

"Whoever eats this Bread will live FOREVER" John 6:58

August 18, 2024 The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time





# Holy Martyrs Catholic Church

# Encounter Christ + Grow in Faith + Make Disciples

August 18, 2024

## 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 4:30 PM

9:30 AM, 11:30 AM,

5:00PM

Monday - Friday 12:00 Noon

7:00 PM (Vigil)

Holy Days

#### 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

email: churchoffice@holymartyrs.net

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www.facebook.com/holymartyrschurch

### 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

If you would like a prayer shawl at the time of your anointing, please let us know when you schedule the anointing and one will be made available to you.

# VIRTUS® Protecting God's Children

A Virtus Training will be held at Holy Martyrs on Wednesday, August 28 at 5:30 PM.

If you are unable to attend this session, the following parishes are also offering Virtus training:

St. Bernard (Akron)
Wednesday, August 21, 2024 at 1:00 PM

St. Ambrose (Brunswick)
Thursday, August 22, 2024 at 7:00 PM

St. Anthony of Padua (Akron) Saturday, August 24, 2024 at 10:00 AM

St. Francis de Sales (Akron) Thursday, September 12, 2024 at 6:00 PM

#### To register go to Virtusonline.org

If you would like additional information, contact Jenny Messina at jmessina@holymartyrs.net

	Father Stephen J. Dohner		
Janet Payton	Pastor	Christopher Ilg	Father Robert F. Pfeiffer
Pastoral Associate	Skip McQuate SPIRIT Coordinator	Director of Music	Pastor Emeritus
Shannon Federinko		Alyssa Nadin	Father Mark Ott
HM Kids Coordinator	Brandon Woods Life Teen Coordinator	Communications	Weekend Priest

August 17 - August 25			This week at story starting is				
Sat	4:30 PM	Mary Ann Spinhirn	Sun 8/18	Mass Time Travelers	9:30 AM	Worship Space Rooms 203-204	
Sun	9:30 AM	Parishioners		Journey Catechumenate Outside Mass Contemporary Mass	11:30 AM	Lounge Room 105 Pavilion Worship Space	
	11:30 AM	Francis and Helen McEldowney	Mon 8/19 Tues 8/20	Daily Mass Glory Bees		Worship Space Worship Space	
Mon	5:00 PM Noon	Christopher Danes  Robert Ollom		Diocese of Cleveland Youth Minister Acts 2:42 Meeting Daily Mass Life Teen CORE Team		Martyrs Hall Worship Space	
Tues	Noon	Cindy Sutton	Wed 8/21	Meeting Daily Mass Journey Team Meeting Choir Rehearsal	12:00 4:00 PM	Martyrs Hall Worship Space PLC Room 103 Worship Space	
Wed	Noon	Harriet Murphy	Thurs 8/22	Daily Mass Eucharistic Adoration Confirmation Prep for	12:00	Worship Space Worship Space	
Thurs	Noon	Donna Brajkovich		Older Teens Stephen Ministers Peer		Kazel Room	
Fri	Noon	Robert Leach	Fri 8/23	Supervision Daily Mass		PLC Room 102 Worship Space	
Sat	4:30 PM	Therese Pruchnicki	Sat 8/24	Catechist Retreat Reconciliation Vigil Mass	3:00 PM	Pfeiffer Hall B Chapel Worship Space	
Sun	9:30 AM	Maria Teresa Carpio	Sun 8/25	Mass Time Travelers		Worship Space Rooms 203-204	
	11:30 AM	Patricia Shepard		Journey Catechumenate Lector Training Outside Mass		Lounge Room 105 PLC Room 102 Pavilion	
	5:00 PM	Parishioners		Contemporary Mass		Worship Space	



Mass Intentions

Outdoor Mass in the Pavilion

Our LAST outdoor Mass in the Pavilion is September 1, 2024 11:30am

HOLY MARTYRS
CATHOLIC CHURCH

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is inviting Catholics to join a focused effort of prayer for the end of abortion and the protection of women and preborn children:

This Week at Holy Marturs



Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child. We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you.

May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life.

Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life especially where it is vulnerable or threatened.

Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things.

### Parish News







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

Contact Skip McQuate or

Janet Payton if you are in need
of a Stephen Minister

## CONNECT

SMALL GROUPS

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





When You Pray: A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship with God Starting the week of Sept.15-21



Congratulations to our 4 new Stephen Ministers who were commissioned at our 9:30AM Sunday Mass.



If you are interested in Stephen Ministry, please contact Skip McQuate or Janet Payton at 330-722-6633 for more information



# Pack the Pantry!

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

## **Items Needed:**

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













Share

# Time Travelers/HM Kids/Spirit/Life Teen



Time Travelers

Learn about how Jesus is the Bread of Life



#### HM Kids 2024 - 2025

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!



Spirit Registration is now open.

Please use the QR code or go to the Holy Martyrs website and look under "events" for Spirit.



Spirit is our 7th and 8th grade youth group program, at Holy Martyrs.



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!!



Appeal for Catholic Education August 17 - 18, 2024

The story of how important your support is to families who yearn for Catholic Education, but cannot afford it, is a story rooted in the Gospel. Jesus said, "Let the children come to me and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." (Lk 18:16)

With the Gospel at its heart, Catholic schools provide a loving, nurturing environment where the entire community of parents, teachers, students and supporters are committed to academic and personal success.

Support of Catholic education ensures that students continue to have the opportunity to:

Access academic excellence  $\diamond \diamond$  Prepare to lead productive lives in our society  $\diamond \diamond$  Grow in a life centered on Jesus Christ  $\diamond \diamond$  Hear the Gospel message  $\diamond \diamond$  Experience the joy of a worshiping community

Please be generous.

# Strengthen your Catholic legacy

Create an estate plan to grow your impact this spring

freewill.com/catholiccommunity

HOLY MARTYRS



## Holy Martyrs' Choir

Our parish community's first choir rehearsal is this week 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!

#### Vincentian Congregation Mission Appeal August 10 - 11, 2024

**Thank you** to Fr. Joseph Arackal, V.C who spoke at all our Masses this past weekend on behalf of the Vincentian Missions.

**Thank you** to all those who generously donated to help the Missionary work of the Vincentian Missions. Please keep Fr. Joseph, the Vincentian Missionaries and seminarians in your prayers.















### Elsewhere in the Diocese



The Chosen
Behind-the-Scenes Look with
Series Extras
Deacon Will & Liz Yoho

Monday, August 26, 2024 from 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Deacon Will & Liz Yoho share their experiences of being Extras on the set of The CHOSEN, a Hollywood quality series about the life of Christ.

Everyone will leave knowing that they are CHOSEN.

Registration: \$15.00

To register go to:

https://www.jesuitretreatcenter.org/calendar/2024/08/26/the-chosen

The First Friday Club of Akron Our Lady of Cedars 507 South Cleveland Massillon Road Fairlawn, OH 44333

Friday, September 6, 2024

Guest Speaker Ron Nowak High School Youth and Young Adult Minister St. Mary's in Hudson

#### Cracking the Code for Keeping our Youth in the Church

Cost: \$25.00 Doors open at 11:00 AM; the program begins at noon, and ends promptly at 1:00 PM.

Reservations can be made by sending a check to the

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

By calling the office, or go to the website no later than Tuesday, September 3, 2024.

For additional information, call 330-535-7668 or visit

www.firstfridayclubofgreaterakron.org or https://www.eventbrite.com/o/first-friday-club-of-greaterakron-13412536107#events



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 <a href="www.helpourmarriage.org">www.helpourmarriage.org</a>, or call Shelly or Rob at 216-509-0301 or 440-836-4810.