



*I will walk before the Lord, in the Land of the Living*  
*Psalm 116*

*September 15, 2024*  
*24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**HOLY MARTYRS**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH 

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Holy Martyrs

# Holy Martyrs Catholic Church

Encounter Christ + Grow in Faith + Make Disciples

September 15, 2024

24th 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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## 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 open beginning this weekend, August 24 - August 25.

To register, scan the QR Code below:



*There is a promise of marriage between:*



*II Wedding Banns*

*Erin VanCamp and Robert Fox*

### Parish Staff

Janet Payton  
*Pastoral Associate*

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*Pastor*

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<i>Mass Intentions</i> September 14 - September 22			<i>This Week at Holy Martyrs</i>		
Sat	4:30 PM	Stephen Michael Egan	Sun 9/15	Choir Rehearsal	8:30 AM Pfeiffer Hall
				Mass	9:30 AM Worship Space
				Time Travelers	9:30 AM Rooms 203-204
Sun	9:30 AM	Frank and Dora Klettlinger		Journey Catechumenate	10:00 AM Lounge Room 105
				Mass	11:30 AM Worship Space
	11:30 AM	Parishioners		Contemporary Mass	5:00 PM Worship Space
				SPIRIT Kickoff	5:00 PM Pfeiffer Hall B
	5:00 PM	Edward Funai	Mon 9/16	Daily Mass	5:00 PM Martyrs Hall
				Diocese of Cleveland -	12:00 Worship Space
				OCIA Workshop	7:00 PM Gathering Area
Mon	Noon	Evelyn Huff	Tues 9/17	Glory Bees	7:30 AM Worship Space
				Daily Mass	12:00 Worship Space
Tues	Noon	Cathy Mock	Wed 9/18	Daily Mass	12:00 Worship Space
				Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM Worship Space
Wed	Noon	Jim Jacob	Thurs 9/19	Daily Mass	12:00 Worship Space
				Eucharistic Adoration	12:30 PM Worship Space
Thurs	Noon	Patricia Robinson	Fri 9/20	Daily Mass	12:00 Worship Space
Fri	Noon	Lynch and Keberdle Families	Sat 9/21	Reconciliation	3:00 PM Chapel
				Vigil Mass	4:30 PM Worship Space
Sat	4:30 PM	Geri Lombardo	Sun 9/22	Choir Rehearsal	8:30 AM Pfeiffer Hall
				Mass	9:30 AM Worship Space
				Time Travelers	9:30 AM Rooms 203-204
Sun	9:30 AM	Robert Ollom		Journey Catechumenate	10:00 AM Lounge Room 105
				Mass	11:30 AM Worship Space
	11:30 AM	Linda Groves		Café Ministry Apprecia-	1:00 PM Pavilion
				tion Gathering	5:00 PM Worship Space
	5:00 PM	Parishioners		Contemporary Mass	5:00 PM Pfeiffer Hall B
				SPIRIT	5:00 PM Martyrs Hall
				LIFE TEEN	

*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 Common Good

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 **Common Good**, and the other three principles are covered in three other bulletins in this series. —★

The Common Good is "the sum total of social conditions which allow people, either as groups or as individuals, to reach their fulfillment more fully and more easily."<sup>1</sup> Human dignity is respected and the common good is fostered only if human rights are protected and basic responsibilities are met. Every human being has a right to life, a right to religious freedom, and a right to have access to those things required for human decency.

Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities—to ourselves, to our families, to the larger society, and to the earth.<sup>2</sup>

In short, we should seek "to build that kind of society where it is easier for people to be good."<sup>3</sup>

In the midst of a "throwaway world" in which some members of the human family "can be readily sacrificed for the sake of others considered worthy of a carefree existence," Pope Francis urges us to build a "culture of encounter" in which those most in need receive our greatest concern and attention. We must "place at the center of all political, social and economic activity the human person, who enjoys the highest dignity, and respect for the common good."<sup>4</sup>

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As we seek to imitate the Good Samaritan, who was neighbor to all, we pursue the Common Good in order that every individual and all people can flourish.<sup>5</sup>

- Marriage and the family are the central institutions of social life – the primary



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school of virtue, where we first experience common rather than merely individual goods – and so these institutions should be supported and strengthened.

- Likewise, as one human family dwelling in our common home, we must hear “both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor” and respond to climate change with actions to better protect creation for our brothers and sisters now and in generations to come.<sup>6</sup>
- Accepting the entire world as a gift from the Father, and as our common home includes accepting our bodies as God’s gift, whereas thinking that we enjoy absolute power over our own bodies turns, often subtly, into thinking that we enjoy absolute power over creation.<sup>7</sup>
- We recognize and protect the right to religious liberty, our first and most cherished freedom. The protection of conscience and religious liberty is an indispensable element of the common good – a fundamental human right that knows no geographical boundaries.<sup>8</sup>
- While the common good embraces all, those who are weak, vulnerable, and most in need deserve special concern, which the Church describes as the *preferential option for the poor*.<sup>9</sup> Laws and policies must prioritize those who struggle to make ends meet and must preserve the social safety net and promote decent jobs, affordable housing, and childcare.

Pope Benedict XVI writes in *Caritas in Veritate* (*Charity in Truth*): “To desire the common good and strive towards it is a requirement of justice and charity.” We must be attentive to the

common good “juridically, civilly, politically and culturally” in the life of society. “The more we strive to secure a common good corresponding to the real needs of our neighbors,” he writes, “the more effectively we love them.”<sup>10</sup>

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](http://www.faithfulcitizenship.org).

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1 *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1906, citing *Gaudium et Spes* (*The Church in the Modern World*), no. 26.

2 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, nos. 49, 51.

3 Peter Maurin, as quoted by Dorothy Day. See *All the Way to Heaven: The Selected Letters of Dorothy Day* (New York: Random House, 2010), 457.

4 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti* (*On Fraternity and Social Friendship*), nos. 18 and 232.

5 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti* (*On Fraternity and Social Friendship*), no. 66.

6 Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* (*On Care for Our Common Home*), no. 49. See also: Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate* (*Charity in Truth*), nos. 48-52, and Pope Francis, *Laudate Deum*, nos. 58 and 60.

7 Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* (*On Care for Our Common Home*), no. 155.

8 St. Pope Paul VI, *Dignitatis Humanae* (*Declaration on Religious Freedom*), no. 6; *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1907, citing *Gaudium et Spes* (*The Church in the Modern World*), no. 26.

9 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, no. 53.

10 Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate*, no. 7.

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*Holy Martyrs Fall Kickoff—September 7 - 8, 2024*



Pray ✦ Grow ✦ Serve ✦ Give ✦ Share



*A God-Filled Life*

Dear Holy Martyrs Community,

We are excited to share that our parish theme for 2024-2025 is ***A God-Filled Life: How Do You See God In Your Life Today?***

This year's theme builds on the 2023-2024 theme, ***Discipleship***: the recognition that a disciple is someone who experiences God's love and call to follow Him, loves God in return, lives in relationship with Him, and strives to serve him with all their heart, mind, soul, and strength. With that theme, we also introduced the Discipleship Practices, habits of life that help us to become and grow as disciples of Jesus: *Pray Without Ceasing, Grow in Relationship with Christ, Serve with Love, Give with Gratitude, and Share the Good News*. We have witnessed many fruits of discipleship in our parish community and hope you have, too.

Through ***A God-Filled Life***, we invite everyone into a year of reflection, looking, listening, and increasing our spiritual awareness of God's constant presence, actions, and calling in our lives. Our encounters with God are WHY we embrace discipleship. As Pope Benedict XVI wrote, "Being a Christian isn't the result of an ethical choice or lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." A God-filled life gives us meaning!

Encountering God should be easy; after all, He is always present. But often it feels hard! Sometimes Satan is nipping at us, but more often life just gets in the way. Family, work, commitments, busyness, paying the bills, running from school to sports to music to whatever else. We struggle to remember – but need to remember! – that God encounters us in the mundane as well as the extraordinary. More so! Scripture shows how frequently God appears as a still, small voice, a call in the night, a pull on the conscience, a gentle, healing touch, a sense of direction, or a sense of peace.

We want to surface those encounters, becoming more aware of Him in everything we do – in our parish, in our ministries, in our lives. So, how do you see God in your life today?

We pray this will be a year of opening ourselves deeper to God's love and allowing Him to continue transforming our hearts. Join us this year in living a God-filled life!

Yours in Christ,

*Holy Martyrs Leadership Team*

Mike Owens

Polly Tonti

Brandon Woods

Skip McQuate

Janet Payton

*Encounter Christ—Grow In Faith—Make Disciples*

*Time Travelers/HM Kids*



*Time Travelers learn about how Jesus heals a deaf man.*

*Thank you to our Student Ministers for Being Disciples by helping lead Time Travelers.*



*Young children can join us at Time Travelers during the 9:30 AM mass weekly for age appropriate Liturgy of the Word and having fun Growing in Faith with friends.*

***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 2024 - 2025***

**HM Kids Monday**



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](mailto:sfederinko@holymartyrs.net).

We are so excited to see everyone back in September!

**HM Kids Tuesday**





*Spirit/Life Teen*

**Spirit**  
at Holy Martyrs

**UNFOLDED:**

A God-filled Life: How do you see God in your life today?

**SPiRiT** kicks off this Sunday, September 15, 2024 starting with 5:00PM Mass.

Spirit is our 7th and 8th grade youth program.

If you haven't registered yet, please go to [holymartyrs.net](http://holymartyrs.net), go to Events, search for Spirit.

You can also register by scanning the QR Code below.



If you have any questions, please contact our Spirit Coordinator, Skip McQuate.



**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!!

### **SVDP DIAPER DRIVE**



**When:** Saturday, September 23-29, 2024  
**What:** Collecting Diapers for our SVDP Ozanam Food and Clothing Ministry.

**To Do:** Please help our St. Vincent De Paul Society collect diapers to be distributed at our Ozanam Center for needy families. All sizes are needed but the most requested are sizes 2,3,4 and 5.

**Drop OFF:** Please drop off diapers on Saturdays at our Ozanam Center located at 93 Kent St. Akron behind Visitation of Mary Church between 10 am and noon.

Contact Bill Leahy at [wleahy57@gmail.com](mailto:wleahy57@gmail.com) for more information.

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

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## 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

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.

Thank you for your support!



**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](http://www.helpourmarriage.org), or call Shelly or Rob at 216-509-0301 or 440-836-4810.

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