



Parish Calendar

- June 9** "The Mass" Class 7:00 pm
- June 11** Stewardship Committee 8:00 am
- June 11** Father Snitily's Farewell Dinner 7:00 pm
- June 13** Knights of Columbus meeting 7:00 pm
- June 14** Altar Society meeting 6:30 pm
- June 15** Red Cross Blood Drive 2:30—6:30 pm
- June 15** Journey Through the Bible Study 7:15 pm
- June 16** "The Mass" Class 7:00 pm
- June 18** Witness Through Fitness Fundraiser—Run & BBQ
- June 19** Coffee & Rolls after all morning Masses
- June 19** New Parishioner Welcome after 9:30 am Mass
- June 19-24** Totus Tuus & Vacation Bible School
- June 21** Parish Council meeting 7:00 pm
- June 22** St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting 6:00 pm
- June 22** Journey Through the Bible Study 7:15 pm
- June 23** "The Mass" Class 7:00 pm
- June 25** Church Cleaning 7:00 am led by the Noel Chabanel Group (Lisa Merrill)
- June 25** LOTW Board meeting 9:30 am
- June 26** Corpus Christi Procession after 11:00 am Mass
- June 29** Journey Through the Bible Study 7:15 pm
- June 30** "The Mass" Class 7:00 pm

School News

Used school uniform sale is **Tuesday, June 28**, from 3-6 pm in the Parish Hall. Used uniforms can be dropped off at the school office the week of June 20-24. We will not be accepting clothing the day of the sale. Please mark items clearly with name, size, and price so money from items sold can be returned to you.
Dennis Uniform sale is **Tuesday, July 12**, from 3-7 pm in the Parish Hall.

Farewell to Father Snitily: Father Snitily's last Sunday will be **June 12th**. All parishioners are invited to the following event to wish him good-bye and best wishes as he begins his studies in Rome.
Farewell Dinner: Please join us on **Saturday, June 11th**, 7:00-9:00 pm for a pizza dinner. Bring the whole family and a side dish or dessert. Tableware will be provided. For planning purposes, please RSVP by calling the Parish Office, sign up on the sheet at the Parish Information Center or go to the Facebook link at namartyrs.org.

Welcome to Father Zimmer! The St. Isaac Jogues Knights of Columbus are hosting a Coffee and Rolls Meet and Greet for our new assistant priest, Fr. Matthew Zimmer, on **Sunday June 19th** after each Mass in the Parish Hall. Please join us in welcoming him to North American Martyrs Parish!



Budget Report to Date: Fiscal Year Jul 1, 2010 - Jun 30, 2011

Received to date: July 1 - May 29	\$ 924,682
Needed to date for annual budget	\$ 916,800
Annual budget overage to date.....	\$ 7,882

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

BOS Envelopes and plate.....	\$ 12,443
BOS E-Tithe.....	\$ 10,238
Recycling.....	\$ 31
Total.....	\$ 22,712
Amount Applied to Debt.....	\$ 23,000
Debt as of 05-31-11.....	\$200,181



Altar Society: The Altar Society would like to thank North American Martyrs Parish for making this past year very successful in both raising funds for our church and for supporting local Catholic needs such as Birthright and Pius X High School. The Altar Society also provided all the supplies used at the receptions for parish events, such as First Communion, Confirmation, RCIA and Sunday Coffee and Rolls. Altar Society funds are used to purchase the altar bread, wine, candles and beautiful flowers. Included in this newsletter is an Altar Society dues envelope. *All women of the parish are members of the Altar Society, whose mission is to provide supplies for the altar as well as fulfill the spiritual needs of the parish.* You may return the envelope in the collection basket at Mass or mail your dues to 1101 Isaac Drive. Thank you for your continued support of the Altar Society! We look forward to more women in our parish getting involved by attending monthly meetings and sharing their time and talent when possible! Please call Connie at 402-217-1671 if you have questions about the Altar Society.

Special Needs FUNdraiser: The *Witness Through Fitness* Special Needs FUNdraiser for Derek Ruth and Tyson Zimmer of our Parish will be on **Saturday, June 18th**. Walk/Run registration at 8:00 am. BBQ and FUN 5:30 - 8:00 pm. T-Shirts and Tickets just \$10. Pick up registration form in Narthex. Help spread the word! Use Facebook to get the word out fast at <http://on.fb.me/kBPVQ5>. Business sponsors needed. Volunteers needed. Learn more and register online at <http://cause4help.com/namsnf>.



Eucharistic Procession: The **Solemnity of Corpus Christi** commemorates the institution of the Holy Eucharist. On **Sunday, June 26th**, a Eucharistic Procession will be held after the 11 am Mass at Martyrs. The Blessed Sacrament, displayed in a monstrance, will be carried in a procession around the parish property. **All acolytes** are encouraged to participate. **All First Communion children** are most welcome. Please wear your dresses, suits & ties!

Dear parishioners,

As I have been spending these past few days scrambling to pack my things and finish my work at the parish, I have also been reflecting on my past two years with you. Some of the big things which have played a major role in my life here will not be awaiting me in Rome. These are things such as: visits to the grade school; visiting parishioners in the hospital; teaching at Pius; hearing daily confessions; teaching RCIA; preparing couples for marriage; preaching homilies; and even saying Mass with a congregation (my daily Masses in Rome will usually be said with other priests, but no lay faithful). I will certainly miss all of these things over the next three years, but I know that Rome will come with a whole new set of opportunities and blessings.

Ever since I made the announcement that I had been reassigned, many people have expressed their thanks for all that I have done for them during my time here. I would like to take this opportunity to also thank all of you in return. A priest's first parish is the place where he really starts to learn how to be a priest. For this reason it is also a time when he makes his fair share of mistakes. Thank you to everyone for being patient with me during my first months in the parish. Thank you for your words of encouragement and gratitude. Thank you also to all who invited me into your homes for a meal or the celebration of a special occasion. Thank you to all who brought food to the rectory, sent me Christmas cards, or did anything to make me feel welcomed and appreciated at NAM. Finally I say thank you for being faithful. We all know that it is the responsibility of the priest to inspire faith in his parishioners, but you might be surprised how often it is actually the parishioners who deepen the faith of their priest. I am sure that you continue to do all of these things for Fr. Zimmer as he begins his time here at NAM.

Since I am going to be studying in Rome rather than working with new people in another parish, the people of Martyrs will certainly stay fresh in my memory. For this reason you can also be assured of my prayers, especially as I travel to many holy sites throughout Europe. I will also remember you in prayer as I celebrate Mass with the pope on June 29th. My prayer for you is not generic, but is specifically for a deepening in faith. Every weekend at NAM one of the Masses is offered for the parishioners. Whenever I say this Mass I pray for your intentions and for a deepening of your faith, especially in the Eucharist. I will continue to make this my prayer. Those who remain close to the Eucharist will never go astray. The Eucharist is our greatest source of peace and joy.

When you get a free moment, please say a quick prayer for my safe travels. May God bless each of you and deepen your faith each and every day.

Fr. Snitily

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Mary Kuhlmann's 103rd Birthday

Martyrs' parishioner, **Mary Kuhlmann**, will be celebrating her 103rd birthday in June. Mary was born in Emporia, Kansas on June 8, 1908. She has five siblings, a twin Charles, Ruth, Peggy, Jenny and Barney. She is the only one surviving of her siblings.

Mary graduated teachers college and taught for several years in Garden City, Kansas before getting married. She and her husband had four children: Bob, Danny, Ruth (a member of North American Martyrs) and Mary Virginia (who died at the age of two on Easter Sunday). She has three surviving children, five grandchildren, five great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren.

Mary lived on her own until the age of 101. She moved in with her daughter Ruth two years ago after falling on some steps and spraining her wrist. She likes her coffee and has coffee every morning.

Mary's Catholic faith is everything to her. She lived five blocks from the church as a child and her family never missed Mass. Join us in wishing Mary a happy 103rd birthday! Cards may be sent to Mary Kuhlmann, 805 West Allison Ct., Lincoln, NE 68521.

WELCOME to our new parishioners who registered in the month of May: **Chris & Kim Rongish, Mike & Lynnette Sallinger, Keith & Patricia Steiner, Ronald & May Peppie, Mabior & Sarah Denget, Jamie Hagemeier, Ervin & Irene Stepanek, Megan VanWinkle, Jesse & Melissa Christensen, Aracely Cervantes and Michael & Heather Hilgers.** New Parishioner Welcome is **June 19th** 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 you feel at home in our parish!*

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Is It OK to Gamble?

George Bernard Shaw once wrote, "In gambling, the many must lose in order that the few may win." Is it wrong to gamble? Here is what the Church says about games of chance: "They become morally unacceptable when they deprive someone of what is necessary to provide for his needs and those of others. The passion for gambling risks becoming an enslavement" (2413).

Gambling is not *inherently* wrong, but when someone becomes a compulsive gambler, it frequently leads to serious personal and financial problems. It's important to be honest with yourself when it comes to setting boundaries for gambling.

Let me share a true story. After getting married to Sue and starting a family, Ed became restless and looked to gambling as a source of excitement. What started as a "once in a while" activity during his lunch break became an addiction that led to lying to his wife, amassing debts of \$140,000 on *twenty eight* different credit cards, and even embezzling from his employer.

Thankfully, Ed eventually sought help, and came clean with Sue and his employer. However, his actions had consequences. Ed was convicted of embezzlement and he and Sue had to declare bankruptcy. With God's grace, Sue remained committed to Ed and their marriage, and it's a testimony to the power of forgiveness and redemption that over months and years, they overcame Ed's gambling problems. But wouldn't it have been better had he avoided them in the first place? I encourage you to stay far away from the dangers associated with compulsive gambling. God love you!