

*I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate  
to be with you always, the Spirit of truth."*

~John 14: 16-17



Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 14, 2023

**Holy Martyrs Catholic Church**  
3100 Old Weymouth Road, Medina, OH 44256



# Holy Martyrs Catholic Church

Encounter Christ + Grow in Faith + Make Disciples

**May 14, 2023**

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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)**



## Baptism

**Walker Raymond Spaczynski**

**Son of**

**Michael and Erica Spaczynski**

## Annual Rib Fest Planning Meeting Tuesday, May 23 - 7:00 PM

Holy Martyrs' Annual Rib Fest is scheduled for Sunday, June 25th. A meeting is being held Tuesday, May 23 at 7:00PM in PLC Room 103 to begin planning the day's festivities.

Anyone interested in helping with the Ribfest is welcome to attend.



**There is a promise of marriage  
between:**

**III Wedding Banns**

**Alexandra Petrofski & Kevin Gentile**

## 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*

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### *Mass Intentions* *May 13 - May 21*

### *This Week at Holy Martyrs*

Saturday	4:30 PM	David Kraska
Sunday	9:30 AM	Parishioners
	11:30 AM	Karrie Turk Gallagher
	5:00 PM	Dianne Zalack
Monday	Noon	Oswald Neroni
Tuesday	Noon	Cathy Mock (for healing)
Wednesday	Noon	Kenneth & Florence Gulling
Thursday	Noon	Phillip Porinchok
Friday	Noon	James & Helen Loew
Saturday	4:30 PM	David & Dolly Hood
Sunday	9:30 AM	Debra Luzier
	11:30 AM	Parishioners
	5:00 PM	Christopher Danes

Sun 5/14	DONUT SUNDAY Choir Rehearsal Mass Time Travelers Mass Contemporary Mass Life Teen	8:30 AM 9:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM	Pfeiffer Hall A Worship Space Rooms 203-204 Worship Space Worship Space Martyrs Hall
Mon 5/15	CONNECT Parents Daily Mass CONNECT Mixed Adults	9:30 AM 12:00 6:00 PM	PLC Lounge Worship Space PLC Lounge
Tues 5/16	Glory Bees Daily Mass CONNECT Women	7:30 AM 12:00 1:00 PM	Worship Space Worship Space Clarke Room
Wed 5/17	Daily Mass CONNECT Snowbirds CONNECT Mixed Adults CONNECT Women XLT West Choir Rehearsal	12:00 3:30 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Worship Space via ZOOM PLC Lounge Clarke Room Worship Space Pfeiffer Hall
Thurs 5/18	Daily Mass Eucharistic Adoration Stephen Ministers Peer Supervision Parish Council	12:00 12:30 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Worship Space Worship Space Ford Room via ZOOM
Fri 5/19	Daily Mass	12:00	Worship Space
Sat 5/20	CONNECT Men NO RECONCILIATION Vigil Mass	9:00 AM 4:30 PM	PLC Lounge Worship Space
Sun 5/21	Choir Rehearsal Mass Time Travelers Journey Catechumenate Journey Period of Inquiry Mass Contemporary Mass Life Teen	8:30 AM 9:30 AM 9:30 AM 10:00 AM 10:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM	Pfeiffer Hall A Worship Space Rooms 203-204 PLC Lounge Clarke Room Worship Space Worship Space Martyrs Hall

### *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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### Parish News

#### IMPORTANT! PLEASE READ!

Groups supporting abortion have proposed an amendment to change the Ohio Constitution that will nullify provisions in Ohio law that protect preborn children and women. **This amendment presents a direct threat to the dignity of human life and Ohio's Catholic Bishops are on record as being strongly opposed.**

The vague language in the proposed amendment places preborn children and women at risk of losing the safeguards on their health and wellbeing that Ohio established in law over many years. It would expand abortions in our state.

Pope Francis reminds us that the defense of human life at all stages is foundational to our faith and moral values. He said, "Our defense of the innocent unborn...needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life, which is always sacred, regardless of his or her stage of development.

**Recently, individuals have been seen at Holy Martyrs soliciting signatures in support of this amendment that will expand abortions and undermine protections for the preborn. It is an insult to our faith and abhorrent to our consciences that they would attempt to use our church and property to solicit support for an effort that is in clear opposition to the Catholic Church's deepest values and beliefs.**

#### **DO NOT SIGN THEIR PETITION. THEY HAVE NO RIGHT TO BE HERE.**

What they are doing is deeply objectionable and opposed to the core values of our church in defense of human life.

**If you see anyone on our property asking for your signature or soliciting support for this amendment, you are asked to bring it to the immediate attention of any member of Holy Martyrs' Staff.**

#### *Outside Mass in the Pavilion will be back soon!*

We will begin celebrating the 11:30 AM Sunday Mass outside in the Pavilion beginning on May 28, 2023.

Mass will take place in and around the picnic pavilion. For ease of access, you should plan to park in the back parking lot.

In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be moved indoors. Feel free to bring your own lawn chairs to sit on.



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

Read the Gospel of the week  
and color the image...



**Spirit**  
at Holy Martyrs

SPIRIT, our 7th and 8th grade youth group program, met on Sunday, May 7, 2023 starting with Mass at 5:00 PM. We walked out to the cross at Old Weymouth Rd and Route 3 to reflect on our growing closer to Christ. Our core team adult members then made banana splits while blindfolded and were given direction by the students on what to do to make the banana split. Thank you to all Spirit families and Core Team members for all of the hard work this year.



SPIRIT is on the Holy Martyrs Website, Facebook & Instagram

## Celebrating Our Graduates!

**Sunday, May 28th at  
9:30am Mass  
with Brunch to follow**



Holy Martyrs wants to celebrate our high school graduates! Graduates, join us on Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> for the 9:30am Mass with a Brunch to follow! Let us celebrate your academic achievements! Sign up for FREE on our website ASAP. The deadline to sign up is May 21<sup>st</sup>.

# XLT WEST

**Wednesday, May 17  
7pm at Holy Martyrs Church, Medina**

**SPEAKER & PRESIDER:**

Fr. Damian Ference  
Vicar for Evangelization  
Diocese of Cleveland



XLT West is coming back to Holy Martyrs! Join us on May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm for Eucharistic Adoration with music by the XLT West Band, an inspiring message from Fr. Damian Ference (the Vicar for Evangelization for the Diocese of Cleveland), followed by pizza and drinks after! All are welcome to join. This will be a night you do NOT want to miss!

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### Opportunities for Sharing Time, Talent and Treasure

# ANGEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In 2021, the State of Ohio created a program to provide tax credits to benefit private and parochial schools and students in Ohio, including the Diocese of Cleveland. ***The Angel Scholarship Fund*** was created as a Scholarship Granting Organization to facilitate this program in our diocese through the Catholic Community Foundation.

#### What does the Angel Scholarship Fund do?

The idea is simple. Individuals can make a charitable contribution to the Angel Scholarship Fund; donations are eligible for a state income tax credit. This is a dollar-for dollar tax credit against your tax liability or the tax you owe to the State of Ohio, **up to \$750 for individuals and \$1500 for those filing jointly.**

#### Who will benefit from this Program?

The ***Angel Scholarship Fund*** will benefit Ohio's **Catholic schools** and **parochial students**, and it will prioritize scholarships for **children in low income families** and **those seeking higher-quality educational opportunities** for their children.

It will also offer taxpayers the ability to reduce their Ohio state tax liability by making a contribution to Scholarship Granting Organizations, such as the ***Angel Scholarship Fund***.

#### Who can contribute to the Angel Scholarship Fund?

Any Ohio taxpayer, single or married, with an Ohio tax liability, is encouraged to make use of this program.

#### Can my contribution be directed to the school of my choice?

The intent of the Angel Scholarship Fund is to offer donors the option of making

- A contribution that supports schools and students across the Diocese of Cleveland based on financial need ("undesignated gift"), or
- A contribution that is designated to benefit students at a specific Catholic school ("designated gift").

Contributions can now be made for the 2023 tax year. Please visit [www.catholiccommunity.org/angel](http://www.catholiccommunity.org/angel) to make an online contribution or to download a mail-in form.

For more information, **CALL: 216-902-1312**  
**EMAIL: [asfinfo@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:asfinfo@dioceseofcleveland.org)**

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#### *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 E-Giving.

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 and how to sign up.

#### *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.

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

#### **Office of Catechetical Services (Newman Campus)**

##### **Second Collection - May 13 & May 14**

Each year in the Diocese of Cleveland, a special collection is taken up in all the parishes to support the ministries of the Office of Catechetical Services. This Diocesan Secretariat focuses on providing guidance and support that promotes the evangelizing mission of the Church through the catechetical efforts of all parishes and Newman Campus ministries in the Diocese. Ministries which will benefit from this collection include: faith formation for adults, teens and children, and family-based faith formation, as well as the ongoing formation of Parish Catechetical Leaders and catechists as missionary disciples. Newman Catholic Campus Ministries provides opportunities for students to deepen a relationship with Christ through prayer and worship, community, faith and Bible studies, retreats and service. A contribution to the Office of Catechetical Services is an investment in the faith formation of people of all ages throughout the Diocese of Cleveland.

For more information, visit:

<https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/offices/formation-education>

#### **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/>