

# *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*



**March 24, 2024**

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





# Holy Martyrs Catholic Church

Encounter Christ + Grow in Faith + Make Disciples

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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

## 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**

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**email: [churchoffice@holymartyrs.net](mailto:churchoffice@holymartyrs.net)**

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## 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.

## Parish Staff

Janet Payton  
*Pastoral Associate*

Father Stephen J. Dohner  
*Pastor*

Christopher Ilg  
*Director of Music*

Father Robert F. Pfeiffer  
*Pastor Emeritus*

Shannon Federinko  
*HM Kids Coordinator*

Skip McQuate  
*SPIRIT Coordinator*

Alyssa Nadin  
*Communications*

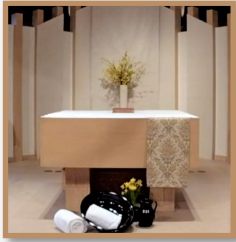
Father Mark Ott  
*Weekend Priest*

Brandon Woods  
*Life Teen Coordinator*

*Holy Week and Easter Mass Schedule*  
*Come Home for Easter!*

**Holy Thursday - March 28, 2024 - 7:30 pm**

*Jesus of Nazareth cordially invites you to a banquet  
being given in His honor*



- ♦ *Mass of the Lord's Supper  
with Washing of the Feet*

- ♦ *Eucharistic Adoration and  
Prayer Vigil until Midnight*

**Good Friday - March 29, 2024 - 3:00 pm**

- ♦ *Commemoration of the Lord's Passion*



- ♦ *Veneration of the Cross with  
Holy Communion*

*Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence*

**Holy Saturday - March 30, 2024 - 2:00 pm**

- ♦ *Blessing of Food*



*Join Fr. Steve at 2:00 PM for the Easter Blessing of Food.*

*The custom of blessing the Easter foods arose from the strict Lenten fasting of the past, when meat, eggs, fats, and other foods were forbidden during Lent. Easter was thus greeted with great joy as the day when Christ arose and when fasts were ended. The Church's joy and thanksgiving were expressed in this custom of blessing the foods for the first meal of Easter.*

**Easter Vigil - March 30, 2024 - 9:00 pm**  
*Christian Initiation of Adults/Teens*



**Easter Sunday Masses**

*9:30 am and 11:30 am*

*Time Travelers at 9:30 am Mass*



*There will not be a 5:00 PM Mass on Easter*



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## Mass Intentions March 23 - March 31

## This Week at Holy Martyrs

Sat	4:30 PM	Don Dunham
Sun	9:30 AM	Joseph Fredmonsky
	11:30 AM	Ed and Marilyn Maher
	5:00 PM	Parishioners
Mon	Noon	Craig Ziegler
Tues	Noon	Alice Biltz
Wed	Noon	Henry Malachowski

### Holy Thursday

Thurs	7:30 PM	Mass of the Lord's Supper and Washing of Feet and Eucharistic Adoration
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### Good Friday

Fri	3:00 PM	Commemoration of the Lord's Passion & Veneration of the Cross
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### Holy Saturday

Sat	2:00 PM	Blessing of Food
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### Easter Vigil

Sat	9:00 PM	Christian Initiation of Adults/Teen
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### Easter Sunday

Sun	9:30 AM	Parishioners
	11:30 AM	Kelsie Singleton

Sun 3/24	<b>Palm Sunday</b> Choir Rehearsal Mass Time Travelers Mass Friendship Meal Contemporary Mass Life Teen	8:30 AM Pfeiffer Hall A 9:30 AM Worship Space 9:30 AM Rooms 203-204 11:30 AM Worship Space 12:30 PM Gathering Area Kitchen 5:00 PM Worship Space 5:00 PM Martyrs Hall
Mon 3/25	Daily Mass	12:00 Worship Space
Tues 3/26	Glory Bees Daily Mass	7:30 AM Worship Space 12:00 Worship Space
Wed 3/27	Daily Mass Stephen Ministry Training Choir Practice	12:00 Worship Space 5:00 PM PLC Room 102 7:00 PM Worship Space
Thurs 3/28	Mass of the Lord's Supper and Washing of Feet and Eucharistic Adoration	7:30 PM Worship Space
Fri 3/29	Commemoration of the Lord's Passion & Veneration of the Cross	3:00 PM Worship Space
Sat 3/30	Easter Vigil Mass and the Christian Initiation of Adults/Teens	9:00 PM Worship Space
Sun 3/31	Choir Rehearsal Easter Sunday Mass Time Travelers Easter Sunday Mass	8:30 AM Pfeiffer Hall A 9:30 AM Worship Space 9:30 AM Rooms 203-204 11:30 AM Worship Space

**Church Office is Closed**

Mon 4/01

**There will not be a noon Mass today**



*Pray for those who have died  
in Christ:*

*Andrew Shimko, Sr.*



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## *Parish Lenten Retreat "What Jesus Saw From the Cross"*



Pray ✦ Grow ✦ Serve ✦ Give ✦ Share



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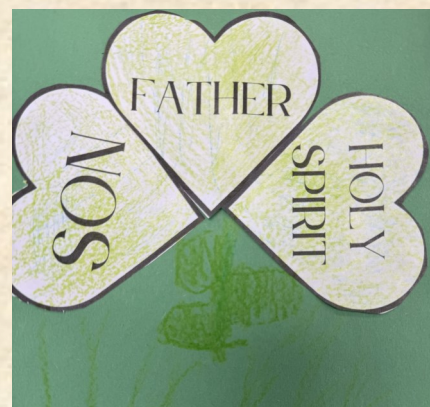
## *Time Travelers and HM Kids*

### *HM Kids Preparing for the Stations of the Cross*



### *Time Travelers*

### *Creating the Holy Trinity in a clover for St. Patrick's Day*



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## *SPIRIT*



**Spirit**  
at Holy Martyrs



SPIRIT, our 7th and 8th grade youth group program, will not meet on March 24 or March 31. We will resume our gathering on Sunday, April 7 starting with 5:00 PM Mass.



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

*Pray* ✦ *Grow* ✦ *Serve* ✦ *Give* ✦ *Share*



*Life Teen*

# Celebrating Our Graduates!

**Sunday, May 26th at  
9:30am Mass  
with Brunch to follow**



Attention High School Seniors and Family: Holy Martyrs wants to celebrate your academic accomplishments. Join us for our Graduation Mass & Brunch on Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at the 9:30am Mass.

You can RSVP on our website under events.

Contact Brandon for details at 216-645-5764 (call or text) or email at [bwoods@holymartyrs.net](mailto:bwoods@holymartyrs.net)



Our Life Teen group is going to Georgia... AGAIN! All high schoolers are invited to join us at Life Teen Camp Covecrest, June 16-22 for a week in the mountains of Georgia to pray, play, and be with hundreds of teens from around the country! Sign up on our website.

Contact Brandon for details at 216-645-5764 (call or text) or email at [bwoods@holymartyrs.net](mailto:bwoods@holymartyrs.net)

## Confirmation Preparation



**For Older Teens**



**Life Teen will meet  
tonight, Palm Sunday,  
March 24th beginning  
with the 5:00 PM  
Contemporary Mass**

Attention high school teens and family: This summer, Brandon is hosting Confirmation prep. for older teens who have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you are interested in fully joining this wonderful Church family, contact Brandon for more details at 216-645-5764 (call or text) or email at [bwoods@holymartyrs.net](mailto:bwoods@holymartyrs.net)



## *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,<sup>5</sup> in order to provide the best possible opportunity to protect children during this time.

## *How do I actually report or communicate my concerns?*

- **If you are aware of an adult exhibiting behavior that is against the code of conduct or an organization's policy:** speak to a supervisor. Keep communicating “up the chain” of command until your concerns are addressed.
- **If you are aware that a child is, or could be, in immediate danger:** call 911.
- **For a suspicion or knowledge of abuse, including if a child discloses directly or indirectly:** call the child abuse hotline (for Child Protective Services) for the county or the state, or local law enforcement.

**For possible exploitation via technology:** If you suspect that a child is being groomed or exploited via technology (online, gaming, cell phones, social media, etc.), communicate your concerns via the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's tip line, at [www.cybertipline.com](http://www.cybertipline.com).

**For possible abuse within your employee or volunteer organization:** If you suspect or know a child is being, or has been abused, by a diocesan employee or volunteer, **first** call the child abuse hotline for your state, and **then** notify the diocese immediately (typically through the safe environment or child protection office).

Block and report anyone that makes the youth, or you, uncomfortable. You should report any exploitative online material to:

<https://report.cybertip.org/>

You can also report directly in the app or website for elements that are against the policy.



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## *A Disciple Gives with Gratitude*

**"For where your treasure is,  
there your heart will be also."**

Matthew 6:21

During the Easter season, we extend a warm welcome not only to our current parishioners, but also to their families and friends and our visitors. If you are not making regular contributions, we hope that you will consider making a gift to the support of our church. Your donations now and throughout the year are needed and greatly appreciated.

Holy Martyrs offers a convenient eGiving option that allows you to make a one-time gift or establish scheduled, recurring gifts. We highly recommend eGiving for visitors and others who wish to express their support at Easter.

Thank you for your support of Holy Martyrs. Your spirited generosity ensures we can continue offering programs and services for adults, children and families. None of this would be possible without the generous ongoing support of people like you!!



**Your Easter Offering**

### ***Giving to the Poor***

During Lent we are asked to Fast, Pray and Give to the Poor.

This is an excellent time to support our parish Ministry for the Poor - **HM Cares**.

***To donate, please go to:***

***<https://www.holymartyrs.net/give>***

***or scan the QR Code:***



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



***DONUT SUNDAY and the CAFÉ are  
supported by your generosity.***

**Thank you!**

### ***Holy Martyrs Prayer Shawl Ministry***



The prayer shawl gives someone a tangible example of God's love and care. The shawl is made of soft yarn so the recipient can wrap up in it and feel God's arms around him or her. The maker of the shawl prays before, during, and after they work on the shawl.

Blessed Prayer Shawls are available for anyone who would like one for themselves or to give to someone else.

If you are interested in obtaining a prayer shawl or would like more information on joining this ministry, please contact Nancy Mayes at 330-764-3161.

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



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## *Elsewhere in the Diocese*



Jesuit Retreat Center  
5629 State Road  
Parma, OH 44134

**Cinema & Conversation: *His Only Son***  
**Monday, March 25, 2024**  
**7:00 - 9:00 PM**



This is the first feature-length film chronicling one of the most controversial moments in all of scripture--when the Lord God gave Abraham the ultimate test by commanding him to sacrifice his only son, Isaac, on the mountain of Moriah. Answering age-old questions as to why the Lord would require such a sacrifice, *His Only Son* profoundly explores mankind's relationship to God and encourages viewers to turn inward and ask: Can your faith still stand when you are asked to give everything?

Following the movie, there will be time for conversation and questions.

**Free Will Offering. Registration not required.**

## ***First Friday Club of Greater Akron***

***Our Lady of Cedars***  
**507 South Cleveland Massillon Rd.**  
**Fairlawn, OH 44333**

***April 5, 2024 at Noon***

***Guest Speaker: Sister Christine De Vinne***  
***President, Ursuline College***

Sr. Christine De Vinne will speak on  
***Grace and Tradition:***  
***Catholic Higher Education***

Doors open at 11:00 AM; the program begins at noon, and ends promptly at 1:00 PM.

The cost of the luncheon program is \$25.00.  
Reservations can be made by **sending a check to:**

The First Friday Club of Greater Akron  
PO Box 13291, Fairlawn, OH 44334

Or by **calling the office at 330-535-7668**

**No later than Tuesday, April 2, 2024**

For additional information visit

[www.firstfridayclubofgreaterakron.org](http://www.firstfridayclubofgreaterakron.org)