

# *Welcome to Holy Martyrs*



# *Fall Kickoff Weekend*



# Holy Martyrs Catholic Church

Encounter Christ + Grow in Faith + Make Disciples

September 17, 2023

Twenty-fourth 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

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



## Prayer for Ohio

Ever-living God, you give life and desire a future for all your children. Take hold of our nation, state, and community and awaken in every heart awe for the gift of life. Send your Spirit to strengthen us with wisdom and fortitude as we defend mothers and children in Ohio from laws that disregard their health and safety. Mary and Joseph trusted in you and welcomed Jesus into our broken world. Father, we ask their intercession to protect the preborn and their mothers, and to guide all parents in raising their children. May they help us build a civilization of love by upholding the sacredness of life, preserving parental rights, and accompanying pregnant women in need. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady, Mother of the Family, pray for us!  
St. Joseph, Protector of the Unborn, pray for us!

## Holy Martyrs Café

**is OPEN following all of the weekend Masses.**

*There is a promise of marriage between:*



**III Wedding Banns**

**Stuart Popogain and Emily Kopec**

## 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*



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## Mass Intentions

September 16 - September 24

## This Week at Holy Martyrs

### HOLY MARTYRS FALL KICKOFF WEEKEND

Saturday	4:30 PM	Elizabeth Susan Obloy
Sunday	9:30 AM	Parishioners
	11:30 AM	Maureen Gula
	5:00 PM	Mary Jo Bogdanski
Monday	Noon	Cathy Mock
Tuesday	Noon	Mary Flasco
Wednesday	Noon	Lynch & Keberdle Families
Thursday	Noon	Robert Meyers
Friday	Noon	Sandra Guthleben
Saturday	4:30 PM	David Gladish
Sunday	9:30 AM	David and Richard Foerster
	11:30 AM	Parishioners
	5:00 PM	Riley Pearson

Sun 9/17	Choir Rehearsal Mass Time Travelers Journey - Catechumenate Mass Confirmation Readings Practice Contemporary Mass SPIRIT Life Teen	8:30 AM Pfeiffer Hall A 9:30 AM Worship Space 9:30 AM Rooms 203-204 10:00 AM PLC Room 102 11:30 AM Worship Space  2:00 PM Worship Space 5:00 PM Worship Space 5:00 PM Parish Life Center 5:00 PM Martyrs Hall
Mon 9/18	Daily Mass HM Kids Family Night HM Kids Monday	12:00 Worship Space 6:00 PM Martyrs Hall 6:00 PM Parish Life Center
Tues 9/19	Glory Bees Daily Mass HM Kids Family Night HM Kids Tuesday	7:30 AM Worship Space 12:00 Worship Space 6:00 PM Martyrs Hall 6:00 PM Parish Life Center
Wed 9/20	Daily Mass Choir Practice	12:00 Worship Space 7:00 PM Worship Space
Thurs 9/21	Daily Mass Eucharistic Adoration Stephen Ministers Peer Review Parish Council Meeting	12:00 Worship Space 12:30 PM Worship Space  6:30 PM PLC Room 102 7:00 PM Via ZOOM
Fri 9/22	Daily Mass	12:00 Worship Space
Sat 9/23	St. Vincent DePaul Training Workshop Reconciliation Mass	8:30 AM Martyrs Hall 3:00 PM Chapel 4:30 PM Worship Space
Sun 9/24	Choir Rehearsal Mass Time Travelers Journey - Catechumenate Journey - Inquiry Mass Contemporary Mass SPIRIT Life Teen Confirmation Practice Session & Reflection	8:30 AM Pfeiffer Hall A 9:30 AM Worship Space 9:30 AM Rooms 203-204 10:00 AM PLC Room 102 10:00 AM Clarke Room 11:30 AM Worship Space 5:00 PM Worship Space 5:00 PM Parish Life Center 5:00 PM Martyrs Hall  6:00 PM Gathering Area

### Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Take some time to reflect on the enormity of what Christ offers us in salvation. Can we find the strength to offer just a fraction of that to our brothers and sisters?

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT ISSUE 1



## What is Issue 1?

Issue 1 is a proposed amendment to the Ohio Constitution that would endanger the health and safety of women, threaten parental rights, and allow for abortion through all nine months of pregnancy. Ohioans will vote on November 7, 2023, whether to make this change to the Ohio Constitution.

## What would Issue 1 do?

### Put women at risk:

- **Health and safety standards in Ohio could be eliminated.** Doctors could no longer need to examine a woman or explain the risks of the abortion procedure ahead of time.

### Threaten parental rights:

- **A fifteen-year-old could have an abortion without her parents knowing.** Current Ohio law requires parental notification and consent before a child under 18 can obtain an abortion. These parental right protections could be removed as they directly conflict with the amendment which would allow all individuals, including minors, to make their own reproductive decisions.

### Allow for abortions of fully formed babies:

- **Abortion would be legal through all 9 months of pregnancy.** Physicians at an abortion clinic could use a woman's age or emotional well-being as a reason to perform an abortion in the 3rd trimester.

See "[Where Does it Say That?](#)" for specific information.

## Would abortion be illegal in Ohio if Issue 1 does not pass?

If Issue 1 does not pass, abortion would still be legal in Ohio until a baby's heartbeat can be detected. This standard was challenged in court and placed on hold, allowing for abortions up to 22 weeks as of September 15, 2023. Current laws that protect the safety of women and parental rights would stay in effect.

## Doesn't Issue 1 simply restore Ohio back to when Roe v. Wade was in effect?

**Issue 1 goes dangerously beyond what was legalized in the Roe v. Wade ruling.** It opens the door to remove important health and safety measures that protect women, threatens parental consent and notification of any minor seeking an abortion, and allows for abortion through all nine months of pregnancy.

## Will miscarriage care or ectopic pregnancy treatment be denied if Issue 1 fails?

The passing or failure of Issue 1 will have no effect on the care a pregnant woman receives when her life is in danger, even if the treatment results in the loss of life of her unborn child. There is a fundamental difference between an elective abortion and the care provided after a miscarriage. In the case of an ectopic pregnancy, the life-affirming option is to surgically remove the mother's fallopian tube in which the embryo has implanted. No law restricts this care in Ohio or any other state in the country.

## How is the Church helping pregnant women in need?

For decades, numerous Catholic social service agencies, in collaboration with faith-based and secular organizations, have assisted pregnant women in need with material resources and personal accompaniment during pregnancy and after their child is born. Project Rachel helps those struggling post-abortion. Every woman should be able to depend upon a community for support and the Catholic Church remains committed to woman in need.

[Learn more: ohiocathconf.org](http://ohiocathconf.org)

## What is the Church doing to protect life and defeat Issue 1?

Each diocese in Ohio is working together, through the Catholic Conference of Ohio, to help Catholics understand the dangers of Issue 1 to women, parents, and life. We are also part of the Protect Women Ohio coalition to let all voters know Issue 1 is harmful for Ohioans.

## What can I do to help defeat Issue 1?

1. PRAY & Fast
2. EDUCATE Yourself and TELL OTHERS about the dangers of Issue 1
3. Register & VOTE NO on Issue 1

## Where can I learn more?

Read the full text of the proposed change to the Ohio Constitution and learn about the concerning language that puts women at risk, threatens parental rights, and allows for abortions through all nine months of pregnancy:



Click to View  
["Where Does It Say That?"](#)

Or visit  
[www.ohiocathconf.org/protect](http://www.ohiocathconf.org/protect)

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## Parish News



**CONNECT Small Groups** are opportunities where our large church can become small and personal. You are not signing up for one more thing...you are signing up for peace, love, and a renewed faith community.

**CONNECT Small Groups** will be starting the week of September 25

To register for a CONNECT Small Group go to:

<https://holymartyrs.net/group-finder/>

or scan the QR Code:



### **HOLY MARTYRS CLAM BAKE**

Help us continue to build our community of faith by joining us for Holy Martyrs first annual Clam Bake!

Relax around a bonfire as you enjoy a home cooked meal.

The bake includes 1 dozen little neck clams, half a chicken, sweet potato, corn on the cobb, roll and coleslaw.

**When:** Saturday, Oct 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm

**Where:** Back parking lot at Holy Martyrs

**Cost:** \$28.00 for Bake  
\$35.00 gets bake  
plus 2 wine or beer tickets.

Please specify whether you would like wine (white or red), or domestic beer.

Extra Dozen little neck clams - \$12.00

To register go to:

[holymartyrs.net/events](https://holymartyrs.net/events)

or scan the QR Code:



### **DID YOU KNOW?**

A 2022 study produced by the Medina County Housing Network reported that 2,147 Medina County Households have incomes below the federal poverty level.

These are our neighbors, our friends, and they are in places where we worship. HM Cares Ministries is called to serve those in need of financial assistance with rent, utilities, and food pantry. With your donations of time & treasure HM Cares has been able to help 200 families this year alone!



Unfortunately, due a severe drop in monetary donations we have been forced to suspend offering financial assistance to families in need within Medina County. We ask that you prayerfully consider providing a one time, or ongoing donation to HM Cares through our e-giving platform VANCO, or through the monthly offertory envelopes marked for HM Cares.

Scanning the QR Code below will take you to the secure e-giving platform VANCO page marked for HM Cares Ministries.



Here are future opportunities to offer your time & treasure to serve others in the coming months...

- September 21-23 Food Drive through Century 21
- Sunday, October 15th - Friendship Meal at St. Bernard's
- November Turkey Run 2023
- December Friendship Breakfast at Kathy's House
- December Give-A-Gift



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## *HM Kids, SPIRIT, and Life Teen*

### *HM Kids Families Pizza and Kona Ice Truck HM Kids Kick-off!*

Please register on the Holy Martyrs website under Events (HM Kids Family Night) under HM Kids Family night so we have an accurate count for food.

We are excited to get started with HM Kids!

The first two evenings 9/18 and 9/19 will be Family Nights in the pavilion.

Park in the back of the church and check in at the Kiosk at 6:00 PM, or earlier if we are set up.

Don't worry about dinner—we've got it covered! Pizza, chips, and water will be served in the pavilion. Please bring your own seat.

After we share a meal together, parents/guardians will meet with HM Kids Coordinator, Shannon Federinko to hear about this upcoming year, while children meet their Catechists in the classrooms.

Parents/guardians will then be released to briefly meet their child(ren)'s Catechist. We understand some families have more than one classroom to visit. Our Catechists will wait for you to get your children when you can get there. Be sure to visit the Kona Ice Truck before you leave!

We can't wait to get started! Please email Shannon Federinko with questions at [sfederinko@holymartyrs.net](mailto:sfederinko@holymartyrs.net)

\*Also parents who are interested in helping out with HM Kids this year, please go to [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) to establish an account and sign up for training. St. Ambrose is hosting a training on September 21, 2023.

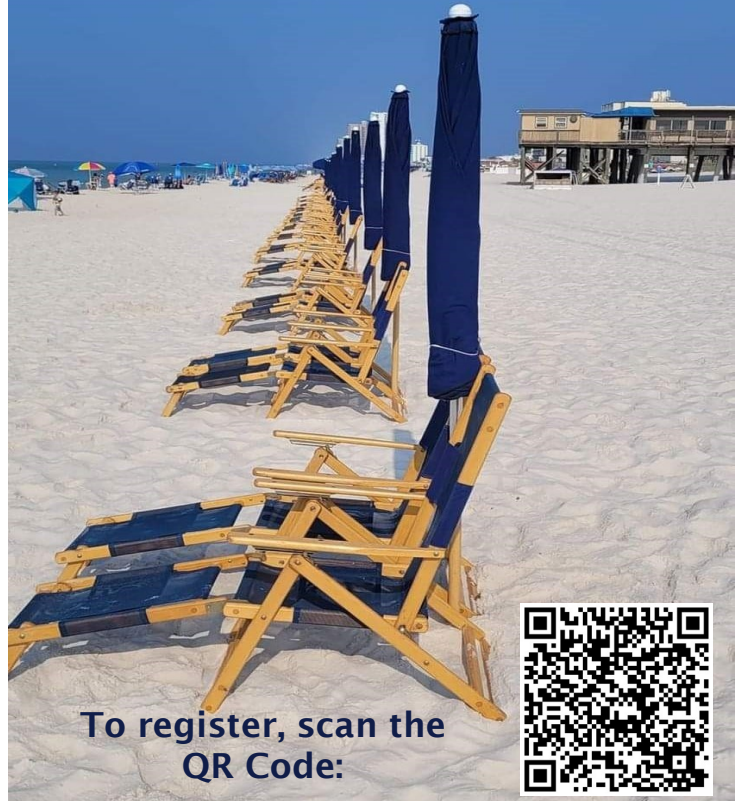
Go to [virtus.org](http://virtus.org) for more information or email Jenny Messina at [jmessina@holymartyrs.net](mailto:jmessina@holymartyrs.net).

To register for HM Kids Family Night, scan the QR Code:



### Online Registration for SPIRIT 2023—2024 is now available

**SPIRIT begins on Sunday,  
September 17 with 5:00PM Mass**



**To register, scan the  
QR Code:**



### *Come to LIFE TEEN*



Every Sunday  
5pm Mass - 8pm

**It's time to  
register for  
Life Teen  
2023-2024**

**Scan the QR Code  
to register:**



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

### **Support the Catholic Communication Campaign**

**September 23 -24, 2023**



When you support the Catholic Communication Campaign, you help people in the US and around the world hear the Gospel and build community. Please be generous to the collection on September 23rd and 24th

#1church1mission #EngageToBuildCommunity  
**Learn more: [www.usccb.org/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc)**

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

# 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.**