

*Blessed are you who fear the LORD, who walk in his ways!*  
*Psalm 128*

*October 6, 2024*  
*27th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**HOLY MARTYRS**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH 

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



## October—The Month of the Rosary

### 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

Phone: 330-722-6633 Fax: 330-725-2193

**email: [churchoffice@holymartyrs.net](mailto:churchoffice@holymartyrs.net)**



## All Saints Mass

October 31st  
7pm Vigil Mass

November 1st  
12pm Mass

*"Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."  
Matthew 5: 12*

**5:00PM Contemporary Mass CANCELLED  
on October 13, 2024**

Confirmation at Holy Martyrs will take place  
on Sunday, October 13,  
therefore, there **will not be** a  
5:00 PM Contemporary Mass that day.

### Parish Staff

Father Stephen J. Dohner  
*Pastor*

Christopher Ilg  
*Director of Music*

Father Robert F. Pfeiffer  
*Pastor Emeritus*

Janet Payton  
*Pastoral Associate*

Skip McQuate  
*SPIRIT Coordinator*

Alyssa Nadin  
*Communications*

Father Mark Ott  
*Weekend Priest*

Shannon Federinko  
*HM Kids Coordinator*

Brandon Woods  
*Life Teen Coordinator*

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## *Mass Intentions* October 5—October 13

## *This Week at Holy Martyrs*

Sat	4:30 PM	Hal and Eileen Minnich	Sun 10/06	Choir Rehearsal Mass Time Travelers Journey Catechumenate Mass Contemporary Mass SPIRIT LIFE TEEN Confirmation Practice	8:30 AM Pfeiffer Hall 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 6:00 PM Worship Space
Sun	9:30 AM	Parishioners	Mon 10/07	Daily Mass HM Kids Monday CONNECT Parents	12:00 Worship Space 6:00 PM Parish Life Center 6:00 PM Lounge Room 105
	11:30 AM	Charlotte Jowers	Tues 10/08	Glory Bees NO DAILY MASS CONNECT Women Stephen Leader Meeting HM Kids Tuesday CONNECT Men's Tuesday Catholic Charities Advisory Council	7:30 AM Worship Space 12:00 Worship Space 1:00 PM Clarke Room 5:00 PM Sunday Office 6:00 PM PLC 6:00 PM Clarke Room 6:00 PM Martyrs Hall
	5:00 PM	Oscar Olander	Wed 10/09	NO DAILY MASS CONNECT Wednesday Afternoon CONNECT Wednesday Evening Choir Rehearsal HM Cares Core Team	12:00 Worship Space 1:00 PM Clarke Room 6:30 PM Lounge Room 105 7:00 PM Worship Space 7:00 PM Martyrs Hall
Mon	Noon	Gordon Brain	Thurs 10/10	CONNECT Parents with Children CONNECT Thursday NO DAILY MASS NO ADORATION CONNECT 20's/30's CONNECT Couples Stephen Minister Peer Supervision Usher Meeting	9:45 AM Lounge Room 105 10:00 AM Clarke Room 12:00 Worship Space 12:30 PM Worship Space 5:00 PM Clarke Room 6:30 PM Lounge Room 105 6:30 PM PLC Room 102 7:00 PM Gathering Area
Tues	Noon	NO DAILY MASS	Fri 10/11	NO DAILY MASS	12:00 Worship Space
Wed	Noon	NO DAILY MASS	Sat 10/12	CONNECT Saturday CONNECT Saturday Men Reconciliation Vigil Mass	9:00 AM Clarke Room 9:30 AM Lounge Room 105 3:00 PM Chapel 4:30 PM Worship Space
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Fri	Noon	NO DAILY MASS			
Sat	4:30 PM	Hugh Dooley			
Sun	9:30 AM	Charles "Chip" Comes			
	11:30 AM	Parishioners			
	5:00 PM	NO MASS TONIGHT			

## Eucharistic Adoration

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

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





## Parish News

### **Sacristans, our Future at Holy Martyrs**

Would you like to set the table? All are invited and someone very special is coming.

The Sacristan Ministry involves important behind-the-scenes set up for each Liturgy. The word "Sacristan" comes from the Latin word, *Sacer*, meaning sacred.

You may not be aware of how the sacred vessels – the ciboria holding the round hosts, the cups, the cruets of water and wine, and the linens -- come to sit precisely where they are at the start of Mass. You may thank a Sacristan for that! As a sacristan, you will learn what the celebrant is using, when he is using it, and why. It can only deepen your understanding and appreciation of Holy Mass.

**Someone Very Special is coming.**

Would you like to help set the table?  
For more information about joining our new sacristan ministry, please contact Eloise Dolph at 330-419-2019.

### **Please Welcome the Following New Families**

*Mark and Sarah Belkofer  
Chris and Katelin Brendel  
Garrett and Lana Ebersole  
Jonathan and Allison Edwards  
Edward and Susan Fischbach  
James and Karen Friedl  
Elizabeth Hamm  
John and Jackie Sholtis  
Jessica Talpas*

### **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.

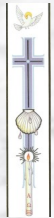
If you are interested in obtaining a prayer shawl or would like more information on joining this ministry, please contact Nancy Mayes at 330-764-3161.

### **Baptisms**

*Sienna Marie Dowdley*

*Daughter of*

*Richard and Keri Dowdley*



#### **Download**

Download the Wavecast application on your phone.



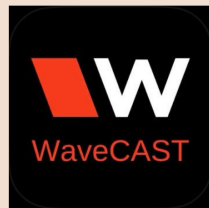
#### **Open Settings & Log in**

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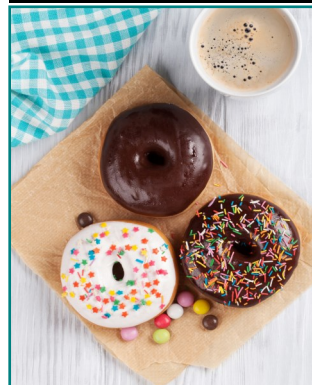


#### **Listen**

Open the Wavecast app and select "FM\_PLUS" to listen with your bluetooth hearing aids or earbuds. Volume control is on the screen.



**Application to  
connect your  
bluetooth hearing  
aids or earbuds to HM  
new sound system**



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

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



## Parish News



### HM Cares serves those in need in Medina County!

Curious about becoming an HM Cares Ministry team member? Please contact Rich Bobey at (330) 421-3255 or email [HMcares20@gmail.com](mailto:HMcares20@gmail.com) to learn more about how we serve those in need.

### The Fall Friendship Meal is Coming!!

HM Cares has organized another Friendship Meal on Wednesday, October 16th!! We are looking for 8 to 12 able parishioners that are excited to serve up to 120 meals to those in need at St. Bernard's parish in downtown Akron. We will be meeting at Holy Martyrs at 3pm on October 16th so that we can caravan over to St. Bernard's to serve the meal.

If you are interested in becoming part of this ministry event you can sign up by scanning the QR code below.



If you have any questions please feel free to email HM Cares at [HMcares20@gmail.com](mailto:HMcares20@gmail.com) or contact Michelle Lapeus at (216) 905-7318.

### Confirmation 2024

*Please pray for our Confirmation Candidates as they will be confirmed on Sunday, Oct 13, 2024.*

*They are pictured here in 2018 making their First Communion*



### Baptism Preparation Sunday, October 20, 2024 1:30 - 3:00 PM

Those parents seeking to have a child Baptized will need to complete a Baptism Preparation Session if this is your first child or if it has been 2 years or more since you last attended a session.

Holy Martyrs will be holding a Baptism Preparation Session on **Sunday, October 20 at 1:30PM** in the Worship Space. Please plan to arrive at church between 1:15 PM and 1:30 PM.

To register, please scan QR Code



or go to:

<https://holymartyrs.net/event-details/?id=10410>

## HOLY MARTYRS Chili Cookoff

October 26, 2024 after 4:30 Mass



Sign up to share your recipe or simply enjoy the event!



2024 Pet Blessing





*Protecting God's Children*

**Protecting God's Children**

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,<sup>5</sup> 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](http://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.

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## Time Travelers/HM Kids

*Time Travelers sing  
"My God is Powerful"*



*Time Travelers make a  
puzzle 🧩 with St. Michael*



### HM KIDS

HMKids is off to a great start! Last week we kicked off our sessions with our Annual Family Night. With the help of our Cafe' Ministry and Catechist Team members, we ate, prayed, and learned together.

All families received a prayer center with colored cloths for each Liturgical Season, a cross from our Holy Martyrs 20th Anniversary, and other items to make their Prayer Center authentic and sacred.

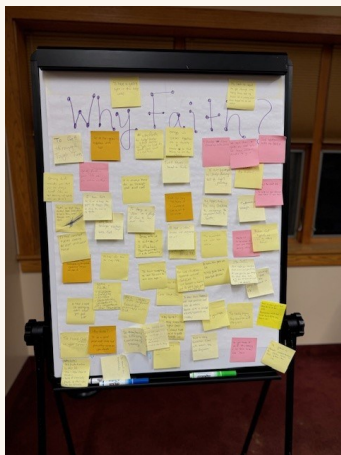
Families had the opportunity to discuss together why a Prayer Center would be a good thing to have in their home. As a family, they discussed where the Prayer Center should go and the best environment for prayer. Through great conversations, families were able to prepare to pray together in their own special space.

We are hopeful to get pictures of our HM Kids Family Prayer Centers to share with our church and inspire everyone to have a special Prayer Center in their home.

Parents also "posted" why practicing faith is important to them and what faith hopes they have for their children in HM Kids this upcoming year.

We could not end Family Night without the Kona Ice Truck!

We know growing closer to God and becoming more like Jesus happens through prayer. This summer, our Catechist Team spent time with Holy Martyrs Parishioner, Denny Marco, to engage in a deeper prayer life. Denny gave our team guidance on different ways to pray and to help our children learn to pray anywhere, any time.



Our first full HM Kids Sessions have begun! Serving over 130 kids with Faith Formation on Monday and Tuesday evenings is truly a gift. From our newest HM Kindergartners, to our sixth graders, we are reflecting on the question, "Where do we see God in our lives?" Our sessions are filled with building relationships with each other, our Catechists, and Jesus.

From Community Circles and reflecting on the Gospel to creating crafts to learn a spiritual lesson, our greatest hope is that our children and Catechists leave more inspired to serve God each night of HM Kids!



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## *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, met on Sunday, Sept 29, 2024. The topic of the night was "Praying with the Holy Trinity". On Sunday, Oct 6, 2024, we will begin with 5:00 Mass and our topic of the evening will be "God the Creator".

Thank you to Eloise Dolph and Steve Brownfield for speaking to the students about their experience at the "National Eucharistic Congress" this past July. We all enjoyed listening to them!



*Spirit is on Facebook, Instagram and the Holy Martyrs website.*



*Life Teen will meet tonight, October 6, 2024 following the 5:00 PM Contemporary Mass.*

*Pray ✦ Grow ✦ Serve ✦ Give ✦ Share*



*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 - September**

**Average Weekly Collection**

**\$13,864**

**Need: \$18,000**

**Thank you to all those who generously donated**

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



Thank you for your generosity toward last week's collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect millions with Christ.

If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give.

To learn more about the Catholic Communication Campaign, go to at [www.usccb.org/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc)

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God in your life  
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