
Mon.	Jan. 1	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God	7 a.m.	
			9 a.m.	Joe Huber(d)
Tues.	Jan. 2	Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church	7:15 a.m.	Anna Gross(b), Dale Droesch(b), LaVern Bettinger(b)
Wed.	Jan. 3	Christmas Weekday/ The Most Holy Name of Jesus	7:15 a.m.	Helen Vagedes(b), Albert & Dorothea Wappelhorst(w), Urban Mescher(b), Ralph Severt(b), Homer Schieltz
Thurs	Jan. 4	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious	7:15 a.m.	Sharon Siefiring(b), Mary Hess, Ed Gelhaus(b)
<b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 8 AM – 8 PM</b>				
Fri.	Jan. 5	St. John Neumann, Bishop	6:15 a.m.	
			7:15 a.m.	Richard Faller(d), Bernard Franzer(b)
Sat.	Jan. 6	Christmas Weekday	7:15 a.m.	Ed Pottkotter(b)
		The Epiphany of the Lord Vigil	5 p.m.	Larry Boeckman(b), Frances Droesch(d)
Sun.	Jan. 7	The Epiphany of the Lord	7 a.m.	Jim Bettinger(d)
			9 a.m.	Mark Rutschilling(d)
			10:30 am	Art Ernst(d), Agnes Lamm(b)
			12 noon	Members of the Parish
			6 p.m.	

**ST MARY**

Sun.	Dec. 31	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	9:15 a.m.	Werner Loshe(d), Members of the Parish
Mon.	Jan. 1	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God	9:15 a.m.	
Wed.	Jan. 3	Christmas Weekday/ The Most Holy Name of Jesus	8 a.m.	<b>Traditional Latin Mass</b>
Sun.	Jan. 7	The Epiphany of the Lord	9:15 a.m.	Members of the Parish

**ST ANTHONY**

Sun.	Dec. 31	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	11 a.m.	Don Muhlenkamp(b), Joe Diller(b), Members of the Parish
Mon.	Jan. 1	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God	11 a.m.	
Sun	Jan. 7	The Epiphany of the Lord	11 a.m.	Barbara Schuh(d), Melvin & Rita Wendel(w), Members of the Parish

**DAILY READINGS**

Sun.	Dec. 31	Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Psalm 105/Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
Mon.	Jan. 1	Numbers 6:22-27/Psalm 67/Galatians 4:4-7/Luke 2:16-21
Tues.	Jan. 2	1 John 2:22-28/Psalm 98/John 1:19-28
Wed.	Jan. 3	1 John 2:29-3:6/Psalm 98/John 1:29-34
Thurs	Jan. 4	1 John 3:7-10/Psalm 98/John 1:35-42
Fri.	Jan. 5	1 John 3:11-21/Psalm 100/John 1:43-51
Sat.	Jan. 6	1 John 5:5-13/Psalm 147/Mark 1:7-11
Sun.	Jan. 7	Isaiah 60:1-6/Psalm 72/Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6/Matthew 2:1-12

## HOLY TRINITY LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

<b>Solemnity of Mary, Mon. Jan. 1 at 7 a.m.</b> <b>Lectors:</b> Dan Pottkotter, Jason Cupp						
<b>Comm. Distr.</b> Betty & Herb Hamberg, Rachael Heitkamp, Linda Hoyng, Payton Kunk						
<b>Servers:</b> Caleb Dippold, Mara Dues, Bria Dues, Evan Dysert						
<b>Solemnity of Mary, Mon. Jan. 1 at 9 a.m.</b> <b>Lectors:</b> Jenny Dippold, Gary Diller						
<b>Comm. Distr.</b> Joan Gilliland, C.I. Hemmelgarn, Colby Homan, Mary Honigford, Karen Hoyng, Luke Klosterman, Kevin Koch, Chad Lefeld, Jennifer Kremer						
<b>Servers:</b> Emma Eckstein, Cole Frilling, McKenna Gels, Madison Gels						
	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
	<b>January 6</b>	<b>January 7</b>	<b>January 7</b>	<b>January 7</b>	<b>January 7</b>	<b>January 7</b>
	<b>5 p.m.</b>	<b>7 a.m.</b>	<b>9 a.m.</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>12 noon</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
<b>Lectors</b>	Annette Brunswick Barb Goffena	Dave Muhlenkamp Dan Fullenkamp	John Naveau Jodi Alig	Ed Hosbach Kim Riethman	Susan Pallone Alexis Muhlenkamp	Pam Cupp Payton Kunk
<b>Comm. Distri.</b>	Betty Kahlig Irene Lamm Vickie Lefeld Connie May Kathy Moeder Terry Pottkotter Elaine Rosenbeck Dave Schmidt Jerolyn Schultz	Brenda Kaiser Roger Kaiser Dan Pottkotter Ruth Pottkotter Diane Roessner	Gladys Kuess Cindy Liette Allison May Cheryl Naumann Phil Naumann Abigail Pleiman Julie Pleiman Denny Riethman Kim Riethman	Jean Homan Annette Hoyng Lynn Hoyng Larry Jutte Carla Kahlig Valerie Knapke Roger Klenke Jane Kremer Karen Link	Dolores Cron Amy Day Dan Forsthoefel Brenda Heinrichs Dee Irish	Dee Irish
<b>Servers</b>	Shelby Giere Lauren Gilliland Eric Gruss Jeremy Gruss	Nate Hoyng Paige Hoyng Josh Hrycko Natalie Hrycko	Janelle Halterman Lauryn Griesdorn Zachary Hamberg Jake Hemmelgarn	Olivia Harlamert Justin Hartings Shane Homan Shelby Hart	Bethany Honigford Sara Honigford Maura Hoyng Steffi Hoyng	Hannah Huwer Matthew Kahlig Robert Kahlig Simon Kaiser
	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
	<b>January 1</b>	<b>January 2</b>	<b>January 3</b>	<b>January 4</b>	<b>January 5</b>	<b>January 5</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 Alig Natalie Ashbaugh Trent Berkenstock Marcel Blasingame	Grace Bertke John Bertke Michael Boeckman Sam Boeckman	Emily Brunswick Isabel Byer Liam Davis Tate Wenning	Brayden Bonifas Garrett Bruns Heidi Bruns Andrew Wermert	Carson Dellinger Reece Dellinger Cody Depweg Abigail Diller
<b>Choirs</b>		<b>Cherub at 3:10 pm</b>		<b>Mixed at 7 pm</b>		

### HOLY TRINITY

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<b>Call for Prayer:</b> 678-4084	<b>Church Basement Rental:</b> Brenda Wellman: 678-4802

### Holy Trinity Stewardship

December 25, 2017

<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$9,590.00</b>
<b>Loose</b>	<b><u>1,902.00</u></b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,492.00</b>
<b>EFT    Electronic Fund Transfer</b>	<b>\$5,735.00</b>
<b>Christmas Envelopes</b>	<b>\$16,954.00</b>
<b>Christmas Loose</b>	<b>3,496.05</b>
<b>Christmas Total</b>	<b>\$20,450.05</b>

### HOLY TRINITY

108 E. Main St., Coldwater, OH 45828

**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)

**BLESSING FOR EXPECTANT PARENTS** next Sunday, January 7 after the 9 am Mass.

DID YOU KNOW that Holy Trinity is on Facebook? "Like" our Facebook page for all the latest news, announcements, and events! You can find us by searching "Holy Trinity Catholic Church Coldwater" on Facebook.

# DECEMBER 31, 2017 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH CLUSTER INFORMATION

**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, 1980:** Coldwater School District starting January 5, 1981 all buildings will be dismissing six minutes earlier. This change is being made to help alleviate the traffic problems caused by New Idea shift change and school dismissal occurring at approximately the same time.

**December 31, 1967:** Holy Family Sunday is next Sunday. On this feast the family should arrange to receive Holy Communion as a family. Fathers and mothers should renew their dedication to their family. The blessing of the family will take place next Sunday at the afternoon services. Bring the whole family for the blessing.

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



## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

**ETERNAL REST** to Betty Giere whose funeral was Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> at Holy Trinity (*served by luncheon team 2*) and Janice Moeller whose funeral was Thursday, December 28<sup>th</sup> at Holy Trinity (*served by luncheon team 3*)

**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.

## 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)

**THANK YOU** to the First graders and their teachers for presenting a wonderful Christmas play to our afternoon religion classes and families. To the K of C for sponsoring the crib blessing, to the students who participated and Tess Huwer for reading about Jesus' birthday. To the Youth Group for putting on two amazing performances for our CCD students. To all the volunteers who helped with all three events on the last night of religion. We appreciate your time and kindness.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

**Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Teacher Inservice Carpool will leave church parking lot at 6:30PM.

**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.

## 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 January 3. Resumes Jan. 10**

## 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

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

**January 7<sup>th</sup> snacks:** Diane Wellman, Kathy Streaker

**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.

**'MARY GO ROUND'** Sat., Jan. 6 at 6:15 am. Discussing the book Full of Grace by Johnette Benkovic. All women invited.

**MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO MADE THE CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS SO SPECIAL at Holy Trinity, St. Anthony and St. Mary, Philothea.** Special thanks to all who helped with the beautiful decorations and the lovely nativity scenes in church and outside of church. To all the choirs and cantors, to all the organist and Folk group. Also to the maintenance people, money counters, ushers and Liturgical Ministers and anyone else who helped make this season a very special time. A very special thanks to those who sent cards, gifts and goodies. It was greatly appreciated. Fr. Walling and Fr. Witt



## DECEMBER 31, 2017 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

**SHARING OUR FAITH WITH OTHERS:** On Evangelization in the Modern World, apostolic exhortation of Pope Paul VI: #78, The Gospel entrusted to us is also the word of truth. A truth which liberates[126] and which alone gives peace of heart is what people are looking for when we proclaim the Good News to them. The truth about God, about man and his mysterious destiny, about the world; the difficult truth that we seek in the Word of God and of which, we repeat, we are neither the masters nor the owners, but the depositaries, the heralds and the servants.

Every evangelizer is expected to have a reverence for truth, especially since the truth that he studies and communicates is none other than revealed truth and hence, more than any other, a sharing in the first truth which is God Himself. The preacher of the Gospel will therefore be a person who even at the price of personal renunciation and suffering always seeks the truth that he must transmit to others. He never betrays or hides truth out of a desire to please men, in order to astonish or to shock, nor for the sake of originality or a desire to make an impression. He does not refuse truth. He does not obscure revealed truth by being too idle to search for it, or for the sake of his own comfort, or out of fear. He does not neglect to study it. He serves it generously, without making it serve him. . . . Parents and teachers, your task- and the many conflicts of the present day do not make it an easy one- is to help your children and your students to discover truth, including religious and spiritual truth.

**2018 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: "YOUR RIGHT HAND, O LORD, GLORIOUS IN POWER" (Exodus 15:6)** All are welcome to come together to pray for the unity of all Christians from 12 noon until 12:30 pm at Coldwater United Methodist Church on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 24 and 26<sup>th</sup>, and at Holy Trinity on Tuesday and Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**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

**TRADITIONAL LATIN MASSES** 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 am at Holy Trinity, Coldwater.

**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!



**PRAYER** A Great Treasure: The Lord's Prayer is one of the greatest treasures Jesus gave to us. It tells us how much God wants to help us, and it teaches us to surrender our lives to him. So let's follow the words he has given us. Let's first of all honor the Lord and seek his kingdom, and second of all, let's ask our Father for the grace to love and forgive as we have been loved and forgiven.

One of the reasons the Lord's Prayer is so popular is because it contains all the key ingredients of any prayer. We can use more formal prayers like the Rosary or the Divine Office, or we can pray in a less structured way, perhaps in Eucharistic adoration or by singing songs of praise and worship. But no matter what we do, we can trust that our prayer will change us if we are offering ourselves to the Lord just as the Lord's Prayer teaches us to do. We can be confident that our prayer will change us because we are living out the divine exchange that is summed up so beautifully in the Our Father." "The Simplicity of the Divine Exchange", The Word Among Us, pg. 8.

**PATRIOTIC ROSARY** on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary, Philothea. Please pray for our country.

**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)).

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### GENERAL INTEREST INFORMATION

**GRIEFSHARE 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)

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CASC (Catholic Adult Singles Club). Sat., Jan. 6, winery/Versailles & Sat., Jan. 13, Mass/supper, Piqua. 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** through Jan. 7 (Closed Dec. 31 and Jan. 1): Collection of Tim and Katheleen 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

**VIGIL OF THE TWO HEARTS** Friday, January 5th and Saturday, January 6th 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. Mass at 8 pm 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.

**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.

**ST CHARLES FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS** Saturday, January 6th, at 2 p.m. in the main chapel. This includes an hour of prayer with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the rosary and other devotions followed by Benediction.

**SERVICE OF EPIPHANY LESSONS AND CAROLS** Sunday, January 7, 2 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Wapakoneta. The hour-long program extends the joy of the Christmas season through music and Scripture. Refreshments and fellowship will follow. The event is free and open to the public, and is presented by the four Petersburg Parishes.

**PROM DRESS EXCHANGE** Sun., Jan. 7th 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.

**HAPPY HEARTS 4-H MEETING** - Monday, **January 8th**, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the **UNITED STEEL WORKERS HALL.** There will not be a meeting on the 1st Monday of the month due to it being New Year's Day.

**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.

**ALZHEIMER'S/DEMENTIA PRESENTATION** Tuesday, Jan. 16 at 6 p.m. by Yvonne Miller of Otterbein St. Marys at the Coldwater library. She will cover the stages of the disease and the dos and don'ts of dealing with loved ones.

**DAY OF REFLECTION** for all those who have been affected by abortion. This includes fathers, siblings, aunts/uncles, friends... The day is **Jan. 27, 2018** in the Cincinnati area from 9am to 3pm. There will be a healing service, with an opportunity to participate in Reconciliation following witnesses and prayer. We invite you to: "Look into your heart, listen to the voice of God. Help yourself by accepting His love and forgiveness." For more info or registration call the Office for Respect Life Ministries at 937-222-0227, or the Project Rachel Helpline for information at (513)784-0531. You can register at: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/project-rachel/>

**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 [s.jenkins@mariasteinshrine.org](mailto:s.jenkins@mariasteinshrine.org).

**SURVIVING DIVORCE February 6 through April 24** Marriage is meant to last a lifetime. Most engaged couples approach their wedding day fully believing and intending this. Sadly, however, too many hearts and homes end up experiencing the pain of divorce. **Surviving Divorce** was created to bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. The Petersburg Parishes are offering this 12 week video series on Tuesday evenings, February 6 through April 24 (7 to 8:30 PM) in the Adult Room of the St. Joseph Parish Life Center (attached to the church located at 103 W Pearl St., Wapakoneta). Call 419-738-2115 to register. A \$25 fee will cover the cost of the program. If this would create a financial hardship, please mention that when registering.

**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.