



March 20, 2022
The Third Sunday of Lent

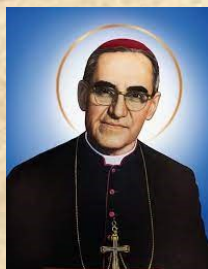
Holy Martyrs Catholic Church
3100 OLD WEYMOUTH RD MEDINA, OH 44256

Mass Intentions

For the week of
March 19 - March 27

Sat	4:30 PM	Parishioners
Sun	9:30 AM	Gladys Francis
	11:30 AM	James Cillian
	5:00 PM	Blaz Kosar
Mon	Noon	Jim Machniak, Sr.
Tues	Noon	Carolyn Bond
Wed	Noon	Delores Behun
Thurs	Noon	Steven & Brian Fiebig
Fri	Noon	Dolores Mitchell
Sat	4:30 PM	Marge Firment
Sun	9:30 AM	Parishioners
	11:30 AM	Paul Kazmierczak
	5:00 PM	Julia & Jocelyn Duke

Saint of the Week



St. Oscar Arnulfo Romero
Feast Day - March 24

This week at Holy Martyrs

Sun 03/20	Choir Rehearsal	8:30 AM	Pfeiffer Hall A
	Mass	9:30 AM	Worship Space
	Time Travelers	9:30 AM	PLC
	Mass	11:30 AM	Worship Space
	Contemporary Mass	5:00 PM	Worship Space
	SPIRIT	6:00 PM	Pfeiffer Hall
	Life Teen	6:00 PM	Martyrs Hall
Mon 03/21	Daily Mass	12:00	Worship Space
	HM Kids Monday	6:00 PM	PLC
	HM Kids Online	6:00 PM	via ZOOM
	HM Kids Stations of the Cross	6:30 PM	Martyrs Hall
	Sharing Christ	6:30 PM	Gathering Area
Tues 03/22	CONNECT Group #7	9:30 AM	Clarke Room
	Daily Mass	12:00	Worship Space
	CONNECT Group #1	1:00 PM	Clarke Room
	HM Kids Tuesday	6:00 PM	PLC
	Adult Confirmation Prep	6:00 PM	Clarke Room
	HM Kids Stations of the Cross	6:30 PM	Worship Space
	CONNECT Group #2	7:00 PM	Kazel Room
Wed 03/23	Daily Mass	12:00	Worship Space
	Journey for Adults	5:45 PM	Clarke Room
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM	Worship Space
	CONNECT Group #3	7:00 PM	Lounge
Thurs 03/24	Daily Mass	12:00	Worship Space
	CONNECT Group #4	3:30 PM	via ZOOM
	SPIRIT Prayer in Chapel	4:00 PM	Chapel
	Confirmation Prep for Teens	6:30 PM	Kazel Room
	Stephen Ministers Peer Supervision	6:30 PM	Room 102
Fri 03/25	Lectio Divina	6:30 AM	Chapel
	CONNECT Group #6	9:00 AM	Rooms 202 - 204
	Daily Mass	12:00	Worship Space
Sat 03/26	Reconciliation	3:00 PM	Chapel
	Mass	4:30 PM	Worship Space
Sun 03/27	DONUT SUNDAY		Gathering Area
	Choir Rehearsal	8:30 AM	Pfeiffer Hall A
	Mass	9:30 AM	Worship Space
	Time Travelers	9:30 AM	PLC
	Mass	11:30 AM	Worship Space
	Contemporary Mass	5:00 PM	Worship Space
	SPIRIT	6:00 PM	Pfeiffer Hall
	LIFE TEEN	6:00 PM	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

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



Holy Martyrs Homebound Ministry

The early Christian community began the practice of bringing Communion to those who were not able to gather with the community.

Today this practice is still an important ministry in the Church. We embrace and pray for those who are unable to be present with us. Specially trained home visitors will bring the Body of Christ to our homebound members.

Eucharistic Ministers have begun to take the Eucharist to our homebound following the Sunday 9:30 AM Mass.

The feedback so far has been heartwarming. Many of the parishioners we visited have expressed their deep gratitude that, despite the inability to currently attend Mass, having the Eucharist brought to them reinforced that they are vital members of the Holy Martyrs Community and have not been forgotten.

If you know of someone who is homebound and wants to receive the Eucharist, please contact the parish office at 330-722-6633.

WEARING A MASK AT CHURCH

As the rates of infection from the COVID-19 virus continue to drop, health care providers and state and federal health officials have revised the guidelines for safe practices at public gatherings, including churches. These changes at Holy Martyrs will take place immediately, including:

- Signs regarding the request to wear masks will no longer be posted.
- Wearing masks during the distribution of Holy Communion by Eucharistic Ministers and communicants will no longer be required.
- Those who prefer to continue wearing a mask are welcome to do so.

While there will be no mask mandate at Catholic churches going forward, if you are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or if you have serious health issues, please follow your doctor's advice to help protect yourself and others.



Pray for those who have died
in Christ:

Jerome Grone



HOLY MARTYRS
STEPHEN MINISTRY

Our Stephen Ministers are lay members of Holy Martyrs Church trained to provide **confidential**, one-to-one Christ-centered emotional and spiritual care to those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, loneliness, divorce, hospitalization, disability, job loss, and many other life difficulties. A Stephen Minister will meet with you privately, by phone, video chat, or, if safely possible, in person, usually on a weekly basis for as long as you need.

Rev. Justin Schlueter, a Stephen Ministries Pastor from St. Louis, Missouri shared the following message he received from a Stephen Ministry care receiver, with her permission. She wrote:

"I thank God every day for leading me to my Stephen Minister. When we began our caring relationship, I was slowly coming out of the numbness I felt after the shattering of my marriage. Her patience, her listening ear, and her willingness to serve have completely changed the trajectory of my life.

Without a doubt, accepting care from my church's Stephen Ministry has been the best decision of my life. Everyone should be able to have a Stephen Minister when they need one—it's an amazing model of how the body of Christ can work. God is truly being glorified through their service everywhere!"

For more information on Stephen Ministries at Holy Martyrs, please call Janet Payton at 330-722-6633.

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Let Us be Church



Help us to make our Church family complete.

Do you need or know of anyone who needs transportation to Church? Can you provide a ride to a fellow parishioner?

We can partner to assure that we can all worship as family.

Please contact the church office at 330-722-6633 if you need transportation or are able to provide transportation.



Life Teen **will meet** this evening, March 20, 2022 beginning with the 5:00 PM Contemporary Mass.



Life Teen Spring Retreat
April 1st-3rd at Holy Martyrs
Registration open now until March 20th!

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.

Spirit at Holy Martyrs

our 7th and 8th grade youth group program starts with 5:00 Mass. Last Sunday the 13th of March, we built brown bag lunches for the less fortunate at St Bernard's in Akron. We also talked about "What do I do when it is hard to do the right thing?". This Sunday, March 20, we will discuss "*How do I live a Virtuous Life?*" The lounge is open for all SPIRIT and Life Teen parents during the SPIRIT and Life Teen sessions on Sunday evening. Please feel free to come and join us.

SPIRIT
is on the Holy Martyrs website,
Facebook and Instagram



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HM Kids - 330-952-1466

Time Travelers is Back!

Time Travelers is the Sunday Morning Mass experience for children ages 3 - 12.

Bring your children to Mass and invite them to try being with other children at Mass, to learn about Jesus and his friends.

At the beginning of Mass a Time Travelers catechist will hold up the Children's Lectionary inviting them to join them. Fr. Steve will invite the children to come forward as Chris Ilg plays the traveling music as the children leave the worship space and go to rooms 103/104 for 20 minutes. The children will then rejoin their families for the Intercessions.

We are looking for 5th grade and older who would like to be a part of this ministry doing technology, proclaiming the word and leading the little people in both song and dance.

Please call or speak with Diane Bruce if you have children who may be interested in these areas of ministry.



HM Kids Stations of the Cross March 21 & 22

The HMKids sixth graders will be taking the lead for the HMKids to pray the Stations of the Cross on **Monday March 21st at 6:30 pm in Martyrs Hall and Tuesday, March 22nd at 6:30 p.m. in the church.**

All parents and Holy Martyrs parishioners are invited to join us in prayer on Monday or Tuesday. It would be so wonderful to see our parishioners support our HMKids in praying with us.

Lectio Divina

As we prayerfully move through the 40 days of Lent, you and your family might consider this opportunity to pray through **Lectio 365**. This is a daily devotional resource that helps you pray the Bible every day. It's free and can be found in your smartphone's app store.

Look for this icon:



Lectio 365
Daily devotional, 24-7 Prayer

Written by leaders from the 24-7 Prayer movement, this resource helps you engage with the word, fix your eyes on Jesus, and connect with God in prayer. **MORNING PRAYERS - P.R.A.Y.** every day - Pause to be still.

There is also an app for Families especially designed to be used with children called **Lectio for Families**.

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Lectio for Families
Family devotional, 24-7 Prayer

St. Augustine of Hippo's phrase "ever ancient, ever new" describes the renewed interest in praying with Scripture that has re-emerged in today's Church. Around the country, parish Bible study groups, small Christian communities, and other faith sharers have rediscovered a simple, insightful way to hear and experience the Word of God with one another through an ancient prayer form, **Lectio Divina**.

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Lenten Opportunities at Holy Martyrs



Journeying Through Lent

Lent is a special time in our liturgical year

The following are traditional Lenten disciplines:

Fasting & Abstinence: Catholics of age 14 and older **abstain from meat** on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. In addition, on Ash Wednesday and Good Fridays, Catholics from age 18-59 **fast**, limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals each day.

Prayer: Catholics are encouraged to pray more during Lent, especially with Scripture. Lent is also an ideal time to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the celebration of Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection.

Almsgiving: Moved by the sacrifice of Christ, many Christians combine almsgiving with fasting, giving to the poor the money they saved by eating, drinking or buying less as they rely more upon God's abundant grace.

RECONCILIATION OPPORTUNITIES DURING LENT

The Season of Lent is here and the Sacrament of Reconciliation provides us with the opportunity to grow closer to God as we experience His love and forgiveness.

Individual Confessions

Monday thru Friday after the Noon Mass

Saturday Confession

3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

(No confessions on Holy Saturday)

Lenten Opportunities at Holy Martyrs

- **Daily Mass - 12:00 Noon**
Monday through Friday
- **Lectio Divina in the Chapel**
6:30AM
Every Friday morning from
March 4 through April 15
- **Taizé Prayer Service**
7:00 PM
Friday, April 1



Taizé offers an opportunity for quiet repose in the midst of busy lives. The prayer tradition of Taizé, based on the monastic hours of prayer each day, can help us let go of our own preoccupations and get in touch with the spiritual realities that, ultimately, are what bring true meaning to our lives.

An important part of the Taizé experience is the singing of simple meditative songs that were developed for the prayer service. The prayer is flexible and has no real beginning or end. Songs are repeated over and over again to help us enter into the contemplation of the presence of God.



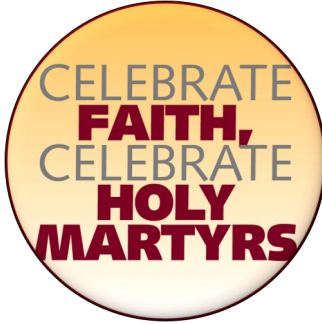
- **Stations of the Cross - 7:00 PM**
Friday, April 8

Join Fr. Steve on Friday, April 8 at 7:00 PM as we retrace the steps of the Passion of Christ through prayerful meditation at each of the 14 Stations of the Cross.

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Opportunities for Sharing Time, Talent and Treasure

Grateful Giving



This is the time of year when many of us focus on getting organized and “decluttering” our surroundings—why not streamline your offertory and simplify your support for Holy Martyrs and the ministries that mean so much to you? Now is a great time to stop using checks and envelopes, by

switching to eGiving—you can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Recurring gifts help give our parish a steady, consistent offertory that strengthens the programs, services, and ministries we lead for our church families and for those in need throughout the community.

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. You may also call Faith Direct customer service at 1-866-0507-8757.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

**If you have any questions or need additional information, please call
Therese McDonnell at 330-722-6633 or
email Tmcdonnell@holymartyrs.net**

Ukraine Relief Fund Help Ukraine Families

Thank you to all who generously contributed to the Ukraine Relief Fund last weekend.

Donations are used to support the humanitarian aid of those who fled Ukraine, as well as those who are displaced internally. Catholic Relief Services has been sending staff and resources to support Catholic partners Caritas Ukraine, Caritas Poland, Caritas Moldova and Caritas Romania to address growing needs. Catholic Relief Services has been supporting work in Ukraine since fighting initially broke out in 2014.

To those who missed the collection and still wish to contribute, please go to:

Catholic Relief Services
<https://www.crs.org/>

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.