



December 5, 2021
The Second Sunday of Advent

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



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Mass Intentions

For the week of
December 4 - December 12

Sat 4:30 PM Dave & Dolly Hood

Sun 9:30 AM Kathy Olander

11:30 AM Parishioners

5:00 PM Neil Lance

Mon Noon Yvonne Ellwitz

Tues Noon Kathleen Olander

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass

7:30 PM Catherine Angeletti

Wed Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Noon John Degli

7:00 PM Dorothy Donnelly

Thurs Noon Richard Cremeans

Fri Noon Peter DeSimone

Sat 4:30 PM Parishioners

Sun 9:30 AM John Mueller

11:30 AM Jeanne Schellenberger

5:00 PM Mary Ann Rimke

This week at Holy Martyrs

Sun 12/05	Choir Rehearsal Mass Mass Contemporary Mass Advent Give-A-Gift Pageant SPIRIT Life Teen	8:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM 5:00 PM 6:30 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM	Pfeiffer Hall A Worship Space Worship Space Worship Space Gathering Area PLC/Pfeiffer Hall Martyrs Hall
Mon 12/06	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 12/07	Daily Mass HM Kids Tuesday Journey for Kids Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception	12:00 6:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:30 PM	Worship Space PLC Room 200 Worship Space
Wed 12/08	Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception	12:00 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Worship Space Martyrs Hall Worship Space
Thurs 12/09	Daily Mass SPIRIT Prayer in the Chapel	12:00 4:00 PM	Worship Space Chapel
Fri 12/10	Daily Mass	12:00	Worship Space
Sat 12/11	Reconciliation Mass	3:00 PM 4:30 PM	Chapel Worship Space
Sun 12/12	Choir Rehearsal Mass Mass Contemporary Mass SPIRIT Life Teen	8:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM	Pfeiffer Hall A Worship Space Worship Space Worship Space PLC/Pfeiffer Hall Martyrs Hall

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

"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

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.

Stephen Ministers are Holy Martyrs parishioners who have been specially trained to provide high quality Christian care.

A Stephen Minister will meet with you privately - by phone, by video chat, or, if safely possible, in person - to offer care and support.

If you need a friend or know someone who does, ask if a Stephen Minister can help. Call Janet Payton at 330-722-6633.

Please Welcome the Following New Families



*Christopher Borgmeyer & Christina Fuhrmann
Michelle Higgins
Dennis Sherepita*



Pray for those who have died in Christ:



Dolores Mitchell



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

Holy Martyrs 2021 Turkey Run

Holy Martyrs annual Turkey Run was a huge success this year.

Our Catechists and their students were present at all the Masses to offer their gifts of food for the poor and especially our families were present to thank God at the Masses for all the blessings bestowed on our parish.

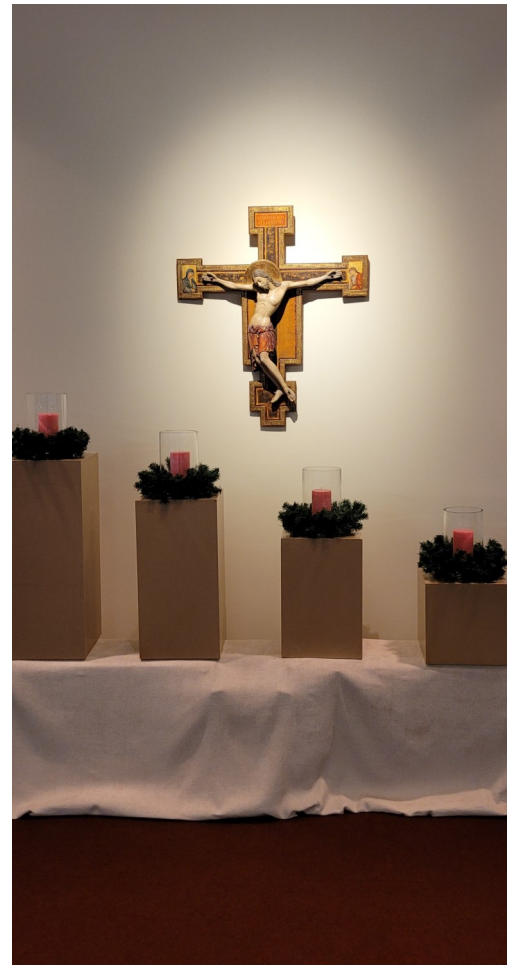
The HMKids classes collected over 700 food items for the St. Augustine Pantry, wrote Thanksgiving cards to be placed in the food baskets for the poor and were part of the Turkey Run Caravan that took all our gifts to St. Augustine following the 11:30 a.m. Mass.

A great big **THANK YOU**, to everyone who was involved to make this a most successful outreach to the poor in our community and St. Augustine.



Spirit at Holy Martyrs

our 7th and 8th grade youth group program, will meet on Sunday, December 5, 2021 starting with 5:00 Mass. We will have a guest speaker, work with HM Cares and have a prayer service



SPIRIT is on the Holy Martyrs website, Facebook and Instagram

WE ARE ON INSTAGRAM



Give us a follow

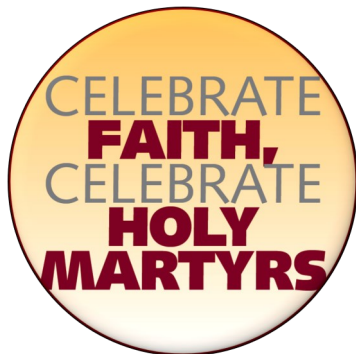
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LIFE TEEN
HOLY MARTYRS CHURCH

Life Teen **will meet** this evening, December 5, 2021 beginning with the 5:00 PM Contemporary Mass.

Looking forward to seeing you all this evening.

Opportunities for Sharing Time, Talent and Treasure



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.

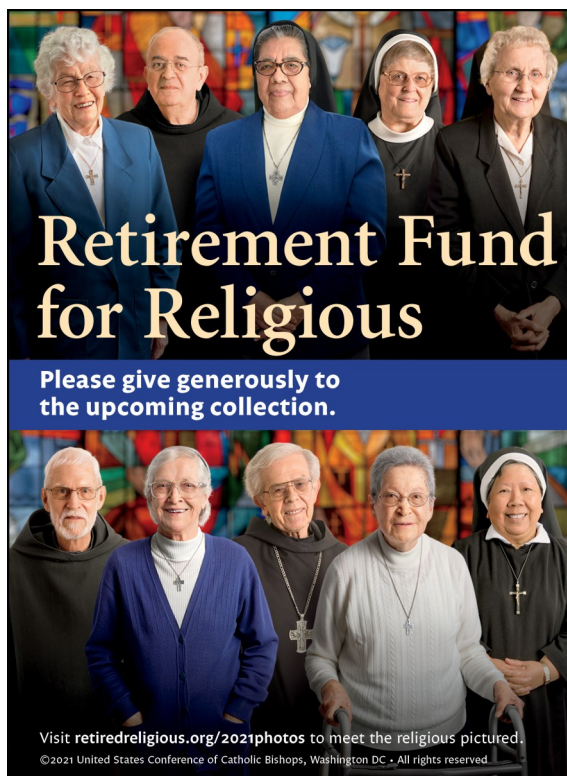
Just go to our parish website, holymartyrs.net. At the top of the page go to **"Next Steps"** and click on **"Give"** for information about *Faith Direct* and how to sign up.

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.

Retirement Fund for Religious December 11 - 12, 2021

Give in gratitude. A donor to the Retirement Fund for Religious writes, "I still remember the lessons the sisters gave us and how they instilled in us the love of our faith." Show your thanks for the prayerful service of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift to next week's second collection helps provide care, medicine, and more. Please be generous.



For more information go to: retiredreligious.org

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

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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

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

Advent Reflection

Deepen your Advent using the Gift of Ignatian Spirituality

This Advent Reflection experience, and these gifts of Ignatian Spirituality, may be utilized with any Advent readings, so this program continually renews your personal and communal prayer experiences this Advent season.

Thursday, December 9	from 6:30pm - 8:30pm
Tuesday, December 14	from 8:45am - 10:45am

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