

**Blessed he who keeps faith forever,  
secures justice for the oppressed,  
gives food to the hungry.**

**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 25, 2022**

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

## Mass Intentions

For the week of  
September 24 - October 2

Sat	4:30 PM	Peter Sudyk
Sun	9:30 AM	Parishioners
	11:30 AM	Joan Rosato
	5:00 PM	Jack Snider
Mon	Noon	Jerome Johnson
Tues	Noon	Judith Vilt
Wed	Noon	Robert Leach
Thurs	Noon	Mary Keating
Fri	Noon	Michael Tierney
Sat	4:30 PM	Parishioners
Sun	9:30 AM	Patricia Renshaw
	11:30 AM	Solita Filoteo

## This week at Holy Martyrs

Sun 09/25	DONUT SUNDAY Choir Rehearsal Mass Time Travelers Mass Contemporary Mass SPIRIT Life Teen	8:30 AM 9:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM	Pfeiffer Hall Worship Space PLC Worship Space Worship Space Parish Life Center Martyrs Hall
Mon 09/26	Daily Mass HM Kids Monday	12:00 6:00PM	Worship Space Parish Life Center
Tues 09/27	Glory Bees Daily Mass HM Kids Tuesday	7:30 AM 12:00 6:00PM	Worship Space Worship Space Parish Life Center
Wed 09/28	Daily Mass Prayer Shawl Ministry Journey for Adults Choir Rehearsal	12:00 1:00 PM 5:45 PM 7:00 PM	Worship Space PLC Room 103 Lounge Worship Space
Thurs 09/29	Daily Mass SPIRIT Prayer	12:00 4:00 PM	Worship Space Chapel
Fri 09/30	Daily Mass	12:00	Worship Space
Sat 10/01	Reconciliation Mass	3:00 PM 4:30 PM	Chapel Worship Space
Sun 10/02	Choir Rehearsal Mass Time Travelers Mass Confirmation Mass	8:30 AM 9:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM 2:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal Worship Space PLC Worship Space Worship Space

*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

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.**

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](mailto:bdejohn@clecem.org).



#### **SIGN UP FOR A CONNECT GROUP THIS WEEKEND**

***Information will be available  
after all of the Masses***

CONNECT Small Groups are opportunities where our large church can become small and personal.

The purpose of CONNECT Small Groups is to further develop our relationships with God and with those in our Holy Martyrs community.

Groups meet for 90 minutes and reflect on the Sunday Gospel, then discuss a message relevant to members' daily lives. Participants are encouraged to attend the weekly gatherings and to pray for one another. Typically, there are 5-10 members in each group.

#### **The PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**



of Holy Martyrs has beautiful prayer shawls available for anyone who might derive comfort from a shawl.

These have been made with prayers for their comfort and healing. We want to reach out to those people in their time of need (loss of family member, going through cancer treatment, divorce, extended illness, etc.).

If you know of such a person, male or female, please contact Nancy Mayes, 330-764-3161 to obtain one of the shawls.

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be on **Wednesday, September 28 in Room 103.**



#### **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

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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.***



HOLY MARTYRS  
STEPHEN MINISTRY

#### ***What is Stephen Ministry?***

Stephen Ministry is a lay care giving ministry that supplements ***pastoral care***. The program teaches laypersons to provide one-on-one care for individuals who request support. The confidential care-giver and care-receiver relationship, usually conducted by weekly visits, may continue for months or years. Reasons for requesting a Stephen Minister's visits may range from grieving the loss of a loved one, experiencing a major illness, going through a divorce, job loss, struggling with substance abuse, or other life difficulties.

#### ***How many Congregations have Stephen Ministry?***

More than 13,000 congregations have Stephen Ministry—representing over 180 denominations, all 50 states, all 10 Canadian provinces, and 30 other countries. Many of these congregations have had Stephen Ministry going for over 30 years.

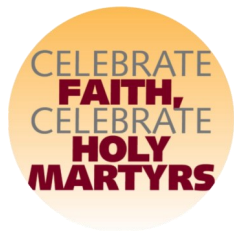
The mission of the Stephen Ministries organization is summed up in St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

***"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).***

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](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. 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**



Today we take up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps CCC engage and build Catholic communities in the United States and around the world using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half the funds we collect remain here in the Cleveland Catholic Diocese to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the Gospel message.

Support the collection today! To learn more, visit [www.usccb.org/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc).

## missio

Launched by Pope Francis, **MISSIO** connects you with communities around the world and helps you make a direct and lasting impact on the lives of others.

For more information on all current projects, please go to <https://www.missio.org/explore.aspx>

## Holy Martyrs Cafe

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.**

#### **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](mailto:churchoffice@holymartyrs.net)**

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HMKids HQ - 330-952-1466 - SPIRIT - LIFE TEEN



**HMKids** is a September to May experience that creates a foundation for the reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation.

Children beginning in the kindergarten level will build a foundation of faith supported by the domestic Church (parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles) to provide children with an appreciation for how much Jesus loves them and experience the larger Church in the work of spreading the Good News.

**HMKids** is an exciting, fun, and hands on approach to the people in the bible and the saints who have blazed a path for us to enter into and work on becoming a saint one day. We are all on the journey to becoming holy as we offer our time, talent, and treasure to others in the Church and our individual neighborhoods.

We encourage families to maintain a strong faith building experience by attending **HMKids, Spirit, and Life Teen** to support them in their faith and help them experience what it really means to be a Child of God throughout our life.

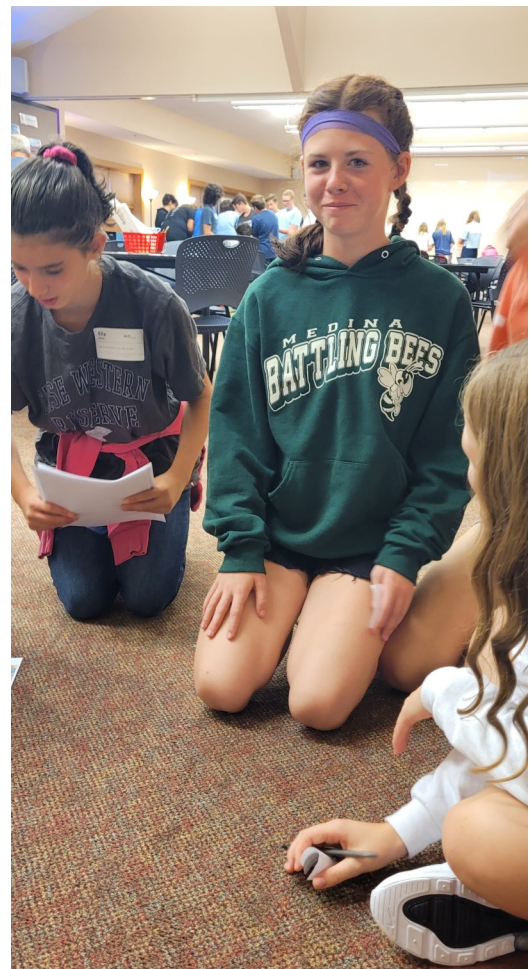
Perhaps, you have a child who has missed the Sacrament(s) Baptism (possibly due to COVID) or Reconciliation and Eucharist in the second grade. We offer Journey for children and youth grades 3 through 8.



Questions? Please talk to Diane Bruce.

## Spirit at Holy Martyrs

SPIRIT our 7th and 8th grade youth group program, met on Sunday, Sept 18, 2022 starting with Mass at 5:00 PM. We put together brown bag lunches for the less fortunate at St. Bernard's church in Akron. We worked on a "Zoom" puzzle and then talked about the "Sacraments". Thank you to everyone who contributed to the lunches. Our Sunday, Sept 25, 2022 session will start with 5:00 PM Mass and we will discuss "Why do we baptize babies?"



**LIFE TEEN**  
HOLY MARTYRS CHURCH

*Will meet on Sunday,  
September 25  
beginning with the  
5:00 PM Contemporary Mass.*

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### The First Friday Club of Akron

Our Lady of Cedars  
507 South Cleveland Massillon Road  
Fairlawn, OH 44333  
Friday, October 7, 2022



Featuring Fr. Jacob Bearer  
*Administrator*  
*St. Edward's & St. Lucy's*  
*Geauga County*

Fr. Jacob helped a ministry called Peter's Shadow. This ministry offered Nights of Healing Prayer at different parishes in the diocese. Their ministry of healing helped open his eyes to the presence and power of God's kingdom at work through the Body of Christ, the Church. He witnessed so-called "average Joes and Janes" work miracles through the name of Jesus.

The cost of the luncheon program 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 sending a check to

**First Friday Club of Greater Akron,  
PO Box 13291 Fairlawn, OH 44334**

by calling the office, at 330-535-7668

or go to the website,  
[www.firstfridayclubofgreaterakron.org](http://www.firstfridayclubofgreaterakron.org)

**no later than Friday, September 30, 2022**



**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.

### Help for Victims of Domestic Violence

Confidential hotline for help  
24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Medina County Hotline 330-723-3900

Toll Free 877-414-134

Summit County Hotline 330-374-1111

Toll Free 888-395-4357

For substance abuse resources, go to  
[www.greaterthanheroin.com](http://www.greaterthanheroin.com)

### Marriage Resources

[www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org)

[www.foryourmarriage.org](http://www.foryourmarriage.org)