



***“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me”***

*Mark 9:37*

*September 22, 2024  
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**HOLY MARTYRS**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH 

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

September 22, 2024

25th 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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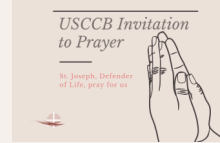
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*There is a promise of marriage between:*



**III Wedding Banns**

**Erin VanCamp and Robert Fox**



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.”

### Parish Staff

Janet Payton  
*Pastoral Associate*

Shannon Federinko  
*HM Kids Coordinator*

Father Stephen J. Dohner  
*Pastor*

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*Pastor Emeritus*

Father Mark Ott  
*Weekend Priest*



# Encounter Christ + Grow in Faith + Make Disciples

## Mass Intentions

September 21 - September 29

## This Week at Holy Martyrs

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		
				Appreciation Gathering	1:00 PM	Pavilion
	5:00 PM	Parishioners		Contemporary Mass	5:00 PM	Worship Space
Mon	Noon	Sylvia Arthurs	Mon 9/23	Daily Mass	12:00	Worship Space
				HM Kids Monday	6:00 PM	Parish Life Center
				CONNECT Parents	6:00 PM	Lounge Room 105
				Diocese of Cleveland -		
				OCIA Workshop	7:00 PM	Gathering Area
Tues	Noon	David G. Gladish	Tues 9/24	Glory Bees	7:30 AM	Worship Space
				Daily Mass	12:00	Worship Space
				Stephen Leader Meeting	5:00 PM	Sunday Office
Wed	Noon	Stella Crum		HM Kids Tuesday	6:00 PM	PLC
				CONNECT Men's Tuesday	7:00 PM	Clarke Room
Thurs	Noon	Mary Jo Bogdanski	Wed 9/25	Daily Mass	12:00	Worship Space
				CONNECT Wednesday		
				Afternoon	1:00 PM	Clarke Room
Fri	Noon	Martha Jamison		Prayer Shawl Ministry	1:00 PM	PLC Room 103
				CONNECT Wednesday		
				Evening	6:30 PM	Lounge Room 105
Sat	4:30 PM	Parishioners		Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM	Worship Space
Sun	9:30 AM	David Gladish	Thurs 9/26	CONNECT Parents with		
				Children	9:30 AM	Lounge Room 105
				CONNECT Thursday	10:00 AM	Clarke Room
				Daily Mass	12:00	Worship Space
	11:30 AM	Delores Naidznski		Eucharistic Adoration	12:30 PM	Worship Space
				CONNECT 20's/30's	5:00 PM	Clarke Room
				CONNECT Couples	6:30 PM	Lounge Room 105
	5:00 PM	Maureen Gula		Stephen Ministers Peer		
				Supervision Meeting	6:30 PM	PLC Room 102

## Eucharistic Adoration

**JOIN US FOR  
ADORATION AFTER  
MASS THURSDAY  
AFTERNOON!**

Mass 12:00pm  
Adoration 12:30-1pm



Fri 9/27	Daily Mass	12:00	Worship Space
	American Red Cross		
	Blood Drive	12:00	Martyrs Hall
Sat 9/28	CONNECT Saturday	9:00 AM	Clarke Room
	CONNECT Saturday Men	9:30 AM	Lounge Room 105
	<b>THERE IS NO RECONCILIATION TODAY</b>		
	Vigil Mass	4:30 PM	Worship Space
Sun 9/29	Choir Rehearsal	8:30 AM	Pfeiffer Hall
	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
	SPIRIT	5:00 PM	Pfeiffer Hall B
	LIFE TEEN	5:00 PM	Martyrs Hall

# Solidarity



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

Solidarity is "a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to . . . the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all."<sup>1</sup> We are one human family, whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. The person is social in nature; we develop and flourish within a community. As baptized members of the community of the Church, we are part of one body in Christ and we are also part of one global human family.<sup>2</sup>

In *Fratelli Tutti (On Fraternity and Social Friendship)* Pope Francis places solidarity at the center of what it means to cultivate social friendship as one family:

*Solidarity means much more than engaging in sporadic acts of generosity. It means thinking and acting in terms of community. It means that the lives of all are prior to the appropriation of goods by a few. It also means combatting the structural causes of poverty, inequality, the lack of work, land, and housing, the denial of social and labor rights.<sup>3</sup>*

Thus, solidarity affects not only the goals we pursue in public life, but also the way we pursue them—ever mindful that we are all brothers and sisters, all children of God.

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# Encounter Christ + Grow in Faith + Make Disciples

In imitation of the Good Samaritan, we seek to be neighbor to all.<sup>4</sup> We are called to practice “radical solidarity” by accompanying pregnant women to choose life and by offering support to new mothers and their children.<sup>5</sup> As neighbors to all, we also advocate for families affected by poverty, unemployment, or illness, individuals struggling with mental illness or addiction, the elderly and those with disabilities, and all whose livelihoods and homes are endangered by climate change.<sup>6</sup>

In countries ravaged by war, such as Ukraine, West Africa, and the Middle East, we must “touch the wounded flesh of the victims” and support efforts for relief and peace,<sup>7</sup> while also working collaboratively to reduce and eliminate nuclear weapons.<sup>8</sup>



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We seek policies that “welcome, protect, promote, and integrate” migrants and refugees who arrive at our borders, and which aid development in countries of origin.<sup>9</sup>

Racism is an obstacle to solidarity, and we strive to root it out not only by examining our hearts individually, but also by looking critically at our policies and institutions.<sup>10</sup>

In a culture that overemphasizes the accumulation of wealth, we must not forget our “obligation to ensure that every person lives with dignity and has sufficient opportunities for his or her integral development.”<sup>11</sup>

As we seek to foster solidarity in hearts and policies, let us pray with Pope Francis in *Fratelli Tutti*:

*Lord, Father of our human family . . . Move us to create healthier societies and a more dignified world, a world without hunger, poverty, violence and war. Amen.*<sup>12</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 *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, no. 193, quoting St. John Paul II, *Sollicitudo Rei Socialis* (*On Social Concerns*), no. 38. (See Mt 10:40-42, 20:25; Mk 10:42-45; Lk 22:25-27.)

2 Benedict XVI, *Deus Caritas Est* (*God is Love*), no. 25b. See also: USCCB, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, nos. 52-54.

3 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti* (*On Fraternity and Social Friendship*), no. 116, quoting *Address to Participants in the Meeting of Popular Movements* (October 28, 2014).

4 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 80.

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

6 Pope Francis, *Laudato Si’* (*On Care for Our Common Home*), nos. 25, 48-49. See also: Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate* (*Charity in Truth*), nos. 48-52, and Pope Francis, *Laudate Deum*, no. 31.

7 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 261.

8 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 262. See also: St. John Paul II, *Sollicitudo Rei Socialis*, nos. 23-24.

9 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, nos. 129 and 132. See also: Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate*, no. 62.

10 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love, a Pastoral Letter Against Racism*, 2018. See also: *Fratelli Tutti*, nos. 20, 41, and 97.

11 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 118.

12 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 287.



*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*

Parish News

MARCH 11-20, 2025



# Italian Pilgrimage

JOIN US ON A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY TO ROME, ASSISI, AND TUSCANY FOR 10 DAYS IN MARCH, 2025.

OUR PILGRIMAGE WILL INCLUDE:

AN OFFICIAL PAPAL AUDIENCE

AS WELL AS GUIDED VISITS TO PLACES SUCH AS:

- THE ANCIENT CATACOMBS OF ROME
- THE ABBEY OF ST. ANTIMO
- SIENA, THE HOME OF ST. CATHERINE

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE LEAVE YOUR NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION AT THE WELCOME CENTER SO WE MAY CONTACT YOU TO ATTEND AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING

## 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.



HOLY MARTYRS  
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**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



**How do you see  
God in your life  
today?**

HOLY MARTYRS  
CATHOLIC CHURCH



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

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## HM Kids

HM Kids Monday



### Welcome back to HM Kids!

If you haven't registered yet, please do so as soon as possible so we can complete class lists.

Except for designated session dates, and our HM Kids Kick-Off Family Nights, HM Kids sessions will be held every Monday and Tuesday evenings, from 6:00-7:15 PM every week.

HM Kids Tuesday



#### Procedures:

- Whenever possible, please park in the lower parking lot and enter the lower doors.
- Families will check in at the Kiosk closest to the classroom and print two name tags for their child.
- One name tag for your child to wear and one to bring back at 7:10 PM when you pick your child up and go to their classroom to pray.
- The first two sessions on Monday, September 23 and Tuesday, September 24 will be Family Nights! Family Nights will be the only HM Kids Session held from 6:00 PM-7:30 PM instead of ending at 7:15. An electronic Car Pool form will be sent to families.

### HM Kids Kick Off: Family Nights

**Date(s):** *Monday, September 23 and Tuesday, September 24, 2024*

**Time:** *6:00-7:30 PM*

**Place:** *The Holy Martyrs Pavilion (Weather permitting-Martyrs Hall Plan B)*

**Event:** *Don't worry about dinner!*

*Cheese pizza, chips, water, and Kona Ice will be served. Please bring any other food items for your family.*

Note: Monday, September 23, there is an event in the Gathering Area beginning at 7:00 PM. Please park in the lower parking lot until it's full.

#### Family Night Procedures:

- Check in at the kiosk in the downstairs hallway and print a name tag for your child.
- If the check in kiosk does not work, please write out a name tag for your child.
- All parents need to write out a name tag for themselves.
- After checking in, head up to the pavilion to find a seat and get food.
- We have some picnic tables, however, it would be good to bring a chair.
- Enjoy pizza, chips, and water with your family.
- Meet the Holy Martyrs Staff.
- Have fun completing an activity with your family.
- Your children will visit their Catechist in the classroom while parents talk with Mrs. Federinko.
- Parents will be released to meet their child's Catechist and participate in closing prayer.
- All families will be dismissed to enjoy the Kona Ice Truck.





# Encounter Christ + Grow in Faith + Make Disciples

## *Spirit/Life Teen*

### **Spirit** at Holy Martyrs

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

**SPIRIT**, our 7th and 8th grade youth group program, met on Sunday, September 15, 2024. We made brown bag lunches for St Bernard's in Akron and also walked out to the cross at the corner of Route 3 and Old Weymouth.

On Sunday, Sept 22, 2024, we will begin with 5:00 PM Mass and our topic of the evening will be "Step 1: God is Love".



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



*There is still time to sign up. All high schoolers are welcome and encouraged to bring a friend!*



*Life Teen will meet tonight, September 22nd following the 5:00 PM Contemporary Mass.*

Pray ✦ Grow ✦ Serve ✦ Give ✦ Share



# Encounter Christ + Grow in Faith + Make Disciples

## *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!!

### **Catholic Communication Campaign September 28 - 29, 2024**

Next week our special collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects Catholics with Christ in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in the Diocese of Cleveland to fund local communications efforts. Our support helps spread the gospel message!

Learn more at [www.usccb.org/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc)



### **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.

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Pray ✦ Grow ✦ Serve ✦ Give ✦ Share

*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!



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

Friday, October 4, 2024  
featuring  
**Bishop Edward C. Malesic**

The cost of the luncheon program is \$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 on the website, no later than Tuesday, October 1, 2024.

For additional information, call 330-535-7668  
or visit  
[www.firstfridayclubofgreaterakron.org](http://www.firstfridayclubofgreaterakron.org)

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