



The Lord is near to all who call upon him.
~Psalm 145

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 24, 2023

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



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Encounter Christ + Grow in Faith + Make Disciples

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Twenty-fifth 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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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!

Pray for those who have died in Christ:



Mary Evelyn Huff

Mary Lou Karg

There is a promise of marriage between:



I Wedding Banns

Emma Bobey and Dominic Massarelli

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 23 - October 1

This Week at Holy Martyrs

Saturday	4:30 PM	David Gladish	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
Sunday	9:30 AM	Dolores Behun	Mon 9/25	Daily Mass HM Kids Monday	12:00 Worship Space 6:00 PM Parish Life Center
	11:30 AM	Parishioners	Tues 9/26	Glory Bees Daily Mass HM Kids Tuesday HM Cares Meeting	7:30 AM Worship Space 12:00 Worship Space 6:00 PM Parish Life Center 7:00 PM Martyrs Hall
	5:00 PM	Riley Pearson	Wed 9/27	Daily Mass Prayer Shawl Ministry Choir Practice	12:00 Worship Space 1:00 PM PLC Room 103 7:00 PM Worship Space
Monday	Noon	Anny Hamilton	Thurs 9/28	Daily Mass Eucharistic Adoration	12:00 Worship Space 12:30 PM Worship Space
Tuesday	Noon	Mary Flasco	Fri 9/29	Daily Mass	12:00 Worship Space
Wednesday	Noon	Vicki Korber	Sat 9/30	Reconciliation Mass	3:00 PM Chapel 4:30 PM Worship Space
Thursday	Noon	Charles Olivo	Sun 10/1	Choir Rehearsal Mass Time Travelers Journey - Catechumenate Journey - Inquiry Mass Confirmation Mass 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 10:00 AM Clarke Room 11:30 AM Worship Space 2:00 PM Worship Space 5:00 PM Martyrs Hall
Friday	Noon	Anna Bendjok			
Saturday	4:30 PM	Parishioners			
Sunday	9:30 AM	Leo Kaliszewski			
	11:30 AM	Debra Luzier			

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. (Is 55:8)

Psalm:

The Lord is near to all who call upon him. (Ps 145)

Second Reading:

Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life
or by death.
For to me life is Christ, and death is gain. (Phil 1:20-21)

Gospel:

"What if I wish to give this last one the same as you?
Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money?
Are you envious because I am generous?" (Mt 20:14-15)

Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Let us never make the grave mistake of
assuming we earn our salvation in the same way
we earn a wage. It is a gift lavished upon us by a
God who does not count the hours of our labor
or measure the amount of our output.



Protect Women Ohio

Protect Women Ohio is a coalition of concerned family and life leaders, parents, health and medical experts, and faith leaders in Ohio committed to fighting back against the abortion industry's dangerous proposed amendment.

This amendment would:

Erase the basic rights of parents.

- Parents would not need to provide consent or be notified before their minor daughter undergoes a life-altering procedure, like abortion or sex-change surgery.
- Language similar to the language in the proposed amendment has been interpreted by courts to nullify parental notification and consent laws. Any law that "directly or indirectly" would "burden" or "interfere" with "reproductive decisions" is specifically forbidden - meaning parents could be cut out of the most important decisions their children make.
- Amendment drafters like the ACLU have been fighting against parental rights for decades. Ohio parents are their latest target.



Jeopardize basic health and safety protections for patients when it comes to abortions.

- The radical amendment would likely abolish existing health and safety protections for women, like those requiring that pregnant women seeking an abortion be screened and counseled by a licensed doctor who could transfer her to a hospital if something went wrong.

Allow painful, late-term abortions, even after 15 weeks and right up until the moment of birth.

- The amendment would greenlight abortion all the way up to birth by giving abortionists the final say on what's allowed.
- Constitutional scholars Carrie Campbell Severino and Frank J. Scaturro recently wrote in their legal analysis that the amendment language would "effectively obliterate most limits to abortion or sex-change surgery."

Accessible here: <https://www.nation-alreview.com/2023/03/ohios-disastrous-abortion-ballot-proposal/>

This amendment is dangerous and extreme. It threatens parental rights and the health and safety of women in Ohio, and permits painful, late-term abortions.

Join Protect Women Ohio today to defeat this radical amendment.

Visit protectwomenohio.com to learn more.

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINES

- **October 10, 2023** for the November 7, 2023 General Election

To register online or update your registration, go to:

<https://olvr.ohiosos.gov/>
or scan the QR CODE



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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 this week

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 7th 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

or scan the QR Code:

**CHILDREN WILL EAT FREE:
2 PIECES OF PIZZA, CHIPS AND
BEVERAGE.**



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 to 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

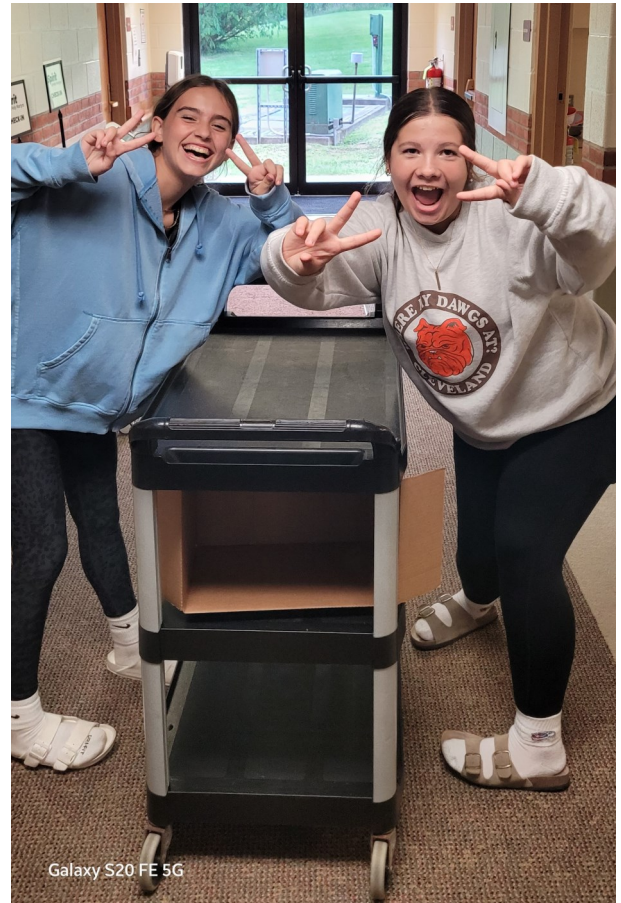
Read the Gospel of the Week
and color the image.



Whether you work for God your whole life, or whether you just got started, God will reward you in heaven. God doesn't want you to compare yourself with other people. God just wants you to love Him with your whole heart.

Spirit at Holy Martyrs

SPIRIT, our 7th and 8th grade youth group program, met on Sunday, Sept 17, 2023 starting with Mass at 5:00 PM. At our first night of 2023-2024, we put together brown bag lunches for St Bernard's lunch program in Akron. The students did a great job and there was a very high energy. Our next session is Sunday, Sept 24, 2023 and we will talk about "How do I go to Confession?".



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

Come to LIFE TEEN



Every Sunday
5pm Mass - 8pm

Life Teen will
meet tonight
beginning
with the
5:00PM
Contemporary
Mass.

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Opportunities for Sharing Time, Talent and Treasure

Support the Catholic Communication Campaign September 23 -24, 2023



This weekend is the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. Please be generous at Mass! Half of the funds stay to support projects in your diocese, and the other half supports projects in the US and developing countries.

#1church1mission#EngageToBuildCommunity
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.**