



**Parish Calendar**

- October 6** RCIA 7:00 pm
- October 7** Mass with Bishop Bruskevitz and Blessing of Marian Statue beginning at 8:00 am
- October 9** Knights of Columbus Breakfast
- October 9** Time & Talent Fair after morning Masses
- October 10** Knights of Columbus meeting 7:00 pm
- October 11** Altar Society meeting 6:30 pm
- October 11** Prayer & Praise meeting 7:00 pm
- October 12** St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting 6:00 pm
- October 12** Bazaar Committee 7:30 pm
- October 13** RCIA 7:00 pm
- October 15** Stewardship Committee 8:00 am
- October 15** Women of Grace 9:30 am
- October 16** Coffee & Rolls after morning Masses
- October 16** New Parishioner Welcome after 9:30 am Mass
- Oct. 16-20** **Parish Mission 7 pm each night**
- October 22** Church Cleaning 7:00 am led by the Noel Chabanel Group (Lisa Merrill)
- October 26** St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting 6:00 pm
- October 26** Bazaar Committee 7:30 pm
- October 27** RCIA 7:00 pm

**School News**

- October 10** No School—Diocesan Teachers' Institute
- October 21** Dismissal at 1:30 pm—Faculty Meeting
- October 28** Dismissal at 1:30 pm—Parent/Teacher Conference
- Oct. 31-Nov. 1** No School

**CCD News**

- October 12** Class— Priest gives tour of church and blesses Holy Water for first grade
- October 19** Class—Fr. Sullivan—Parish Mission
- October 26** Class—Priests visit classrooms

**ALL SAINTS DAY is Tuesday, November 1st.** Holy Day Mass times will be **Monday, October 31** at 6:30 pm and **Tuesday, November 1st** at 6:40 am, 8:00 am & 6:30 pm. **All Souls Day is Wed., November 2nd.** Mass times are 6:40 am, 8:00 am & 7:00 pm.



**WELCOME** to our new parishioners who registered in the month of September: **Brian & Katie Havlat, Daniel & Kelli Goodman, Sarah Larkin, Megan Lecher & Erik**

**Billings.** New Parishioner Welcome is **October 16th** after the 9:30 am Mass. Please come to the Parish Hall where you will be welcomed and given information about Martyrs Parish. *We hope that you feel at home in our parish!*

**Budget Report to Date:** Fiscal Year Jul 1, 2011 - Jun 30, 2012

Received to date: July 1 - Sept. 25 .....	<b>\$ 242,027</b>
Needed to date for annual budget .....	<b>\$ 266,500</b>
<b>Annual budget shortage to date.....</b>	<b>(\$ 24,473)</b>

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

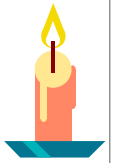
BOS Envelopes and plate.....	\$ 12,723
BOS E-Tithe.....	\$ 10,262
Cans.....	\$ 30
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 23,015</b>
<b>Amount Applied to Debt.....</b>	<b>\$ 24,000</b>
<b>Debt as of Sept. 30.....</b>	<b>\$174,800</b>



**K of C Breakfast:** The **Knights of Columbus** will be sponsoring a pancake, egg, and sausage breakfast in the Parish Hall on **Sunday, October 9th** following each Mass. Free will donations will be accepted and will be used to support seminarians and to support pro-life activities.

**Birthright Baby Bottles:** Please stop at the **Pro-Life table** on October 9th during the *Time & Talent Fair!* You are invited to pick up a baby bottle and fill it with loose change during the month of October which is Respect Life Month. Bottles may be returned to the bassinet in the Narthex by the end of October. You may also put change in a baby bottle that you may have at home. All proceeds will go to Birthright of Lincoln. Thank you.

**All Souls Day:** Martyrs Parish will have a special All Souls Day Mass at **7:00 pm** on **November 2nd** for the repose of the souls of our parishioners who passed away during the last year. Each person will be represented by a lit vigil candle in front of the altar. You are invited to add names of loved ones to a list of the deceased. This will remain on the altar during the month of November as a reminder of continued prayers.



The annual **North American Martyrs Parish Bazaar** will occur **Sunday, November 20th** starting in the morning with coffee and rolls available at the snack bar in the school gym at 9:00 am. At that time you are invited to look at the silent auction items, purchase raffle and meal tickets (new menu this year!) and shop for religious items. The new lunch menu will include spaghetti, salad, breadstick and dessert. We look forward to serving you from 10:00 am till 1:30 pm. There will be a variety of fun kid games in the school classrooms. Get a number so you can bid at the live auction; there will be many fun activities and new packages planned for bidding. More information will be included each week in the church bulletin, check the NAM webpage and LIKE our NAM Bazaar page on Facebook to share with family and friends. Everyone is invited to attend and if you have any questions please contact lead chair couple Sara and Travis Morris at 402-890-3731 or [sara.morris@bryanlgh.org](mailto:sara.morris@bryanlgh.org).



## The Parish Mission

We are blessed to have another Parish Mission coming within about one week. Fr. Thomas Sullivan, from the Fathers of Mercy in Kentucky, will conduct the Mission. He will preach and be the main celebrant at Masses while he is here. His goal is to preach the Gospel in season and out of season and to bring Jesus Christ more deeply into our hearts and lives.



I hope we can pack the church for the 7:00 p.m. Holy Hours on Sunday through Thursday, Oct. 16-20th. I would love to see some who never come to church come back for this Mission. The Mission is a retreat that comes to us but also this is a time for us to go out and bring in some stray sheep. Remember that Jesus said "there is more joy in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine righteous." Do you know someone who has not been coming to church regularly? Do you have a neighbor or co-worker who is un-churched? This Parish Mission would be a good opportunity for them to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ. You may be the only person who could invite them – so do not miss this opportunity. Hand them a flyer from the Parish Information Center or that you received in the bulletin last week that explains things. Or, connect them via email with our [www.namartyrs.org](http://www.namartyrs.org) website for lots of information and details.

Our faith is a very personal and private treasure. Whenever we come to church we come as individuals seeking another personal encounter with Christ. We are very blessed at North American Martyrs to have lots of opportunities to grow in faith. This is due to the size and vitality of our parish and people taking ownership to make things happen. I am edified daily by parishioners showing leadership and using their time and talents to help our parish and to help others. May God bless each one of us during our Parish Mission and help us to share this treasure with others.

*Father Brian Connor, Pastor*

## A Special Week of Celebrations and Faith Building

Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011

✠ Parish Mission With Father Sullivan

✠ Feast of the North American Martyrs

✠ Parish Spaghetti Dinner

✠ Marian Shrine Dedication in Courtyard

### Schedule:

**Father Sullivan will preach at all Masses on October 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**Sunday:** Mission begins at 7:00 pm with Eucharistic Holy Hour & Benediction

**Monday – Thursday morning:** 8:00 am Mass with homily by Fr. Sullivan

**Monday - Thursday morning:** Movie, coffee and rolls in the Parish Hall following 8:00 am Mass

**Monday – Thursday evening:** Parish Mission with Eucharistic Holy Hour & Benediction, 7:00 pm

**Wednesday:** Parish Feast Day of North American Martyrs - Spaghetti Dinner in the Hall at 5:30 pm

The Sacrament of Penance will be available Monday – Thursday from 6:00 am – 6:40 am and 8:15 pm – as long as needed.

On **Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>** at 6:45 pm, on the Feast of the North American Martyrs and during our Parish Mission, we will have a special rosary and prayer service when all parishioners will have a chance to write down and give their prayers to Jesus through Mary. The prayers will be permanently sealed in the shrine. These prayers will also symbolize all the future prayers that we will offer to God through Our Lady of Grace. In addition, this is our night for the Parish Spaghetti Dinner beginning at 5:30 pm and Mission at 7:00 pm. The CCD students will have a session with Fr. Thomas Sullivan from 6:00-6:30 pm and then join us in the courtyard at 6:45 pm.

**Prayers to Jesus through Mary** – As part of our Marian Shrine Dedication, we are inviting all parishioners to write out their prayers for Jesus on a little yellow piece of paper (found in pews this weekend and at the Parish Information Center). They can be turned in with the collection on October 15 or 16<sup>th</sup> or put in the box in the Parish Information Center. These prayers will be sealed within the Marian Shrine on October 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 pm.

### WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND THE PARISH MISSION!

A missionary priest is coming and **YOU** are the intended recipient of his healing and inspirational words.

Each evening at 7:00 pm during his 5-day mission there will be a 60 minute passionate sermon and ceremony for adults and teens. Fun activities for children.

Attendees will be inspired to make a stronger, deeper commitment to Christ, His Church and the Sacraments.

- ◆ If you are faithful, the mission will **RENEW** your faith!
- ◆ If you are feeling lax, the mission will **AWAKEN** you!
- ◆ If you are weary, the mission will **REVIVE** you!
- ◆ If you are **LOST**, the mission will **FIND** you!
- ◆ Everyone will find a new source of inspiration and strength!

**You will never know what God might have waiting for you unless you attend the mission!**

### LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PARISH MISSION

Think of a Parish Mission as a "retreat" that comes to the Parish. It's a week to put everything else on hold so that you can focus on what is truly most important in your life.

Do you hear His voice whispering to spend some quality time with Him to renew, revitalize and re-energize your faith?

**Get all the details and register online at  
[www.namartyrs.org](http://www.namartyrs.org) or call 402-476-8088**

At the web site you'll find:

- ◆ Information about Father Sullivan and Fathers of Mercy
- ◆ A recorded homily with Father Sullivan's Inspiring Story
- ◆ Details on fun activities for children
- ◆ Lifetime memories and mission stories
- ◆ Interesting historical facts about Parish Missions
- ◆ More details about the event and latest updates