



Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

HOLY MARTYRS
CATHOLIC CHURCH 

3100 Old Weymouth Road
Medina, Ohio 44256



Holy Martyrs Catholic Church

Encounter Christ + Grow in Faith + Make Disciples

October 20, 2024

Twenty-ninth 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

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

email: churchoffice@holymartyrs.net

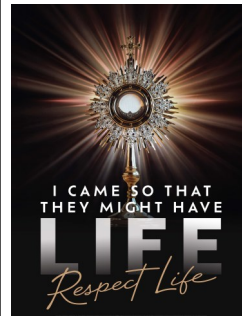
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October is Respect Life Month

Every October, we consider more deeply why every human life is valuable and reflect on how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death.

A PRAYER FOR LIFE

to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

O Jesus, you came that we might have *life*—and have it in abundance. Together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you form us in our mothers' wombs and call us to love you for all eternity.

As your most precious gift of human life is attacked, draw us ever closer to your Real Presence in the Eucharist. Dispel the darkness of the culture of death, for you are the light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it.

By the power of your Eucharistic Presence, help us to defend the life of every human person at every stage. Transform our hearts to protect and cherish all whose lives are most vulnerable.

For you are God, forever and ever.

— AMEN.



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Visit store.respectlife.org to order this prayer card and other Respect Life materials.

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Mass Intentions

October 19 – October 27

This Week at Holy Martyrs

Sat	4:30 PM	Dean Kriska	Sun 10/20	Choir Rehearsal	8:30 AM	Pfeiffer Hall
				Mass	9:30 AM	Worship Space
Sun	9:30 AM	Carolyn Thompson		Time Travelers	9:30 AM	Rooms 203-204
				Journey Catechumenate	10:00 AM	Lounge Room 105
	11:30 AM	Jonathan Duplaga		Mass	11:30 AM	Worship Space
				Contemporary Mass	5:00 PM	Worship Space
	5:00 PM	Parishioners		Spirit	5:00 PM	Pfeiffer Hall
Mon	Noon	Martha Jamison	Mon 10/21	Daily Mass	5:00 PM	Martyrs Hall
				HM Kids Monday	12:00	Worship Space
Tues	Noon	Lee LeVoyer		CONNECT Parents	6:00 PM	Parish Life Center
					6:00 PM	Lounge Room 105
Wed	Noon	Thomas Richey	Tues 10/22	Glory Bees	7:30 AM	Worship Space
				Daily Mass	12:00	Worship Space
Thurs	Noon	Tom and Ginny Landau		CONNECT Women	1:00 PM	Clarke Room
				Stephen Leader Meeting	5:00 PM	Sunday Office
Fri	Noon	Peter Sudyk		HM Kids Tuesday	6:00 PM	PLC
				CONNECT Men's Tuesday	6:00 PM	Clarke Room
Sat	4:30 PM	Parishioners	Wed 10/23	Daily Mass	12:00	Worship Space
				CONNECT Wednesday	1:00 PM	Clarke Room
Sun	9:30 AM	Tim Boberg		Afternoon	6:30 PM	Lounge Room 105
				CONNECT Wednesday	7:00 PM	Worship Space
	11:30 AM	Lucina and Maria Teresa Carpio		Evening		
				Choir Rehearsal		
	5:00 PM	Jacqueline Vanuch	Thurs 10/24	CONNECT Parents with Children	9:45 AM	Lounge Room 105
				CONNECT Thursday	10:00 AM	Clarke Room
				Daily Mass	12:00	Worship Space
				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
				Diocese of Cleveland		
				EMHC Formation Training	7:00 PM	Worship Space
			Fri 10/25	Daily Mass	12:00	Worship Space
			Sat 10/26	CONNECT Saturday	9:00 AM	Clarke Room
				CONNECT Saturday Men	9:30 AM	Lounge Room 105
				Reconciliation	3:00 PM	Chapel
				Vigil Mass	4:30 PM	Worship Space
				Chili Cook Off 2024	5:30 PM	Gathering Area
			Sun 10/27	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
				Parent Confirmation		
				Mtg. /2025 Candidates	1:00 PM	Pfeiffer Hall B
				Contemporary Mass	5:00 PM	Worship Space
				Spirit	5:00 PM	Pfeiffer Hall
				LIFE TEEN	5:00 PM	Martyrs Hall



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.

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.

Happy 90th Birthday Fr. Bob Pfeiffer

Fr. Bob Pfeiffer, Pastor Emeritus of Holy Martyrs has recently celebrated his 90th Birthday. To anyone interested in sending him birthday wishes, you may leave cards and letters in the Parish Office and we will forward them on to Fr. Bob.

Eucharistic Adoration

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

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

HOLY MARTYRS
CATHOLIC CHURCH



Holy Martyrs Stephen Ministry

To date, Ten members of Holy Martyrs have been specially trained to provide high quality Christian care to serve as Stephen Ministers.

Are you or someone you know struggling with challenges like...

- Isolation and loneliness
- Anxiety over health
- Grief due to losses
- Tension from juggling work, childcare and schooling
- Financial strain or job loss
- Uncertainty about the future
- Other unexpected life challenges

If so, you don't have to face it alone. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to listen, care, encourage and provide emotional and spiritual support.

A Stephen Minister will meet with you privately - by phone, by video chat, or in person - to offer care and support. A Stephen Ministers' confidential emotional and spiritual care usually takes the form of a weekly meeting that happens as long as is needed.

If you need a friend or know someone who does, ask if a Stephen Minister can help. Call Janet Payton or Skip McQuate at 330-722-6633.

"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2)

Upcoming Events

HOLY MARTYRS
Chili Cookoff

October 26, 2024 after 4:30 Mass



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

Holy Land Carvings are back!



Following all Masses the weekend of November 2nd and 3rd, there will be a display of handmade articles such as Nativity Scenes, Crucifixes, Rosaries and other beautiful religious items for sale.

Holy Land carvings have been popular at Holy Martyrs for many years. Because of the conflict in the region, many Christian families in Bethlehem are struggling to make ends meet. Holy Land Gifts represent over 100 Christian families who make a living selling traditional olive wood handcrafts and religious articles. When you purchase one of these beautiful gifts, you are helping artisans in the Holy Land provide for their families and live and work with dignity in a region fraught with tension.

Thank you for supporting this project to keep the Christians present in the holy land of Jesus' birth.

For more information go to:
Giftsofjerusalem.com



TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE SCHEDULE 2024-2025

November 7th	March 7th (Friday)
December 5th	
January 9th	April 4th
February 6th	May 1st

7:00pm Worship Space

JOYFUL MYSTERIES

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.

CONNECT SMALL GROUPS

HOLY MARTYRS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Holy Martyrs Annual Turkey Run Sunday, Nov. 24th after 11:30 Mass



Turkey Run Signup



VANCO Turkey Run Donations

Time Travelers

In Time Travelers this week, Mr. Klettlinger shows our kids the eye of a needle to illustrate this week's Gospel.



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HM Kids

This year, at Holy Martyrs, our theme is A God Filled Life. We are asking our HM Kids where they see God in their lives.

After our Kindergartners explore the Gospel in their HM Kids Community Circle, they go to Center Time, where they get to build and create structures of the beautiful gifts God has given us.

HM Kids also spent time making cards to congratulate our teens who made one of The Sacraments of Initiation, Confirmation, on October 13. Congratulations to our Confirmation Candidates.



Our Kindergarten and First Grade Singing Angels are getting ready for the Advent Celebration on Sunday, December 8, 2024. Mark your calendars

Father Steve spent time with second grade parents to talk about the Healing Sacrament of Reconciliation. He shared some research and humor about parenting and why the gift of faith is so important. In a few weeks, our second graders will make their First Reconciliation. Father reminds us that making reconciliation truly brings us closer to God. We are excited for our second graders! Thank you to our HM Kids parents for giving their time to help their children Grow in Faith, Encounter Christ, and Become Disciples.



Pray ✦ Grow ✦ Serve ✦ Give ✦ Share

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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, will meet on Sunday, October 20, 2024.

The topic of the night will be "Perfect Square; We Are Creation".

We also will be putting together Brown Bag Lunches for Akron St. Bernard's lunch program.



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



Life Teen will meet tonight, October 20th following the 5:00 PM Contemporary Mass.



Thank you to Mitchell, a teen leader in Life Teen, for choosing Holy Martyrs for his Eagle Scout project. Mitchell, with the help of his troop, was able to build this BEAUTIFUL addition to our pavilion. Thank you also to all of you whose donations made this project possible for them. We are very grateful for everyone who works hard to make our building and grounds a beautiful place of prayer and community for our parish family.



Pray ✦ *Grow* ✦ *Serve* ✦ *Give* ✦ *Share*

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Confirmation 2024



Pray ✦ Grow ✦ Serve ✦ Give ✦ Share

A Disciple Gives with Gratitude

**"FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS,
THERE YOUR HEART WILL BE ALSO."**

Matthew 6:21



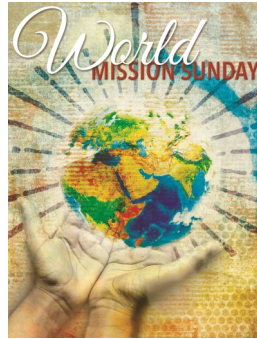
How will you steward God's gifts of time, talent and treasure this year?

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!!



**World Mission Sunday
2024**

**Thank you for supporting
World Mission Sunday**

On behalf of the missionary men and women serving in over 1,150 mission territories, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support on World Mission Sunday.

Your contributions ensure that the Gospel continues to spread, bringing hope, love, and salvation to those in need.

This year's theme, "Go and invite everyone to the banquet," reminds us of our universal call to evangelize and support our brothers and sisters around the world. Your generosity helps build churches, train clergy, and provide essential services in mission territories. Thank you for being part of this vital mission and for making a lasting impact on the global Church.

For more information or to donate online, go to:

www.onefamilyinmission.org



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

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GLORY BEES



We are still in need of a few more people willing to help clean the Worship Space each Tuesday morning.

If you are interested in helping, please call the Church Office at 330-722-6633.

Thank you to all who have volunteered their time.

You are all very much appreciated.

Elsewhere in the Diocese

CONCERNED ABOUT SUBSTANCE ABUSE?

St. Malachi's *Samaritan Ministry* invites you to a program: **The Problem with Alcohol & Other Drugs: Impact on the Family** presented by local professionals on **Saturday, October 26th** from 1-3:45 PM in The Stella Maris Auditorium.

FREE-- but donations are always welcomed.

Register at bit.ly/RegisterAAF2024.

For questions or more information, contact Judy Stowe at 216/280-0675 (judystowe@gmail.com) or call St. Malachi's at 216/861-5343.



October
**The Month
of the Rosary**

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

Friday, November 1, 2024

Featuring Patricia Minrovic,
President of the Christ Child Society of Akron
speaking on
Taking Care of God's Children

The Christ Child Society is a group of dedicated women who express their love of Christ by following our Mission "to aid and instruct needy children and youth and to brighten their lives".

They have a clothing center, distribute layettes, bereavement kits, established and staff a school library and many other service projects. They are the hands of Christ in our community.

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 29, 2024.

For additional information, call 330-535-7668 or visit www.firstfridayclubofgreaterakron.org or <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/first-friday-club-of-greater-akron-13412536107#events>