



Jesus Himself drew near and walked with them.  
Luke 24:15

3rd Sunday of Easter  
April 19, 2026

**HOLY MARTYRS**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH



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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

### 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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Have you ever been asked to be a godparent but then learned you were unable to accept the honor because you have not been confirmed? You're not alone. For a variety of reasons, some adult Catholics never completed their initiation into the Church by receiving the sacrament of confirmation. If this describes you, you might want to consider participating in our 7-week Adult Confirmation Preparation series beginning on Tuesday, May 5, 2026.

Since the invitation to be a godparent or sponsor often comes shortly before the child is to be baptized, it's best to reflect on your faith journey **now** and take the step to be confirmed before the question is even posed. Just use the QR code below to sign up or get more information.



### Catholic Home Missions Second Collection April 25-26, 2026

Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its current and former territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support for this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal.

Find more information at  
[www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

### Parish Staff

Father Stephen J. Dohner  
Pastor

Amy Inconvati-Aloisi  
HMKids Coordinator

Brandon Woods  
Life Teen Coordinator

Father Robert F. Pfeiffer  
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Pastoral Associate

Skip McQuate  
SPIRIT Coordinator

Christopher Ilg  
Director of Music

Father Mark Ott  
Weekend Priest

# Encounter Christ + Grow in Faith + Make Disciples

## *Mass Intentions* April 18 - April 26

## *This Week at Holy Martyrs*

Sat	4:30 PM	Dorothy Gianneschi	Sun 04/19	Choir Rehearsal Mass Time Travelers Journey Inquiry: Teens Journey Mystagogy Mass Baptism Prep Session Contemporary Mass Spirit Life Teen CONNECT Sunday	8:30 AM 9:30 AM 9:30 AM 10:30 AM 10:30 AM 11:30 AM 1:30 PM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM	Pfeiffer Hall A Worship Space Rooms 203-204 Conf. Room 101 Room 105 Worship Space Worship Space Worship Space Pfeiffer Hall Martyrs Hall Kazel Room
Sun	9:30 AM	Parishioners	Mon 04/20	Daily Mass HM Kids Monday	Noon 6:00 PM	Worship Space Parish Life Center
	11:30 AM	Sophie Tesny	Tues 04/21	Glory Bees Daily Mass CONNECT Women HM Kids Tuesday CONNECT Tuesday Eve XLT-Eucharistic Adoration	7:30 AM Noon 1:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Worship Space Worship Space Clarke Room Parish Life Center Clarke Room Worship Space
	5:00 PM	Cheryl Aschenbener (for healing)	Wed 04/22	CONNECT Parents with Young Children Daily Mass CONNECT Wednesday Afternoon CONNECT Wednesday Eve Choir Practice CONNECT Men Evening	9:00 AM Noon 2:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Lounge Room 105 Worship Space Clarke Room Lounge Room 105 Worship Space Clarke Room
Mon	Noon	Charles and Jean Marie Zaranec	Thurs 04/23	Daily Mass Eucharistic Adoration Stephen Ministers Peer Supervision Meeting	Noon 12:30 PM 6:30 PM	Worship Space Worship Space Room 102
Tues	Noon	Ruth Etta Tender	Fri 04/24	Prayer in the Chapel	8:00 AM	Chapel
Wed	Noon	Geri Lombardo	Sat 04/25	CONNECT Mixed Adults CONNECT Men Saturday Reconciliation Vigil Mass	9:00 AM 9:30 AM 3:00 PM 4:30 PM	Clarke Room Lounge Room 105 Chapel Worship Space
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Sat	4:30 PM	Rose and John Hoffman				
Sun	9:30 AM	Chester P. Biernot				
	11:30 AM	Parishioners				
	5:00 PM	Deacon John Strmac				

# Daily Mass

MONDAY - THURSDAY  
12:00 pm



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## Parish News

### **Baptism Preparation Sunday, April 19, 2026 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, April 19, 2026 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 the QR Code



or go to

<https://holymartyrs.net/event-details/?id=12304>

### **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.

### **Holy Martyrs Cafe Ministry Needs You!**

We do more than serve Coffee & Donuts 😊



We offer a warm, friendly atmosphere that builds community among our parishioners.

If you enjoy hospitality and serving; if you are looking for a Ministry with a flexible schedule; if you want to connect with others; if you want a fun way to get your steps in - check out our Cafe, it may be a good fit for you!



We're looking for more smiles!  
Stop by the Welcome Center  
and pick up a flyer.



### **Join the Garden Ministry**



Help us keep our church grounds looking beautiful! Volunteers help with planting, weeding, watering and light garden care throughout the season. Whether you have a green thumb or just enjoy being outside, we'd love to have you join us.

Contact the parish office or Sue at  
[smkronk@gmail.com](mailto:smkronk@gmail.com)



HOLY MARTYRS  
STEPHEN MINISTRY

If you need a friend or know someone who does, ask if a Stephen Minister can help.

For more information, call Janet Payton or Skip McQuate at 330-722-6633.



## Faith Formation

### 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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## Faith Formation

### 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, April 12, 2026 and we talked about the importance of going to Mass and receiving the Eucharist. On Sunday, April 19, 2026, we will put together brown bag lunches for St. Bernard's church and talk about the Sacraments.



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

### XLT - Eucharistic Adoration April 21, 2026 7:00PM

Holy Martyrs is hosting an XLT, which is an evening of Eucharistic adoration with music, a speaker, and refreshments, on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Join us as we hear from Dc. John Green and his daughter on living out our faith in the family! We can't wait to pray with you!

**XLT**  
COME & ADORE

- Presider and Speaker: Dc. John Green with Holy Family Stow & Evangelical Catholic
- Uplifting Music (Contemporary & traditional)
- Eucharistic Adoration
- Snacks & Refreshments

Tuesday, April 21st from 7:00pm-8:30pm with refreshments to follow. ALL ARE WELCOME!

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## WE ALL PLAY SERVICE PROJECT

April 19th-April 26th

Help kids stay active! Donate your gently used sports equipment to support youth athletics in the CYO community (part of Catholic Charities). Donations will be distributed to schools that have students in need of equipment. Donation bins will be placed in the entrance area of the church and/or school. Thank you for supporting my service project "We All Play"!

**WHAT YOU CAN DONATE:**  
BASKETBALLS, FOOTBALLS, SOCCER BALLS  
BASEBALL GLOVES AND BATS  
SHIN GUARDS AND PADS  
CLEATS AND ATHLETIC SHOES  
NEW SPORTS EQUIPMENT ALSO WELCOME



Questions? Contact:  
**ANDREW SHERMO**  
SERVICE PROJECT COORDINATOR &  
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT  
wshermo@gmail.com  
Donate today - every piece of equipment helps!

Thank you for supporting kids in need!



Life Teen will meet on  
Sunday April 19  
following the Contemporary  
Mass at 5:00 PM

Pray ✨ Grow ✨ Serve ✨ Give ✨ Share

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## *A Disciple Gives with Gratitude*



**"For where your treasure is,  
there your heart will be also."**  
Matthew 6:21

**Your Easter  
Offering**



Thank you for your  
support of Holy Martyrs!



## SERVE with LOVE

- A Holy Martyrs Discipleship Practice -

In a God Filled Life, how  
are we serving as disciples  
of Jesus Christ?



## Did you Know?

HM Cares' mission is to serve the less fortunate in our community with dignity, compassion, and faith-based support so hope can be restored through the grace of God. We accomplish this year-round through:

**Food Pantry.** Our pantry is open twice a month and provides up to 3 weeks of meals for families in need. In 2025, we served over 120 families.

**Financial Assistance.** Through the generous donations of Holy Martyrs parishioners, HM Cares has provided rent and utility assistance more than \$40,000 in the past year to over 200 local people in need.

**Friendship Meals.** In partnership with St. Bernard's in Akron, we prepare and serve meals 4 times a year for the St. Bernard's Hot Meals Program.

Please prayerfully consider putting your faith in action by supporting HM Cares throughout the year. If you would like to make a financial donation, please click the QR link below. If you have any questions or want to join our ministry you can email HM Cares at [HMCares20@gmail.com](mailto:HMCares20@gmail.com)

Online Giving Portal (Select Fund for HM Cares):



### Upcoming Events:

April 18 - 19: HM Cares Pantry Collection Weekend

May 24: Friendship Meal w/ St. Bernard's

Pray ✦ Grow ✦ Serve ✦ Give ✦ Share