



I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.
John 14:6

August 24, 2025
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Holy Martyrs Catholic Church

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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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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/>

Mass at the Pavilion

Sunday at the 11:30 Mass



You may also bring your own lawn chair to sit on during Mass.
For ease of access please plan to park in the back parking lot.
Mass will be moved inside if weather is not conducive to sitting outdoors.

The last Mass in the Pavilion will be held on Sunday, August 31 and will resume in May, 2026.

Friday Morning Prayer



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

Baptism



Fiona Cecelia Goff

Daughter of

Aaron and Natalie Goff

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Brandon Woods
Life Teen Coordinator

Father Mark Ott
Weekend Priest

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Mass Intentions August 23- August 31

This Week at Holy Martyrs

Sat	4:30 PM	Parishioners
Sun	9:30 AM	Jane Baddorf
	11:30 AM	Teresa Oberaitis
	5:00 PM	James Szucs
Mon	Noon	Doris Kovacek
Tues	Noon	Ladd Fogl
Wed	Noon	Helen and Ralph Mulhan
Thurs	Noon	Brenda Embrecia
Fri	NO DAILY MASS	
Sat	4:30 PM	Irene Vickers
Sun	9:30 AM	Parishioners
	11:30 AM	Leah Comes
	5:00 PM	Dennis Gula

Sun 08/24	Mass Time Travelers Café Special Guest Chef Outside Mass	9:30 AM Worship Space 9:30 AM Rooms 203-204 10:30 AM Cafe 11:30 AM Pavilion/Worship Space
	Catechist Retreat - Session 1 HM Cares Friendship Meal Contemporary Mass	1:00 PM Pfeiffer Hall B 1:00 PM GA Kitchen 5:00 PM Worship Space
Mon 08/25	Daily Mass	Noon Worship Space
Tues 08/26	Glory Bees Daily Mass Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom Summer Bible Study	7:30 AM Worship Space Noon Worship Space 6:30 PM Room 102
Wed 08/27	Daily Mass Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom Summer Bible Study Virtus Training	Noon Worship Space 2:00 PM Martyrs Hall 5:30 PM Pfeiffer Hall B
Thurs 08/28	Daily Mass Eucharistic Adoration	Noon Worship Space 12:30 PM Worship Space
Fri 08/29	Prayer in the Chapel	8:00 AM Chapel
Sat 08/30	Catechist Retreat - Session 2 Reconciliation Vigil Mass	9:30 AM Pfeiffer Hall B 3:00 PM Chapel 4:30 PM Worship Space
Sun 08/31	Mass Time Travelers Outside Mass Contemporary Mass	9:30 AM Worship Space 9:30 AM Rooms 203-204 11:30 AM Pavilion/Worship Space 5:00 PM Worship Space

DAILY MASS
AT HOLY MARTYRS

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**Daily Mass
will be held at
noon Monday
through
Thursday each
week unless
otherwise
noted.**

**Eucharistic
Adoration**

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

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

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Parish News

Café Event

Sunday, August 24 after our 9:30 AM Mass

Enjoy a pancake breakfast prepared by our guest chef



Community



Friendship



Connection

Donations gratefully accepted



A 7-week series on the most important questions of life

Tuesdays*
September 9, 16, 23, 30
and October 7, 14, 21
Saturday,** October 11 (Retreat)



* Begins at 6 pm with a nice meal; ends promptly at 8:30pm
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Protecting God's Children® for Adults

Protecting God's Children® for Adults is training conducted by VIRTUS® certified facilitators on the prevention of child sexual abuse. The training makes participants aware of the signs of child sexual abuse, the methods and means by which offenders commit abuse, and five easy steps one can use to prevent child sexual abuse. Two videos are the centerpiece of the training: *A Time to Protect God's Children™* and *A Plan to Protect God's Children™*. The facilitators incorporate policies and procedures into the training defining child sexual abuse, addressing the reporting of child sexual abuse, the screening and selection of employees and volunteers, and victim advocacy.

Virtus is a critical tool for EVERY parent to protect ALL children.

Upcoming Virtus Trainings:

Tuesday, August 19, St. Ambrose, Brunswick 6-9 PM

Thursday, August 21, St. Mary, Hudson, 6-9 PM

Tuesday, August 26, St. Anthony of Padua, Akron 6-9 PM

*Wednesday, August 27, Holy Martyrs, Medina, 5:30-8:30 PM

Saturday, September 6, Our Lady Queen of Peace, Grafton, 1:30-4:30 PM

TO REGISTER, PLEASE GO TO:

https://www.virtusonline.org/mytraining/live_registration.com

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT JENNY MESSINA AT:

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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

Pray ✦ Grow ✦ Serve ✦ Give ✦ Share

Faith Formation

**HM Kids
Family Night
Kick-Off
September 15**

For more information on our HM Kids Program, please go to:

<https://holymartyrs.net/about-us/elementary-and-middle-school-grades/>

Or scan the QR Code below:



Please register now for Spirit. Kickoff is Sunday, September 14, 2025



To register, use the QR Code below:



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



You are invited to join Life Teen for the 2025/26 year, starting with our kickoff on Sunday, September 14th immediately following the 5pm Mass!

Join us for games, food, prayer, friends, and so much more.

This will be a year you will NOT want to miss so sign up NOW. You can sign up using the QR code or by searching "LIFE TEEN" under "Events" at www.holymartyrs.net



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Elsewhere

Cultivating a Spirituality of Storytelling: How Ignatian Spirituality Helps Us Uncover our Deepest Selves with Eric A. Clayton

7 pm Friday, September 26 to
12 pm Sunday, September 28, 2025

Villa Maria Education & Spirituality Center in Villa Maria, PA will sponsor a special weekend retreat with Eric A. Clayton on September 26-28, 2025. Eric is the deputy director of communications for the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States and the author of multiple books on Ignatian Spirituality and everyday life. The retreat is entitled "Cultivating a Spirituality of Storytelling: How Ignatian Spirituality Helps Us Uncover our Deepest Selves."

For more information or to register, go to:

<https://vmesc.org/programs-retreats/all-events?id=1024>

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



Guest Speaker
Bishop Edward C. Malesic
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Catholic Diocese of Cleveland

September 5, 2025
Noon

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Doors open at 11:00 AM; the program begins at noon, and ends promptly at 1:00 PM.

Reservations can be made by calling 330-535-7668

by sending a check to:
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PO Box 13291, Fairlawn, OH 44334

or online at www.firstfridayclubofgreaterakron.org



National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

Every day, almost 3,000 babies are killed in our country through abortion, and most of their bodies are discarded as medical waste.

Please join Right to Life of Northeast Ohio on **Saturday, September 13th** as we observe the **National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children at 1:00 pm** at Holy Cross Cemetery in Akron.

Visit our website at www.rtolofneo.com for more information and to register your attendance.

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It's Okay to Be Human...



In Jesus, God became human and fully experienced the wide range of emotions we all encounter in life. Jesus experienced times of loneliness, sadness, hurt, anger, disappointment, grief, and abandonment. That is part of being human. Another part of being human is needing help from each other. God never intended us to be completely self-sufficient. Part of God's plan is for each of us to turn to others for help when we need it.

So when you are experiencing difficult times, don't struggle alone. Our Stephen Ministers will walk with you, listen to you, encourage you, pray with you, and provide confidential one-to-one care to help you through tough times. Stephen Ministers can bring the love of Jesus back into your life. To learn more about Stephen Ministry, talk to one of our Stephen Leaders: Janet Payton or Skip McQuate. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!

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A Disciple Gives with Gratitude

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

SERVE with LOVE

- A Holy Martyrs Discipleship Practice -

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



GLORY BEES

We are in need of a few more people willing to help vacuum the Worship Space on Tuesday mornings.

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.



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