



**Parish Calendar**

- November 10** RCIA 7:00 pm
- November 12** Marriage Enrichment Night (see flyer)
- November 14** Widow's Support Group 6:30 pm
- November 14** Knights of Columbus 7:00 pm
- November 15** Parish Council 7:00 pm
- November 16** Altar Society Basket-making 6:00 pm
- November 16** Bazaar Committee 7:30 pm
- November 17** RCIA 7:00 pm
- November 19** Church Cleaning 7 am led by the Anthony Daniel Group—Don & Fran Potter
- November 19** Women of Grace 9:30 am
- November 19** Stewardship Committee 9:30 am
- November 20** Parish Bazaar 9:00 am—3:00 pm
- November 30** St. Vincent de Paul Society 6:00 pm

**School News**

- November 18** Dismissal at 1:30 pm—Faculty meeting
- November 23-25** Thanksgiving Vacation—No School

**CCD News**

- November 16** Class—Priests visit classrooms
- November 23** No Class—Thanksgiving Break
- November 30** Class

**Thanksgiving Day Mass Schedule**

**Thursday, November 24**  
**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**

**Wednesday, December 7 - 7:00 pm**  
**Thursday, December 8 - 6:40 am, 8:00 am & 6:30 pm**

Nativity CHOCOLATE Advent Calendars are new this year from the Knights of Columbus. These calendars, and other advent calendars, along with advent wreaths, candles, Christmas cards, and other "Keep Christ In Christmas" products will be available at 1) the Bazaar, 2) after all weekend Masses beginning November 19th, and 3) anytime at the Knights self serve display in the Narthex. The CHOCOLATE Advent Calendars are expected to be a "hot" new item, so shop early.



**First Sunday Exposition and Confession: Next Holy Hour will be Sunday, December 4th** beginning at 7:00 pm. This can be a special time on the Lord's Day for prayer, worship and silent reflection with Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. All are invited.

**Budget Report to Date:** Fiscal Year Jul 1, 2011 - Jun 30, 2012  
Received to date: July 1 - Oct. 30..... \$ 313,415  
Needed to date for annual budget ..... \$ 348,500  
**Annual budget shortage to date..... (\$ 35,085)**

**Building Fund Campaign October Report**

(To finance our new Church and Parish Hall)

BOS Envelopes and plate.....\$ 11,360  
BOS E-Tithe.....\$ 10,937  
Recycling.....\$ 46  
**Total..... \$ 22,343**  
**Amount Applied to Debt.....\$ 22,000**  
**Debt as of October 31, 2011..... \$156,000**

**Charitable Contributions for 2011:** When completing your income tax and other financial planning for the year, please remember that charitable contributions to the parish must be given by **Saturday, December 31st** to be included on your 2011 Stewardship of Treasure statement.

Remember to use SCRIP for all of your purchases especially during the upcoming Holidays.

Since 1994, over \$420,000 has been received from the sales of SCRIP used for normal household purchases such as groceries, gas, and gifts.



Proceeds this year are being used to support the Youth Ministry Program and the Religious Orders that serve our parish. SCRIP will help to pay for retreats, the cry room chairs, and other Parish projects like buying the room dividers and more white tables for the Parish Hall.

Currently the NAM School and CCD children are participating in the annual SCRIP Challenge. By marking your SCRIP envelope with a student's name and grade they may be rewarded with prizes such as an ice cream party.

**Annual Parish Bazaar**

**Sunday, November 20th**

**9:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**Lunch served from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm**

**Spaghetti and meatball, Italian salad, breadstick and homemade pie.**

**Adults \$8; Children 3-12 \$4; Age 2 & Under Free**

**Kid game punch cards are \$6.00 for 20 games.**

**Join us for kids games, live auction, good food and fun for all!**



**ST. FRANCIS FOOD PANTRY:** Martyrs Knights of Columbus are collecting food year round for the Catholic Social Services Food Pantry. Please bring non-perishable food items to help those in need. Place your donations in the barrel in the Narthex. God bless your generosity!

**Stewardship Commitment:** We have been extremely blessed with good Stewardship at NAM since the inception of the parish. Thanks to all who faithfully e-tithe and use their envelopes. The generosity is very edifying. As a parish, we are committed to promoting and cultivating good stewardship. Pray over your new pledge and offer to God what he inspires. We want to



Receive God's gifts.....gratefully  
Nurture God's gifts.....responsibly  
Share God's gifts .....justly and sacrificially  
Return God's gifts..... abundantly.

**SCRIP:** Thanks to all who use SCRIP! In the clever acronym of Sr. Barbara you are “**Stupendous Catholics Really Investing in your Parish!**” What a blessing to have an additional \$45,000 to accomplish so many good things for our parish. We are so very blessed by this good example of Stewardship!

**New Roman Missal:** Changes with the new translation of the Roman Missal: At last, this month we will begin using the new Roman Missal. As I said at Masses, the translation is much improved over what we have used for the past 40 years. It will take time for all of us to get used to but certainly be worth the effort. There will be plenty of faux pas but if we all try to pay attention and do our best, then God will be most pleased and glorified in our worship.

Try to get to church a little earlier so we can practice where we need to with song responses and Mass parts. The parishioners will need to keep the folded pew cards close by (and share) especially for the Gloria (good singing so far J) and Nicene Creed . The priests will need to keep close watch on the Roman Missal so they are careful to pray the new prayers with correct phrasing and emphasis.

Please prayerfully reflect on how you plan to give of your time and talent in the year ahead. We are very blessed to have many opportunities to invest yourself in the parish.

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| ◆ Daily Mass              | ◆ Sunday School            | ◆ Church Cleaning             |
| ◆ Landscape Crew          | ◆ Altar Society            | ◆ St. Vincent de Paul Society |
| ◆ Snow Removal            | ◆ Knights of Columbus      | ◆ Matt Talbot Kitchen         |
| ◆ Helping Hands           | ◆ Music Ministry           | ◆ Eucharistic Adoration       |
| ◆ SCRIP                   | ◆ PTO                      | ◆ CCD                         |
| ◆ Schoenstatt             | ◆ RCIA                     | ◆ Finance Committee           |
| ◆ A Mother's Prayer Group | ◆ Women of Grace           | ◆ Godteens                    |
| ◆ Youth Ministry          | ◆ Parish Office Volunteers | ◆ FOCCUS Marriage Prep        |
| ◆ School Volunteers       | ◆ That Man is You          | ◆ Acolytes                    |
| ◆ Parish Council          | ◆ Bazaar Committee         | ◆ Lectors                     |
| ◆ Bible Study             | ◆ Light of the World       | ◆ Pro-Life Ministry           |



**WELCOME** to our new parishioners who registered in the month of October: **Edward & Melissa Walbrecht, Clinton & Megan Haynes, Jeff & Lynn Heinrich, Chuck & Barb Brandenburgh, Clayton & Terese Anderson and Andrew & Melissa Revekant.** New Parishioner Welcome is **November 20th** after the 9:30 am Mass. *Please meet by the Parish Office in the Narthex* where you will be welcomed and given information about Martyrs Parish. *We hope that you feel at home in our parish!*

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### Know Your Investments

A woman in her mid-fifties recently shared a story that, unfortunately, repeats itself far too often. She and her husband had built retirement savings over the years, but not to a level that would be sufficient to meet their future needs. As a result, her husband began searching for ways to accelerate the growth rate of the savings they did have.

He attended investment networking meetings, where he met an investor who told him that with as little as \$50,000, he could double that money each year for the next five years, and build their retirement account into a significant amount of money. Apparently, the investor had developed a way to trade “futures and options” that was “the best thing since sliced bread.”

The husband entrusted over \$100,000 of their hard earned retirement savings to this investor. For a brief period of time, everything seemed to go well, with the investment growing by 25% in just four weeks. Then things began to unravel, until virtually their entire investment was wiped out.

Trying to accelerate one's rate of return well above sustainable levels is a recipe for disaster. Scripture warns us about the risks associated with trying to get rich quick. In Proverbs 13:11, we read, “Wealth hastily gotten will dwindle, but he who gathers little by little will increase it.”

Growing sufficient wealth for your retirement years is a function of saving consistently and investing prudently over a long period of time. There aren't any shortcuts. God love you.