



December 12, 2021
The Third 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 11 - December 19

Sat	4:30 PM	Parishioners
Sun	9:30 AM	John Mueller
	11:30 AM	Jeanne Schellenberger
	5:00 PM	Mary Ann Rimke
Mon	Noon	Janet Frishgesell
Tues	Noon	Thomas P. Moran
Wed	Noon	Mary Keating
Thurs	Noon	Linda Groves
Fri	Noon	Richard Pope
Sat	4:30 PM	Jackie Vanuch
Sun	9:30 AM	John Bornancin
	11:30 AM	Dolores Mitchell
	5:00 PM	Parishioners

This week at Holy Martyrs

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
Mon 12/13	Daily Mass NO HM KIDS HOLIDAY BREAK	12:00	Worship Space
Tues 12/14	Daily Mass NO HM KIDS HOLIDAY BREAK	12:00	Worship Space
Wed 12/15	Daily Mass Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible	12:00 6:30 PM	Worship Space Martyrs Hall
Thurs 12/16	Daily Mass SPIRIT Prayer in the Chapel	12:00 4:00 PM	Worship Space Chapel
Fri 12/17	Daily Mass	12:00	Worship Space
Sat 12/18	Reconciliation Mass	3:00 PM 4:30 PM	Chapel Worship Space
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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

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 today, 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.

Parish News

RECONCILIATION



The Sacrament of Reconciliation provides us with the opportunity to grow closer to God as we experience His unconditional love and forgiveness. Advent is a wonderful time to receive and celebrate the healing graces the Lord has to offer us as we prepare for His birth.

Reconciliation is held every Saturday afternoon from 3:00 - 4:00 PM in the Oscar Romero Chapel.



Sacrament of Anointing



Please notify the church office in advance of a surgery or scheduled hospital stay so that you may receive the **Sacrament of Anointing**.

The Church has always prayed for the sick to be freed from pain and restored to health. An anointing may be scheduled before or after a Mass or during the week.

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



Baptism

Benjamin Lee Todd
Son of
Robert and Whitney Todd



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/>

Giving is Easy



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

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.

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HM Kids, SPIRIT, Life Teen



HM KIDS will not be meeting on Monday, December 13 and Tuesday, December 14. Due to the Christmas and New Year's Holidays, HM Kids will resume classes on January 10 and January 11, 2022.

MISSION

The next time you go grocery shopping with your parents, ask if you can pick out some foods to share with the poor. As a family, talk about how thankful you are for the many ways God takes care of you.

PRAYER

Dear God, help me to share happily with others.

CONGRATULATIONS! Honor Roll Students

ST. EDWARD HIGH SCHOOL

*Thomas Csanyi
Enzo Fourmann
Bryce Madden*

Spirit at Holy Martyrs

our 7th and 8th grade youth group program, will meet on Sunday, December 12, 2021 starting with 5:00 Mass. We will put together brown bagged lunches and then have our SPIRIT night. The kids did a great job with the Advent event last Sunday. We talked about Advent before the event and how we are waiting for Jesus to come. They were very attentive when we started to talk about Jesus' coming.



*SPIRIT is on
the Holy
Martyrs
website,
Facebook and
Instagram*

WE ARE ON INSTAGRAM



Give us a follow

@holy_martyrs_medina

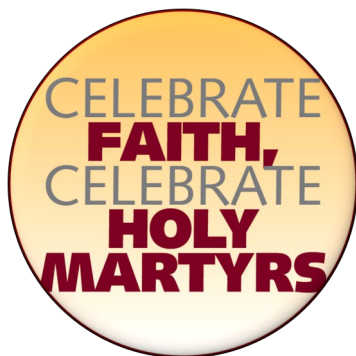


Life Teen will meet this evening, December 12, 2021 beginning with the 5:00 PM Contemporary Mass.

Next Sunday, December 19th will be our Christmas Celebration.

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.

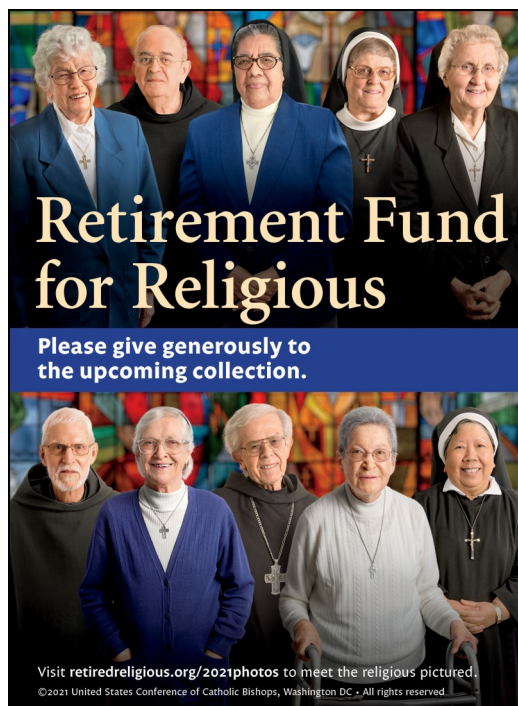
Just go to our parish website, holymartyrs.net. At the top of the page go to **"Next Steps"** and click on **"Give"** for information about *Faith Direct* and how to sign up.

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.

Retirement Fund for Religious December 11 - 12, 2021

Help aging religious. Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously to today's second collection.



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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Tmcdonnell@holymartyrs.net

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Catholic Charities Medina County Counseling Services 4210 North Jefferson Street

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.

**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>**