



Parish Calendar

- April 12** Knights of Columbus meeting 7:00 pm
- April 13** Altar Society meeting 7:00 pm
- April 13** RCIA 7:00 pm
- April 14** Full of Grace women's group 6:00 pm
- April 14** St. Vincent de Paul meeting 6:00 pm
- April 15** Strategic Planning meeting 7:00 pm
- April 17** Stewardship Committee meeting 8:00 am
- April 17** Women of Grace meeting 9:30 am
- April 18** Coffee & Rolls after all morning Masses
- April 18** New Parishioner Welcome after 9:30 am Mass
- April 18** Knights Policeman/Fireman Banquet 6:30 pm
- April 20** RCIA 7:00 pm
- April 21** Full of Grace women's group 6:00 pm
- April 22** Parish Council meeting 7:00 pm
- April 24** Church Cleaning 7:00 am led by the Charles Garnier Group (Novosad)
- April 24** LOTW Board meeting 9:30 am
- April 25** Evangelization Committee 5:00 pm
- April 25** Godteens Holy Hour 6:00 pm
- April 28** St. Vincent de Paul meeting 6:00 pm

School Calendar

- April 12** School Resumes
- April 16** 1:30 pm Dismissal
- April 18** Martyrs School First Communion 2:00 pm
- April 20** PTO meeting/Science Fair 7:00 pm
- April 27** Preschool Preview 7:00 pm

CCD Calendar

- April 14** CCD Rosary 6:10 pm—Class will follow
- April 21** Class—Priests visit classrooms
- April 25** Martyrs CCD First Communion 2:00 pm
- April 28** Class

ATTENTION COUPLES: We are still seeking one married couple to be Godteen Leaders for next year's freshmen! You would meet weekly with your group of students throughout their high school years (with summers off). It is a great opportunity to serve the Church and our Parish! Call Steph with questions or interest! 402-890-5599



Martyrs Night Out will be on **Tuesday, April 13th** from 5:00—8:00 pm at the Runza restaurant at 27th & Superior Streets. SCRIP may be used.

A single human soul is of more worth than the whole universe of bodies and material goods. There is nothing above the human soul except God. In the light of the eternal value and absolute dignity of the soul, society exists for each person and is subordinate thereto.
Jacques Maritain

Budget Report to Date: Fiscal Year Jul 1, 2009 - Jun 30, 2010	
Received to date: July 1–Mar. 28.....	\$ 696,918
Needed to date for annual budget	\$ 635,700
Annual budget overage to date.....	\$ 61,218
Building Fund Campaign March Report	
(To finance our new Church and Parish Hall)	
BOS Envelopes and plate.....	\$ 20,278
BOS E-Tithe.....	\$ 10,240
Total.....	\$ 30,531
Amount Applied to Debt.....	\$ 30,550
Debt as of March 30, 2010.....	\$431,731

Huskers Spring Red and White Football Game volunteers are needed. The Knights need 24 volunteers to help with stadium seats during the game on April 17th for this fundraiser. Must be at least 14 years old. See the game for free! Call Greg at 470-0866 or sign up in the Narthex *by April 11th*.

Martyrs Knights of Columbus will be holding a **Firefighter/Police Officer of the Year Banquet** on **Sunday, April 18th**. All are invited to this special event to honor our city's public servants. \$10/person. Social starts at 6 pm with a catered dinner at 6:30 pm. RSVP to Greg at 470-0866 or Gary at 570-0732 *by April 10th*. Please attend and help congratulate the Firefighter and Police Officer of the Year!



Preschool Meeting has been changed. New date is **Tuesday, April 27**, at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall for parents interested in registering their child in preschool for the 2010-2011 school year. Martyrs offers programs for 3-year old and 4-year old children.



The **Pre - K Vacation Bible School** program is in need of adult and youth volunteers. You must be in at least 7th grade currently to volunteer. The program is in need of teachers, group leaders, and nursery help. If you are interested in helping out please call Dawn Niedergeses at 470-2678 or send an e-mail to ericanddawn.1@netzero.net.

Fashion Show: The Altar Society is having a women and children Fashion Show on **Thursday, June 3rd** at 6:00 pm. We are in need of models to wear fashions from *The Vickeridge* and *Once Upon A Child*. If you are interested in being one of our stars please contact Cindy Seidl at 435-2581. No experience necessary.

WELCOME to our new Parishioners who registered in the month of March: **Adam Johnson, Marvin Archer, Jason & Tricia Winer, Antonio Almazan, Jason & Sara Rolf** and **Jill Becker**. New parishioner welcome is **April 18th** after the **9:30 am** Mass in the Parish Hall. We look forward to visiting with you!



A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR! **RCIA and the Easter Vigil**

We are very blessed by God to have a good tradition of many RCIA participants at North American Martyrs. I was privileged to teach the RCIA classes this past year. We had a diverse group of catechumens and candidates joining the Church this year. Some were engaged to Catholics or were married to a Catholic. Others came to know the Church by way of a friend or relative and one had been attracted to the Catholic faith 50 years ago when she attended a Catholic school in Boulder, Colorado. Each of these stories is rich and unique and we enjoyed getting to know each other and learn more about Sacred Scripture, the teachings, traditions and sacraments of the Catholic Faith, and the lives of the saints over the past eight months.

The culmination of our classes was the Easter Vigil where seven were Baptized, ten more were received into the Church and all seventeen were Confirmed and received their First Holy Communion. We had several others who joined the Church at other parishes and some who determined that now was not the right time to join the Catholic Church, but hopefully sometime soon.

We began the Easter Vigil with the Service of Light—lighting a fire in the courtyard and blessing the Easter candle and lighting it from the fire. Processing into the dark church is one of the most beautiful moments all year—to look up at the candle as it pierces the darkness against our wooden ceiling we chant “Christ Our Light” and respond “Thanks be to God”.

“What good would life have been had Christ not come as our Savior” we sing in the Exsultet. This sums up the whole purpose of the celebration. We celebrate with joy throughout the 50 days of Easter that Christ came, lay down his life for us, and rose from the dead to gain for us Eternal Life. As Martyrs and witnesses to Christ, we hope to bring even more people to Christ one year from now. Father Snitily will be the main teacher for the RCIA classes next year. It is a tremendous blessing to be involved with RCIA and a great learning experience for all who participate.

Have a Happy Easter. Christ has Risen! Alleluia.

Father Brian Connor

National March for Life 2010

My name is Ashley Patzel and I am a junior at Pius. This year I attend the National March for Life in Washington D.C. and I would like to thank the PTO and The Knights of Columbus for helping to fund my trip. While on the trip, I was surprised at the lack of other people from Martyrs. I know that when I signed up for the trip, I was not really sure what to expect and did not know if it would be any fun or not. Now that I have gone, I would like to let everyone else know how great the trip really was. We visited many famous sites, wandered around D.C., and had a great time at the Pro Life Youth Rally and the March for Life itself.

It took a whole day to get to D.C., and by time we arrived we were pretty desperate to get off the bus. No time was wasted; we started to see the sites right away. We saw the Lincoln Memorial, Korean War Memorial, and the Iwo Jima Memorial. Tours were given at the Capital and at the Pentagon. At the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington Cemetery, we saw the guards that switched every hour. We also got to go shopping at the Union Station Mall, talked with Congressman Fortenberry, and saw some of the national museums. Each group got to choose some of the things they saw and we traveled mostly by walking or the metro. My chaperones took my group out to eat and we all tried fried squid, which was actually very good.

Every day we went to Mass and said a morning and night prayer. The day before the March we had Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. We arrived for Mass two hours early and still sat on the floor. There were over 400 seminarians and it took them 45 minutes just for them to walk in; the Mass itself lasted 3 hours. The basilica is beautiful and the amount of people was amazing to see. On the day of the March we went to the youth rally and Mass. This too had so many people, and was the best Mass I ever attended. Mass was like a concert; they had a live band that was singing and encouraging us. The sermon was inspiring and prepared us for the March, along with a speaker. Afterwards we marched, and many of us linked arms to avoid getting lost in all the people. It was really remarkable and I would not trade the experience for anything.

After the March, we packed up and headed home. Despite the long drive and trying to sleep on the bus, the trip was worth it. Next year, I would love to go again and I strongly recommend to everyone else to try and go. It was a truly memorable and inspiring week, and definitely something I will never forget.

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God wants us to plan, as long as we place our plans at his feet. In Tobit, we read: "Bless the Lord God on every occasion; ask him that your ways may be made straight and that all your paths and plans may prosper" (Tobit 4:19).

When it comes to financial planning, we rely on a few basic tools. The balance sheet and budget are two of these tools. Think of the balance sheet as a snapshot photo of your financial position at one point in time. It is a summary listing of assets and liabilities. An asset is something of value that you own. A liability represents a debt that you owe. Net worth equals assets minus liabilities.

The makeup of your balance sheet should change dramatically over the years, with a growing base of assets to help pay for future responsibilities, and a declining debt balance as college loans and mortgages are paid off.

A budget is a summary of income and expenses over a chosen period of time. My preference is to use annual budgets. Why? I want a time frame that's long enough to see the big picture—one that captures all of the expenses I expect to incur during the course of a year. Some people break budgets into monthly or weekly amounts. But it's a lot of work to break down irregular expenses into monthly amounts. I find the annual approach works just fine. Great freedom comes with proper planning. God love you!