



January 2, 2022
The Epiphany of the Lord

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



Mass Intentions

For the week of
January 1 - January 9, 2022

Sat	10:00 AM	Julius & Norma Duplaga
	4:30 PM	Parishioners
Sun	9:30 AM	John & Joanna Garry
	11:30 AM	Zora Kozar
	5:00 PM	Dianne Zalack
Mon	Noon	Mr. & Mrs. Charles Cancasci
Tues	Noon	Ronald Nelson
Wed	Noon	Mary Flasco
Thurs	Noon	George Lowe
Fri	Noon	Ross & Anita Fazio
Sat	4:30 PM	Joseph Pfiffner
Sun	9:30 AM	Mary Keating
	11:30 AM	Parishioners
	5:00 PM	Roberta Strmac

This week at Holy Martyrs

Sun 01/02	Choir Rehearsal	8:30 AM	Pfeiffer Hall A
	Mass	9:30 AM	Worship Space
	Mass	11:30 AM	Worship Space
	Contemporary Mass	5:00 PM	Worship Space
Mon 01/03	Daily Mass	12:00	Worship Space
	Stephen Ministry	6:30 PM	via ZOOM
	Leaders Meeting		
Tues 01/04	Daily Mass	12:00	Worship Space
Wed 01/05	Daily Mass	12:00	Worship Space
Thurs 01/06	Daily Mass	12:00	Worship Space
	SPIRIT Prayer in the Chapel	4:00 PM	Chapel
Fri 01/07	Daily Mass	12:00	Worship Space
Sat 01/08	Mass	4:30 PM	Worship Space
Sun 01/09	Choir Rehearsal	8:30 AM	Pfeiffer Hall A
	Mass	9:30 AM	Worship Space
	Mass	11:30 AM	Worship Space
	Contemporary Mass	5:00 PM	Worship Space
	SPIRIT	6:00 PM	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.

Start the New Year with Daily Mass!
Come 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



CONNECT
SMALL GROUPS

Winter /Spring 2022

CONNECT Groups make our large church small and personal. The purpose of these groups is to deepen our relationships with God and with those in our Holy Martyrs community. Gatherings have been held every day of the week at Holy Martyrs, in homes, or through Zoom videoconferencing.

Groups meet for 90 minutes to reflect on the Sunday Gospel and then discuss a message relevant to members' daily lives. Participants are encouraged to attend the weekly gatherings and pray for one another.

CONNECT is a perfect follow-up to Discovering Christ, as well as a great starting point for adults seeking to grow spiritually and connect with other parishioners.

CONNECT Groups are an amazing way to grow in your faith and also build connections with other seekers. We invite you to join a **CONNECT** Group this winter/spring! Registration is open now!

CONNECT Groups start the week of January 10, 2022.

PLEASE NOTE: This "event" is to register for **CONNECT** Groups only. Once you register, you will be placed in your proper group with its specific meeting day and time.



Online classes
to
Grow in Faith

VLCFF.UDAYTON.EDU



Starts
January 17, 2022!



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 labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord."

~Matthew 11:28

Please Welcome the Following New Families



Richard and Grace Frawley
Pamela Vincek

Parish News



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, January 16, 2022 at 1:30 PM in the Worship Space.



To register, scan here:

or go to:

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

RECONCILIATION



The Sacrament of Reconciliation provides us with the opportunity to grow closer to God as we experience His unconditional love and forgiveness.

Reconciliation is held every Saturday afternoon from 3:00 - 4:00 PM in the Oscar Romero Chapel resuming again on January 8, 2021.

WE ARE ON INSTAGRAM



Give us a follow

@holy_martyrs_medina

Holy Martyrs
Cafe



Coffee, Community, Conversation

**DONUT SUNDAY
IS COMING BACK
NEXT WEEK**

Holy Martyrs Café will be open for Donut Sunday beginning January 9, 2022 following the 9:30 am and 11:30 am Masses.

Donut Sunday will be on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month.

All are welcome to stop by to enjoy coffee, tea, donuts and fellowship.

Taizé Prayer Service

Our next *Taizé Prayer Service* will be held on Thursday, January 13th at 7:00 PM in the Worship Space.

Please join us for an hour of prayer, music and meditation.

Date Night

FOR COUPLES

WHEN - Saturday, February 5th

TIME - 4:30 Mass, 5:30-8:00 Date Night

WHAT - Dinner, Speaker, Social



Guest Speaker
Trapper Jack

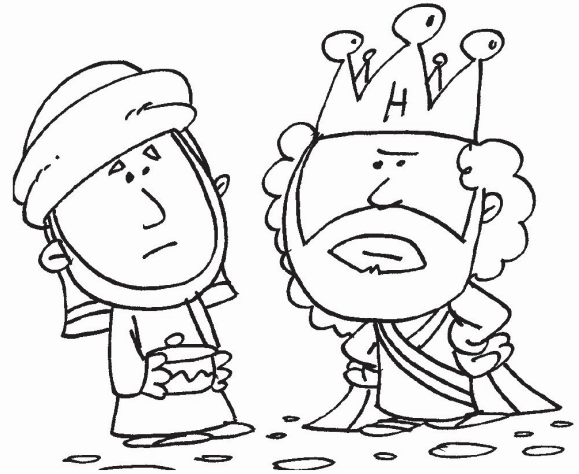


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HM Kids, SPIRIT, Life Teen

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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



GOSPEL

The Three Wise Men told Herod about a King being born. Herod was jealous. He did not want another king to be more powerful than he. Herod told them to come back and tell him where the baby was. They thought Herod was truly interested in Jesus. After they gave him their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, an angel warned them, "Go back a different way. Herod wants to kill the baby Jesus."

PRAYER

Lord, give me the power to help others, not harm them.



Spirit
at Holy Martyrs

We will be off December 26 and January 2. We are going to be doing some type of event during the Christmas break.

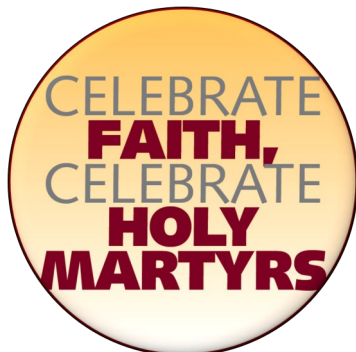
SPIRIT is on the Holy Martyrs website, Facebook and Instagram

 **LIFE TEEN**
HOLY MARTYRS CHURCH

Life Teen **will not meet** this evening, January 2, 2022. There will however, still be a 5:00 PM Contemporary Mass.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

Opportunities for Sharing Time, Talent and Treasure



Throughout the Christmas season, people in need right here in our community turn to Holy Martyrs for warm meals, comfort, and shelter during the holidays. We must be there for them and share Christ's love. To do that, we need your help.

Your generous online donations now will help sustain Christmas ministries that reflect God's love. COVID-19 and news of its variants continue to cause upheaval and uncertainty, giving our ministries added importance. 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. Your kindness will help families all around us.

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.

Giving is Easy



For more information go to <http://holymartyrs.net/next-steps/give/>

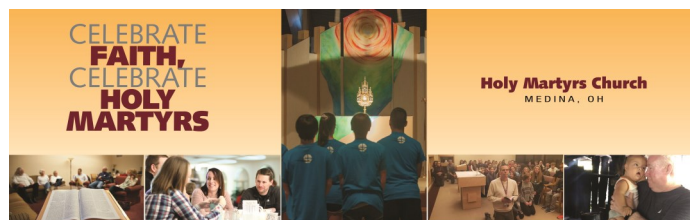
Consider a Gift of Stock to Support the Ministries of Holy Martyrs

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

CELEBRATE FAITH, CELEBRATE HOLY MARTYRS!"



Thank you for your generous support of *"Celebrate Faith, Celebrate Holy Martyrs."* Several weeks ago, we began this important parish-wide program and we are starting to see signs that our offertory collections are growing through the generosity of people like YOU, the faithful members of our parish community. Thank you to everyone who participated. Your generosity makes possible everything we do at Holy Martyrs. You are the essential heart of our parish and the mission of our Church!

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David Paul Eich
Author and Speaker
***Hope for the Lost, Condemned
and Forgotten.***

January 7, 2022

David will be speaking on Hope for the Lost, Condemned and Forgotten.

The First Friday Club will meet January 7, 2022 at Our Lady of Cedars, 507 South Cleveland Massillon Road, Fairlawn, OH 44333.

The cost of the luncheon is \$20.00. Doors open at 11:00 AM; the program begins at noon, and ends promptly at 1:00 PM. Reservations can be made by calling 330-535-7668; by sending a check to the First Friday Club of Greater Akron, 795 Russell Ave., Akron, Ohio 44307; or online at www.firstfridayclubofgreaterakron.org

Jesuit Retreat Center
5629 State Road
Parma, OH 44134

Discover God Daily: A Virtual Program

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.

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

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

**Catholic Charities Medina County
Counseling Services
4210 North Jefferson Street
Medina, Ohio**

Life is faced with many challenges and often times having someone to talk through things helps a great deal. Catholic Charities Medina County is here for you through their Outpatient Mental Health Services. Please do not hesitate to call 330-723-9615 for more information or to schedule an appointment. Services are offered on a sliding fee schedule.

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