



**Catholic
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DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND

**2024
APPEAL**



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Holy Martyrs Catholic Church

Encounter Christ + Grow in Faith + Make Disciples

February 11, 2024

The 6th 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

Sacrament of Penance

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

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 12:45 pm
1:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Friday - CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED

Phone: 330-722-6633 Fax: 330-725-2193

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Mass with Distribution of Ashes

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

Noon and 7:00 PM



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.

Parish Staff

Father Stephen Dohner
Pastor

Shannon Federinko
HM Kids Coordinator

Christopher Ilg
Director of Music

Father Robert F. Pfeiffer
Pastor Emeritus

Janet Payton
Pastoral Associate

Skip McQuate
SPIRIT Coordinator

Alyssa Nadin
Communications

Father Mark Ott
Weekend Priest

Brandon Woods
Life Teen Coordinator

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Mass Intentions

February 10 - February 18

This Week at Holy Martyrs

Saturday 4:30 PM Elaine Frygier

Sunday 9:30 AM Parishioners

11:30 AM James Hayes

Sunday 5:00 PM Helen Nivins

Monday Noon Ladd Fogl

Tuesday Noon Stephanie Byczek

Wednesday Noon Ed Warren

7:00PM Kathryn Brian

Thursday Noon John Sember

Friday Noon Edward Paul

Saturday 4:30 PM Edward and Laura Scheuerman

Sunday 9:30 AM Joseph Markovich

11:30 AM Parishioners

5:00 PM Katie Kasarda

Sun 2/11	Choir Rehearsal Mass Time Travelers Journey for Teens/ Catechumenate Journey Catechumenate Mass Stephen Minister Training SPIRIT Contemporary Mass NO Life Teen	8:30 AM Pfeiffer Hall A 9:30 AM Worship Space 9:30 AM Rooms 203-204 9:30 AM Kazel Room 10:00 AM PLC Room 102 11:30 AM Worship Space 1:00 PM PLC Room 102 3:00 PM Parish Life Center 5:00 PM Worship Space
Mon 2/12	Daily Mass HM Kids Monday HM Cares Recognition Dinner	12:00 Worship Space 6:00 PM Parish Life Center 7:00 PM Martyrs Hall
Tues 2/13	Glory Bees Daily Mass HM Kids Tuesday Catholic Charities Advisory Council	7:30 AM Worship Space 12:00 Worship Space 6:00 PM Parish Life Center 6:00 PM Martyrs Hall
Wed 2/14	Mass: Ash Wednesday Mass: Ash Wednesday Choir Practice	12:00 Worship Space 7:00 PM Worship Space 8:00 PM Worship Space
Thurs 2/15	Daily Mass Eucharistic Adoration Stephen Minister Training Parish Council Meeting	12:00 Worship Space 12:30 PM Worship Space 5:00 PM PLC Room 102 7:00 PM Via Zoom
Fri 2/16	Daily Mass Lenten Reconciliation and Adoration Stations of the Cross	12:00 Worship Space 12:30 PM Chapel 7:00 PM Worship Space
Sat 2/17	Reconciliation Mass	3:00 PM Chapel 4:30 PM Worship Space
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Pray ✦ Grow ✦ Serve ✦ Give ✦ Share

Parish News



Journeying Through Lent

Lent is a special time in our liturgical year

The following are traditional Lenten disciplines:

Fasting & Abstinence: Catholics of age 14 and older **abstain from meat** on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. In addition, on Ash Wednesday and Good Fridays, Catholics from age 18-59 **fast**, limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals each day.

Prayer: Catholics are encouraged to pray more during Lent, especially with Scripture. Lent is also an ideal time to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the celebration of Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection.

Almsgiving: Moved by the sacrifice of Christ, many Christians combine almsgiving with fasting, giving to the poor the money they saved by eating, drinking or buying less as they rely more upon God's abundant grace.

For information on additional Lenten Programs being offered, please refer to the last page of this bulletin.



Prayer for the National Eucharistic Revival

My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love You! I beg pardon for those who do not believe, nor adore, nor hope, nor love You. Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly. I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference by which He is offended. And, through the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of You the conversion of sinners.

MISSION

To renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist

VISION

To inspire a movement of Catholics across the United States who are **healed, converted, formed, and unified** by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist—and who are then sent out on mission "for the life of the world."

Holy Martyrs Café
is OPEN following all
of the weekend Masses.



DONUT SUNDAY and the CAFÉ are
supported by your generosity.

Thank you!



Christ-centered
Confidential
One-on-One
Care and Support
For Hurting People

*Are you or someone
you know struggling
with life's challenges?*

Holy Martyrs' Stephen Ministry can help.

If you need a friend or know someone who does, a Stephen Minister is available.
Call Janet Payton at 330-722-6633.

Lenten Events



Parish Lenten Retreat

"What Jesus Saw From the Cross"

Saturday, March 9, 2024
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Place yourself not at the foot of the Cross, nor before it, but upon it, with your head bowed beneath the inscription, wearing the crown of thorns, pierced by the nails, and feeling the cold, rough wood between your shoulders. Experience the range of emotions that were Jesus'... seeing with His eyes, feeling with His heart, remembering, judging, and foreseeing with Him so that it is no longer we who live in Him, but Jesus who lives in us. (*excerpt from the book "What Jesus Saw From the Cross" by A. G. Sertillanges*)

Cost is \$20.00 per person and will include a light breakfast and lunch.

To register go to: <https://holymartyrs.net/event-details/?id=8993>

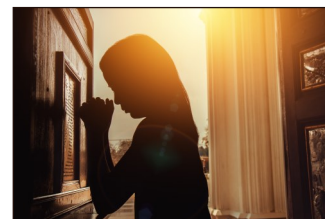
or scan the QR Code:



**Morning Prayer in the Chapel
with Skip McQuate**
Friday, February 16 ~ 7:00 AM



Reconciliation with Eucharistic Adoration
Friday, February 16
12:30 PM
Oscar Romero Chapel



Stations of the Cross

Friday, February 16
7:00 PM
Worship Space

Join Fr. Steve as we retrace the steps of the Passion of Christ through prayerful meditation at each of the 14 Stations of the Cross



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HM Kids, SPIRIT, and Life Teen

HM Kids talk with Fr. Steve about the Mass



Mardi Gras Celebration

Monday, February 12

Tuesday, February 13

Come join in the Burning of the Palms and Burying the Alleluia, followed by a Mardi Gras Celebration.

Parents: If you have palms at home, please bring them with you for burning.



All students and their families are to meet in the back parking lot at 6:15 PM.

Time Travelers



Time Travelers learn about how Jesus heals and spread the love to others with a special card.

Pray ★ *Grow* ★ *Serve* ★ *Give* ★ *Share*

HM Kids, SPIRIT, and Life Teen

Spirit

at Holy Martyrs

SPIRIT, our 7th and 8th grade youth group program, met on Sunday, February 4, 2024 starting with 5:00 Mass and talked about "Praying with the Holy Spirit". On Sunday, February 11, 2024, we will begin at 3:00 PM and discuss "Lent and Ash Wednesday" and end with 5:00 PM Mass.



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

Protecting God's Children

For three weeks every January, HMKids and Spirit students in grades 1-8 learn skills that help them protect themselves from child molesters. Children are taught how to recognize boundary violations that precede abuse, remove themselves from uncomfortable situations and tell a trusted adult when someone has crossed a boundary.

Praesidium developed a curriculum with age-appropriate lessons for each grade level.

- **Second graders** will learn about listening to their "gut" or intuition when it tells them something's not right.
- **Third graders** will learn about different types of secrets and how to recognize a "bad" secret. They'll also learn what to say to a trusted adult when someone has asked them to keep a secret that makes them feel unsafe.
- An important part of what **fifth graders** learn relates to limiting private information shared online.

The Diocese of Cleveland requires that these skills be taught every year to children in grades 1-8. **SPIRIT** students (grades 7 and 8) will receive this training in January as well.

This training for children is the "other arm of **Virtus**", which educates adults about what to watch for when they see adults interacting with children.

VIRTUS has always championed taking measures to ensure that children are safer in person, and online. In addition, **WePROTECT** has echoed these steps, and provided additional ones,⁵ in order to provide the best possible opportunity to protect children during this time.

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The 2024 Catholic Charities Appeal is underway with an in-pew commitment process taking place this weekend. This is not a special collection; rather, the Catholic Charities Appeal represents the chance for all Catholics to make a significant pledge, payable in installments, to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Cleveland in order to support its mission of a society that stands united in its support of the “least among us.” Many parishioners have received a letter from Bishop Malesic requesting their support. If you have not received this letter, please respond to the in-pew commitment process today! If you have received the mailing, please respond to it. There is a box on the in-pew envelope to indicate that you have responded by mail.

Transformed by your love. Your support of the 2024 Catholic Charities Appeal helps us to carry out the mission that Jesus entrusted to us: ‘I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.’ Please pray for the success of the Appeal, which provides for essential programs and services in need throughout all eight counties of the Diocese of Cleveland.

Catholic Charities continues to be the best means we have to do what Jesus desires of us: to take care of those in need. As a leader in the mission of Catholic Charities, you can share God’s love for the world. The 2024 Catholic Charities Appeal relies on leadership donations as the principal support for critical social services offered throughout all eight counties of the Diocese — Cuyahoga, Summit, Lorain, Lake, Geauga, Medina, Wayne, and Ashland.

Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Cleveland is one of the largest diocesan social services in the region, serving people of every race and religion, providing help and creating hope for nearly 400,000 people each year.

Every gift and every prayer you offer makes a difference.

Ways to Give:

At Mass:

Fill out the pledge card during the In-Pew Appeal this weekend and place it in the collections basket.

Give Online:

Scan the QR Code or visit
www.catholiccommunity.org/donate



Text to Give:

Text CCHOPE to 41444



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HM Cares



Ministry Updates....

THANK YOU FOR DONATING YOUR TIME AND TREASURE IN 2023 TO...

- Help 297 clients with Food Pantry & Financial Assistance.
- Provide \$32,913 in financial assistance with rent & utilities to Medina County families.
- Serve 3 Friendship Meals at St. Bernard's & Kathy's House.
- A successful Turkey Run serving 80 Thanksgiving Meals to families at La Sagrada Familia
- A successful Give A Gift program during Christmas providing numerous clothing & toys to the Salvation Army, families at La Sagrada Familia, and residents at the Medina County Home.

Over the last 2.5 years our faith family at Holy Martyrs has been able to provide over \$86,000 in financial assistance and meals for 992 people of all ages suffering from food insecurity in Medina County. WOW!!

As we look forward towards 2024 the need is only growing. HM Cares Ministries has been receiving dozens of calls every week from families in Medina County that continue to struggle with putting food on their tables and keeping a roof over their families heads. We can only continue in our discipleship of serving our community with love by giving to others with gratitude with your prayerful gifts of time and treasure.

Scanning the QR Code below will take you to the secure e-giving platform VANCO page marked for HM Cares Ministries to help support keeping our food pantry stocked and the ability to provide financial assistance.



Upcoming Events:

- Food Pantry Monday, February 12 and Tuesday, February 13
- Food Pantry Monday, February 26 and Tuesday, February 27
- Friendship Meal Sunday, March 24

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Opportunities for Sharing Time, Talent and Treasure

A Disciple Gives with Gratitude

5 Reasons to choose eGiving at Holy Martyrs

1

It Makes Giving Easy

eGiving makes it simple for you to give exactly how and when you want. You can make a one-time donation or set up recurring gifts right from your computer, tablet or phone.



2

It's Safe and Secure

You never need to worry about your donation making it into our account. Unlike with checks and cash, which can be misplaced or lost in the mail, gifts made via eGiving are directly sent to our church's bank account.

3

It Gives Our Church Stability

Your generous donations support our mission, operations and many ministries. By setting up recurring donations online, you enable us to maintain financial stability and plan for the future.



4

You Can Give on the Go

Never worry about forgetting your cash or checkbook at home again. With eGiving, you can make a donation right from your phone or create an account for recurring donations.

5

You Can Easily Track Your Giving History

From your eGiving account, you can view past donations, update bank account or credit and debit card information, and set up recurring gifts or adjust existing ones.



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VANCO

Grateful Giving - January 2024

Average Weekly Collection

\$14,291

Need: \$17,000

Thank you to all those who generously donated

ANGEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Angel Scholarship Fund was created as a Scholarship Granting Organization to facilitate this program in our diocese through the Catholic Community Foundation.

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").
- Please consider making a donation to the Catholic school of your choice or we recommend giving to support St. Francis Xavier Catholic School in Medina.

Please visit: 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

Pray



Grow



Serve



Give



Share

Lent 2024 at Holy Martyrs

Ash Wednesday Masses	February 14: Noon and 7:00 PM
Stations of the Cross	Friday, February 16 at 7:00 PM Friday, February 23 at 7:00 PM Friday, March 8 at 7:00 PM Friday, March 15 at 7:00 PM
Children's Stations of the Cross	Monday, March 18 Tuesday, March 19
Taizé Prayer Service	Friday, March 1 at 7:00 PM
Parish Retreat	Saturday, March 9 from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM
Eucharistic Adoration	Each Thursday afternoon during Lent following the noon Mass (12:30 to 1:00 PM)
Diocesan Evening of Confession	Wednesday, February 28 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM
HM Kids and Parents Special Reconciliation	Monday, March 11 at 7:00 PM
Reconciliation with Eucharistic Adoration	Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays following noon Mass.
Evening Reconciliation	March 7 from 6:30 to 7:30 PM March 14 from 6:30 to 7:30 PM March 21 from 6:30 to 7:30 PM
Friday Morning Prayer in the Chapel	Friday, February 16 at 7:00 AM Friday, March 8 at 7:00 AM Friday, March 15 at 7:00 AM Friday, March 22 at 7:00 AM
Praying the Rosary	Each Tuesday following the noon Mass
CONNECT Small Groups	The Sorrowful Mysteries beginning the week of January 29
TRIDUUM	Holy Thursday Mass, March 28 at 7:00 PM Good Friday, March 29 at 3:00 PM Easter Vigil, March 30 at 9:00 PM
Easter Sunday Masses	March 31 at 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM