



**Priesthood
Sunday**



**September 26, 2021
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

Mass Intentions

For the week of
September 25 - October 3

Sat	4:30 PM	Anny Hamilton
Sun	9:30 AM	John Rue
	11:30 AM	Parishioners
	5:00 PM	Thelma Seaman
Mon	Noon	Ken and Pat Shepard
Tues	Noon	Carol Matozzo
Wed	Noon	John Hoffman
Thurs	Noon	Lee LeVoyer
Fri	Noon	Elizabeth Obloy
Sat	4:30 PM	Thomas P. Moran
Sun	9:30 AM	Mary Lorraine Gresock
	11:30 AM	Victor & Louise Seskes
	5:00 PM	Parishioners

This week at Holy Martyrs

Sun 09/26	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 09/27	Daily Mass	12:00	Worship Space
	HM Kids Monday	6:00 PM	PLC
	HM Kids Online	6:00 PM	Via Zoom
Tues 09/28	Daily Mass	12:00	Worship Space
	HM Kids Tuesday	6:00 PM	PLC
	Journey for Kids	6:00 PM	Room 200
Wed 09/29	Daily Mass	12:00	Worship Space
	Prayer Shawl Ministry	1:00 PM	Room 103
	Stephen Ministers		
	Peer Supervision	6:30 PM	Room 102
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM	Worship Space
Thurs 09/30	Daily Mass	12:00	Worship Space
	SPIRIT Prayer in the Chapel	4:00 PM	Chapel
	Stephen Ministry		
	Training Session	6:00 PM	Room 102
Fri 10/1	Daily Mass	12:00	Worship Space
Sat 10/2	Fanning the Flames of Your Faith	8:30 AM	Martyrs Hall
	Reconciliation	3:00 PM	Chapel
	Mass	4:30 PM	Worship Space
Sun 10/3	Choir Practice	8:30 AM	Pfeiffer Hall A
	Mass	9:30 AM	Worship Space
	Outside Mass	11:30 AM	Pavilion
	Confirmation Mass	2:00 PM	Worship Space



Daily Mass at Holy Martyrs

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

Please join us.

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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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**

There is a promise of marriage between:

I Wedding Banns

Lukasz Machaj & Sarah Gaeckle



II Wedding Banns

Samuel Strahsburg & Samantha Gross

Pray for those who have died
in Christ:



Sylvia Arthurs

Daniel Nelson

Everett Spaczynski



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

Parish News

Fanning the Flames of Your Faith

A Strengths-Based Guide to Discipleship



Fall is a time of Thanksgiving!

At this time of year, we stop to appreciate those who are significant in our lives, as well as the blessings and gifts that we have received.

How are you using the gifts God has given to you?

Have you been Thankful & Appreciative of your gifts?

Uncover the gifts that define God's love for you!

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!

To register, scan the QR Code:

Or go to: <http://holymartyrs.net/event-calendar/>



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

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HM Kids / SPIRIT / Life Teen



On Catechetical Sunday, we come together as both a parish and Church community to acknowledge the dedication of those who serve as catechists in our parish family. We also honor parents and guardians on this day, since they are the true first catechists, sharing the Catholic faith with their families.

In this year of St. Joseph our protector of the family we recognize the message given to us in the gospel: **“Say the Word and My Soul shall be Healed.”**

This year’s theme acknowledges a world in need of healing. The Church shares Jesus’ special concern with those who are sick and suffering. As your community celebrates Catechetical Sunday and commissions catechists for their ministry, explore your parish’s resources to assist you in the important work of coming to open eyes and souls to God’s healing.



Prayer for Catechists

Loving Father, we pray today for our catechists. We thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church.

Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word. Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to love you.

Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important; knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgement about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with your Son.

We pray this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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Spirit at Holy Martyrs

SPIRIT, our 7th and 8th grade youth group program, met Sunday, Sept 19, 2021 and we talked about Mass and going to Mass. We did get to play with Play Doh which was a lot of fun. This Sunday, September 26, 2021, we will begin with 5:00pm Mass in the church and then meet in Pfeiffer Hall. We will then go to the XLT with the Confirmation Candidates and Life Teen.



SPIRIT is on the Holy Martyrs website, Facebook and Instagram

LIFE TEEN HOLY MARTYRS CHURCH

September 19:

Topic: New Fire
Mass, Food, Games, Discussion

LIFE TEEN HOLY MARTYRS CHURCH - MEDINA, OH

September 26:

XLT
Adoration and Confessions

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.

Consider a Gift of Stock to Support the Ministries of Holy Martyrs

In gratitude for all that God has given us, we, as Christians, are called to give back to our community and our church. In addition to the Sunday offertory, one way of giving back might be transferring appreciated stock to help Holy Martyrs continue its mission to lead people to encounter Christ, grow in faith, and make disciples. By transferring stock directly to our parish, you may be able to avoid capital gains taxes.

For more information about what you need to do to make such a gift, please contact

Therese McDonnell at 330-722-6633 or Tmcdonnell@holymartyrs.net



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.

Equipment for Mary Immaculate Health Center, Kenya

Mary Immaculate Health Center is run by the sisters of Mary Immaculate in the Diocese of Eldoret. We are in the rural areas where access to health care is a challenge. The health center started a maternal care unit where both pre-natal and post-natal services are offered. We have a small delivery room which is not fully equipped.



The community we serve is a community that still believes in traditional medicine and home deliveries are very common. We have a number of teenage pregnancies and child led families due to the high numbers of young

girls getting married at a young age. The facility serves these communities, and the greatest challenge is that we do not have a fully equipped maternity. The small delivery bed in the labor ward is not adequate and we also lack the required equipment in the labor ward. There is no other health facility nearby, and in cases of emergency the nearest government facility is 30 Km away. Your gift of \$25 can help buy a hospital bed.



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



Catholic Communication Campaign

Today we take up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and around the world using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half the funds we collect remain here in the Diocese of Cleveland to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the Gospel message. Support the collection today!

To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc

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Throughout the Diocese

EMPLOYMENT NETWORK GROUP

If you are an executive, professional or manager who is looking for employment opportunities, we encourage you to connect with our Employment Network Group. This parish networking group will again start meeting on the first Wednesday of each month at Holy Martyrs, Martyrs Hall (off the back parking lot).

The next meeting is Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at 6:30 PM.

First-time attendees should plan to come to a short orientation session at 6:30 p.m. The regular group meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.

For more information about the Employment Network Group, please contact Erin Rankin at erinremote@yahoo.com.

Marriage Resources

www.helpourmarriage.org
www.foryourmarriage.org

Help for victims of domestic abuse

Victims of domestic abuse may call the BATTERED WOMEN'S SHELTER of Summit & Medina Counties' confidential hotline for help 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Medina County Hotline 330-723-3900
Toll Free 877-414-1344
Summit County Hotline 330-374-1111
Toll Free 888-395-4357

Jesuit Retreat Center
5629 State Road
Parma, OH 44134

Walking the Sacred Path

Sunday, September 26 from 2:00pm - 8:00pm

Our labyrinth is modelled on the one embedded in the floor of the Chartes Cathedral in France. A labyrinth walk can represent a life journey, a pilgrimage to a sacred place, or a prayer path that leads us to God.

Walking the labyrinth invites you into intentional prayer for yourself, for family or friends, for our world or our local community. It invites us to pray with our bodies, our hearts, our minds, and our souls.

**Cinema & Conversation: This Beautiful Fantastic
Monday, September 27 from 7:00pm - 9:00pm**

After each movie, there will be time for conversation and questions. We continue in September with the 2016 film, *This Beautiful Fantastic*, about a young woman with obsessive-compulsive disorder who is trying to write a children's book. Written and directed by Simon Aboud, this British romantic drama stars Jessica Brown Findlay, Tom Wilkinson, Andrew Scott, Jeremy Irvine, Anna Chancellor, Eileen Davies.

Individuals who are not fully vaccinated are required to wear a mask in the JRC facility - for the protection of yourself and others. JRC follows current CDC guidelines on masks and vaccination.

For more information or to register for any of the events, please go to:

<https://www.jesuitretreatcenter.org/calendar>