



December 19, 2021
The Fourth 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 18 - December 26

Sat	4:30 PM	Jackie Vanuch
Sun	9:30 AM	John Bornancin
	11:30 AM	Dolores Mitchell
	5:00 PM	Parishioners
Mon	Noon	Carol & Tom Eichner
Tues	Noon	Brad & Jean Thomas
Wed	Noon	Joan Rosato
Thurs	Noon	JoAnn Arnold
Fri	4:00 PM	John & Olga Holland
	6:00 PM	Linda Kline
	10:00 PM	Norman Shaffer
Sat	10:00 AM	Parishioners
Sun	9:30 AM	John Mueller
	11:30 AM	Heather McDonald

This week at Holy Martyrs

Sun 12/19	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 12/20	Daily Mass NO HM KIDS CHRISTMAS BREAK	12:00	Worship Space
Tues 12/21	Daily Mass NO HM KIDS CHRISTMAS BREAK	12:00	Worship Space
Wed 12/22	Daily Mass	12:00	Worship Space
Thurs 12/23	Daily Mass SPIRIT Prayer in the Chapel	12:00 4:00 PM	Worship Space Chapel
		4:00 PM	Worship Space
Fri 12/24	Christmas Vigil Masses	6:00 PM 10:00 PM	Worship Space Worship Space
		10:00 PM	Worship Space
Sat 12/25	Christmas Day Mass	10:00 AM	Worship Space
Sun 12/26	Choir Rehearsal Mass Mass NO CONTEMPORARY MASS TONIGHT	8:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM	Pfeiffer Hall A Worship Space Worship Space

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

Brandon Woods
Life Teen Coordinator

Kaitlin Heneghan
Communications Coordinator

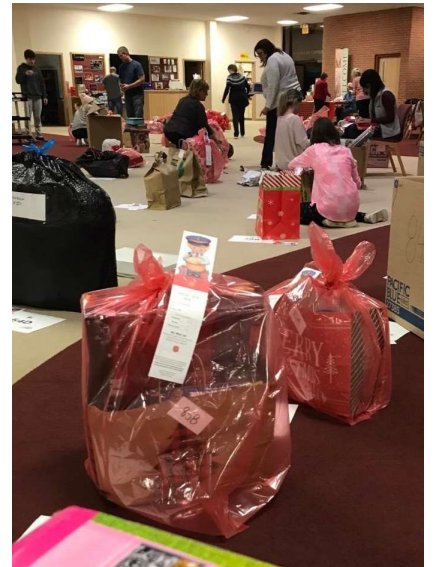
Sr. Marie Ellen Kuhel
Bereavement Consultant

Thank You For Making A Brighter Holiday for 400+ Local Children and Older Adults!

Give-A-Gift

By The Numbers...

- This year more than 1,000 toys, books, games and articles of clothing were collected in a two-week period!
- Parishioners gave gift cards and monetary donations to provide Christmas food baskets for families to enjoy a nice holiday meal.
- From our youth ministries...
 - ⇒ 155 Christmas cards were handwritten by Spirit children
 - ⇒ 40 ornaments were made by HM Kids
 - ⇒ 53 packages of cookies were boxed up by Life Teen children
- Nearly \$10K raised in financial contributions to support this Ministry.



It's not too late to donate to the HM Cares Ministry ...
If you want to make a financial donation, simply scan the code to the left or place your contribution in the collection basket at Mass marking HM Cares Ministry. Funds will be used to support the year-long 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.

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 with the exception of Christmas and New Years.

Are you or someone you know struggling with challenges like...



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- 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?

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.



Baptism

Charlotte Rose Genet
Daughter of
Michael and Katherine Genet



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/>



Pray for those who have died in Christ:

Carmela Demeo
Gerry Feldhake

Retirement Fund for Religious

Religious give thanks. A sister writes, "Our prayers belong most of all to the generous benefactors whose donations have made this financial assistance possible." Thank you for supporting last week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

Visit retiredreligious.org to learn how your gift supports elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

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

~Matthew 11:28

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HM Kids, SPIRIT, Life Teen



HM Kids classes will not be held over the Christmas and New Years' Holidays. We will resume again on January 10 and 11, 2022.

Wishing all of our families a Blessed and Merry Christmas!



Spirit
at Holy Martyrs

our 7th and 8th grade youth group program, will meet on Sunday, December 19, 2021 starting with 5:00 Mass. On December 12, we made brown bagged lunches for St Bernard's in Akron. We also continued with our Confirmation series "Purpose".

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



WE ARE ON INSTAGRAM



Give us a follow

@holy_martyrs_medina

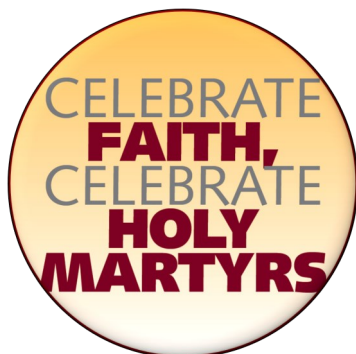
LIFE TEEN
HOLY MARTYRS CHURCH

Life Teen **will meet** this evening, December 19, 2021 beginning with the 5:00 PM Contemporary Mass.

Tonight 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.*

Please Remember: Two Envelopes at Christmas

Each Christmas, the people of Holy Martyrs share their generosity in many ways. In addition to the regular Sunday envelopes that fund our parish programs through the year, we rely on the extraordinary support of our people at Christmas time to help support our many activities, ministries and special needs. Both are a vital part of what we do.

This year, Christmas falls on a Saturday. Please remember both our normal and extraordinary needs in planning your giving.

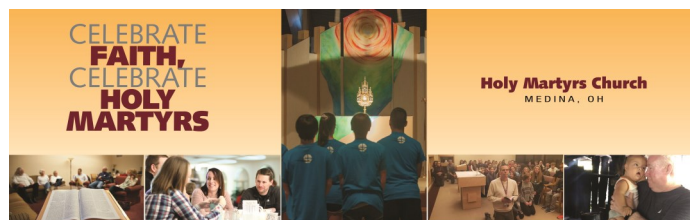
God bless you!

Giving is Easy



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

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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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.

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

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>