



**Parish Calendar**

- November 5** Widow's Support Group 6:30 pm
- November 5** Veritas Financial Group 7:00 pm
- November 6** Scrapbooking Group 6:30 pm
- November 7** Women of Grace 9:30 am
- November 8** Evangelization Committee 1:00 pm
- November 9** Knights of Columbus 7:00 pm
- November 9** Bazaar Committee 8:00 pm
- November 10** RCIA 7:00 pm
- November 11** Lord, Teach Me to Pray 6:00 pm
- November 11** Altar Society Basket Making 7:00 pm
- November 12** Strategic Planning Committee 7:00 pm
- November 12** Veritas Financial Group 7:00 pm
- November 15** New Parishioner Welcome after 9:30 am Mass
- November 15** **Parish Bazaar 10:00 am—3:00 pm**
- November 16** Bazaar Committee 8:00 pm
- November 17** RCIA 7:00 pm
- November 18** Lord, Teach Me to Pray 6:00 pm
- November 18** St. Vincent de Paul 6:00 pm
- November 19** Parish Council 7:00 pm
- November 19** Veritas Financial Group 7:00 pm
- November 21** Church Cleaning 7 am led by the Anthony Daniel Group—Don & Fran Potter
- November 21** Full of Grace 9:30 am
- November 21** Stewardship Committee 9:30 am
- November 22** Godteens Holy Hour 6:00 pm
- November 24** RCIA 7:00 pm

**School Calendar**

- November 20** Dismissal at 1:30 pm
- November 25-27** Thanksgiving Vacation—No School



**Holiday Scrip Challenge** will continue through December 13th. Please put the child's name and class on the Scrip envelope.

**Food Pantry:** Our Food Drive to support the St. Francis Food Pantry has collected 774 lbs. to date. Please bring non-perishable food items and place them in the blue barrel located in the Narthex. Thank you for your generosity!

**Thanksgiving Day Mass Schedule**  
**Thursday, November 26**  
**8:00 am & 10:00 am**

A special Thanksgiving collection will be taken up for our Parish's St. Vincent de Paul Society.



**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**Holy Day of Obligation**  
**Mass Schedule**  
**Monday, December 7 - 6:00 pm**  
**Tuesday, December 8 - 6:40 am, 8:00 am & 6:00 pm**

**Budget Report to Date:** Fiscal Year Jul 1, 2009 - Jun 30, 2010

Received to date: July 1–Oct. 26.....	\$ 265,563
Needed to date for annual budget .....	\$ 277,100
<b>Annual budget shortage to date.....</b>	<b>(\$11,537)</b>

**Building Fund Campaign October Report**  
(To finance our new Church and Parish Hall)

BOS Envelopes and plate.....	\$ 13,681
BOS E-Tithe.....	\$ 9,096
Piux X Campaign.....	\$ 6,950
Recycling.....	\$ 16
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 29,743</b>
<b>Amount Applied to Debt.....</b>	<b>\$ 30,000</b>
<b>Debt as of Oct. 31, 2009.....</b>	<b>\$586,075</b>

16<sup>th</sup> Annual North American Martyrs Church

**Parish Bazaar**

**Sunday, Nov. 15th • 10:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**Lunch Served: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm**

**Adults: \$6.00**

**Children 3-12: \$3.00 and 2 & under Free**  
**Chili & Chicken Noodle Soup • Pulled Pork**  
**Hot Dogs • Homemade Pies • Cinnamon Rolls**

*Exciting Live Auction* starts at 1:30 pm

Silent Auction ends 2:30—3:15 pm

(accepting both Visa and Master Card)

Bingo • Cake Walk • Games • Balloon Creation

Bake Sale • Religious Items

**Raffle at 3:00 pm: Top Prizes: \$1000 Cash, \$250**

Cash, Nintendo Wii,

Nintendo DS with game money.

**Parish Bazaar Information:**

**2-Liter Pop Donations:** We are asking each CCD and Martyrs School family to donate **two** 2-liter bottles of pop. These can be dropped off at the school. In addition, we are asking for each family to bring a cake or cupcake items for the cake walk.

**Tickets:** Meal and Game tickets for the Bazaar will be pre-sold after Masses.

**Raffle:** Tickets can be turned in to the CCD and School Office, after Masses when a Bazaar worker is in the Narthex, or may be dropped off at the raffle area the day of the Bazaar.

**Donation Drop Off:** Food and items to be donated can be dropped off on Friday Nov 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 9:30 pm and Saturday Nov 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am – 1:30 pm. **Enter through school doors.**

**Volunteers Need:** Adults, Teens and Students needed to help in the Dining Room, Snack Bar, Bake Sale, Games, Prize Room, clean up and Kitchen – Cook & Prep – Friday thru Sunday, Nov. 13-15. Please look after Mass in the Narthex for the signup sheets.

*Below are excerpts from a letter we received last month from an anonymous benefactor. We are very grateful.*

Dear Fr. Connor,

While we are not members of North American Martyrs Parish, we believe strongly in Catholic schools and want to help ensure the ongoing operation and success of Martyrs School. We recognize the financial pressures placed upon Catholic schools and want to both acknowledge past efforts, and encourage future efforts, to keep Catholic education affordable in the city of Lincoln. Enclosed is a check for \$100,000 .00 for North American Martyrs School. This figure represents \$850 per student less the total tuition and fees charged for the 2009-10 school year. For your school the contribution works out to \$200 per student.

Just as Catholic education benefits the parish and church as a whole, so too the responsibility for providing this education is that of the parish as a whole and not just of the parents of the current students. It is our belief that formal, parish-wide stewardship efforts, rather than reliance on the “demand payment” system of tuition and fees, are critical to the long-term survival and success of the Catholic Schools.

Sincerely, Stewards of God’s Gifts

**Stewardship Matching Grant Received:** Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners and a major benefactor, we received a check for \$30,000 as a match for the increased amount given by the parish during the 2008-09 fiscal year compared to the prior year. Our adult contributions went from \$783,000 in 2008 to \$814,984 in 2009 (an increase of \$31,984). We have the opportunity for another matching gift in 2010 if we can continue to grow our stewardship in this new year.

It looks as if we are off to a good start in meeting our Stewardship Campaign goals. We will have an update next month on the success of our Stewardship Appeal.

Sincerely in Christ, Fr. Brian Connor

### **Oppose Abortion Funding and Mandates in Health Care Reform!**

Floor debate and voting on health care reform legislation will soon be underway in the both the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives. Genuine health care reform should protect the life and dignity of all people from the moment of conception until natural death. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has concluded that all committee-approved bills—two in the Senate and three in the House—are seriously deficient, especially on the issues of abortion and conscience. None of the bills retains longstanding current policies against abortion funding or abortion coverage mandates, and none fully protects rights of conscience in health care. If these deficiencies are not corrected, the bishops will oppose the health care bill vigorously. Visit [www.usccb.org/healthcare](http://www.usccb.org/healthcare).

Senate floor action will likely take place first, so please contact Senators Ben Nelson and Mike Johanns at your earliest opportunity! **BEN NELSON: 1-202-224-6551 or e-mail through his website at [www.bennelson.senate.gov](http://www.bennelson.senate.gov); MIKE JOHANNIS: 1-202-224-4224 or e-mail through his website at [www.johanns.senate.gov](http://www.johanns.senate.gov)**

**MESSAGE: Please use your influence and do all you can to ensure that the healthcare reform bill is amended to incorporate longstanding policies against abortion funding and in favor of conscience rights. If these amendments are not made, then please oppose the final bill .**

**WELCOME** to our new Parishioners who registered in the month of October: **Joseph & Abbie Booth, Tiffany Sanderson, Timothy & Desiree Kelly, Paul & Brandie Schmit, Celia Sherman, Matthew & Windy Taylor, Joshua Palik, Matthew & Krystal Preister, Matt & Kaitlin Westling, Robert & Michelle Colgrove, John Langley, Brian Kaup, Sandra Becker, John & Julianne Spatz and David & Andrea Quinn.** New parishioner welcome is November 15th after the **9:30 am** Mass. Please come to the Family/Music Room where you will be welcomed and given information about Martyrs parish. *We hope you feel at home in our parish!*



### **Faith and Finances with Phil Lenahan Managing Your Money: Living as Married Singles?**

I was recently contacted by a woman who said she and her husband were living as financial singles. Unfortunately, that occurs more than it should. Why isn’t there better communication between husbands and wives when it comes to money?

In many cases, spouses are following their parents’ example. Parents tend to talk about money behind closed doors, and not teach their children how to manage it or communicate about it. It shouldn’t be a surprise that young spouses have trouble communicating about money as well.

Then there are households that face money problems. In such circumstances, it may seem easier to sweep challenges under the rug rather than raise the issue, and have to deal with an impatient or even angry response. Of course, as problems fester and grow, they become even more difficult to solve.

Finally, some carry a selfish or immature attitude from their single life into marriage. Once at a seminar, a woman jokingly said, “My money is *my* money; his money is *our* money.” We all laughed, but there are many households where such attitudes build inappropriate walls around resources. Selfishness has no place in marriage.

No matter the cause, it’s not the Lord’s desire that couples live their financial lives as married singles. In Genesis 2:24, we read, “Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and cleaves to his wife, and they become one flesh.” Visit [www.VeritasFinancialMinistries.com](http://www.VeritasFinancialMinistries.com) for tools that can help you bring unity to managing money in your marriage. God love you!