



January 9, 2022
The Baptism of the Lord

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



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Mass Intentions

For the week of
January 8 - January 16, 2022

Sat	4:30 PM	Joseph Pfiffner
Sun	9:30 AM	Mary Keating
	11:30 AM	Parishioners
	5:00 PM	Roberta Strmac
Mon	Noon	Michael Oriti
Tues	Noon	Eleanor Bozzelli
Wed	Noon	Michael Jones
Thurs	Noon	Florence Gulling
Fri	Noon	Eric Sonnie, Jr.
Sat	4:30 PM	Judith Vilt
Sun	9:30 AM	Tom Boyle
	11:30 AM	Jackie Vanuch
	5:00 PM	Parishioners

Daily Mass at Holy Martyrs

is celebrated at 12:00 Noon
Monday through Friday
in the Worship Space.

Come Join us!

This week at Holy Martyrs

Sun 01/09	DONUT SUNDAY Choir Rehearsal Mass Contemporary Mass SPIRIT LIFE TEEN	8:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM	Gathering Area Pfeiffer Hall A Worship Space Worship Space Worship Space Pfeiffer Hall Martyrs Hall
Mon 01/10	Daily Mass HM Kids Monday HM Kids Online Following Christ	12:00 6:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM	Worship Space PLC via ZOOM Gathering Area
Tues 01/11	Glory Bees Daily Mass CONNECT Small Group #1 HM Kids Tuesday CONNECT Small Group #2	9:00 AM 12:00 1:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Worship Space Worship Space Clarke Room PLC Kazel Room
Wed 01/12	Daily Mass Choir Rehearsal CONNECT Small Group #3	12:00 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Worship Space Worship Space PLC Lounge
Thurs 01/13	Daily Mass CONNECT Small Group #4 SPIRIT Prayer in the Chapel Stephen Minister Peer Supervision Taizé Prayer Service CONNECT Small Group #5	12:00 3:30 PM 4:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Worship Space via ZOOM Chapel Room 102 Worship Space Clarke Room
Fri 01/14	CONNECT Small Group #6 Daily Mass	9:00 AM 12:00	PLC Lounge Worship Space
Sat 01/15	Reconciliation Mass	3:00 PM 4:30 PM	Chapel Worship Space
Sun 01/16	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 Pfeiffer Hall Martyrs Hall

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

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Parish News

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 any weekend or weekday Mass.

To schedule, please call the church office at 330-722-6633.

Taizé Prayer Service

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



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



Pray for those who have died in Christ:

Stephanie Byczek



Online classes to Grow in Faith

VLCFF.UDAYTON.EDU



Starts January 17, 2022!



GLORY BEES



THE GLORY BEES give glory to God by cleaning the church. A dedicated team of parishioners come on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

Thank you to all who have volunteered their time and are back to clean twice a month.

You are all most appreciated.

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

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/>



DONUT SUNDAY
January 9, 2022

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.

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

[@holymartyrs_medina](https://www.instagram.com/holy_martyrs_medina)

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

To register, please scan the QR Code below:



or go to:

https://holymartyrs.ministryplatform.com/portal/event_detail.aspx?id=4816

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HM Kids, SPIRIT, Life Teen

Protecting God's Children

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children has seen a 106% increase in reports of suspected online child sexual exploitation since March of 2019.

Offenders are also affected by the pandemic's impact. While it is certainly no excuse, their stress levels are raised as well, which can lead to them seeking and performing more illegal activities online. Offenders often do not have any other outside social support systems, and this factor alone results in a higher risk for children.⁴ This means several factors have coalesced to create unusually high risk—increased stress and therefore vulnerability in children, higher stress on offenders, as well as increased stress on parents who have more to do, yet less time and assistance in order to accomplish everything. These conditions allow for the possibility of an unfortunate increase for online child sexual exploitation.

VIRTUS has always championed taking measures to ensure that children are safer in person, and online. In addition, **WePROTECT** has echoed these steps, and provided additional ones,⁵ in order to provide the best possible opportunity to protect children during this time.

For example:

- Talk with your children about the risks of online activity
- Stay involved in their digital world—know where they are going online and oversee these sites and apps
- Know who they are connecting with online—people are not always who they seem
- Use all the privacy and security settings available

Block and report⁶ anyone that makes the youth, or you, uncomfortable (you should report any exploitative online material to <https://report.cybertip.org/>). You can also report directly in the app or website for elements that are against the policy.

Raising the bar on diligence can be difficult at a time when we are inclined to loosen up due to stress and limited options. However, research and data tell us that the increased online risk to our children is not likely to disappear as things return to some semblance of "normal." It is up to us, as caring adults and protectors of children, to remain vigilant, to follow steps designed to provide safety, and to each do our part in protecting children and youth in all environments.

Spirit
at Holy Martyrs

our 7th and 8th grade youth group program, will meet on Sunday, January 9, 2022 starting with the 5:00 PM

Mass. We will be putting together brown bagged lunches for St. Bernard's in Akron. Thank you to everyone who came out for the bowling event with Life Teen and Spirit.



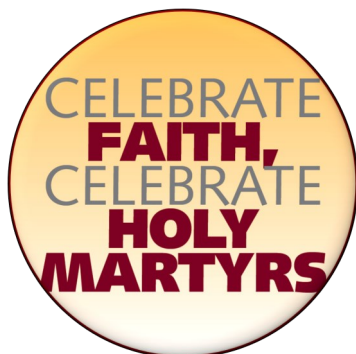
***SPIRIT is on the Holy Martyrs website,
Facebook and Instagram***

 **LIFE TEEN**
HOLY MARTYRS CHURCH

Life Teen **will resume** this evening,
January 9, 2022 beginning with the
5:00 PM Contemporary Mass.

We look forward to seeing
you all there.

Opportunities for Sharing Time, Talent and Treasure



It's the beginning of a new year and 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 our 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



LIGHT THE WAY: THE CAMPAIGN FOR CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY COLLECTION JANUARY 15-16, 2022

Located in the heart of the nation's capital, Catholic University of America offers graduate and undergraduate courses in more than 180 academic programs. By giving to the National Collection, you will help support more than 6,000 students who are seeking a faith-filled education at an institution that supports cutting-edge research in multiple fields. Your investment will enable the University to continue to support the Church and to advance its work of preparing the next generation of leadership, both religious and lay, of our Church and nation.

For more information or to donate online, please go to:
<https://engage.catholic.edu/giving/how-give/national-collection>

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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.

Marriage Resources

www.helpourmarriage.org
www.foryourmarriage.org

For substance abuse resources, go to
www.greaterthanheroin.com

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>

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