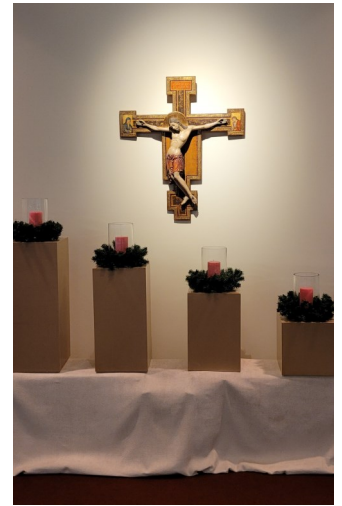


# WELCOME

Christmas at Holy Martyrs



Holy Martyrs Catholic Church



*Kaitlin  
Beneghan*

**GOD BLESS YOU THIS CHRISTMAS!**

*Brenda  
Clarkovich*

**WE PRAY GOD'S BLESSINGS UPON YOU AND THOSE YOU LOVE.**

**AS WE REMEMBER THE BIRTH OF JESUS, MAY WE SHARE THE SONG OF THE ANGELS, THE JOY OF THE SHEPHERDS, AND THE WORSHIP OF THE MAGI.**

*Steve Dolner  
Barbara Cancosa  
Brandon  
J Wood*

**MAY KINDNESS COME WITH EVERY GIFT  
AND GOOD DESIRES WITH EVERY GREETING.**

*Liane Bruce  
Jenny Messina  
Janet Payne  
Kari Zeman*

**LET US REJOICE IN THIS HOLY SEASON  
FOR THE BLESSINGS THAT CHRIST BRINGS.**

*Theresa  
K. W. ...  
SKIP  
M'QUATE*

**A VERY BLESSED CHRISTMAS  
FROM THE STAFF OF HOLY MARTYRS**





**A CHRISTMAS FAMILY PRAYER**

**BLESS US THIS CHRISTMAS  
O LORD OUR GOD.  
MAKE OUR HOME A NEW BETHLEHEM  
WHERE OUR SAVIOR MAY DWELL.**

**GRANT US JOY IN OUR HEARTS,  
HOPE IN OUR GOD,  
LOVE THAT FORGIVES,  
AND PEACE UPON THE EARTH.**

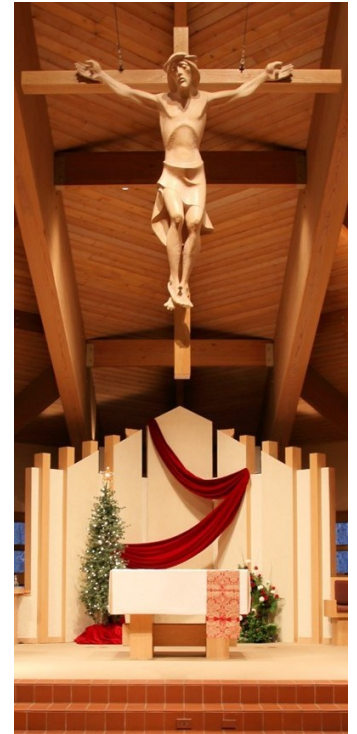
**BESTOW YOUR BLESSINGS  
ON OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS  
AND ON ALL WHO SEEK YOU THIS DAY.**

**MAY THERE BE BREAD FOR THE HUNGRY,  
HELP FOR THE FORGOTTEN,  
HEALING FOR THE SICK,  
AND PROTECTION FOR THE YOUNG.**

**WITH THANKS IN OUR HEARTS  
FOR THE DAWN OF HOPE  
AND NEW LIFE IN JESUS,  
FILL OUR HEARTS WITH YOUR PRESENCE  
ON THE BIRTHDAY OF DIVINE LOVE.**

**AMEN.**

**HOLY MARTYRS CHURCH**







**December 26, 2021**  
**Feast of the Holy Family**

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



# Holy Martyrs Catholic Church

Feast of the Holy Family - December 26, 2021

## Mass Intentions

For the week of  
December 25 - January 2

Sat	10:00 AM	Parishioners
Sun	9:30 AM	John Mueller
	11:30 AM	Heather McDonald
Mon	Noon	NO DAILY MASS
Tues	Noon	Dee Andreoli
Wed	Noon	Edward Orzel
Thurs	Noon	Sharon Kulas
Fri	4:30 PM	Edward Funai
Sat	10:00 AM	Julius & Norma Duplaga
Sat	4:30 PM	Parishioners
Sun	9:30 AM	John & Joanna Garry
	11:30 AM	Zora Kozar
	5:00 PM	Dianne Zalack

## This week at Holy Martyrs

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
Mon 12/27	NO DAILY MASS NO HM KIDS CHRISTMAS BREAK		
Tues 12/28	Daily Mass NO HM KIDS CHRISTMAS BREAK	12:00	Worship Space
Wed 12/29	Daily Mass	12:00	Worship Space
Thurs 12/30	Daily Mass SPIRIT Prayer in the Chapel	12:00 4:00 PM	Worship Space Chapel
Fri 12/31	<b>Solemnity of Mary Vigil Mass</b>	<b>4:30 PM</b>	<b>Worship Space</b>
Sat 01/01	<b>Solemnity of Mary</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Worship Space</b>
Sat 01/01	Regular Vigil Mass	4:30 PM	Worship Space
Sun 01/02	Choir Rehearsal Mass Mass Contemporary Mass	8:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM 5:00 PM	Pfeiffer Hall A Worship Space 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!*

*Christmas Oplatki Wafers are available at the  
Church Office for \$2.00*

### 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

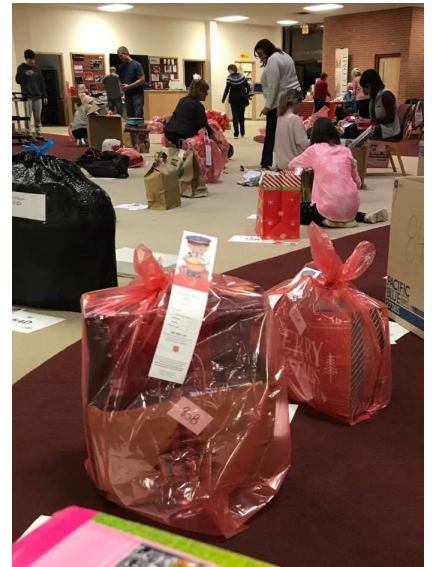
Sr. Marie Ellen Kuhel  
Bereavement Consultant

# 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](http://holymartyrs.net) or email [hmcares20@gmail.com](mailto:hmcares20@gmail.com).*

## Parish News

**DONUT SUNDAY  
IS COMING BACK  
IN JANUARY**

Holy Martyrs  
**Cafe**



Coffee, Community, Conversation

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.

***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.



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.



## 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.



# Feast of the Holy Family

## 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.



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

**WE ARE ON INSTAGRAM**



**Give us a follow**

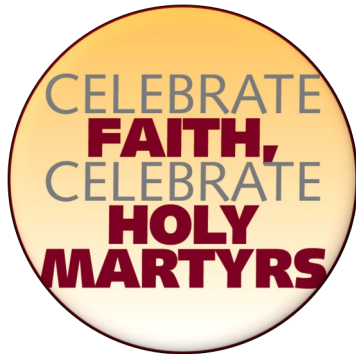
**@holy\_martyrs\_meditina**



Life Teen **will not meet** this evening, December 26, 2021. There will not be a 5:00 PM Contemporary Mass.

Wishing everyone a Blessed and Holy Christmas.

## 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](http://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](mailto: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.

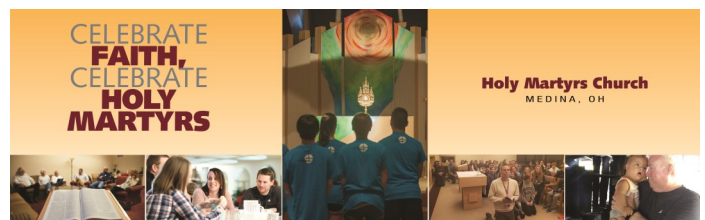
God bless you!

### *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!

# Feast of the Holy Family



**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](http://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

