



"Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! !"
Matthew 15

August 16, 2026
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

HOLY MARTYRS
CATHOLIC CHURCH 

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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

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

Pray for those who have died in Christ

Thomas Quinn

Friday Morning Prayer



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

Come sit in the silence with Jesus on Friday mornings in the chapel at 8 AM with Skip.
What a wonderful time to hear what God has to say to us with no distractions.
Skip looks forward to seeing you there.



CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

Catholic Education
Faith and Values
Second Collection
August 15th -16th, 2026

A Second Collection will be taken this weekend to support Catholic Education in the Diocese of Cleveland.

Please consider making a Donation in Support of Faith + Values Appeal for Catholic Education

Your donation will make a difference in the life of a child as he or she creates friendships, discovers talents, develops a sense of community, and grows as a person of faith in a Catholic school.

To make an online donation, please go to:

<https://www.catholiccommunity.org/give/catholic-education/faith-values-appeal-for-catholic-education>

Parish Staff

Father Mark S. Ott
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Janet Payton
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Pastor Emeritus

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Mass Intentions August 15 - August 23

This Week at Holy Martyrs

Sat	4:30 PM	Raymond and Phyllis Gospodarski
Sun	9:30 AM	Val and Dolly Thomas
	11:30 AM	Parishioners
	5:00 PM	Mary Ann Doyle
Mon	Noon	Marilyn Hassel
Tues	Noon	Marvin Bumb
Wed	Noon	Jean Marie Zaranec
Thurs	Noon	Deb and Roy Lotenero (For Healing)
Sat	4:30 PM	Jerome Grone
Sun	9:30 AM	Maria Teresa Carpio
	11:30 AM	Fredrick Giese
	5:00 PM	Parishioners

Sun 08/16	Mass Time Travelers Journey for Adults: Catechumenate Journey for Teens: Catechumenate Outside Mass Mass	9:30 AM Worship Space 9:30 AM Rooms 203 - 204 10:00 AM Lounge Room 105 10:00 AM Conference Room 11:30 AM Pavilion 5:00 PM Worship Space
Mon 08/17	Daily Mass	Noon Worship Space
Tues 08/18	Glory Bees Daily Mass	7:30 AM Worship Space Noon Worship Space
Wed 08/19	Daily Mass	Noon Worship Space
Thurs 08/20	Daily Mass Eucharistic Adoration Parish Council Meeting	Noon Worship Space 12:30 PM Worship Space 7:00 PM Room 103
Fri 08/21	Prayer in the Chapel	8:00 AM Chapel
Sat 08/22	Reconciliation Vigil Mass	3:00 PM Chapel 4:30 PM Worship Space
Sun 08/23	Mass Time Travelers Journey for Adults: Catechumenate Journey for Teens: Catechumenate Outside Mass Friendship Meal Mass Life Teen	9:30 AM Worship Space 9:30 AM Rooms 203 - 204 10:00 AM Lounge Room 105 10:00 AM Conference Room 11:30 AM Pavilion 1:00 PM Gathering Area Kitchen 5:00 PM Worship Space 6:00 PM Dohner Hall

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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Could you, or somebody you know benefit from having a Stephen Minister?
Contact Janet Payton or Skip McQuate at 330-722-6633.

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Parish News

At Encounter, which is three days of food, fun and service for our HM youth in the middle of July, three of our high school students didn't have enough time to finish up one of their service projects. They decided that they should go back to the parishioner's home and finish the project. Thank you Alan, Julie and Ella for sharing your time and showing the love of Christ to someone who needed our help. May God's blessings be upon you.



The Prayer Corner

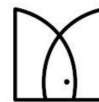


The Prayer Corner

Are you looking for a way to bring prayer into your daily life? If you need inspiration or want to try something new, consider this suggestion from one of Holy Martyrs Parish Pastoral Council Members:

"I listen every weekday morning to the Gospel Reflections in My Catholic Life! App. It is an uplifting way to start the day and reflect on how Jesus is calling me to live out his teachings in my life. Also available in the app are Saints, Catholic Teachings, Inspiring Quotes and much more." - Wendy Bobey

Visit the Welcome Center for the full Prayer Resource List compiled by our HM Parish Council.



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 provided to you.

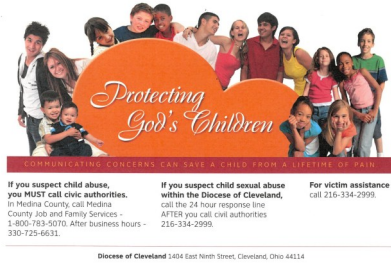
Holy Martyrs Prayer Shawl Ministry



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.

Faith Formation



Empowering God's Children

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.

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Spirit at Holy Martyrs

SPIRIT, our 7th and 8th grade youth group, will begin in September. Registration will be forthcoming.

The theme of our year will be "Unsuspecting Hero".



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



JOIN HOLY MARTYRS LIFETEEN FOR A *Summer Lock-In*

✧ **AUGUST 14TH 8PM- AUGUST 15TH 8AM**
✧ Incoming freshman through graduated seniors welcome!

A night full of...

- Prayerful activities
- Games
- Food
- Friends
- Memories
- Sleep optional!

Sign Up Now!

Scan the QR code below



**Life Teen will not meet this Sunday, August 16.
We will resume on August 23
following the 5:00 PM Mass**

Pray



Grow



Serve



Give



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A Disciple Gives with Gratitude



Your Sunday Offering

"GIVE TO THE MOST HIGH AS HE
HAS GIVEN TO YOU,
GENEROUSLY, ACCORDING TO
YOUR MEANS."

Sirach 35:9



SERVE with LOVE

- A Holy Martyrs Discipleship Practice -

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



Friendship Meal August 23, 2026



Come join us as we cook a hot meal
for our neighbors in need on
Sunday, August 23, 2026

We will cook the meal in the Holy Martyrs
Kitchen on Sunday afternoon (12:30 - 3:00 pm)
and then serve the meal at
St. Bernards in Akron the same afternoon.

We are asking for food donations for our meal
and for people to help cook and serve.

Please use the QR Code to sign up.



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