



HOLY MARTYRS CATHOLIC CHURCH



"You shall Love your neighbor as yourself"
Matthew 22:39

October 25, 2026

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

3100 Old Weymouth Road
Medina, OH 44256
330-722-6633

<https://www.holymartyrs.net>



Holy Martyrs Catholic Church

Encounter Christ + Grow in Faith + Make Disciples

October 25, 2026

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Staff

Father Mark S. Ott	Pastor
Janet Payton	Pastoral Associate
Skip McQuate	SPIRIT Coordinator
Abigail Cook	HM Kids Director
Christopher Ilg	Director of Music
Father Stephen J. Dohner	Pastor Emeritus
Father Robert F. Pfeiffer	Pastor Emeritus

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil	4:30 PM
Sunday	9:30 AM, 11:30 AM, 5:00 PM
Monday - Thursday	12:00 Noon
Holy Days	7:00 PM (Vigil) 12:00 Noon

Sacrament of Penance

Sat: 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
Closed for Lunch 12:45-1:30 PM

Friday - CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED

Phone: 330-722-6633
email: churchoffice@holymartyrs.net



For those who have died in Christ



Mary Jane Groh

Friday Morning Prayer



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

Come sit in the silence with Jesus on Friday morning in the chapel at 8:00 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.

Pray



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Mass Intentions October 24 - November 1

Sat	4:30 PM	Bob Lawrence
Sun	9:30 AM	Parishioners
	11:30 AM	Elizabeth Trabert
	5:00 PM	Joe Krinock
Mon	Noon	David Busta
Tues	Noon	Matthew Galla
Wed	Noon	Joseph McCabe
Thurs	Noon	Leo Martino
Sat	4:30 PM	Parishioners
Sun	9:30 AM	Tim Bobert
	11:30 AM	Weston Jeffrey Cutler
	5:00 PM	Leo Kaliszewski

Baptism



Jack Gabriel Pelak

son of

Gabriel and Abigail Pelak

There is a promise of marriage between:



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Daniel Shy and Anita Van Dress

This Week at Holy Martyrs

Sun 10/25	Choir Rehearsal Mass Time Travelers Journey for Adults: Catechumenate Journey for Teens: Catechumenate Mass Journey for Teens: Inquiry Baptism Prep Session Mass Life Teen Spirit	9:00 AM 9:30 AM 9:30 AM 10:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 1:00 PM 1:30 PM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM	Pfeiffer Hall A Worship Space Rooms 203 - 204 Lounge Room 105 Conference Room Worship Space Sunday Office Worship Space Worship Space Dohner Hall Pfeiffer Hall B
Mon 10/26	Daily Mass HM Kids Grade 2 Parent & Child Reconciliation Workshop CONNECT Parents	Noon 6:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM	Worship Space Parish Life Center Gathering Area Kazel Room
Tues 10/27	Glory Bees CONNECT Moms: Morning Daily Mass CONNECT Women Stephen Leaders Meeting Discovering Christ CONNECT Moms: Evening CONNECT Men Evening	7:30 AM 9:00 AM Noon 1:00 PM 4:30 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Worship Space Pfeiffer Hall B Worship Space Clarke Room Sunday Office Gathering Area Lounge Room 105 Offsite
Wed 10/28	Daily Mass Prayer Shawl Ministry CONNECT Wed Afternoon CONNECT Mixed Adults CONNECT Wed Evening Choir Rehearsal	Noon 1:00 PM 2:00 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Worship Space Room 103 Lounge Room 105 Room 102 Lounge Room 105 Worship Space
Thurs 10/29	Daily Mass Eucharistic Adoration CONNECT Mixed Adults	Noon 12:30 PM 2:00 PM	Worship Space Worship Space Room 102
Fri 10/30	Prayer in the Chapel Deanery Priests Social Gathering	8:00 AM 4:30 PM	Chapel Worship Space
Sat 10/31	CONNECT Men CONNECT Mixed Adults Reconciliation Vigil Mass	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 3:00 PM 4:30 PM	Lounge Room 105 Clarke Room Chapel Worship Space
Sun 11/01	Choir Rehearsal Mass Time Travelers Journey for Adults: Catechumenate Journey for Teens: Catechumenate Mass Journey for Teens: Inquiry Mass Life Teen SPIRIT	9:00 AM 9:30 AM 9:30 AM 10:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 1:00 PM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM	Pfeiffer Hall A Worship Space Rooms 203-204 Lounge Room 105 Conference Room Worship Space Sunday Office Worship Space Dohner Hall Pfeiffer Hall

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Pastor's Message

Blessed Sunday to you all

I'm very grateful to Bishop Malesic for assigning me to be the pastor here at Holy Martyrs. My first two months have involved a pretty big learning curve as I am getting to know the deeper history of the parish and the inner workings of administration here. I recently received the results of the parish survey that many of you participated in, and I've begun processing them with the parish staff and Pastoral Council. I hope to share a fuller summary of what I've been learning in my first 100 days as pastor in mid-November, when I will offer a sort of "state of the parish address" along with our annual financial report.

But for today, I'd like to share a bit about my two other "side assignments" in the diocese. The first is that I am still an adjunct faculty member at St. Mary Seminary in Wickliffe. I have agreed to teach one Scripture course per semester, which I am currently doing on Wednesday afternoons. For the Fall semester, I am teaching Biblical Hermeneutics, which is a course on the history and methods of Catholic graduate level biblical studies. Next semester I will be teaching the letters of St. Paul and the Catholic Epistles. It's great to stay connected with the guys coming up in formation for priesthood.

I am away from the parish for most of this weekend working on my second "side assignment." Back in 2012, Bishop Lennon assigned me to be the spiritual director for the Community of Jesus the Living Mercy. This is a Lay Association of the Faithful here in the Diocese of Cleveland, which is sort of like a religious order for lay people. Most of the members are married and have careers, but they also agree to a shared rule of life and do ongoing formation. The focus of this community is a ministry of counseling and healing for those who have suffered an abortion in their past. We walk with women and men who often endure immense societal pressure along with tremendous feelings of guilt and shame, secretly bearing these for years or even decades. We accompany them toward Jesus our merciful healer. As spiritual director, I am with them for the entirety this weekend, from Friday evening until Sunday midday, for their annual healing retreat. Saturday is particularly powerful, as I am usually engaged in confessions or counseling pretty much from sunup to sundown. Although I am technically the spiritual director, I feel like I have learned much more from this community than I have offered about the depths of love and mercy we receive from our gracious Savior. Please join me in praying for the ongoing healing of all those making the retreat this weekend, and for a greater reverence and respect for all human life from conception to natural death. Life is such a gift! May we share our lives in gratitude.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Mark

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Confirmation 2026

Congratulations to all who were confirmed Sunday, October 18.

**Thank you Bishop Martin Amos
and all who prepared for this special day.**

Come Holy Spirit!



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Faith Formation

Spirit at Holy Martyrs

SPIRIT, our 7th and 8th grade youth group began Sunday, September 20, 2026 but it's still not too late to register.

On Sunday, October 11, 2026, we discussed Mary and the "Origin Story". We talked about how we honor Mary and call on her as a helpful guide and mother in times of need.

There was no SPIRIT on Sunday, October 18, 2026 due to Confirmation taking place. We will resume on Sunday, October 25, 2026.



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



Life Teen will meet Sunday, October 25, 2026 at 6:00 PM



LifeTeen is our high school youth ministry that meets Sunday nights from 6pm-8pm in Dohner Hall here at Holy Martyrs.



We eat dinner together, play some fun (and usually chaotic) games, and tie it all together with prayer or faith-based activities.



Come join us Sunday, September 20th for our big Fall Kickoff!

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A Disciple Gives with Gratitude



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"GIVE TO THE MOST HIGH AS HE HAS GIVEN TO YOU, GENEROUSLY, ACCORDING TO YOUR MEANS."
Sirach 35:9



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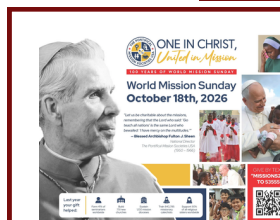


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- A Holy Martyrs Discipleship Practice -

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



ONE IN CHRIST, United in Mission
World Mission Sunday
October 18th, 2026



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

November 6, 2026

Guest Speaker:
Chris Larson, CEO of Catholic Charities Diocese of Cleveland.

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, November 3, 2026.

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

World Mission Sunday 2026

"One in Christ, united in mission."

Thank you to all who generously supported the World Mission.

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