



December 28, 2025
Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

HOLY MARTYRS
CATHOLIC CHURCH



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<https://www.holymartyrs.net>

Holy Martyrs

Holy Martyrs Catholic Church

Encounter Christ + Grow in Faith + Make Disciples

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 4:30 PM

Sunday 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM, 5:00PM

Monday - Thursday 12:00 Noon

Holy Days 7:00 PM (Vigil)
12:00 Noon

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve
Wednesday, December 31

5:00 PM

New Year's Day
January 1, 2026

10:00 AM

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

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

—2 Cor 5:17 (ESV)



May God's peace be upon you and remain with you throughout the year.



HOLY MARTYRS CATHOLIC CHURCH

God is present and active in our lives all the time but we often don't notice his Presence. This year, we invite you to reflect about how you've seen God in your daily life and share those moments with us.

To share, go to:
<https://holymartyrs.net/how-have-you-seen-god-in-your-daily-life/>

Parish Staff

Father Stephen J. Dohner
Pastor

Amy Inconvati-Aloisi
HMKids Coordinator

Brandon Woods
Life Teen Coordinator

Father Robert F. Pfeiffer
Pastor Emeritus

Janet Payton
Pastoral Associate

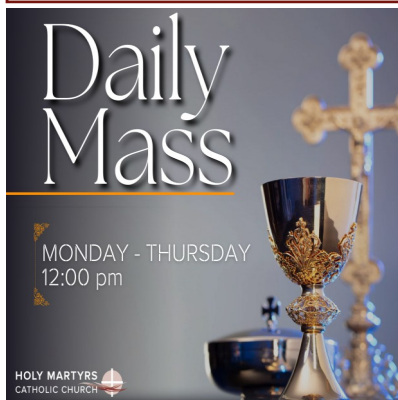
Skip McQuate
SPIRIT Coordinator

Christopher Ilg
Director of Music

Father Mark Ott
Weekend Priest

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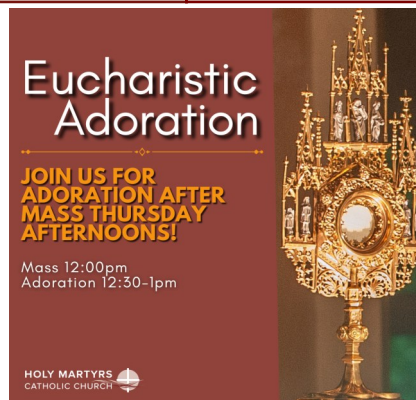
<i>Mass Intentions</i> <i>December 27 - January 4</i>			<i>This Week at Holy Martyrs</i>		
Sat	4:30 PM	Ruth Etta Tender	Sun 12/28	Choir Rehearsal Mass Time Travelers Mass Journey for Teens Contemporary Mass	8:30 AM Pfeiffer Hall A 9:30 AM Worship Space 9:30 AM Rooms 203-204 11:30 AM Worship Space 3:30 PM Kazel Room 5:00 PM Worship Space
Sun	9:30 AM	Patrick Bozzelli	Mon 12/29	Daily Mass	Noon Worship Space
	11:30 AM	Helmut Eppich	Tues 12/30	Glory Bees Daily Mass	7:30 AM Worship Space Noon Worship Space
	5:00 PM	Parishioners	Wed 12/31	Feast of Mary Mother of God, Vigil Mass	5:00 PM Worship Space
Mon	Noon	John Bayne	Thurs 01/01	Mass for the Feast of Mary Mother of God	10:00 AM Worship Space
Tues	Noon	William Kowatch	Fri 01/02	NO PRAYER IN THE CHAPEL	
Wed	5:00 PM	John Gazzo	Sat 01/03	Reconciliation Vigil Mass	3:00 PM Chapel 4:30 PM Worship Space
Thurs	10:00 AM	Parishioners	Sun 01/04	Choir Rehearsal Mass Time Travelers Mass Journey for Teens Contemporary Mass Spirit Life Teen CONNECT Sunday	8:30 AM Pfeiffer Hall A 9:30 AM Worship Space 9:30 AM Rooms 203-204 11:30 AM Worship Space 3:30 PM Kazel Room 5:00 PM Worship Space 6:00 PM Pfeiffer Hall 6:00 PM Martyrs Hall 6:00 PM Kazel Room
Sat	4:30 PM	Parishioners			
Sun	9:30 AM	Delvin Haut			
	11:30 AM	Frank Ivicic			
	5:00 PM	Victor Sopko			



Daily Mass

MONDAY - THURSDAY
12:00 pm

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Eucharistic Adoration

JOIN US FOR
ADORATION AFTER
MASS THURSDAY
AFTERNOONS!

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

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Friday Morning Prayer

Join Skip McQuate
Fridays @ 8:00am
Oscar Romero Chapel

Parish News



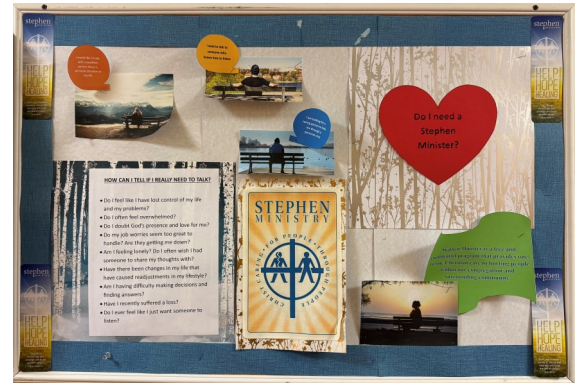
The Blessings of Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry multiplies blessings throughout the church and community. Congregations carry out Christ's commandment to "Love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12 RSV) in a powerful and practical way.

Pastors have a team of gifted, trained, and committed lay caregivers ready to minister to hurting people. Laypeople nurture and use their gifts in meaningful ministry, growing spiritually as they serve others. People who are hurting have a caring Christian presence to provide emotional and spiritual support.

In short, Stephen Ministry helps carry out the mission of the church.

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.



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 prayers shawl at the time of your anointing, please let us know when you schedule the anointing and one will be provided 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 330-607-2320.

ANGEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Turning taxes into tuition

KEEPING THE FAITH

WITH OUR PARISH NEIGHBORS

St. Francis Xavier
Holy Martyrs
St. Martin of Tours
Our Lady Help of Christians

DONATE

YOUR TAXES. THEIR TUITION. OUR FUTURE.

- 1 Review your tax liability from last year (1040IT, line 8c) to help estimate the amount of your tax liability for this year.
- 2 Make an ASF donation at: www.catholiccommunity.org/angel
While your donation can be any amount, the scholarship tax credit is limited to \$750 per tax payer (\$1,500 for married filing jointly) and cannot exceed your state tax liability for the current year.
- 3 Claim the scholarship tax credit on your Ohio income tax return
You will receive a receipt for your Angel Scholarship donation that can be sent with your current state tax return.

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING TO ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL

Faith Formation

Empowering 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.

- **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.

Faith Formation

Spirit
at Holy Martyrs

SPiRiT, our 7th and 8th grade youth group, will meet again on Sunday, January 4, 2026.

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

Wishing all Spirit students and their families a very Happy New Year!



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



Life Teen will resume Sunday, January 4, 2026 following the 5:00 PM Contemporary Mass.

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Elsewhere in the Diocese

Your Sunday Offering E-Giving

Ditch the envelope and give digitally
go to:

<https://onrealm.org/HolyMartyrsChur/-/form/give/now>

A Disciple...

Gives with Gratitude



First Friday Club of Greater Akron

**Our Lady of Cedars
507 South Cleveland Massillon Rd.
Fairlawn, OH 44333**

**Fr. Jeffrey L. Lindholm
Speaking on
"Reflections of a Newly Ordained Priest."**

January 9, 2026



Fr. Jeffrey L. Lindholm was ordained May 17, 2025. He is currently Parochial Vicar at St. Barnabas and Our Lady of Guadalupe

The cost of the luncheon program is \$25.00.

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 at 330-535-7668**

or by registering at:

www.firstfridayclubofgreaterakron.org

No later than Tuesday, January 6, 2026

Pray ✨ *Grow* ✨ *Serve* ✨ *Give* ✨ *Share*