



“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself,
take up his cross, and follow me. “

~Mark 8:34

September 12, 2021
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Holy Martyrs Catholic Church
3100 OLD WEYMOUTH RD MEDINA, OH 44256

Mass Intentions

For the week of
September 4 - September 12

Sat	4:30 PM	Frank Seaman
Sun	9:30 AM	Marie & John Mueller
	11:30 AM	Parishioners
	5:00 PM	Louis Barbato
Mon	Noon	Neil Lance
Tues	Noon	Jennifer Kolasinski
Wed	Noon	Jim McClelland
Thurs	Noon	Nancy Gerberich
Fri	Noon	Walter DeLong
Sat	4:30 PM	Timothy Weis
Sun	9:30 AM	David Foerster
	11:30 AM	John Francis
	5:00 PM	Parishioners

This week at Holy Martyrs

Sun 09/12	Choir Practice	8:30 AM	Pfeiffer Hall A
	Mass	9:30 AM	Worship Space
	Outside Mass	11:30 AM	Pavilion
	Contemporary Mass	5:00 PM	Worship Space
	SPIRIT	6:00 PM	PLC/Pfeiffer Hall
	Life Teen	6:00 PM	Martyrs Hall
Mon 09/13	Daily Mass	12:00	Worship Space
	HM Kids Monday	6:00 PM	PLC
	Stephen Ministers		
	Leaders Meeting	6:30 PM	Via ZOOM
Tues 09/14	Glory Bees	7:30 AM	Worship Space
	Daily Mass	12:00	Worship Space
	HM Kids Tuesday	6:00 PM	PLC
	Journey for Kids	6:00 PM	Room 200
Wed 09/15	Daily Mass	12:00	Worship Space
	Stephen Ministers		
	Peer Supervision	6:00 PM	Room 102
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM	Worship Space
Thurs 09/16	Daily Mass	12:00	Worship Space
	SPIRIT Prayer in the Chapel	4:00 PM	Chapel
Fri 09/17	Daily Mass	12:00	Worship Space
Sat 09/18	Stephen Ministry		
	Training Session	9:00 AM	Room 102
	Reconciliation	3:00 PM	Chapel
	Mass	4:30 PM	Worship Space
Sun 09/19	Choir Practice	8:30 AM	Pfeiffer Hall A
	Mass	9:30 AM	Worship Space
	Outside Mass	11:30 AM	Pavilion
	Contemporary Mass	5:00 PM	Worship Space
	SPIRIT	6:00 PM	PLC/Pfeiffer Hall
	Life Teen	6:00 PM	Martyrs Hall



Daily Mass at Holy Martyrs

Daily Mass is celebrated at 12:00 Noon
Monday through Friday in the Worship Space

Parish Staff

Father Stephen Dohner
Pastor

Diane Bruce
Director of Faith Formation

Christopher Ilg
Director of Music

Father Robert F. Pfeiffer
Pastor Emeritus

Janet Payton
Pastoral Associate

Skip McQuate
SPIRIT Coordinator

Kaitlin Heneghan
Communications Coordinator

Father Mark Ott
Weekend Priest

Brandon Woods
Life Teen Coordinator

Sr. Marie Ellen Kuhel
Bereavement Consultant

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COVID-19 UPDATE

The Diocese has updated its protocols for parishes dealing with the Delta variant of the Covid-19 virus. What follows is Bishop Malesic's letter:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The latest information from federal, state and local public health agencies informs us that the Delta variant of the COVID-19 virus is surging in our area, causing increased illness and hospitalizations at levels not seen since the spring. For the safety of all who worship at Catholic parishes throughout the Diocese of Cleveland, **I strongly encourage you -- whether vaccinated or not vaccinated -- to wear a face mask while attending Mass indoors. All who want to attend Mass, and who are otherwise vulnerable, should feel safe and welcome inside our sacred spaces. Please use charity and patience with those who do not wish to comply with this strongly stated request. You also might want to consider wearing a face mask for other indoor gatherings, especially for those not yet fully vaccinated.** Wearing masks outdoors is not generally required except for activities involving close contact with others who are not fully vaccinated.

Those who are ill, have significant health risk factors or care for someone who is immune-compromised or ill, as well as those who have significant fear or anxiety about contracting the coronavirus in a large group of persons are not obliged to attend Mass.

Pope Francis recently offered a message of hope and unity to the world in an effort to continue increasing confidence in the COVID-19 vaccines, specifically in communities disproportionately affected by the virus. "Thanks to God's grace and to the work of many, we now have vaccines to protect us from COVID-19," the pope said. "Getting the vaccines that are authorized by the respective authorities is an act of love. I pray to God that each one of us can make his or her own small gesture of love; no matter how small, love is always grand."

I am fully vaccinated and recommend the same for my family and friends. In consideration of others, I also am wearing a mask during the distribution of holy Communion and I strongly encourage those distributing holy Communion at Mass to wear a mask while distributing as well.

Remember that the situation seems to be ever changing. This request to wear face masks is temporary and will be changed once this current level of increased coronavirus cases is over. Stay connected to information coming from national, state and local health authorities, and stay home and get tested for COVID when you are not feeling well. Following these recommendations will go a long way in helping to keep you and others around you safe.

We are all tired of this pandemic, but we must not forget that we are called to care for the health of others in times of crisis and must continue to protect our healthcare system and medical workers.

May God bless and watch over us in our time of need.

Bishop Edward C. Malesic

Parish News

Join us outside in the Pavilion for Sunday Mass at 11:30 AM

The 5:00 PM Contemporary Mass will now be held in the Worship Space and will also be Livestreamed on our website.

Mass will take place in and around the picnic pavilion. For ease of access, you should plan to park in the back parking lot.



Please plan to bring your own lawn chair to sit on during Mass.

If weather is not conducive to sitting outdoors, Mass will be moved inside.



Baptism

Kaiden Allen Gorey
son of
Shaun Gorey and Kelsey Szerpicki



7-session course on the most important questions of life

Begins Monday, October 18
6:00PM - 8:30PM
Dinner is provided

Register Now!

Grow in Faith

DISCOVERING CHRIST

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Parish News

Fanning the Flames of Your Faith

*A Strengths-Based Guide to
Discipleship*

*Discover the unique love that God
has just for You!*

To register, scan the QR code:



Or go to:

<http://holymartyrs.net.event-calendar>

You are registering for **two** sessions:

Retreat:

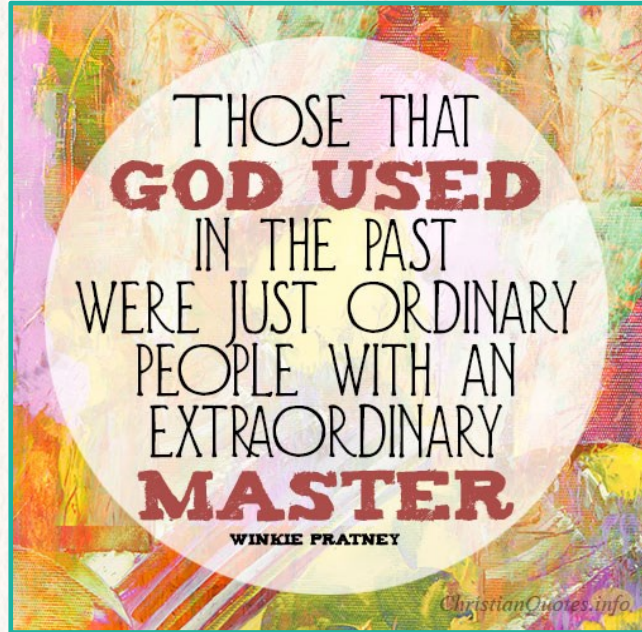
Saturday, Oct. 2, 8:30 – 12:30

Discover your talents

Coaching Session:

Saturday, Oct. 9, 9:00am – 10:30am

Discover all the opportunities available for
using your gifts!



Are you or someone you know struggling with challenges like...

- Isolation and loneliness
- Anxiety over health
- Grief due to losses
- Tension from juggling work, childcare and schooling
- Financial strain or job loss
- Uncertainty about the future
- Other unexpected life challenges?



If so, you don't have to face it alone. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to listen, care, encourage and provide emotional and spiritual support.

A Stephen Minister will meet with you privately - by phone, by video chat, or, if safely possible, in person - to offer care and support. Stephen Ministers are Holy Martyrs parishioners who have been specially trained to provide high quality Christian care. A Stephen Ministers' confidential emotional and spiritual care usually takes the form of a weekly meeting that happens as long as is needed.

If you need a friend or know someone who does, ask if a Stephen Minister can help.

Call Janet Payton at 330-722-6633

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

~Matthew 11:28

HM Kids / SPIRIT / Life Teen

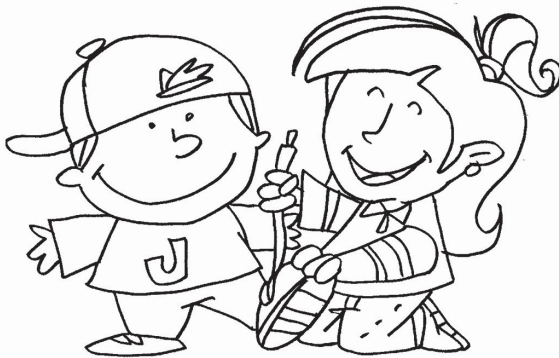


Journey for Kids

Journey for Kids will meet on Tuesday evenings during the normal HMKids hours of 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in Room 200 beginning with an Orientation on September 13, 2021.

All families who have children in Grades 3 through 8 who have not yet celebrated the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation or are missing any one of the three are invited to attend.

For more information and to register for *Journey for Kids*, please contact Diane Bruce, Director of Faith Formation at 330-952-1466 or at dbruce@holymartyrs.net



GOSPEL

If you have a little brother who asks you to tie his shoes six times, it is easy to get angry and say, "NO. Tie it yourself." However, God wants you to help others with a smile. He wants you to tie shoes for others. He wants you to open doors for others. He wants you to sweep the floor for others. God wants you to treat others with kindness as a favor to him.

PRAYER

Show me how to treat others with kindness for you, Lord.

Holy Martyrs LIFE TEEN

Life Teen KICKOFF TODAY

Sunday, September 12, 2021 after the 5:00 PM Mass



Spirit at Holy Martyrs

SPIRIT, our 7th and 8th grade youth group program, met on Sunday, August 29, 2021 and we went on an "Advocate Adventure".

This Sunday, September 12, 2021, we will begin with 5:00pm Mass in the church and then meet in Pfeiffer Hall. Our topic of discussion will be "The Time Machine".



SPIRIT is on the Holy Martyrs website, Facebook and Instagram

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Opportunities for Sharing Time, Talent and Treasure

Grateful Giving



eGiving is a great stewardship habit - it streamlines your giving and lets you do even more to help Holy Martyrs grow our ministries that share the Good News of God's love. Why not make the switch today? You can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Recurring gifts were a lifeline during COVID-19 and sustained our parish throughout the year. They provide consistent support that helps us always be at the ready with programs, services, and ministries for our church families and for those in need throughout the community.

To continue to make a difference in 2021, Holy Martyrs is reaching out to our parishioners. The more people use eGiving, the stronger foundation we will have for ministries that bring hope in times of uncertainty.

Just go to our parish website, holymartyrs.net. At the top of the page go to "**Next Steps**" and click on "**Give**" for information about *Faith Direct* and how to sign up.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call Therese McDonnell at 330-722-6633 or email Tmcdonnell@holymartyrs.net

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.



Launched by Pope Francis, **MISSIO** connects you with communities around the world and helps you make a direct and lasting impact on the lives of others.

Feeding vulnerable children in Tabaka, Kenya

Tabaka Primary School is a collaboration between the Sisters of the Blessed Virgin and communities in Tabaka to provide quality education to school going children. Since its establishment in 2012, the school has strived to provide quality education to vulnerable children in Tabaka village. Poverty among the local communities is a major hindrance to most children affecting quality education. To protect the children from this menace, Sisters of Blessed Virgin established a feeding program. This program has resulted in improved school attendance, performance, and the health of children. But drought and COVID - 19 has negatively impacted food supply to the school. The school does not have sufficient stock to feed the children. Therefore, through this project the Sisters of the Blessed Virgin seek to restock food supply and provide balanced meals to vulnerable children. Please help support this project.



For more information on this and all current projects, please go to <https://www.missio.org/explore.aspx>