



"In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge."

**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 4, 2022**

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



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Encounter Christ + Grow in Faith + Make Disciples
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Mass Intentions

For the week of
 September 3 - September 11

Sat	4:30 PM	Stephanie Byczek
Sun	9:30 AM	Parishioners
	11:30 AM	Vince Walsh
	5:00 PM	Darryl M. McQuate
Mon	Noon	NO MASS
Tues	Noon	Matthew Galla
Wed	Noon	Mabel Bozzelli
Thurs	Noon	Carole Dicken
Fri	Noon	Jim McClelland
Sat	4:30 PM	Jackie Vanuch
Sun	9:30 AM	Daniel Nelson
	11:30 AM	Parishioners
	5:00 PM	Lorraine Frenchik

This week at Holy Martyrs

Sun 09/04	Mass	9:30 AM	Worship Space
	Time Travelers	9:30 AM	PLC
	Outside Mass	11:30 AM	Pavilion
	Contemporary Mass	5:00 PM	Worship Space
	SPIRIT	6:00 PM	Parish Life Center
	Life Teen	6:00 PM	Martyrs Hall

The Church Office will be closed today,
Mon 09/05 Monday, September 5, 2022 for Labor Day ~
there will not be a Noon Mass

Tues 09/06	Daily Mass	12:00	Worship Space
	Stephen Ministers		
	Leaders Meeting	6:30 PM	via Zoom

Wed 09/07	Daily Mass	12:00	Worship Space
	Journey for Adults	5:45 PM	Lounge
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM	Worship Space

Thurs 09/08	Daily Mass	12:00	Worship Space
	SPIRIT Prayer	4:00 PM	Chapel
	Stephen Minister Peer Supervision	6:30 PM	Room 102

Fri 09/09	Daily Mass	12:00	Worship Space
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Sat 09/10	Reconciliation	3:15 PM	Chapel
	Mass	4:30 PM	Worship Space

Sun 09/11 HOLY MARTYRS PARISH FALL KICK OFF

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
Life Teen	6:00 PM	Martyrs Hall

Daily Mass at Holy Martyrs
 is celebrated at Noon in the Worship Space

Please join us!

Parish Staff

Father Stephen Dohner
 Pastor

Diane Bruce
 Director of Faith Formation

Brandon Woods
 Life Teen Coordinator

Father Robert F. Pfeiffer
 Pastor Emeritus

Father Mark Ott
 Weekend Priest

Janet Payton
 Pastoral Associate

Skip McQuate
 SPIRIT Coordinator

Christopher Ilg
 Director of Music

Sr. Marie Ellen Kuhel
 Bereavement Consultant

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Parish News

HOLY MARTYRS FALL KICK-OFF WEEKEND September 10 - 11, 2022

ALL ARE WELCOME

Come join us on Saturday, September 10th or Sunday, September 11th where we will be kicking off a new season at Holy Martyrs.

Look forward to fun activities, cake, ice cream, and appetizers after all Masses.

HM Kids Parents, this is your opportunity to pick up class materials for this year.

Take this opportunity to reconnect and re-engage with your parish community.

SURPRISES

GAMES

FOOD



Taizé Prayer Service



Opportunity to Serve

Looking for a prayerful ministry where you can use your gifts? Taizé prayer will be starting up again Thursday, September 8. Musicians (flute, clarinet, strings, acoustic guitar) and vocalists are welcome to join us. Rehearsal takes place about one hour before the service in the church.

Taizé prayer is held at Holy Martyrs on the first Thursday of each month (or the first Friday during Lent). It consists of soft, repetitive song and scripture in a contemplative environment and fosters interior peace and serenity. Consider joining this special ministry!

Taizé Prayer Services will be held at 7:00 PM in the Worship Space on the following dates:

Thursday, September 8, 2022
Thursday, October 6, 2022
Thursday, November 3, 2022
Thursday, December 1, 2022

Contact Janet Payton at jpayton@holymartyrs.net for more information or to express your interest.

Come Join us one last time in the Pavilion for Sunday Mass at 11:30 AM

The 11:30 AM Mass will take place outside, in and around the picnic pavilion. You may also bring your own lawn chair to sit on during Mass.

*If the weather is not conducive to sitting outdoors,
Mass will be moved inside.*

**Beginning next Sunday, the 11:30 AM Mass
will move back into the Worship Space.**

Please Welcome the Following New Families

*Robert and Bernice Duffy
Daniel and Amy Grimm
Daniel and Nicole Harcar
Larry and Michele Lucas
Bryce and Megan Norman
Calvin and Rachel Schwarz*

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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 take the Eucharist to our homebound following the Sunday 9:30 AM Mass.

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

Let Us Be Church Parishioner Needs



The church office receives calls from parishioners asking for help with transportation to Church, household chores and yard maintenance.

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

Do you know anyone willing to assist elderly or homebound parishioners with simple household chores or yard maintenance?

If you feel you are able to help with any of the above listed requests, and would like more information, please contact the Church Office at 330-722-6633.



What is the Mission and Core Values of Stephen Ministry

The mission of Stephen Ministries is summed up in the Apostle Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

"To equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ" (*Ephesians 4:12-13*).

The core values of Stephen Ministries are:

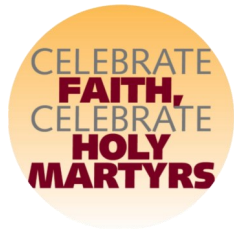
- Incarnational theology (God in Christ, and Christ caring for people through people)
- Ministry as the privilege and responsibility of all God's people
- Empowering those we serve to get excellent results
- Personal humility
- Organizational stability
- Positive work environment

These core values are the unifying beliefs, principles, and ideals that drive the way we think, talk, and act at Stephen Ministries.

If you need someone to listen, care, encourage, pray and provide weekly support for as long as you need, ***call Janet Payton at 330-722-6633 for more information.***

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Opportunities for Sharing Time, Talent and Treasure



Grateful Giving

Summer is almost over – have you made the switch to eGiving? It's a great way to support Holy Martyrs and grow our ministries that share the Good News of God's love. You

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

Recurring gifts sustain our parish through the busy summer months. You'll provide us with consistent support, even if you're away on a Sunday, so the programs, services, and ministries that mean so much to our community will never miss a beat.

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 1-866-507-8757.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call the church office at 330-722-6633.

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 call the Church Office at 330-722-6633

Holy Martyrs
Cafe



Coffee, Community, Conversation

Following each Mass, all are invited to stop by the Café to enjoy coffee, tea, pastry and fellowship.

If you are available to help serve after any of the Masses, please contact Diane Bruce at 330-722-6633.

GLORY BEES



We are in need of more people willing to help clean the Worship Space each month. If you are interested in helping, please call the Church Office at 330-722-6633.

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

You are all most appreciated.

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

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HMKids - 330-952-1466 - 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.

Block and reports 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.

Virtus Training

The Virtus Training Workshop will be held at Holy Martyrs on **Tuesday, September 6 at 10:00 AM** and **Thursday, September 8 at 6:00 PM** in the Parish Life Center, Room B.

If you are interested in registering for either workshop, please go to www.virtus.org or contact Diane Bruce at 330-952-1466

 **LIFE TEEN**
HOLY MARTYRS CHURCH

**Life Teen will meet on
Sunday, September 4 beginning with the
5:00 PM Contemporary Mass.**

Spirit
at Holy Martyrs

Spirit started on Sunday August 28, 2022 and the kids took a walk out to the cross by Route 3 and Old Weymouth. We talked about how do I feel right now and what is going on my life. We will go back to the cross at the end of the school year to reflect on what has changed over our year together.

Our next **Spirit** session will be **Sunday, Sept 18** and we will putting together brown bag lunches for St Bernard's in Akron.

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



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It's OK to have
a lot of
questions.
We're here
to answer
them.



***Cemetery Pre-Planning Seminar
Wednesday, October 19, 2022
6:30 PM
Holy Martyrs Parish Life Center***

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour pre-planning seminar on **Wednesday, October 19 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Life Center at Holy Martyrs Church 3100 Old Weymouth Road Medina OH 44256.**

Please join us to learn more about your Catholic burial options, including options for cremated remains. Attendees will receive a personal reference guide and savings certificate. Please know the CCA follows the current CDC guidance regarding COVID-19 protocols. Reservation appreciated but not required.

Please RSVP to Bob DeJohn in the Pre-Planning Department at 216-539-7943 or email bdejohn@clecem.org.



***Catholic Charities
of Medina***
Counseling Services
4210 North Jefferson St.
Medina, Ohio

Catholic Charities of Medina County is here for you through their Outpatient Mental Health Services.

Services are offered on a sliding fee schedule. Please do not hesitate to call 330-723-9615 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

***Our Common Home in Peril:
Gathering for a
Just and Sacred Future***

Catholic Sisters of Northeast Ohio invite you to a day of connection and conversation, guided by the goals of Laudato Si' to understand how organizations of greater Cleveland are responding to the current ecological crisis.

When: Saturday, September 17

Where: Magnificat High School
20770 Hilliard Blvd.
Rocky River, OH 44116

Time: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Questions? Contact Margaret Eigsti at
meigsti@socfcleveland.org

To register go to:
[OurCommonHome.eventbrite.com](https://www.ourcommonhome.eventbrite.com)