

PLEASE MARK  
YOUR  
CALENDARS!

PS/KG DATES

- Nov. 5 & 10
- Dec. 3 & 17
- Jan. 7 & 21
- Feb. 4 & 18
- March 4 & 18
- April 8 & 22

# Fort Recovery Catholic Cluster

## Religious Education Programs - Mary Help of Christians, St. Paul, St. Peter & St. Joe

### Thanksgiving & Praise

Sometimes, when we are facing trials and tribulations those can be some of the hardest times to give praise, but that's when it matters the most. This fall as we get closer to Thanksgiving there's so much to be thankful for, especially for the amazing community that we live in where so many people work so hard. Thank you to the Catechists that put in so many extra hours helping to make the programs run smoothly and ensuring that students are on track and on course. Thank you to all the volunteers that help out with each of the different parish locations and assist in making everything possible. Thank you to the parents for all your running and for chauffeuring students around. Above all though we have to thank the

Lord for each and every day that we've been blessed with. Sometimes in the hustle and bustle of everyday life we don't take the time to slow down and be thankful, so Thank You Jesus for all that you do and for our many blessings, especially each and every one of you! Each student and parent is important in God's eyes and please help us in sharing the love and joy of Christ with others this holiday season.



The Solemnity of All Saints Day is Wednesday, November 1st so please be sure to remember your Confirmation Saint or one of your favorite Saints and pray to them for guidance on this special and Holy Day.

All Souls Day is Thursday, November 2nd so please be sure to pray for all the souls in purgatory and all those that have gone before us as we remember them and think of those that have passed away.

Eternal Rest grant unto them  
O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine  
upon them,  
May they rest in peace. Amen

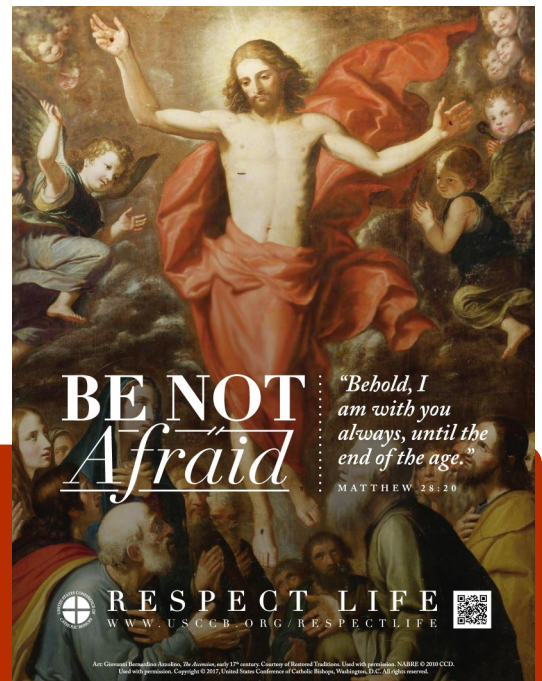
### Delays or Cancellations

With the upcoming winter season, please be sure that you are signed up for the Remind messages (e-mail or text) to ensure that you receive notifications when there are cancellations for classes or Mass. If you would like notifications via e-mail, please contact Holly with your e-mail address and info at

cre@fortrecoverycatholics.org.  
For text reminders to sign-up for Remind, text the following.  
MHC—text @fortreco to 81010  
St. Paul—text @stpaulccd to the number 81010  
St. Peter/St. Joe—text @stpeterccd to the number 81010

Cancellations or delays will also be on WCSM, the cluster Facebook page, Fort Recovery Radio and on WHIO. Please be sure to "Like" our cluster Facebook page for more information and updates & be sure to check for cancellations if there is snow!

October is Respect Life month, so what a great time to participate by being a part of the **Mercer County Right to Life** Essay contest. They are sponsoring three essay contests this fall. The topics are: “Why I Am Pro-Life” for 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> graders, “How I Defend My Pro-Life Position” for 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> graders, and “How I Can Assist the Pro-Life Movement” for 18-22 year olds. The essays are to be 500-800 words in length and must be submitted to [mercercountystudentsforlife@outlook.com](mailto:mercercountystudentsforlife@outlook.com) by Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The scoring will consist of grammatical, factual, creative, and inspirational criteria. First place winners in each category will receive \$200, and second place winners will receive \$100. All remaining essay participants will be included in a raffle for 10 prizes of \$25 each. Please include your name, address, e-mail address, school, and grade or age at the beginning of the essay.



**\*\*Changes and Announcements—**

There is no Religion on Wednesday, November 22 due to Thanksgiving. Mass is at St. Peter that night at 7pm or on Thanksgiving day at Mary Help of Christians on Thursday, November 23 at 9:00am.

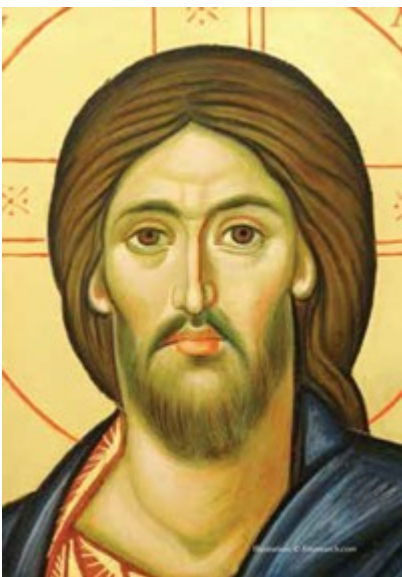
St. Paul—Saints Night & Trivia Night is on Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>—parents if you would like to bring drinks or snacks for that evening, please contact Holly at [cre@fortrecoverycatholics.org](mailto:cre@fortrecoverycatholics.org).

The St. Paul 7<sup>th</sup> Grade class will have Confession on Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.

The St. Paul date for gift wrapping has changed from December 20<sup>th</sup> and is now on December 13<sup>th</sup>, so please mark that on your calendars, this is for second session students.

St. Peter/St. Joe students will have Christmas Caroling on Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at the area nursing homes for second session, what a great way to celebrate and bring joy to those in our local community!

National Vocations Awareness week is November 5-11, so please be sure to say extra prayers for Vocations that we may have an increase in vocations, especially from our local community. *A Prayer for Vocations*



Almighty Father, You have created us for some definite purpose. Grant us the grace to know the path You have planned for us in this life and to respond with a generous “Yes.”

Make our Archdiocese, parishes, homes and hearts fruitful ground for Your gift of vocations. May our young people respond to Your call with courage and zeal.

Stir among our men a desire and the strength to be good and holy priests. Bless us with consecrated religious and those called to a chaste single life, permanent deacons, and faithful husbands and wives, who are a sign of Christ’s love for His Church.

We commend our prayer for vocations to You, Father, through the intercession of Mary our Mother, in the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr