



The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord
Psalm 15

September 1, 2024
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

HOLY MARTYRS
CATHOLIC CHURCH 

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



Holy Martyrs Catholic Church

Encounter Christ + Grow in Faith + Make Disciples

September 1, 2024

22nd 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

*Join us in the Pavilion
for the final Outdoor Mass
until next year!*

Sunday, September 1, 2024
11:30am

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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<i>Mass Intentions</i> <i>August 31 - September 8</i>			<i>This Week at Holy Martyrs</i>		
Sat	4:30 PM	Helen Mulhan	Sun 9/01	Mass	9:30 AM Worship Space
Sun	9:30 AM	Ronald Cumberland		Time Travelers	9:30 AM Rooms 203-204
	11:30 AM	Parishioners		Journey Catechumenate	10:00 AM Lounge Room 105
	5:00 PM	Jeffrey Wagner		Outside Mass	11:30 AM Pavilion
Mon	Noon	NO DAILY MASS		Contemporary Mass	5:00 PM Worship Space
Tues	Noon	Robert B. Brownfield, Sr.	Mon 9/02	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY NO DAILY MASS TODAY	
Wed	Noon	Robert Leach	Tues 9/03	Glory Bees	7:30 AM Worship Space
Thurs	Noon	Patrick Lynch		Daily Mass	12:00 Worship Space
Fri	Noon	Louise McConnell	Wed 9/04	Daily Mass	12:00 Worship Space
Sat	4:30 PM	John Kabar		Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM Worship Space
Sun	9:30 AM	Parishioners	Thurs 9/05	Daily Mass	12:00 Worship Space
	11:30 AM	Scott W. Moore		Eucharistic Adoration	12:30 PM Worship Space
	5:00 PM	Christine Gasper		Taizé Prayer Service	7:00 PM Worship Space
				Building and Grounds Meeting	7:30 PM PLC Room 103
			Fri 9/06	Daily Mass	12:00 Worship Space
			Sat 9/07	CONNECT Group Host Training	9:00 AM Martyrs Hall
				Reconciliation	3:00 PM Chapel
				Vigil Mass	4:30 PM Worship Space
			Sun 9/08	Mass	9:30 AM Worship Space
				Time Travelers	9:30 AM Rooms 203-204
				Journey Catechumenate	10:00 AM Lounge Room 105
				Mass	11:30 AM Worship Space
				Contemporary Mass	5:00 PM Worship Space

USCCB Invitation to Prayer

St. Joseph, Defender of Life, pray for us



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:

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.

Amen.

The Role of the Church in American Political Life



The Church is the body of Christ, who reigns as king over all Creation. Everything, including political life, belongs to Jesus Christ, and so participation in political life belongs to the mission of the Church. Our mandate is to 'go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation' (Mk 16:15). . . . Here, 'the creation' refers to every aspect of human life. . . 'Nothing human can be alien to it.'

Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 181, quoting *Aparecida Document*, no. 380

Our national tradition of religious freedom permits and encourages all people of faith to bring the insights of their religious traditions to bear on political matters. As Pope Francis affirmed during his visit to the U.S., “Religious liberty, by its nature, transcends places of worship and the private sphere of individuals and families. . . . Religion itself, the religious dimension, is not a subculture; it is part of the culture of every people and every nation.”¹

“If society is to have a future, it must respect the truth of our human dignity and submit to that truth. . . . A society is noble and decent not least for its support of the pursuit of truth and its adherence to the most



basic of truths” (*Fratelli Tutti*, no. 207). The truths that guide public life can be known by natural reason. The sanctity of human life, the equal dignity of all individuals, the obligation to protect the vulnerable, the nature and purposes of sex, marriage, and family—these are not exclusively “religious” truths, but truths that all people of goodwill can come to know without the aid of revelation. Our Catholic faith sheds light on these truths, and so we have a duty to bring that light to our nation.



“The truth is something we receive, not something we make. We can only judge using the conscience we have, but our judgments do not make things true.”



Many Parts, All One Body

The bishops and their pastoral collaborators each have distinct roles in the Church’s mission. The bishops have the responsibility to govern the society of the Church, hand

on doctrine and tradition, and administer the sacraments. The laity are called to bring the gospel to bear on the world. While many laity are involved in roles of leadership and service within the Church, it remains primarily the role of the laity to advocate for justice, to serve in public office, and to inform daily life with the gospel. “The direct duty to work for a just ordering of society is proper to the lay faithful” (*Deus Caritas Est*, no. 29).

Participation in political life requires judgments about concrete circumstances. While bishops together with their coworkers help form the laity in accordance with basic principles, they do not tell the laity to vote for particular candidates. On these often complex matters, it is the laity’s responsibility to form their consciences and grow in the virtue of prudence to approach the many and varied issues of the day with the mind of Christ.

Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

Conscience is “a judgment of reason” by which one determines whether an action is right or wrong (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1778). It does not allow us to justify doing whatever we want, nor is it a mere “feeling.” Conscience—properly formed according to God’s revelation and the teaching of the Church—is a means by which one listens to God and discerns how to act in accordance with the truth.² The truth is something we receive, not something we make. We can only judge using the conscience we have, but our judgments do not make things true.

It is our responsibility to learn more of Catholic teaching and tradition, to participate in Church life, to learn from trustworthy sources about the issues facing our communities, and to do our best to make wise judgments about candidates and government actions. These decisions should take into account a candidate’s commitments, character, integrity, and ability to influence a given issue. Thus equipped, and further impelled by our sense of patriotism, we exercise our right and duty to vote and otherwise to participate actively in public life.³ By forming our consciences for faithful citizenship, we can better pursue the common good and thus obey the command of our Lord to love our neighbors.

This bulletin insert along with five others was approved by the body of U.S. bishops in November 2023.

Find this and more complementary resources at www.faithfulcitizenship.org.

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¹ Pope Francis, Meeting for Religious Liberty with Hispanic Community and Other Immigrants, September 26, 2015.

² *Gaudium et Spes (The Church in the Modern World)*, no. 16. See also, *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1785.

³ *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, nos. 2239-40.

Parish News

Baptisms

Claire Olivia Godman
Clark Thomas Godman

Children of
Craig and Cydney Godman

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Caroline Ann Karam

Daughter of
Joseph and Deanna Karam



CONNECT

SMALL GROUPS

Fall 2024 - Spring 2025

WHEN YOU PRAY



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.

CONNECT Small Group Registration
is now open.

To register, scan the QR Code below:



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.

Holy Martyrs Prayer Shawl Ministry

The prayer shawl gives someone a tangible example of God's love and care. The maker of the shawl prays before, during, and after they work on the shawl.

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.



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STEPHEN MINISTRY

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



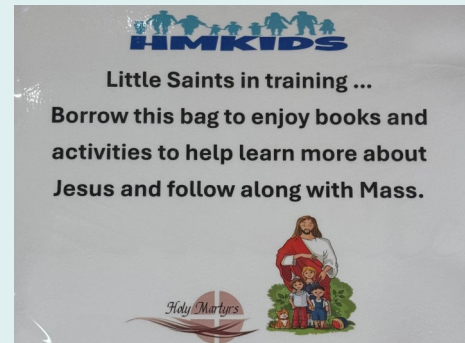
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Time Travelers/HM Kids

**Time Travelers celebrate
"When the Saints come Marching in."**



Introducing our new Children's Mass Bags with engaging activities for our children to do while at Mass. Please feel free to borrow a Mass Bag any time. They are right outside the HM Kids Office.



Pray ✦ Grow ✦ Serve ✦ Give ✦ Share

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HM Kids

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.

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!

HM Kids Registration is now open.



Please use the QR code below for the evening you would like, or go to the Holy Martyrs website and look under "events" for HM Kids

HM Kids Monday



HM Kids Tuesday



Spirit/Life Teen



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!!



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

DONUT SUNDAY
and the CAFÉ
are entirely supported by
your generosity.
Thank you!



Pack the Pantry!

HM Cares will be accepting donations at all Masses this weekend,
August 31 & September 1

Items Needed:

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

Holy Martyrs - Eagle Scouts
Firepit Project

Donate Now

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and

ASF CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY DEC. 31, 2023 WILL BE AVAILABLE TO AWARD TO STUDENTS IN 2024

today

ANGEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Turning lives into tuition with the Catholic Community Foundation

Elsewhere in the Diocese

**Medina County Catholic Charities
Christmas Memories Sale**



Medina County Catholic Charities will be hosting their 6th annual Christmas Memories Sale on Saturday, October 5, 2024, from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm. The sale will be held at the Medina County Health Department Conference Room, 4210 North Jefferson Street, Medina, Ohio

Donated ornaments, dishes, trees, decorations, collectables, lights, wreaths, and more will be bargain priced at the sale. The community can donate their used Christmas items for the sale through September 27th.

The donations can be dropped off at the Medina County Catholic Charities office located at 4210 North Jefferson St., Suite A; phone number is 330-723-9615.

Proceeds from the sale will support program services and the food shelf located in *the lobby of the office.*

The food assistance from the food shelf as well as the program services are available to anyone in the community in need.

**Catholic Commission of Wayne - Ashland-Medina
Invites you**

FARM MASS

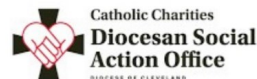
**Sunday, September 22, 2024
11:00 AM**

**Besancon Family Farm
6883 Weilersville Road
Smithville, OH 44677**

Celebrant is Bishop Martin Amos

Farm Tours following Mass

**RSVP to Paul Kipfstuhl at
330-241-9112 (call or text)
paul.kipfstuhl@ccdocle.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, or call Shelly or Rob at 216-509-0301 or 440-836-4810.