



*Lord, you will show us the path of life*

*~Psalm 16*

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**April 23, 2023**

**Holy Martyrs Catholic Church**

**3100 Old Weymouth Road, Medina, OH 44256**





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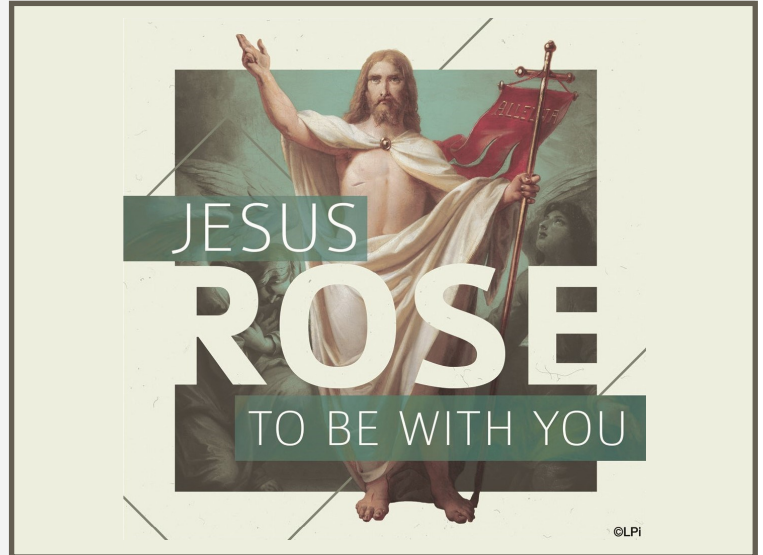
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## Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil	4:30 PM
Sunday	9:30 AM, 11:30 AM, 5:00PM
Monday - Friday	12:00 Noon
Holy Days	7:00 PM (Vigil) 12:00 Noon, 7:00PM



## CONFESSION SCHEDULE

**Saturday: 3:00 - 4:00 PM**  
**or by appointment**

## 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)**



## Baptisms

*Eli Edward Schwarz*

*and*

*Owen Michael Schwarz*

*sons of*

*Calvin and Rachel Schwarz*



**Holy Martyrs Café**  
**is OPEN every weekend**  
**after Mass**

## FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!



**@holymartyrs\_molina**



**[www.facebook.com/holymartyrschurch](http://www.facebook.com/holymartyrschurch)**

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

If you are interested in helping in the Café after any of the Masses, please call the Church Office at 330-722-6633.

## Parish Staff

Father Stephen Dohner  
*Pastor*

Diane Bruce  
*Director of Faith  
Formation*

Brandon Woods  
*Life Teen Coordinator*

Father Robert F. Pfeiffer  
*Pastor Emeritus*

Janet Payton  
*Pastoral Associate*

Skip McQuate  
*SPIRIT Coordinator*

Christopher Ilg  
*Director of Music*

Father Mark Ott  
*Weekend Priest*

## *Third Sunday of Easter*

### Message from our Pastor

#### LET US REJOICE, PART TWO

We are having an eventful Easter season!

I hope you were as inspired as I was by the large number of people who attended our Holy Week and Easter liturgies. It was great to see so many, young and old, returning home to celebrate with their families. The liturgies were beautiful and inspiring. I am grateful to the members of our pastoral team and maintenance staff who worked so hard to plan and prepare for them, and to the many talented parishioners who created the beautiful decorations and served as ministers during Holy Week and at our Easter Masses.

Things didn't end with Easter. Our children are becoming more excited as their First Holy Communion Day approaches. Our Spirit teens are continuing their commitment to provide sandwiches for the homeless, while HM Cares' adults prepared a wonderful Friendship Meal for the poor at St. Bernard in Akron. Meanwhile, Life Teen members are preparing for their trip to the Covecrest Summer Camp that Life Teen sponsors for teens nationwide.

This week, work finally began on the long-awaited project to update the lighting in our church. The original lighting was sorely in need of new technology and components that will enhance our worship experience. The original church lighting plan was meant to reflect light off the ceiling to create a fuller, warmer environment for prayer. That plan is being restored, showing off the beauty of our wood ceiling and crucifix. And behind the scenes, new control panels are being installed that will make more flexible and cost-effective lighting a reality.

This entire project was funded by parishioners who contributed to the diocesan *Heart of a Shepherd* campaign. Once the new lighting is finished, our next project will be to update the sound system in the church.

There is a wonderful spirit at Holy Martyrs that you can experience everywhere. Our parish continues to grow as we welcome new members and develop new programs and celebrate important milestones. Updating our worship space is an important part of this.

God bless you in this Easter Season!

*Father Steve Dohner*

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### *Mass Intentions* *April 22 - April 30*

### *This Week at Holy Martyrs*

Saturday	4:30 PM	Paul Kazmierczak
Sunday	9:30 AM	Parishioners
	11:30 AM	John Francis
	5:00 PM	Ann Givens
Monday	Noon	Gene Smith
Tuesday	Noon	Judy Longa
Wednesday	Noon	Robert Andrews
Thursday	Noon	Carolyn Bond
Friday	Noon	Martin Underation
Saturday	4:30 PM	Andy Taylor
Sunday	9:30 AM	Donald Vanuch
	11:30 AM	David Saxer
	5:00 PM	Parishioners

Sun 4/23	<b>DONUT SUNDAY</b> Choir Rehearsal Mass Time Travelers Journey Catechumenate Journey Period of Inquiry Mass Baptism Prep Session Contemporary Mass SPIRIT Life Teen	8:30 AM 9:30 AM 9:30 AM 10:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 1:30 PM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM	Pfeiffer Hall A Worship Space Rooms 203-204 PLC Lounge Clarke Room Worship Space Worship Space Worship Space Parish Life Center Martyrs Hall
Mon 4/24	CONNECT Parents Daily Mass CONNECT Mixed Adults HMKids Monday	9:30 AM 12:00 6:00 PM 6:00 PM	PLC Lounge Worship Space PLC Lounge Parish Life Center
Tues 4/25	Glory Bees Daily Mass CONNECT Women HMKids Tuesday	7:30 AM 12:00 1:00 PM 6:00 PM	Worship Space Worship Space Clarke Room Parish Life Center
Wed 4/26	Daily Mass Prayer Shawl Ministry CONNECT Snowbirds CONNECT Mixed Adults CONNECT Women Choir Rehearsal	12:00 1:00 PM 3:30 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Worship Space PLC Room 103 via ZOOM PLC Lounge Clarke Room Worship Space
Thurs 4/27	Daily Mass Eucharistic Adoration CONNECT Couples 50+	12:00 12:30 7:00 PM	Worship Space Worship Space PLC Lounge
Fri 4/28	Daily Mass	12:00	Worship Space
Sat 4/29	CONNECT Men First Communion Pictures Reconciliation Vigil Mass	9:00 AM 9:30 AM 3:00 PM 4:30 PM	PLC Lounge Worship Space Chapel Worship Space
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### *Daily Mass at Holy Martyrs*



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

Eucharistic Adoration  
every Thursday following  
the noon Mass.



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

### Sharing the Gospel

Even though he had risen from the dead, two of Jesus' friends had not seen him yet. These men were still sad and confused. Imagine their surprise when Jesus walked with them, explained the Scriptures about the Savior, and then broke bread for a meal. They saw him alive!

Unscramble the words from today's Gospel:

Emmaus	Christ	village
talking	Moses	bread
Cleopas	Prophets	Simon

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vliagel	_____
taklign	_____
Crihts	_____
berda	_____
Clapoes	_____
Mesos	_____
Sonim	_____

### Mission of the Week

Pack a bag with some snacks and your Bible, and take a long walk with your family. When you stop to eat your snacks, read your favorite story about Jesus.

### Prayer

Jesus, when I am sad or confused, help me to remember that you are alive and with me always.

## Spirit

SPIRIT, our 7th and 8th grade youth group program, met on Sunday, April 16, 2023 starting with Mass at 5:00 PM. We put together brown bag lunches for St. Bernard's in Akron and we also talked about how we can be "Transformed" through Jesus' death and resurrection. We will meet on Sunday, April 23, 2023 starting with 5:00 PM Mass and talk about being witnesses to Christ.



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

*Come to*  
**LIFE TEEN**



Every Sunday  
5pm Mass - 8pm

*Life Teen will meet today,  
Sunday, April 23, beginning with the  
5:00PM Contemporary Mass.*

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### Opportunities for Sharing Time, Talent and Treasure

#### Grateful Giving

**Christ is Risen!** As His disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of Christ's Resurrection. The fruitful ministries at our parish are examples of how many of you have answered, and continue to answer, that call. To ensure such work can continue requires not only gifts of time, but also of financial help. I ask you to prayerfully consider supporting our parish with electronic donations through Faith Direct.

You'll provide us with 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.

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.

#### 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.

**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.**



#### Catholic Home Missions Second Collection April 29th-30th

Strengthening the Church at Home by supporting essential pastoral programs in financially challenged dioceses and eparchies in the United States through the annual Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Home mission dioceses are those Catholic dioceses in the United States, its territories, and former territories that cannot provide basic pastoral services without outside help.

Basic pastoral services include Mass, the sacraments, religious education, and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters and laypeople. Nearly 40% of diocese in the United States and its territories are considered home missions. For more information visit:

<https://www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-home-missions>



#### The Angel Scholarship Fund

The Catholic Community Foundation has established The Angel Scholarship Fund as a brand new opportunity to support our Catholic Schools and students in the Diocese of Cleveland. Through the Angel Scholarship Fund, you can now contribute funds that will be used to provide tuition assistance for students to attend our Catholic schools, and you will receive a 100% Ohio income tax credit of up to \$750 against your state tax liability.

##### Your Support of ASF:

- Directly impacts a family's ability to afford a Catholic education
- Helps provide high quality Catholic education to students with financial need
- Can be directed to any Catholic school in the Diocese of Cleveland
- Allows you to choose what your tax dollars support

For more information visit:

[www.catholiccommunity.org/angel](http://www.catholiccommunity.org/angel)



#### Holy Martyrs Ministry Opportunities

All parishioners are invited to join any of the many ministries here at Holy Martyrs as a way to serve God through serving others.



If you are interested in signing up or simply would like more information, please visit our website at::

<https://holymartyrs.net/serve/>



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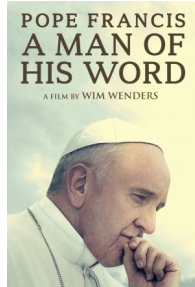
### Throughout the Diocese



5629 State Road  
Parma, Ohio 44134

**Cinema & Conversation:  
Pope Francis: A Man of His Word**

**Monday, April 24, 2023  
7:00pm - 9:00pm**



This film follows Pope Francis as he tries to spread his words of peace in modern times. It is intended to be a personal journey with Pope Francis, rather than a biographical documentary about him. The pope's ideas and his message are central to this documentary, which sets out to present his work of reform and his answers to today's global questions.

***Following the movie, there will be time for  
conversation and questions***

Free Will Offering.

Registration not required, drop-ins welcome.

For more information, please visit  
<https://www.jesuitretreatcenter.org/>



**First Friday Club of Greater Akron**

**Our Lady of Cedars  
507 South Cleveland Massillon Rd.  
Fairlawn, OH 44333  
May 5, 2023 at Noon**

**Guest Speaker: Holly Klein, Cofounder of Grace House**

The mission of Grace House Akron is to provide a loving home for indigent, homeless and abandoned individuals at the end of life. The home provides safe shelter, access to basic needs of food, water and shelter from specially trained staff and volunteers, care with dignity and compassion, and a nurturing environment for individuals with terminal illnesses.

Grace House serves terminally ill individuals who are:

- enrolled in a hospice program
- without an able caregiver, alone or unable to afford a private caregiver
- with limited financial resources

All Grace House services are free-of-charge, allowing individuals to pass peacefully without financial barriers to care.

The cost of the luncheon program is \$25.00.

Reservations can be made by **sending a check to:**

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

by **calling the office at 330-535-7668**

or by registering at: **[www.firstfridayclubofgreaterakron.org](http://www.firstfridayclubofgreaterakron.org)**