



October 10, 2021
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Mass Intentions

For the week of
October 9 - October 17

Sat	4:30 PM	Parishioners
Sun	9:30 AM	Mary Keating
	11:30 AM	Louise Biernot
	5:00 PM	Mary Lorraine Gresock
Mon	Noon	Jacqueline Vanuch
Tues	Noon	Timothy Lynch
Wed	Noon	Daniel Nelson
Thurs	Noon	Keith Culley
Fri	Noon	Clara Bigelow
Sat	4:30 PM	Evelyn & Jack Moran
Sun	9:30 AM	Samuel Messina
	11:30 AM	Parishioners
	5:00 PM	Joe Krinock

This week at Holy Martyrs

Sun 10/10	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 10/11	Daily Mass	12:00	Worship Space
	HM Kids Monday	6:00 PM	PLC
	HM Kids Online	6:00 PM	Via Zoom
Tues 10/12	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 10/13	Daily Mass	12:00	Worship Space
	Stephen Ministry Peer Supervision	6:30 PM	Room 102
Thurs 10/14	Daily Mass	12:00	Worship Space
	SPIRIT Prayer in the Chapel	4:00 PM	Chapel
Fri 10/15	Daily Mass	12:00	Worship Space
Sat 10/16	Reconciliation	3:00 PM	Chapel
	Mass	4:30 PM	Worship Space
Sun 10/17	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

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

Please join us.



Parish Staff

Father Stephen Dohner
Pastor

Janet Payton
Pastoral Associate

Diane Bruce
Director of Faith Formation

Skip McQuate
SPIRIT Coordinator

Brandon Woods
Life Teen Coordinator

Christopher Ilg
Director of Music

Kaitlin Heneghan
Communications Coordinator

Father Robert F. Pfeiffer
Pastor Emeritus

Father Mark Ott
Weekend Priest

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

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

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



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

CELEBRATE FAITH, CELEBRATE HOLY MARTYRS!

Over the next few weeks you will be hearing about the upcoming "Celebrate Faith, Celebrate Holy Martyrs" program at our parish. This effort is an important opportunity to reflect on our mission and our successes, our ministries and our future. And to consider what all of us can do to support it.

Our parish has changed people's lives! In order to continue our mission and ministries, we are asking all parishioners to spend time in prayer, to consider all the good work that we do.

A special Commitment Weekend will take place on October 30th - 31st at all our Masses. More information will be shared in the coming weeks. If you have any questions regarding "Celebrate Faith, Celebrate Holy Martyrs," please contact the parish office.

Baptism Preparation



Those parents seeking Baptism of a child will need to complete a Baptism Preparation Session if this is your first child or if it has been 2 years or more since you last attended a session.

Holy Martyrs will be holding a Baptism Preparation Session on **Sunday, October 24 at 1:30 PM** in the Worship Space.

To register, scan here:



or go to:

<http://holymartyrs.net/about-us/sacraments/baptism/infant-baptism/>

For further information please contact the parish office at 330-722-6633.

There is a promise of marriage between:



III Wedding Banns

Lukasz Machaj & Sarah Gaeckle

Parish News



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

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?



**HOLY MARTYRS
STEPHEN MINISTRY**

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

Protecting God's Children

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children has seen a 106% increase in reports of suspected online child sexual exploitation since March of 2019.

Offenders are also affected by the pandemic's impact. While it is certainly no excuse, their stress levels are raised as well, which can lead to them seeking and performing more illegal activities online. Offenders often do not have any other outside social support systems, and this factor alone results in a higher risk for children.⁴ This means several factors have coalesced to create unusually high risk—increased stress and therefore vulnerability in children, higher stress on offenders, as well as increased stress on parents who have more to do, yet less time and assistance in order to accomplish everything. These conditions allow for the possibility of an unfortunate increase for online child sexual exploitation.

VIRTUS has always championed taking measures to ensure that children are safer in person, and online. In addition, **WePROTECT** has echoed these steps, and provided additional ones,⁵ in order to provide the best possible opportunity to protect children during this time.

For example:

- Talk with your children about the risks of online activity
- Stay involved in their digital world—know where they are going online and oversee these sites and apps
- Know who they are connecting with online—people are not always who they seem
- Use all the privacy and security settings available

Block and report⁶ anyone that makes the youth, or you, uncomfortable (you should report any exploitative online material to <https://report.cybertip.org/>). You can also report directly in the app or website for elements that are against the policy.

Raising the bar on diligence can be difficult at a time when we are inclined to loosen up due to stress and limited options. However, research and data tell us that the increased online risk to our children is not likely to disappear as things return to some semblance of "normal." It is up to us, as caring adults and protectors of children, to remain vigilant, to follow steps designed to provide safety, and to each do our part in protecting children and youth in all environments.

Spirit
at Holy Martyrs

SPIRIT our 7th and 8th grade youth group program, did not meet on Sunday, Oct 3, 2021 as we celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Gries.

We will have **SPIRIT** this Sunday, Oct 10, 2021 starting with Mass at 5:00. We will begin our Confirmation series called "Purpose" for both 7th and 8th grade. The first session is called "Beginnings". We will also collect food items for St Bernard's in Akron.



SPIRIT is on the Holy Martyrs website, Facebook and Instagram

 **LIFE TEEN**
HOLY MARTYRS CHURCH

Life Teen will meet this evening, October 10th beginning with the 5:00 PM Contemporary Mass in the Worship Space. Life Night will follow immediately afterwards in Martyrs Hall.

Looking forward to seeing you all there.

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

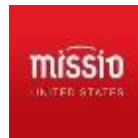
Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

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.

Gospel Hope for Those Most in Need

Pope Francis invites the entire Church, through the Pontifical Mission Societies, to support evangelization in mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities, where catechists travel to remote areas to bring the Good News of God's great love to families - you can talk about and share mission stories. Father Zambo Pierre and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Mvie-Bekono, Cameroon are raising money to conduct workshops - you can talk about and share mission stories. Father Clément Herizo who leads the way in visiting remote villages to teach about God and praying with the people.

Pope Francis reminds us that once we experience the power of God's love and recognize his fatherly presence in our personal and community life, "We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard."

Will you support local priests, Sisters and lay catechists who help the poor of the Missions? Your gifts and your prayers this Mission Month will be a blessing to families who benefit from this loving outreach in mission countries.



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

FOUND

A hearing aid was found in the church parking lot following the 4:30 PM Saturday Mass. If you think it might be yours, please call the church office at 330-722-6633.

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Throughout the Diocese

THANK YOU

This bulletin is furnished to the Parish without charge. The advertisements that appear completely defray all publishing costs with which the church would otherwise be burdened. Please patronize these sponsors as a thank you for their kind generosity.

For substance abuse resources, go to
www.greaterthanheroin.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

Writing for Your Life: Starting a Journaling Practice A Virtual Program

Sunday, October 10 from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Sunday, October 17 from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Sunday, October 24 from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Sunday, November 7 from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Writing for Your Life is an introduction to journal writing for personal growth. The act of writing focuses the mind and heart, and thus keeping a journal and writing regularly can lead to new insights, personal clarity, creative expressions, and even prayer. In short, journaling can enhance life!

Cinema & Conversation: The Shack

Monday, October 25 from 7:00pm - 9:00pm

The Shack is about a man who receives a letter and suspects it is from God. In the letter, it asks him to return to The Shack where his youngest daughter, Missy, may have been murdered. After contemplating it, he leaves his home to go to The Shack for the first time since Missy's abduction and has an encounter that will change his life forever.

After each movie, there will be time for conversation and questions.

For more information or to register for any of the events, please go to:
<https://www.jesuitretreatcenter.org/calendar>