



*“I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger,
and whoever believes in me will never thirst.”*

John 6:35

August 4, 2024

The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

HOLY MARTYRS
CATHOLIC CHURCH 

3100 Old Weymouth Rd. Medina, Ohio 44256
330-722-6633

Holy Martyrs

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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Holy Martyrs' Choir

Our parish community's first choir rehearsal is in 2 weeks on Wednesday night, August 21st, from 7pm to 8:45pm in the Worship Space.

Come join the ministry or, at least, give it a try for this introductory night! All ages from teens and on up are invited - perhaps entire families will give it a try!

Please Welcome the Following New Families

TJ Duff
Joseph Francescangeli

There is a promise of marriage between:



II Wedding Banns

Ariel Lisiecki and Joseph Adkins

Sacrament of Anointing



Please notify the church office in advance of a surgery or scheduled hospital stay so that you may receive the **Sacrament of Anointing**.

The Church has always prayed for the sick to be freed from pain and restored to health.

To schedule, please call the church office at 330-722-6633

Parish Staff

Janet Payton
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Father Stephen J. Dohner
Pastor

Christopher Ilg
Director of Music

Father Robert F. Pfeiffer
Pastor Emeritus

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HM Kids Coordinator

Skip McQuate
SPIRIT Coordinator

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Communications

Father Mark Ott
Weekend Priest

Brandon Woods
Life Teen Coordinator

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<i>Mass Intentions</i> <i>August 3 - August 11</i>			<i>This Week at Holy Martyrs</i>		
Sat	4:30 PM	Parishioners	Sun 8/04	Mass Time Travelers Journey Catechumenate Outside Mass Contemporary Mass <i>LIFE TEEN AT THE FEST</i>	9:30 AM Worship Space 9:30 AM Rooms 203-204 10:00 AM Lounge Room 105 11:30 AM Pavilion 5:00 PM Worship Space
Sun	9:30 AM	David G. Gladish			
	11:30 AM	Thomas Myers	Mon 8/05	Daily Mass	12:00 Worship Space
	5:00 PM	Peter DeSimone	Tues 8/06	Glory Bees Daily Mass Catholic Charities Advisory Council Mtg,	7:30 AM Worship Space 12:00 Worship Space 6:00 PM Martyrs Hall
Mon	Noon	Steve Petrofski	Wed 8/07	Daily Mass Summer Bible Study: The Gospel of John	12:00 Worship Space 6:00 PM Pfeiffer Hall B
Tues	Noon	Mary Gresock	Thurs 8/08	Daily Mass Eucharistic Adoration Confirmation Prep for Older Teens Stephen Minister Peer Supervision	12:00 Worship Space 12:30 PM Worship Space 6:00 PM Kazel Room 6:30 PM PLC Room 102
Wed	Noon	Florence Gulling	Fri 8/09	Finance Council Meeting NO DAILY MASS TODAY	7:00 AM PLC Room 103
Thurs	Noon	Elizabeth Obloy	Sat 8/10	Reconciliation Vigil Mass	3:00 PM Chapel 4:30 PM Worship Space
Fri	Noon	NO MASS TODAY	Sun 8/11	Mass Time Travelers Journey Catechumenate Outside Mass CONNECT Small Group Host Celebration Contemporary Mass Life Teen	9:30 AM Worship Space 9:30 AM Rooms 203-204 10:00 AM Lounge Room 105 11:30 AM Pavilion 1:00 PM Pfeiffer Hall B 5:00 PM Worship Space 5:00 PM Martyrs Hall
Sat	4:30 PM	Patricia Martino			
Sun	9:30 AM	Parishioners			
	11:30 AM	Jerome Grone			
	5:00 PM	Samuel Demeo			

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.



Outdoor Mass in the Pavilion

Join us in and around the Picnic Pavilion for the
11:30am Sunday Mass

You may also bring your own lawn chair to sit on during Mass.
For ease of access, you should plan to park in the back parking lot.

If weather is not conducive to sitting outdoors,
signs will be posted and Mass will be moved inside.

Parish News

The Holy Martyrs Connect Group Experience:
Fall 2024 - Spring 2025

Experience an enjoyable gathering of people who, like you, want to see God in their lives today. Experience the joy of a Connect Group this year! Sign up at holymartyrs.net or at a kiosk in the Gathering Area.



When You Pray: A Clear Path to a Deeper
Relationship with God

Starting the week of Sept. 15-21

Ever struggle to establish a meaningful prayer life? You're not alone. In our Fall series, we will learn how God wants to lead us on a journey to see Him in our daily lives.



The Joyful Mysteries

Starting the week of Nov. 10-16

Sometimes we feel discouraged, but when our joy is in the Lord, we can see God at work in our lives. Spend some time this Advent with the real joy of Christmas.



Living Faith with Fr. Columba Jordan

Starting the week of Jan. 19-25

When it comes to faith, it's easy to be passive consumers. Living Faith will help us move from being one of the crowd to truly following Jesus every day.



Metanoia

Starting the week of March 9-15

Metanoia is a transformation of the heart. This Lent, we will gain a better understanding of Jesus and how He wants us to see Him in our lives.

Scan the QR Code and Sign up today for the
Fall CONNECT Small Group



Stephen Ministry

What Is Stephen Ministry?

Stephen Ministry is a complete system for training and organizing laypeople to provide one-to-one care to hurting people in the Holy Martyrs congregation and in the community. There are 3 main groups of people involved in Stephen Ministry:

- **Stephen Leaders** are lay leaders and church staff trained by Stephen Ministries St. Louis to direct Holy Martyrs' Stephen Ministry.
- **Stephen Ministers** are lay Holy Martyrs members specially trained by their Stephen Leaders to provide high-quality Christian care to hurting individuals.
- **Care Receivers** are people who meet with a Stephen Minister to receive care while experiencing a difficult time in life. After being matched with a person experiencing a life crisis, the Stephen Minister meets with that person on a weekly basis to listen, care, encourage and provide emotional and spiritual support. The caring relationship lasts as long as the need for care exists. A Stephen Minister will meet with you privately - by phone, by video chat, or, if safely possible, in person.

The name Stephen Ministry comes from St. Stephen, one of the first laypeople commissioned by the Apostles to provide caring ministry to those in need (Acts 6:1-7).

If you or someone you know is struggling with challenges like...

- Isolation and loneliness
- Anxiety over health
- Grief due to losses
- Tension from juggling work, childcare and schooling
- Financial strain or job loss
- Uncertainty about the future
- Other unexpected life challenges



You don't have to face it alone. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to listen, care, encourage and provide emotional and spiritual support.

Please join us in praying for and welcoming our newly trained Stephen Ministers who will be commissioned on August 11th at the 9:30 a.m. Mass:

- Amy Funfgeld
- Kelly Kopp
- Beth Lofy
- Geoff Rapp

To find out more about Stephen Ministry, call Janet Payton or Skip McQuate at 330-723-6633.

Holy Martyrs Women's Retreat



Eighteen Holy Martyrs women spent the weekend of July 19-21 at The Villa Maria Education & Spirituality Center on the HM Women's 2024 retreat: ***Diamonds & Daughters of God***. Precious stories were shared, new friends were made, and most importantly - all came to understand the depth of love that God has for each of them. The more we reflect God's love within us, the brighter our diamond shines!

The women explored the stages a diamond experiences in becoming so brilliant and valuable. They paralleled their life experiences to those of a diamond. In addition to attending talks and sharing, the women spent time in quiet, taking personal walks, and walking a labyrinth - all time spent ***LISTENING*** to God. A few highlights of the retreat include a visit from Denny Marco, who came from Holy Martyrs to lead a beautiful meditation in Magnificat Chapel on how much God values women, as well as a *Special Ladies* activity where the retreatants wrote notes to one another sharing how they see each other's inner light shine - such beautiful tributes! One retreatant commented that she texted her husband that she would not be coming home - the food at the Villa was just too good! Lots of hugs and a beautiful prayer, said daily by St. Mother Therese, closed the retreat.

We can't wait to see how the Holy Spirit leads us next year!



Protecting God's Children

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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.

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.

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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Time Travelers and HM Kids

We are excited to get reconnected with our HM Kids Families! Our HM Kids Faith Formation Program hosts grades K-6 on Monday evenings from 6-7:15 PM, and grades 1-5, with exceptions for 6th graders, on Tuesdays from 6-7:15 PM.

Our first HM Kids Session will be our Annual Family Night complete with pizza and shaved ice, held on Monday, September 23 and Tuesday, September 24, 2024. Look for our email and text about HM Kids registration in the first week of August.

If your child attends Catholic school, but would like to receive Altar Server Training to serve during Holy Martyrs' Masses, Altar Server training occurs in September and October during our 5th grade HM Kids program, offered on Monday or Tuesday evening. Specific dates TBD.

If you have any questions, please contact Shannon Federinko at sfederinko@holymartyrs.net. We are so excited to see everyone back in September!

Time Travelers draw Jesus and learn how the Lord feeds us and answers all of our needs.



Spirit and Life Teen

Spirit
at Holy Martyrs

Spirit is our 7th and 8th grade youth group program and registration is now open. You can go to our website and look under Events to register.



Spirit is on Facebook, Instagram and the Holy Martyrs website



LIFE TEEN kicks off the Fall on September 15th with our very own Olympic Games! All high schoolers are welcome and encouraged to bring a friend!



You can register for Life Teen by scanning the QR code, or by visiting our website.



A Disciple Gives with Gratitude

**"FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS,
THERE YOUR HEART WILL BE ALSO."**

Matthew 6:21



How will you steward God's gifts of time, talent and treasure this year?

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 encourage eGiving because it's secure for our parishioners, easy to use and helps the parish streamline its finances.



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!!

Grateful Giving - June

Average Weekly Collection

\$16,314

Need: \$18,000

***Thank you to all those who
generously donated***

Vincentian Congregation Mission Appeal August 10 - 11, 2024

Fr. George Poonattu V.C. a Vincentian Missionary Priest will be in our parish next weekend, August 10 & 11 to participate in our Annual Missionary Cooperation Plan. He will preach at all the Masses next weekend and will make an appeal on behalf of the Vincentian Missions.

The Vincentian Congregation (V.C.) a missionary sending Religious Congregation, was founded in Kerala, India, modeled after the Congregation of the Mission founded by St. Vincent de Paul. Members of this flourishing Religious Congregation, are engaged in Mission Work in all parts of India, Sri Lanka and Nepal.

Proceeds from the Mission Appeals in our Parish will be used (1) to provide excellent training and formation for the Vincentian Seminarians; (2) to provide Christ-centered education to thousands of children in the DePaul Schools and job training for the youth in their Technical Colleges; (3) to bring the Gospel to the Non-Christians; (4) to support the New Evangelization Ministry through popular Mission retreats, Bible Conventions and Residential Retreats, etc. bringing a good dose of joy and enthusiasm for the Faith.

Please be generous in your mission offering. Please keep Fr. George and all the Vincentian Missionaries and seminarians in your prayers.



Help HM Cares Ministry Pack the Pantry!

Items we need include:

- non-perishable food items
- paper products
- hypo-allergenic laundry soaps
- personal hygiene items



HM Cares Ministries will be accepting donations at all Masses during the weekends of **August 24 & 25** and **August 31 & September 1**

Not able to donate any goods, but would like to help? No problem! We will also be accepting monetary donations that will support our efforts to help those in financial need with rent and utility support.

Upcoming Events:

October 15th Friendship Meal at St. Bernards
November Turkey Run 2024
December 2024 Give-A-Gift

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Elsewhere in the Diocese



History and Life of Sr. Ignatia Gavin, CSA: The Angel of Alcoholics Anonymous Wednesday, August 7, 2024 from 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Join us for an inspiring presentation on the remarkable life of Sr. Ignatia Gavin, CSA, also known as the Angel of Alcoholics Anonymous.

This program will explore Sr. Ignatia's pioneering work in the treatment of alcoholism, her collaboration with AA co-founder Dr. Bob Smith, and her enduring legacy of compassion and healing. Discover the impact of her faith-driven mission that transformed countless lives and continues to inspire the recovery community today

Presented by Sr. Judith Ann Karam, CSA, Congregational Leader of the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine and Marissa Ortosky-Dorantes, CSA Archivist.

Free Will Offering. Registration is required as seating is limited.

To register go to:

<https://www.jesuitretreatcenter.org/calendar/2024/08/07/history-and-life-of-sr-ignatia-gavin-csa-the-angel-of-alcoholics-anonymous>

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HelpOurMarriage.org

September 20-22, 2024

The Retrouvaille program is designed to help married couples develop improved ways of communicating and relating to each other in order to overcome challenges which have left them feeling frustrated, hurt, distant, or even hopeless.

Retrouvaille, which means rediscovery, is open to couples of all faiths and is supported by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. This program consists of a weekend experience and six follow up sessions.

For more information or to register, visit

www.helpourmarriage.org