



*The seed that falls on good ground  
will yield a fruitful harvest.*

*~Lk 8:8*

**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 16, 2023**

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



# Holy Martyrs Catholic Church

Encounter Christ + Grow in Faith + Make Disciples

July 16, 2023

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 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)**



## A MESSAGE TO ALL CATHOLIC VOTERS IN OHIO

### AUGUST 8TH SPECIAL ELECTION

A special election will take place in Ohio on August 8th to vote on ISSUE 1, which asks voters if Ohio should require that any proposed amendment to the Ohio Constitution receive the approval of at least 60% of eligible voters in the proposed amendment. A lower threshold will make it easier to change our State Constitution with amendments like the pro-abortion amendment proposed on the November ballot.

The Ohio Catholic Conference encourages citizens to **VOTE YES on ISSUE 1** to keep Ohio's Constitution safe and help life-affirming medicine thrive.

### NOVEMBER ELECTION PROPOSED ABORTION AMENDMENT TO OHIO CONSTITUTION

The August Special Election will have an immediate and lasting impact on a proposed amendment to the Ohio Constitution on November's 2023 ballot. If passed, this amendment will eliminate already established protections for preborn children and women in Ohio. The vague language in the proposed amendment will enshrine and expand abortion in our State at the expense of protections for preborn children and women. It places women and the preborn at risk of losing safeguards on their health and wellbeing that the citizens of Ohio have established in law over many years.

**The Catholic Bishops of Ohio urge every citizen of our State to stop this attempt to rewrite Ohio's Constitution and to vote AGAINST the proposed amendment in November. You vote against this amendment will prevent countless deaths of preborn, innocent children.**

The bishops urge Catholics in Ohio to register and vote in these important elections.



*Pray for those who have died  
in Christ:*

**David Gladish**

## Parish Staff

Father Stephen Dohner  
*Pastor*

Shannon Federinko  
*HM Kids*

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*



# Encounter Christ + Grow in Faith + Make Disciples

## Mass Intentions

July 15 - July 23

## This Week at Holy Martyrs

Saturday	4:30 PM	Francis and Helen McEldowney	Sun 7/16	Mass Time Travelers Confirmation Retreat Mass Baptism Preparation Contemporary Mass Life Teen	9:30 AM Worship Space 9:30 AM Rooms 203-204 11:30 AM Pfeiffer Hall 11:30 AM Pavilion 1:30 PM Worship Space 5:00 PM Worship Space 6:00 PM Martyrs Hall
Sunday	9:30 AM	Emma Eppich			
	11:30 AM	Parishioners			
	5:00 PM	Tina Giesen	Mon 7/17	Encounter Daily Mass CONNECT Groups Leadership Team	10:30 AM Martyrs Hall 12:00 Worship Space 6:00 PM PLC Room 13
Monday	Noon	Oscar Olander			
Tuesday	Noon	Edward Funai	Tues 7/18	Encounter Daily Mass	10:30 AM Martyrs Hall 12:00 Worship Space
Wednesday	Noon	Thomas Richey	Wed 7/19	Encounter Daily Mass Women's Retreat Planning Meeting	10:30 AM Martyrs Hall 12:00 Worship Space 7:00 PM PLC Room 103
Thursday	Noon	Dean Kriska	Thurs 7/20	Daily Mass Eucharistic Adoration	12:00 Worship Space 12:30 PM Worship Space
Friday	Noon	Cathy Mock	Fri 7/21	Daily Mass	12:00 Worship Space
Saturday	4:30 PM	Paul Kazmierczak	Sat 7/22	Reconciliation Mass	3:00 PM Chapel 4:30 PM Worship Space
Sunday	9:30 AM	Dorothy Krupa	Sun 7/23	Mass Time Travelers Mass Contemporary Mass Life Teen	9:30 AM Worship Space 9:30 AM Rooms 203-204 11:30 AM Pavilion 5:00 PM Worship Space 6:00 PM Martyrs Hall
	11:30 AM	Parishioners			
	5:00 PM	Herbert Jamison			

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

The rain and snow come down  
and do not return there  
till they have watered the earth,  
making it fertile and fruitful. (Is 55:10)

### Psalm:

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a  
fruitful harvest. (Ps 65)

### Second Reading:

I consider that the sufferings of this present time  
are as nothing  
compared with the glory to be revealed for us.  
For creation awaits with eager expectation the  
revelation of the children of God. (Rom 8:18-19)

### Gospel:

And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying:  
"A sower went out to sow." (Mt 13:3)

## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

We are all sowers in the field. Our time, our  
money, our attention: these finite resources are  
the seeds, and the choice is ours where we  
scatter them. Do we focus our efforts on soil that  
will bear fruit for the kingdom?

*Parish News*

**Feed Your Soul!**

*Jesus is calling You to Spend Time Focusing  
on Your Relationship with Him*

- Why would God love you?
- Why do you need a relationship with God?

*Come Feed Your Soul at the Women's Retreat*

- Discover God's intense love for you
- Spend time alone with God in contemplation and adoration
- Be showered with the blessings of friendships, quiet time for thought and meditation, and renewed spiritual energy

*Join in the Feast that is being Prepared!*

Dates: Friday, August 11, 4:00pm – Sunday, August 13, 12:30pm  
Location: Villa Maria Education & Spirituality Center, Villa Maria, PA

Cost: \$165

- Includes private room, meals, snacks, retreat materials
- Registration fees due by: July 23

To register go to: [https://holymartyrs.ministryplatform.com/portal/event\\_detail.aspx?id=7096](https://holymartyrs.ministryplatform.com/portal/event_detail.aspx?id=7096)

or scan the QR Code:



If you have questions, please contact:  
Polly Tonti at 330-410-4242 or [ptonti15@outlook.com](mailto:ptonti15@outlook.com)



Welcome to the  
2023  
Confirmation  
Retreat!

Sunday,  
July 16th



*Please pray for our Confirmation Candidates who will be on retreat this Sunday, July 16, 2023.*



# Encounter Christ + Grow in Faith + Make Disciples

## HM Kids, SPIRIT, and Life Teen

### HM Kids is Coming Soon!

HM Kids is our Faith Formation Ministry for Grades K-6. Our focus is building a strong foundation in our faith and a meaningful relationship with Jesus. We also focus on forming faith for life with our grade level peers while having fun!

Sessions are held Monday and Tuesday evenings from 6:00-7:15 p.m. Sessions will begin Monday, September 18, 2023. Please register your child(ren) by August 31, 2023. An email will be sent out to all families soon with registration information.

We are in need of members to join our HM Kids Faith Formation Team. We are in specific need of Catechists, Catechist Assistants, and HM Kids Security. Catechist Team Members will be well supported in this role, with session plans and teaching strategies to engage students. If you have wanted an opportunity to share your faith with our HMKids children or to faith form with your own children, this is a wonderful way to serve. Our Catechist Retreat is August 5, 2023 from 10:00-12:30.

Please reach out to Shannon Federinko directly if you or someone you know are interested in being on our HMKids Team. For a small amount of time served, the rewards of helping our children faith form with positive adults are great. We appreciate your willingness to Encounter Christ, Grow in Faith, and Make Disciples through this very special Ministry opportunity.

If you have questions, please email Shannon Federinko at [sfederinko@holymartyrs.net](mailto:sfederinko@holymartyrs.net).

### Sharing the Gospel

*The farmer is God. The seed is God's Word. That makes the soil your heart. If your heart is angry or stubborn, God's Word can't sink in. If your heart is shallow, God's Word can't take root. Instead, you will worry about getting power or riches. If your heart is discouraged by people who hate God, your faith will choke. If your heart is soft, God's Word will change your life, and it will show.*

### Baptism

*Zachary Thomas Mackey*

*Son of*

*Kurtis and Andrea Mackey*

### Come to LIFE TEEN



*Life Teen will meet today,  
Sunday, July 16th,  
beginning with the 5:00PM  
Contemporary Mass*

Attention all middle school and high school students!

Encounter (our annual 3-day service retreat) is right around the corner! Join us July 17, 18, & 19 for fun, food, service, and prayer.

Take a moment and go to the Holy Martyrs' Facebook page to watch a short video!

# ENCOUNTER

**JULY 17, 18, AND 19**  
**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

SPREADING GOD'S LOVE THROUGH PRAYER AND SERVICE

**LIFE TEEN**  
HOLY MARTYRS CHURCH

**Spirit**  
at Holy Martyrs

SPIRIT is on the Holy Martyrs Website, Facebook & Instagram

To register go to:

<https://holymartyrs.net/event-details/?id=6966>

or scan the QR Code :



# Encounter Christ + Grow in Faith + Make Disciples

## *Opportunities for Sharing Time, Talent and Treasure*

### **Holy Martyrs E-Giving**

## **VANCO**

### ***Our New e-giving Platform, Vanco!***

We want to start by expressing gratitude for your unwavering support and generosity towards our church. Your contributions have been essential to our ability to continue carrying out our mission and serving the needs of our community.

We also want to take this opportunity to introduce our new e-giving platform, **Vanco**. This platform provides a secure and user-friendly way to give to our church online, and we are confident that it will make giving more convenient for many members of our congregation.

We are no longer using Faith Direct and you will need to sign up through **Vanco** to continue e-giving.

Whether you choose to give online or in person, your support is vital to the continued success of our church community. We are so grateful for your generosity and commitment to our shared mission.

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

***Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.***

### **The Chosen**

We will be offering two opportunities to come together to watch and discuss each episode of the first season of The Chosen. We invite all to join us for this powerful presentation of the life of Jesus and we've made it easy for all to participate. Please choose the session that fits your schedule: Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 pm beginning on July 26 and Thursday afternoons from 1:00 to 2:30 pm beginning on July 27.

Cost for the 8 week series is \$20 per person for the workbook. Please scan the QR Code to register for the session you would like to attend.

Wednesday Night Session: 7:30 - 9:00 PM



Thursday Afternoon Session: 1:00 - 2:30 PM



### **Holy Martyrs Ministry Opportunities**

Ushers  
Greeters  
Ministry



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/>**

### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

#### **Honor Roll Students**

#### **ST. IGNATIUS HIGH SCHOOL**

Nathan Agnew '23	First Honors
Christian Durny '23	First Honors
Vincent Durny '25	First Honors
Michael Klecar Jr '25	First Honors
Augustus Whittier '24	First Honors

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## Elsewhere in the Diocese



5629 State Road  
Parma, Ohio 44134

### **Cinema & Conversation: Arrival**

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

In *Arrival*, a linguist (Amy Adams) works with the military to communicate with alien lifeforms after twelve mysterious spacecraft appear around the world.

After each movie, there will be time for conversation and questions.

**Free Will Offering.**

**Registration is no longer required.**

**For more information on all upcoming events, visit:**

**<https://www.jesuitretreatcenter.org/calendar>**

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# THE FEST

# august

LIVE MUSIC FROM  
**Chris Tomlin**  
**Jeremy Camp**  
**Big Daddy Weave**  
**Katy Nichole**



HelpOurMarriage.org  
**RETRouvaille**  
A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Have you as a couple grown apart?

Do you often fight without ever resolving the conflict?

The Cleveland Retrouvaille Community is presenting a weekend retreat from September 22 to 24 for couples seeking healing in their marriage. For more information or to register, visit [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org)

