

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday March 1
6:40 AM Dorothy Raiter †
8:00 AM Joseph Mai †
Tuesday March 2
6:40 AM Kenneth Kohler †
8:00 AM Caleb Gose
Wednesday March 3
6:40 AM Rosemary O’Gara †
8:00 AM Frank, Agnes & Genevieve Hotovy †
Thursday March 4
6:40 AM Maria Reyes †
8:00 AM Travis Burkmann
Friday March 5
6:40 AM Janice Reynolds
8:00 AM Special Intention
Saturday March 6
9:00 AM Dorothy Raiter †
Weekend Masses
Saturday March 6
6:00 PM Mick Hohensee †
Sunday March 7
7:00 AM Our Parish Family
8:00 AM Alfons Mastera †
9:30 AM Lee Mathre †
11:00 AM Dorothy Pokorny †

School News

March 3 Martyrs School - First Penance 6:00 pm
Martyrs Preschool Preview will be Tuesday, April 20, at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. We currently offer morning or afternoon sessions for four-year olds and a morning session for three-year olds. No need to register in advance for this meeting.

CCD News

March 3 Class in session

Martyrs Night Out is on Tuesday, March 9th at Wendy’s Restaurant on North 27th Street (near I-80) from 5-8:00 pm. SCRIP may be used but will NOT be sold at the door this year. Please plan ahead and purchase your SCRIP at the weekend Masses!



Congratulations to the winners of the Knights of Columbus District Free Throw Contest. These winners will advance to the Regional Free Throw In Beatrice.
Kate Brakenhoff; 12 year old Girls
Avery Koelzer; 13 year old Girls
Aaron Heyen; 13 year old Boys
Thomas Crawford; 14 year old Boys
Good luck at the Regional Competitions!



Parish Calendar



LOTW RETREAT meets today, Sunday, February 28th beginning at 1:30 pm.
GODTEENS HOLY HOUR is today, Sunday, February 28th. All are welcome to attend Adoration from 6:00—7:00 pm. All high school students are invited to come and have pizza in the Parish Hall from 7:00—8:00 pm!
RCIA will meet on Tuesday, March 2nd at 7:00 pm.
FULL OF GRACE women’s group meets on Wednesday, March 3rd at 6:00 pm.
WIDOW’S SUPPORT GROUP meets on Thursday, March 4th at 6:30 pm.
STATIONS OF THE CROSS is Friday, March 5th at 6:00 pm followed by a Lenten Meal of baked potato with toppings. Sponsored by the Stewardship Committee.
WOMEN OF GRACE will meet on Saturday, March 6th at 9:30 am.
COFFEE & ROLLS will be served next Sunday, March 7th after all morning Masses.

Prayer Partners: The First Holy Communion and Confirmation classes would like to extend a parish wide invitation to each adult member of North American Martyrs Church to become part of our prayer partner endeavor. Prayers partners are a wonderful way for parishioners to become involved in the life of a child who is preparing to receive the sacraments. Your prayers are a great example of your faith not only in Jesus, but in our parish and our young people as well. You can sign up to be a prayer partner for one or more of the students in our sacrament classes. You will find the names and pictures of each child posted in the hallway between the Narthex and the Parish Hall. Simply choose a child to pray for and sign your name on his/her form. Please prayerfully consider keeping one or more of these children in your daily prayers.



Archery Club: The North American Martyrs Archery Club will start on Wednesday March 3rd, from 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Cost is \$15 and is open to all in the 4th thru 8th grades. This year’s goal is to have an elementary team of 16-24 in grades 4-6 and a Jr. High team of 16-24 in grades 7-8 to represent NAM in the State Tournament on March 20th. Archery permission forms are available on the school website or from the school office. For further questions, you may call Jim Tubbs at 435-1159.



The All American Kids 4-H Club, sponsored by Martyrs, will be collecting gently used stuffed animals for those in need. Please drop off your donations in the box in the Narthex through March 8th.

St. Vincent de Paul Society: Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, and patron, St. Vincent de Paul. The North American Martyrs St. Vincent de Paul Society seeks your support to assist the neediest in our parish and in Lincoln. Please pick up an envelope at the St. Vincent de Paul donation box located on the east wall in the Narthex. Call Mary Anne at 476-9781 with questions to find out how you can get involved. Thank you for your generous support!

EASTER LILIES to be placed around the altar at Easter can be ordered in memory of a loved one. The cost is \$10 per plant. Please drop your donation and this filled out form in the collection basket or at the Parish Office.
Deadline is Monday, March 22nd.
Donated in memory of : _____
Donated by: _____



STEWARDSHIP RECEIVED LAST WEEK: *Thank you!*

Adult Tithe	\$ 11,556
Adult E-Tithe-weekly average.....	\$ 4,721
Plate	\$ 533
Youth	\$ 135
Total Tithe Received.....	\$ 16,945
Average amount needed for weekly budget - \$16,300 (This amount represents what is needed for the 2009-10 fiscal year budget.)	
Budget Report to Date: Fiscal Year Jul 1, 2009 - Jun 30, 2010	
Received to date: July 1–Feb. 21.....	\$ 609,024
Needed to date for annual budget	\$ 554,200
Annual budget overage to date.....	\$ 54,824

VOLUNTEERS OF THE WEEK

★ **Thank you** to the following 8th graders who helped install the insulation in the basement of the rectory with **Matt Kleinschmit** and **Jim Vogel** supervising: **Corbin Winkler, Kaela Samek, Thomas Crawford, Lisa Wordekemper, Danielle Meyer** and **Alex Lau**. Thanks also to **Connie Pautz** for helping. Thank you, our parish volunteers of the week!

SCRIP

Our weekly sales totaled **\$15,717** making our profit **\$555** with 102 families using SCRIP.

We have accumulated **\$6,117** profit toward our 2010 goal.

Scrip workers for the March 6-7 weekend:
6:00 PM B & C Sabata **7:00 AM** Vedder/Weigel
8:00 AM Barnes/Bauer **9:30 AM** Reisdorff/Keller
11:00 AM Poe/Ehlers

Visa Rebate — \$364.80

Thank you for your support!

Prayer Requests

Please pray for those who are not well and have asked for our prayers. **Bella Cox, Keith Cunnings, Wes Gingery, Suzanne Hagge, Jeff Havel, Diane Herms, Lucille Incontro, Joe Konwinski, Bonnie Kreshel, Kim Kumke, Jackie Legg, Rita Mach, Gary Maly, Connie McKee, Margaret Murray, Regina Palmer, Abby Parish, Will Parish, Jr., Lynn Pitt, Shari Pofahl, Jessica Reinhardt, Eli Ruegge, Derek Ruth, Betty Sedlak, Paul Seger, Shaun Settles, Willie Shonka, Matt & Windy Taylor, and Lane Whitaker.**

Call the Parish Office to add or remove names.

Faith and Finances with Phil Lenahan ©

Sirach 5:8 says, "Do not depend on dishonest wealth, for it will not benefit you in the day of calamity." Honesty and integrity are hallmark qualities of stewards of Providence. Nothing, including great temporal wealth, is worth risking eternity with the Lord. Your financial life is an open book to the Lord. Live it accordingly.

AREA EVENTS

Knights of Columbus Marian Festival will be held on **Saturday, March 27th** at the Pershing Center beginning at 11:00 am. The day will include nationally known speakers, music with Ellen Soukup and ethnic dancers. Tickets are \$14 if ordered through Ticketmasters online and sent to the buyer via standard mail or \$16.50 if ordered on-line and printed by the buyer. Visit on-line at www.nebraskakofc.org for more details about the speakers and program.



Lent Adult Education Series on *Priests Saints: Their Lives and Teachings* is being held at St. Teresa's Church, 735 S. 36th St., from 7:30-8:30 pm on the Mondays during Lent. **Monday, March 1** will be *St. Francis de Sales* presented by Fr. Leo Kosch.

Healing Hearts Support Sessions for those who have recently suffered the loss of a loved one are being offered to assist Catholics in the grief process. The sessions will be held on **six weekly Monday evenings** beginning **March 1**, 7:00-9:00 pm, at Blessed John XXIII Center, 37th & Sheridan Blvd. Cost is \$15. To register, please call 488-2040.

St. Mary's Parish Fish "Fri" is being held every Friday night during Lent at 14th & K Sts. from 5—7:00 pm. \$8/person or \$30/family. Meal, beverage and dessert. Carry out available.

Holy Hour this **Friday, March 5th** at 7:15 pm will be held at the Pink Sisters' Chapel, 1040 S. Cotner Blvd. *The singing will be led by the North American Martyrs Traditional Choir.*

Radix invites you and your family to come to *Camp Gargano* for an open house on **March 7th** from 1-5:00 pm. Enjoy the performance of Eric Genuis, International concert pianist, beginning at 2 pm followed by refreshments and tours of the facility at 2260 West Wittstruck Road, Martell, NE. Call 794-2100 for more info.

Natural Family Planning Creighton Model, 2009 Introductory Session: **March 9, 18 & 31.** at 7 pm. Pre-registration is required. Please call 488-2040.

"The 13th Day" film on the wonderful story of Our Lady of Fatima will be shown again on **Wed., March 10th** at 7:00 pm at South Pointe Cinema. Tickets are available at Gloria Deo for \$4 each.

Father/Son Program to promote respect for human sexuality and chastity will be presented on **Sunday, March 14th** from 2:00—4:00 pm at Blessed John XXIII Diocesan Center. Boys 10-14 yrs. old and their fathers are invited to register. Registration forms are at the Parish Information Center.

Mother/Daughter Program to promote respect for human sexuality will be on **Sunday, March 21st** from 2:00—4:30 pm at Blessed John Center, 37th & Sheridan Blvd.. Girls 10-13 years old and their mothers are invited to register. Registration forms are at the Parish Information Center.

Lay Ministry for March 6-7

	Acolyte	Reader	Server	Greeter
6:00 PM	Ruskamp Dunlap	McPhillips	Habrock, Sehi Bruner Peck	Tim Terrell Family
7:00 AM	Ward E. Wemhoff	Wemhoff	Hakel, Wenzl Mejstrik, Mehl	
8:00 AM	Haug Pella	Kuta	Jensen, Adame Haug, Dalton	Doug Schneider Family
9:30 AM	McManus Smith	Battiato	Frodyrna, Vogel Puckett Need 1 Sub	Patrick Grewe Family
11:00 AM	Mazour Nelson	Lewandowski	Mazour, Krings Gose Need 1 Sub	Blaine Johs Family

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday February 22
 6:40 AM Albert Nemeč †
 8:00 AM Jenn Boyd

Tuesday February 23
 6:40 AM Marie Campbell Bode †
 8:00 AM Rosemary O’Gara

Wednesday February 24
 6:40 AM Abe Demuth †
 8:00 AM Emilie & Thomas Benes and Georgia Bell †

Thursday February 25
 6:40 AM James Carraher †
 8:00 AM Travis Burkman

Friday February 26
 6:40 AM Dorothy Raiter †
 8:00 AM Eunice Meader †

Saturday February 27
 9:00 AM Crystal Gose

Weekend Masses

Saturday February 27
 6:00 PM Fr. John Graves †

Sunday February 28
 7:00 AM Rose & Leonard Wemhoff †
 8:00 AM Our Parish Family
 9:30 AM Dave Walters †
 11:00 AM Sarah Fitzgerald Family



Parish Calendar



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST this morning!

NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME is today, **Sunday, February 21st** after the 9:30 am Mass. Please come to the Parish Hall. We look forward to meeting you!

ALTAR SOCIETY BED MAKING at the Waverly Retreat House is **Mon., Feb. 22nd**. Carpool leaves from the Ace Hardware parking lot at 14th & Superior at 6:00 pm. All women invited. Many hands make light work!

RCIA will meet on **Tuesday, February 23rd** at 7:00 pm.

FULL OF GRACE women’s study begins on **Wednesday, Feb. 24th** at 6:00 pm.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL meets on **Wednesday, February 24th** at 6:00 pm.

PARISH COUNCIL meets on **Thursday, February 25th** at 7:00 pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS is **Friday, February 26th** at 6:00 pm. Lenten meal of salads and desserts to follow. Sponsored by the Parish Council.

CHURCH CLEANING is **Saturday, February 27th** beginning at 7:00 am led by the Noel Chabanel Group (Lisa Merrill/Sarah Rohrs). Additional helpers welcome and needed!

WOMEN OF GRACE meets on **Saturday, February 27th** at 9:30 am.

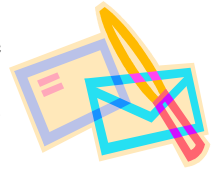
GODTEENS HOLY HOUR is next **Sunday, February 28th**. All are welcome to attend Adoration from 6:00—7:00 pm. All high school students are invited to come and have pizza in the Parish Hall from 7:00—8:00 pm!

LIGHT OF THE WORLD LENTEN RETREAT BEGINS THIS WEEKEND! It is not too late to sign up! Come and join the excitement and joy that lies ahead! Please stop by our table in the Narthex or call Heather at 438-6878 to register, or come to the Parish Hall this Sunday afternoon, February 21st, before 1:30pm to register at the door!

Please pray for the parishioners who will be attending this retreat in order to deepen their spiritual journey. May God's living presence touch their lives so that they will be living examples of God's abundant love.

Thanks to the many evangelizers, shepherds and other parishioners who are making this retreat possible! Thank you for making North American Martyrs a parish "on fire" for Jesus Christ.

The Knights of Columbus are conducting a pro-life **Red Envelope Campaign** at Martyrs this weekend, **Feb. 20-21**, to send a message to President Obama in the hopes of changing his mind on life issues. Parishioners will find red envelopes in the pews and at the table in the Narthex. Please address the envelopes and, on the reverse, write a pro-life message to the president. The Knights will collect the sealed envelopes, pay for postage and mail them.



Chess Club Fun Night: All parishioners are invited to the Chess Club Fun Night on **Saturday, February 27th** from 7:00—10:00 pm in the Parish Hall. We will have pizza, popcorn and pop for \$3 per person. We will show a 25 minute video, *The First Valentine*, a dramatization of the story of the third century martyr named Valentine and his Christian friends. The story illustrates the message of loving others as Jesus has loved us.

The All American Kids 4-H Club, sponsored by Martyrs, will be collecting **gently used stuffed animals** for those in need. Please drop off your donations in the box in the Narthex through March 8th.



Baseball Concessions: Baseball is just around the corner! Please contact Diane Ketchmark at 435-3956 or 304-4477 if you are interested in working concessions. **Food Handlers Training** will be held in the Parish Hall on **Monday, Feb. 22nd** beginning at 7:00 pm.

School News

Martyrs Preschool Preview will be **Tuesday, April 20**, at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. We currently offer morning or afternoon sessions for four-year olds and a morning session for three-year olds. No need to register in advance for this meeting.

CCD News

February 24 Class—confessions
 Grades 3—8

Totus Tuus and Pre-K Bible School at Martyrs are scheduled for the week of **June 20-25**. Please mark your calendars!



Archery Club: The North American Martyrs Archery Club will start on **Wednesday March 3rd**, from 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Cost is \$15 and is open to all in the 4th thru 8th grades. This year’s goal is to have an elementary team of 16-24 in grades 4-6 and a Jr. High team of 16-24 in grades 7-8 to represent NAM in the State Tournament on March 20th. If you are interested and want to learn about archery, please pick up a permission slip from the school office. For further questions, you may call Jim Tubbs at 435-1159.

STEWARDSHIP RECEIVED LAST WEEK: *Thank you!*

Adult Tithe	\$ 12,454
Adult E-Tithe-weekly average.....	\$ 4,789
Plate	\$ 561
Youth	\$ 121
Total Tithe Received.....	\$ 17,925

Average amount needed for weekly budget - \$16,300
(This amount represents what is needed for the 2009-10 fiscal year budget.)

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

Received to date: July 1–Feb. 14.....	\$ 592,079
Needed to date for annual budget	\$ 537,900
Annual budget overage to date.....	\$ 54,179

SCRIP

Our weekly sales totaled \$21,241 making our profit \$835 with 137 families using SCRIP.

We have accumulated \$5,205 profit toward our 2010 goal.

Scrip workers for the February 27-28 weekend:

- 6:00 PM VanAckeren/West 7:00 AM R & N Mongeon
- 8:00 AM Schlautman/Whitaker 9:30 AM Hernandez/Beecham
- 11:00 AM Miller/Bailey

Thank you for your support!



Operation Rice Bowl: In Luke’s story of the temptations of Jesus we see how we can be tempted by wealth, power, and esteem just as He was. Lent calls us to focus on our faith by living it in deeper ways. As we begin our journey with Catholic Relief Services Operation Rice Bowl, let us pray and sacrifice so that through our faith life we can make a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters in need.

Faith and Finances with Phil Lenahan ©

In today’s first reading, it says, "Therefore, I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O LORD, have given me" (Dt. 26:10). Learning to give from your first and best is a key to being a steward of Providence. Doing so will rearrange your priorities for the better.

Lay Ministry for February 27-28

	Acolyte	Reader	Server	Greeter
6:00 PM	Podany Helget	Ruter-bories	Barber, Ward VanAckeren Ohnoutka	Fred Bergman Family
7:00 AM	Nagel Doty	J. Bode	Wobken, Karel Howard Boeselager	
8:00 AM	Tom Benes Michalski	Gentrup	Schneider Michl, Benes Son Nguyen	Kevin Bousquet Family
9:30 AM	Korus Ybarra	Ashburn	Zimmerman Clement, Maly Polivka	Mick Kovar Family
11:00 AM	Johs James Benes	Brown	Brown, Johs Schumacher Fiedler	Gary Burress Family

 * The volunteers at Birthright would like to express their heart-
 * felt gratitude to the parishioners of North American Martyrs
 * for the very generous baby shower in January. What a joy it
 * was to receive so many items, many of them new, when the
 * shelves were near empty! Your generosity helps women who
 * come to Birthright in great need. Thank you!

Prayer Requests

Please pray for those who are not well and have asked for our prayers. **Bella Cox, Keith Cunnings, Wes Gingery, Diane Herms, Lucille Incontro, Joe Konwinski, Kim Kumke, Jackie Legg, Gary Maly, Connie McKee, Margaret Murray, Rosemary O’Gara, Regina Palmer, Abby Parish, Will Parish, Jr., Lynn Pitt, Shari Pofahl, Jessica Reinhardt, Eli Ruegge, Derek Ruth, Betty Sedlak, Paul Seger, Willie Shonka, Matt & Windy Taylor, and Lane Whitaker.**
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Pro-Life Legislative Day is **Thursday, February 25th** from 8:45 am to 1:00 pm. Registration begins at 8:00 am in the Warner Legislative Chamber, off the second floor Rotunda at the State Capitol. Free activities all day. Be a citizen lobbyist at the State Capitol. Learn about pending pro-life legislation. For more information call Nebraska Right to Life at 438-4802.

Knights of Columbus Marian Festival will be held on **Saturday, March 27th** at the Pershing Center beginning at 11:00 am. Nationally-known speakers will share their stories of faith and the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe on the occasion of the 475th anniversary of the appearance of the Virgin Mary to St. Juan Diego. The day will include music with Ellen Soukup and ethnic dancers. Tickets are \$14 if ordered through Ticketmasters online and sent to the buyer via standard mail or \$16.50 if ordered on-line and printed by the buyer. Visit on-line at www.nebraskakofc.org for more details about the speakers and program.

AREA EVENTS

Lent Adult Education Series on *Priests Saints: Their Lives and Teachings* is being held at St. Teresa’s Church, 735 S. 36th St., from 7:30-8:30 pm on the Mondays during Lent. **February 22** is St. *Josemaria Escriva* presented by Fr. Christopher Miller.

Lenten Program for Health Care Providers every Monday beginning **Feb. 22** to discuss medical ethics at Blessed John XXIII Center. Mass at 5:45 AM, followed by a 45 min. program at 6:15 AM.

The 13th Day: A Story about Fatima Film is showing at South Pointe Theater, 27th & Pine Lake on **Tuesday, Feb. 23rd** at 7:00 pm. Tickets may be purchased at Gloria Deo, 56th & Hwy 2 for \$4.

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Weekly Bible Study on Spirit 102.7 FM. Jeff Cavins 24-week Great Adventure Bible Timeline Series on Fridays at 8:00 pm with encores on Saturday at 7:00 am and Sunday at 7:00 pm. More information at www.kvss.com .

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday February 15
 6:40 AM Albert Nemeč †
 8:00 AM Joseph Mai †

Tuesday February 16
 6:40 AM Adam Mimick †
 8:00 AM Holy Face of Jesus

Ash Wednesday, February 17
 6:40 AM Barb Thiele
 8:00 AM Frank & Agnes Heirigs †
 5:30 PM Eric & Marcia Bishop
 7:00 PM Jack Keogh †

Thursday February 18
 6:40 AM Moser Family—living and deceased
 8:00 AM Justine Drehs †

Friday February 19
 6:40 AM Adrien Mongeon †
 8:00 AM Travis Burkmann

Saturday February 20
 9:00 AM Louis & Helen Maly †

Weekend Masses

Saturday February 20
 6:00 PM Clara Polacek †

Sunday February 21
 7:00 AM Our Parish Family
 8:00 AM Amy Beying
 9:30 AM Santo Arrigo †
 11:00 AM Parents of Stillborn Children

School News

Feb. 15 President's Day—No School
Feb. 19 Dismissal at 1:30 pm

CCD News

Feb. 17 Class—Ash Wednesday Parish Mass at 7:00 pm

Baptism: Born to a new life in Christ and joined to our faith community through the water of Baptism we welcome: **Gavin Dee, son of Andrew & Alison Dunlap.** We wish the Dunlap family God's many blessings. Congratulations!

2010 Forty Days of Life: Our parish has been called upon to join in prayer for the *Forty Days for Life*, which takes place at the Planned Parenthood abortion facility on 37th and South Streets. We have been assigned to cover **Mondays, 12 midnight to 11:00 am** for this perpetual vigil that begins at midnight on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 16th) and ends Saturday at midnight on April 3rd. *Please sign up* at the Parish Information Center to participate in this spiritual battle for the lives of the unborn.



Parish Calendar



ALTAR SOCIETY SWEETHEART BAKE SALE this weekend, **Feb. 13 & 14!** RCIA will meet on **Tuesday, February 16th** at 7:00 pm. **STRATEGIC PLANNING** meeting on **Thursday, February 18th** at 7:00 pm. **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** begin this **Friday, February 19th** at 6:00 pm. Lenten meal of cheese pizza and salad following; sponsored by the PTO. **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE** will meet on **Saturday, February 20th** at 9:30 am. **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST** next **Sunday, February 21st!** **NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME** is **Sunday, February 21st** after the 9:30 am Mass. Please come to the Parish Hall. We look forward to meeting you!

Altar Society Sweetheart Bake Sale is this weekend, **February 13 and 14.** Proceeds will be used to finance the needs of the church. We appreciate your support!



THE SEASON OF LENT begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 17.** Masses times are **6:40 am, 8:00 am, 5:30 pm & 7:00 pm.** Ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation, but you are encouraged to attend Mass. **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be held at 6:00 pm on Fridays during Lent. This will be followed by a Lenten meal in the Parish Hall. A free-will donation will be taken at the meals.

REGULATIONS

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence.

Fasting means only 1 full and 2 smaller meals throughout the day, no snacks or eating between meals for everyone between the ages of 18 and 59.

Abstinence means eating no meat, and no soup or gravy made from meat for everyone over the age of 14.

Holy Hours for Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17th. If all of the hours are filled, we will be able to have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel. Sign up sheets are available on the table in the Narthex. Questions, call Elmer at 477-4736.

Light of the World is presenting a special viewing of **The Passion of the Christ** movie on **Saturday, February 20th**, at 7:15 pm (after the vigil Mass) in the Parish Hall. The movie is an opportunity this Lent for parishioners to meditate on Jesus' death and resurrection, and God's love for us and His forgiveness of sins. Feel free to invite a friend, family member, or your neighbor! Call Nate, 470-2414, with questions.



The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a **Pancake, Egg, and Sausage Breakfast** in the Parish Hall on **Sunday, Feb. 21st** following each Mass. Free will donations will be accepted and will go toward the support of the seminarians and *Year of the Priest* activities.

LIGHT OF THE WORLD LENTEN RETREAT BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY! Many North American Martyrs parishioners are busy preparing to host our Lenten retreat which begins next Sunday, February 21st. In one week, North American Martyrs parishioners will be experiencing one of the most powerful events in their lives. It is transforming. Do you need a jumpstart in your spiritual life? Reserve the six Sunday afternoons beginning February 21st to attend this retreat.

The Knights of Columbus will conduct a pro-life **Red Envelope Campaign** at Martyrs next weekend, **Feb. 20-21**, to send a message to President Obama in the hopes of changing his mind on life issues. Parishioners will find red envelopes in the pews and at a table in the Narthex next weekend. They may address the envelopes and, on the reverse, write a pro-life message to the president. The Knights will collect the sealed envelopes, pay for postage and mail them.

STEWARDSHIP RECEIVED LAST WEEK: *Thank you!*

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Adult E-Tithe-weekly average.....	\$ 4,789
Plate	\$ 519
Youth	\$ 164
Total Tithe Received.....	\$ 16,826

Average amount needed for weekly budget - \$16,300

(This amount represents what is needed for the 2009-10 fiscal year budget.)

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

Received to date: July 1–Feb. 7.....	\$ 574,154
Needed to date for annual budget	\$ 521,600
Annual budget overage to date.....	\$ 52,554

SCRIP

Our weekly sales totaled **\$16,480** making our profit **\$575** with 93 families using SCRIP.

We have accumulated **\$4,382** profit toward our 2010 goal.

Scrip workers for the February 20-21 weekend:

6:00 PM Myers/Bretting	7:00 AM Garity/Reisdorff
8:00 AM Benes/Torske	9:30 AM Byers/Kinkaid
11:00 AM Holmes/Korus	

Thank you for your support!

Operation Rice Bowl: As part of our faith community's Lenten observance, we will participate in the Operation Rice Bowl program. We join in the traditional practices of Lent and pray as a community, fast in solidarity with those who are hungry and give concrete assistance to those most in need. Please pick up a rice bowl on the table in the Narthex.

Lay Ministry for Ash Wednesday, February 17
Your help is needed! Please call the Parish Office.

	Acolyte	Reader	Server	Greeter
5:30 PM	McInerney Need 7 more	Need 1	Need 4	
7:00 PM	B. Schlautman Kleinschmit Need 6 More	Codr	Tagart, Trevett Schlautman Eastman	Dave Schumacher Family

Lay Ministry for February 20-21

	Acolyte	Reader	Server	Greeter
6:00 PM	Reisdorff Jeff Benes	Rezac	Myers, Engle Olson, Hatch	Angel Ybarra Family
7:00 AM	Regnier Fortik	D. Bode	O'Gara, Baier Townsend Need 1 Sub	
8:00 AM	Schilmoeller Bousquet	Novosad	Messersmith Kreikemeier Schilmoeller Martinez	Tom Goodwater Family
9:30 AM	Hugo Hastings	Buettner	Hugo, Hampton Simpson Kortum	Dale Schlautman Family
11:00 AM	Ruterbories West	Sister Barbara	N. Kruse, Gose Wehrwein Gabell	Blaine Johs Family

 ☆ Special thanks to **Jason Jarecki** for helping with the heating and air conditioning in the rectory. This gift of time and expertise is sincerely appreciated! Thank you, our volunteer of the week. *God bless you.*

Prayer Requests

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Martyrs Marathon Running/Walking Group will meet on **Feb. 15th** at 7:00 pm in the Family Room. *Chuck Cooper*, Director of Special Olympics of Nebraska is our motivational speaker!

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Old Blessed Palms: For your convenience a box is available at the Parish Information Center to place old blessed palms. You may also burn your palms yourself to dispose of them.

Martyrs Preschool Preview will be **Tuesday, April 20**, at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. We currently offer morning or afternoon sessions for four-year olds and a morning session for three-year olds. No need to register in advance for this meeting.



Totus Tuus and Pre-K Bible School at Martyrs are scheduled for the week of **June 20-25**. Please mark your calendars!

AREA EVENTS

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Weekly Bible Study on Spirit 102.7 FM. Jeff Cavins 24-week Great Adventure Bible Timeline Series begins Friday, Feb. 19 at 8:00 pm with encores on Saturday at 7:00 am and Sunday at 7:00 pm. More information at www.kvss.com.

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday February 8
 6:40 AM In Thanksgiving
 8:00 AM Ron Fuchs †

Tuesday February 9
 6:40 AM Adrien Mongeon †
 8:00 AM Dale & Joyce Loutsch

Wednesday February 10
 6:40 AM Abe Demuth †
 8:00 AM Travis Burkmann

Thursday February 11
 6:40 AM Dorothy Raiter †
 8:00 AM Daniel Sullivan †

Friday February 12
 6:40 AM Special Intention
 8:00 AM Clara Polacek †

Saturday February 13
 9:00 AM Special Intention

Weekend Masses

Saturday February 13
 6:00 PM Megan McConnaughey

Sunday February 14
 7:00 AM Our Parish Family
 8:00 AM Lizzy Anderson †
 9:30 AM Ron Jones †
 11:00 AM Dolores Jueneman

School News

Martyrs Night Out is **Tuesday, February 9th** from 5:00—8:00 pm at Arby's on North 27th St. SCRIP may be used.

February 10— Kindergarten Preview **First Communion School and CCD Parents Meeting** on **Wednesday, February 10th** at 6:30 pm in the Church.

CCD News
February 10 Class in Session

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a **Pancake, Egg, and Sausage Breakfast** in the Parish Hall on **Sunday, Feb. 21st** following each Mass. Free will donations will be accepted and will go toward the support of the seminarians and *Year of the Priest* activities.



Baptisms: Born to a new life in Christ and joined to our faith community through the water of Baptism we welcome: **Elizabeth Rae**, daughter of **David & Andrea Quinn** and **Madelyn Rose**, daughter of **Timothy & Stacy Wiese**. We wish the Wiese and Quinn families God's many blessings. Congratulations!

The Knights of Columbus are accepting names of caterers for various events. Please call Greg at 470-0866.



Parish Calendar



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS meeting on **Mon., Feb. 8th** following First Degree ceremony.

RCIA will meet on **Tuesday, February 9th** at 7:00 pm *in the Church*.

ALTAR SOCIETY meets on **Tuesday, February 9th** at 7:00 pm.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL meeting on **Wednesday, February 10th** at 6:00 pm.

STRATEGIC PLANNING will meet on **Thursday, February 11th** at 7:00 pm.

LOTW RETREAT TEAM meeting on **Saturday, February 13th** at 9:30 am.

ALTAR SOCIETY SWEETHEART BAKE SALE next weekend, **Feb. 13 & 14!**

St. Isaac Jogues Council 11312 Knights of Columbus is holding a **First Degree** ceremony at North American Martyrs in the Parish Hall on **Monday, February 8th**. Any Catholic man that is planning or has considered joining the Knights of Columbus is invited. Registration for new candidates starts at 6:30 pm and the degree will start at 7:00 pm. Your friends, sons or relatives are also welcome! All Knights are encouraged to attend this wonderful occasion! Please contact either Greg Kozakiewicz 470-0866, Mark Belger 477-9855 or Jeff Wiese 429-7827. We will have a short Council meeting after the degree followed with refreshments.

Blood Drive this **Tuesday, February 9th** in the Parish Hall from 2:30—8:00 pm. Donors can sign up at www.givebloodgivelife.org sponsor code is 2211 or they can contact Gary Burress at GLBJ402@aol.com or Greg at GandKkozakiewicz@neb.rr.com or call 402-470-0866.



Altar Society Sweetheart Bake Sale is next weekend, **February 13 and 14**, after all Masses. All women of the parish are invited to bake or bring treats to support our church. Please bring your 'sweetheart' treats to church on Sat., Feb. 13th between 5-7:00 pm or before any Masses on Sunday. Proceeds will be used to finance the needs of the church. NOTE: Please no creamed

LIGHT OF THE WORLD LENTEN RETREAT BEGINS IN TWO WEEKS! Prayerfully consider attending this parish-based retreat which will be held on the six Sunday afternoons *beginning February 21st*. Treat yourself and feed your soul. If you feel God is calling you to strengthen or deepen your relationship with Him, register for the retreat! **CHILD CARE WILL BE AVAILABLE!** Stop by our table in the Narthex after any Mass this weekend for more information or to register. Call Heather at 438-6878 with any questions.

Holy Hours for Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17th. If all of the hours are filled, we will be able to have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel. Sign up sheets are available on the table in the Narthex. Please call Elmer or Jane at 477-4736 with questions.



The Full of Grace study is being offered to all women in Martyrs parish during Lent. The study was written by Johnnette Benkovic of EWTN and includes prayer, Sacred Scripture, teachings of the Catholic Church and the lives of women saints. Through this nine week study women will discover the spiritual tools necessary to live out their call and mission in the world today and experience the abundant life in Jesus Christ. The study will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:30 pm **beginning Feb. 24th**. Questions or to register, call Krysti at 310-2503 or email krystimichl@hotmail.com. *Deadline is February 12th.*

In Memory - Please remember in your prayers the soul of Beatriz Kaspar, grandmother of Christopher (and Crystal) Jeys. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.*



STEWARDSHIP RECEIVED LAST WEEK: *Thank you!*

Adult Tithe	\$ 11,584
Adult E-Tithe-weekly average.....	\$ 4,789
Plate	\$ 707
Youth	\$ 148
Total Tithe Received.....	\$ 17,228

Average amount needed for weekly budget - \$16,300

(This amount represents what is needed for the 2009-10 fiscal year budget.)

Budget Report to Date: Fiscal Year Jul 1, 2009 - Jun 30, 2010	
Received to date: July 1-Jan. 31.....	\$ 557,328
Needed to date for annual budget	\$ 505,300
Annual budget overage to date.....	\$ 52,028

Building Fund Campaign January Report

(To finance our new Church and Parish Hall)

BOS Envelopes and plate.....	\$ 15,291
BOS E-Tithe.....	\$ 10,091
Pius X Campaign.....	\$ 10,469
Total.....	\$ 35,851
Amount Applied to Debt.....	\$ 36,000
Debt as of Jan. 31, 2010.....	\$459,320

SCRIP

Our weekly sales totaled **\$22,785** making our profit **\$800** with 147 families using SCRIP.

We have accumulated **\$3,820** profit toward our 2010 goal.

Scrip workers for the February 13-14 weekend:

6:00 PM Patzel/Dudek	7:00 AM D & D Mazour
8:00 AM M & M Peters	9:30 AM R & D Meirose
11:00 AM Meyerle/Shively	

Thank you for your support!

Catholic Press collection will be taken up this weekend, **February 6th & 7th**. The suggested gift for the Southern Nebraska Register is \$15. Extra envelopes are available at the Parish Information Center. Thank you for your support.

Souper Bowl of Caring 2010: Today, February 7th, we will join churches all across the country to collect money for the hungry and homeless. The funds we collect will benefit **Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach** in Lincoln. Donations may also be sent to the Parish Office.



Lay Ministry for February 13-14

	Acolyte	Reader	Server	Greeter
6:00 PM	Terrell Schneider	Rupp	Castillo, Danaher Bretting Crawford	Patrick Kassebaum Family
7:00 AM	Ketchmark Drehs	Kuehl	Warrelmann Clark, Walla Leary	
8:00 AM	Kuta Hartz	Rezac	Baker, Samek Rademacker Need 1 Sub	Kevin Schlautman Family
9:30 AM	Sullivan Schlautman	Sullivan	Sullivan, Lau Heyen Schlautman	Don Mazour Family
11:00 AM	D. Wemhoff Potter	Sr. Pat Heirigs	Jones, McGill N. Mai Kallhoff	Jerry Meyerle Family

 ☆ **Special thanks to Sandy McManus** for the generous gift of time and talent in organizing and serving the funeral dinner on Tuesday. Also, *thank you* to all who brought food. God bless you for your kindness!

Prayer Requests

Please pray for those who are not well and have asked for our prayers. **Bella Cox, Keith Cunnings, Wes Gingery, Diane Herms, Lucille Incontro, Joe Konwinski, Kim Kumke, Gary Maly, Margaret Murray, Rosemary O’Gara, Regina Palmer, Abby Parish, Will Parish, Jr., Lynn Pitt, Shari Pofahl, Jessica Reinhardt, Eli Ruegge, Derek Ruth, Dennis Schneider, Betty Sedlak, Paul Seger, Willie Shonka, Matt & Windy Taylor, and Lane Whitaker.**

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Marriage Encounter Weekend: Rekindle your love by making a Marriage Encounter Weekend! **February 12-14** in Lincoln. Register online at WWME.org or call Jeff & Lori at 402-366-4005.

Catholic Coffee House series will meet on **Sun. Feb. 14** at 6:30 pm at Blessed John XXIII Center, 3700 Sheridan Blvd. Topic will be *“The Priestly Vow of Obedience”* by **Fr. Scott Courtney**.

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