



November 28, 2021
The First Sunday of Advent

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



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Mass Intentions

For the week of
November 27 - December 5

Sat	4:30 PM	Jackie Vanuch
Sun	9:30 AM	Karrie Turk-Gallagher
	11:30 AM	Gib Bozzelli
	5:00 PM	Parishioners
Mon	Noon	Thomas & Carol Eichner
Tues	Noon	Bruce Bernard
Wed	Noon	Sophie & Chester Tesny
Thurs	Noon	Ruth Bodaczewski
Fri	Noon	Georgene Chidsey
Sat	4:30 PM	Dave & Dolly Hood
Sun	9:30 AM	Kathy Olander
	11:30 AM	Parishioners
	5:00 PM	Neil Lance

This week at Holy Martyrs

Sun 11/28	Mass Mass Contemporary Mass NO SPIRIT NO LIFE TEEN	9:30 AM 11:30 AM 5:00 PM	Worship Space Worship Space Worship Space
Mon 11/29	Daily Mass Discovering Christ HM Kids Monday HM Kids Online	12:00 6:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM	Worship Space Gathering Area PLC Via Zoom
Tues 11/30	Daily Mass HM Kids Tuesday Journey for Kids	12:00 6:00 PM 6:00 PM	Worship Space PLC Room 200
Wed 12/01	Daily Mass Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible	12:00 6:30 PM	Worship Space Martyrs Hall
Thurs 12/02	Daily Mass SPIRIT Prayer in the Chapel Stephen Ministry Peer Supervision Taizé Prayer Service	12:00 4:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Worship Space Chapel Room 102 Worship Space
Fri 12/03	Daily Mass	12:00	Worship Space
Sat 12/04	Reconciliation Mass	3:00 PM 4:30 PM	Chapel Worship Space
Sun 12/05	Mass Mass Contemporary Mass SPIRIT Life Teen	9:30 AM 11:30 AM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM	Worship Space Worship Space Worship Space PLC/Pfeiffer Hall Martyrs Hall

Daily Mass at Holy Martyrs

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

Father Mark Ott
Weekend Priest

Janet Payton
Pastoral Associate

Brandon Woods
Life Teen Coordinator

Kaitlin Heneghan
Communications Coordinator

Sr. Marie Ellen Kuhel
Bereavement Consultant

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Parish News

"CELEBRATE FAITH, CELEBRATE HOLY MARTYRS!"



Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card to our church. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card, a final letter will be mailed to you with a personalized Commitment Card. We encourage all faithful parishioners to complete a card as our parish goal is 100% participation!

You can return your card by:

- Mailing it to the church using the pre-addressed envelope included with the letter.
- Or bring it to Mass next Sunday.
- Or visit our parish website, <http://holymartyrs.net/give> and complete an electronic Commitment Card.

All cards need to be returned to the parish by Sunday, December 12.

As a friendly reminder, electronic giving is an **easy, safe, and secure** way to support Holy Martyrs. To set up a recurring weekly or monthly gift or to make a one-time donation directly from your bank or credit card, please visit our website and follow the instructions.

We are grateful for your support!

For those of you who would prefer to fill out your Commitment Card online, please visit our parish website at:

<http://holymartyrs.net/give>
or you may scan the QR code



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

*Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord."*

~Matthew 11:28

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.



Sponsor a Child; Bring Joy to an Older Adult Help Someone in Need This Christmas with Holy Martyrs' Give-A-Gift Program



SCAN ME TO SIGN-UP!

Help Make a Child's Christmas Brighter. Last year, we provided nearly 1,000 toys, games, books, and articles of clothing for 250 area children! This year, we will continue our partnership with Salvation Army and our sister parish, La Sagrada Familia, to sponsor children's Christmas gift wishes. Sign up using this QR code or pick a tag off our Giving Tree in the church gathering area. Gift wishes and shopping instructions will be e-mailed out Thanksgiving Week. All gifts due to Holy Martyrs Church no later than Wednesday, December 8 at 5pm.



SCAN ME TO SIGN-UP!

Share the Spirit of the Season with Older Adults. New this year is the opportunity to provide residents in permanent care / nursing home facilities an article of clothing or gift to help bring peace and comfort during the season. Sign up using this QR code. Gift ideas and shopping instructions to be e-mailed out Thanksgiving Week. All gifts due to Holy Martyrs Church no later than Wednesday, December 8 at 5pm.



SCAN ME TO SIGN-UP!

Donate Funds Toward a Christmas Gift & the HM Cares Ministry via Faith Direct. If you would rather make a financial donation, simply scan the code to the right or place your contribution in the collection basket at Mass marking HM Cares Ministry. Funds will be used for gift giving as well as to support the year-long HM Cares Ministry.



HM Cares Ministry is part of Holy Martyrs Church in Medina, Ohio. The ministry provides year-around assistance to those in need through (1) financial rent / utility assistance, (2) an on-site food pantry and (3) seasonal / holiday support like the annual Turkey Run and Give-A-Gift programs. If you are interested in assisting the HM Cares Ministry, know someone in need, or wish to financially contribute, please visit holymartyrs.net or email hmcares20@gmail.com.

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HM Kids, SPIRIT, Life Teen



GOSPEL

When you are baptized, God gives you grace to help obey his commandments. These graces are like a pair of shoes with lights on them. They light the way to follow the example of Jesus. You will share your toys. You will take out the trash. You will take good care of your baby sister. The graces of baptism help you to love God above all else. Then God will welcome you into heaven.



PRAYER

Lord, send me graces so I love you above everything.

WE ARE ON INSTAGRAM



Give us a follow

@holy_martyrs_molina

Spirit
at Holy Martyrs

our 7th and 8th grade youth group program, **WILL NOT MEET** on Sunday, Nov. 28, 2021.



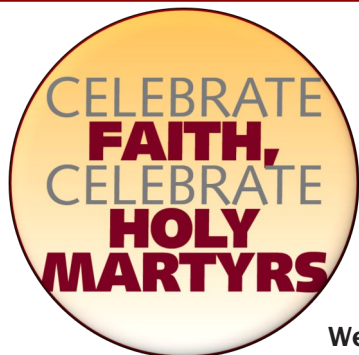
SPIRIT is on the Holy Martyrs website, Facebook and Instagram

LIFE TEEN
HOLY MARTYRS CHURCH

Life Teen **WILL NOT MEET** this evening, November 28, 2021. The 5:00 PM Contemporary Mass will still be held.

Hope to see many of you there tonight.

Opportunities for Sharing Time, Talent and Treasure



October, 2021

Weekly	\$24,089.00
Electronic	\$32,330.49
TOTAL	\$56,419.49

This holiday season we are expecting an unprecedented number of people throughout our community to turn to Holy Martyrs for warm meals, comfort, and shelter. No one in need should be turned away, which is why we are reaching out to our parishioners.

Your generous online donations now will help sustain Thanksgiving and Christmas ministries that reflect God's love. As you can imagine, our ministries are feeling the effects of rising costs and empty shelves. We must prepare as early as possible this year to do our best to help those in need.

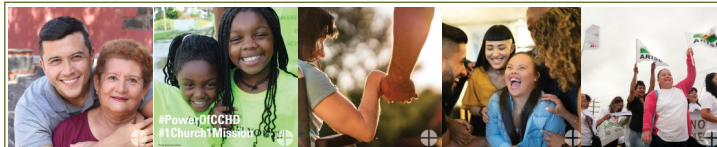
We prayerfully request that you consider signing up for eGiving from your computer, smartphone or tablet. Recurring gifts were a lifeline during COVID-19 and sustained our parish throughout the year. They provide consistent support that helps us always be at the ready with programs, services, and ministries 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.



CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WORKING ON THE MARGINS

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! As a parish, the monies we raised will go to support those on the margins who live in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give!

Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click "How to Give" under "Resources."



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.

Feed Orphaned Children in Kenya



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

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

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 12:30 pm
1:15 pm - 5:00 pm

Friday - CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED

Phone: 330-722-6633 - Fax: 330-725-2193

Email: churchoffice@holymartyrs.net

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

Discover God Daily: A Virtual Program

Saturday, November 20 from 10:00am - 11:15am
Saturday, December 11 from 10:00am - 11:15am
Saturday, January 8 from 10:00am - 11:15am
Saturday, February 12 from 10:00am - 11:15am
Saturday, March 12 from 10:00am - 11:15am
Saturday, April 9 from 10:00am - 11:15am

Over the course of six Saturday sessions, we will follow the story of Ignatius of Loyola, explore Ignatian spirituality, and learn how we can discover God daily in our own story.

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

