



*Be strong, fear not!
Here is your God, He comes to save you.
Isaiah 35*

*September 8, 2024
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

HOLY MARTYRS
CATHOLIC CHURCH 

3100 Old Weymouth Rd. Medina, Ohio 44256
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Holy Martyrs Catholic Church

Encounter Christ + Grow in Faith + Make Disciples

September 8, 2024

23rd 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

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Bishop Malesic commissioned our Eucharistic missionaries during the Saturday Vigil Mass in the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist

Please Welcome the Following New Families

*Chris and Katelin Brendel
Lana and Garrett Ebersole
Susan and Edward Fischbach*

There is a promise of marriage between:



I Wedding Banns

Erin VanCamp and Robert Fox

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

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<i>Mass Intentions</i>			<i>This Week at Holy Martyrs</i>		
<i>September 7 - September 15</i>					
Sat	4:30 PM	John Kabak	Sun 9/08	Mass Time Travelers Journey Catechumenate Mass Contemporary Mass	9:30 AM Worship Space 9:30 AM Rooms 203-204 10:00 AM Lounge Room 105 11:30 AM Worship Space 5:00 PM Worship Space
Sun	9:30 AM	Parishioners			
	11:30 AM	Scott W. Moore	Mon 9/09	Daily Mass Diocese of Cleveland - OCIA Formation Training	12:00 Worship Space 7:00 PM Gathering Area
	5:00 PM	Christine Gasper			
Mon	Noon	Ozzie Neroni	Tues 9/10	Glory Bees Daily Mass Stephen Leader Meeting	7:30 AM Worship Space 12:00 Worship Space 5:00 PM Sunday Office
Tues	Noon	Evelyn Huff	Wed 9/11	Daily Mass Choir Rehearsal	12:00 Worship Space 7:00 PM Worship Space
Wed	Noon	Bauer and Maiher Families	Thurs 9/12	We Give Catholic Host Event Daily Mass Eucharistic Adoration Stephen Ministers Peer Supervision	11:00 AM Pfeiffer Hall A 12:00 Worship Space 12:30 PM Worship Space 6:30 PM PLC Room 102
Thurs	Noon	John and Dorothy Gianneschi			
Fri	Noon	Jennifer Kolasinski	Fri 9/13	Daily Mass	12:00 Worship Space
Sat	4:30 PM	Stephen Michael Egan	Sat 9/14	Reconciliation Vigil Mass	3:00 PM Chapel 4:30 PM Worship Space
Sun	9:30 AM	Frank and Dora Klettlinger	Sun 9/15	Mass Time Travelers Journey Catechumenate Mass Contemporary Mass SPIRIT Kickoff LIFE TEEN Kickoff	9:30 AM Worship Space 9:30 AM Rooms 203-204 10:00 AM Lounge Room 105 11:30 AM Worship Space 5:00 PM Worship Space 5:00 PM Pfeiffer Hall B 5:00 PM Martyrs Hall
	11:30 AM	Parishioners			
	5:00 PM	Edward Funai			

Holy Martyrs annual Fall Kickoff is HERE!

Join us this weekend - September 7 & 8 after Masses as we reveal our theme for the year!

We will have hot appetizers, goodie bags with some Holy Martyrs swag, and an ICE CREAM truck after every Mass.

This is a weekend you will not want to miss!



Dignity of the Human Person



In their statement on *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, the Catholic bishops of the United States identify the four main principles of the Church's social teaching and apply them to some concrete issues. This is not to tell the faithful for whom or against whom to vote, but instead to help them form their consciences in accordance with God's truth as they approach this often-challenging decision. The four main principles are the Dignity of the Human Person, the Common Good, Solidarity, and Subsidiarity. They are all interrelated. This bulletin focuses on the **Dignity of the Human Person**, and the other three principles are covered in three other bulletins in this series. —★

Because each human person is created in the image and likeness of God, each one of us possesses innate and inviolable human dignity. This dignity is present in each person from the moment of their conception and throughout their lives. As Pope Francis has emphasized, human dignity is central to building a society in which we are "brothers and sisters all."¹

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Every human being has the right to live with dignity and to develop integrally; this fundamental right cannot be denied by any country. People have this right even if they are unproductive, or were born with or developed limitations. This does not detract from their great dignity as human persons, a dignity based not on circumstances but on the intrinsic worth of their being. Unless this basic principle is upheld, there will be no future either for fraternity or for the survival of humanity.²

Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 107

The dignity of the human person is the foundation for a moral vision of society. As we seek to imitate the Good Samaritan and become neighbor to all, we must work to protect the dignity of all, especially those who are most vulnerable.

As we engage in the public square with a well-formed conscience:

- We work to protect the most vulnerable—children in the womb who are in danger of abortion—while also standing in radical solidarity with mothers.³ Building on their bond of flesh and kinship, and on the network of family, neighbor, and community relationships in which they are situated, the Church actively assists mothers and their children to have a brighter future.

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- We continue to protect the dignity of our sister or brother who is elderly, disabled, or ill by strongly rejecting euthanasia and assisted suicide. These practices are symptoms of a “throw-away culture,” in which children of God of inestimable worth are cast aside as worthless.⁴
- Likewise, we must recognize the inherent dignity of the migrant and refugee. In our country now, that means comprehensive immigration reform that offers a path to citizenship, treats immigrant workers fairly, prevents the separation of families, maintains the integrity of our borders, respects the rule of law, and addresses the factors that compel people to leave their own countries.
- We support the dignity of the person, created male or female; therefore, we oppose a gender ideology that fails to recognize the difference and reciprocity between man and woman.⁵
- Racism attacks the dignity of the human person by denying that we are all equally made in the image of God, so we must overcome racism in our hearts as well as in our systems and institutions.⁶
- We continue to seek reform of the criminal justice system and to end the use of the death penalty. We support common sense measures to reduce gun violence.⁷
- Finally, we seek to prevent and remedy any aspects of an “economy of exclusion,”⁸ which “does not hesitate to exploit, discard, and even kill human beings,”⁹ and to work instead toward an “economy of communion” rooted in ethical concern.¹⁰

“Social friendship and universal fraternity” Pope Francis writes, “necessarily call for an acknowledgement of *the worth of every human person, always and everywhere.*”¹¹ Through our political participation, our accompaniment of those in need, and the witness of our daily lives, may we support the worth of every person, created in God’s image.

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, *Fratelli Tutti* (*On Fraternity and Social Friendship*), no. 8.

2 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 107. See also: Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate* (*Charity in Truth*), no. 45.

3 USCCB, “Letter and Policy Recommendations Supporting Women and Children,” October 26, 2022.

4 St. John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae* (*The Gospel of Life*), nos. 8, 15, 18, 23, 94. See also: Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti* nos. 18-21.

5 Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia* (*The Joy of Love*), no. 56.

6 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love*, 3-8.

7 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, nos. 263-270. See also: *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, no. 84.

8 Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium* (*Joy of the Gospel*), no. 53.

9 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 22.

10 Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate*, nos. 45-47.

11 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 106.

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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.



Sign up today!

Pray ✦ Grow ✦ Serve ✦ Give ✦ Share

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.

HM Kids

HM Kids 2024 - 2025

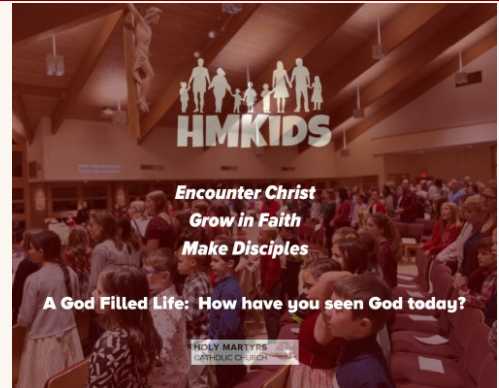
We are excited to get reconnected with our HM Kids Families! Our HM Kids Faith Formation Program hosts grades K-6 on Monday evenings from 6-7:15 PM, and grades 1-5, with exceptions for 6th graders, on Tuesdays from 6-7:15 PM.

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
at Holy Martyrs

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.



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.



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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 - August

Average Weekly Collection

\$14,719

Need: \$18,000

Thank you to all those who generously donated

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Create an estate plan to
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freewill.com/catholiccommunity

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

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Thank you!**



Holy Martyrs - Eagle Scouts Firepit Project



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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.

Be a Lifeline



Do you know someone in crisis?

You can be a lifeline & help support them!

Here are five steps you can take that are known to help:

1. ASK:

Are you thinking about suicide? How do you hurt? How can I help?

2. BE THERE:

In person or on the phone. Show support. Listen. Keep promises to connect.

3. HELP KEEP THEM SAFE:

If the person in crisis is suicidal, details matter: Do they have a plan, or ideas about timing or method? You can call 988 to support their crisis care.

4. HELP THEM CONNECT:

When someone is in crisis, connecting them with ongoing supports can help establish a safety net. Remind them they can call, text or chat 988 to connect with a trained crisis counselor 24/7.

5. FOLLOW UP:

After the immediate crisis is over, check in. That text or call afterwards makes a real difference.



SOURCE: #BeTheTo @<https://www.bethetto.com/bethetto-steps-evidence/>

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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.