



A Note from our Pastor:

Dear Parishioners,
August is here and I am enjoying my annual priesthood retreat at Our Lady of Good Council Retreat House in Waverly. We have completed our fun and educational **Totus Tuus** and **Chess Camp** weeks. Deacon Carson Kain has preached his last Sunday homilies and is gone on his retreat. He will soon go back to the seminary for his last, deacon year, before ordination next May 25, 2019. Let's keep him in our prayers.



We have concluded the photos sessions for our **pictorial directory**. However, if you can submit a digital pic, we can insert it into our directory. Please do that if possible. The more families we have, the better.

There was a large turnout for **moving** into the classrooms. Thanks to the many families, dollies, carts and strong backs and good organization, everything went smoothly. The priests are happy to have their garage back. The teachers are now arranging their classrooms and getting ready for opening day of school on August 16th. We are fortunate to have received a lot of free furniture and to purchase many shelves, tables and chairs from auctions at LPS. It is nice to have children pitching in. I even saw about four students helping a teacher peel tape off the tile entryway to her room – this shows good respect for our property and helpful souls.

The **library** portion of the new addition is the focus now. This past week, it was sheet rocked and soon the mud will go up. The electricians are piping in the wires. Soon they will install the ceiling and paint the whole library. The caulking has been going on inside and outside. The brick has been completed and nearly all acid washed. There are still windows to be installed in the new addition and also new windows to go into the old middle school wing. The front offices in the school have seen much progress and are coming along. They hope to pour the concrete driveway the first of August. They had to remake the cast stone to fit on the top of the library. The roofing will also be completed in August.

August 17th is our **25th Anniversary** celebration! Please make an effort to come and celebrate with your fellow parishioners. See the color insert in this mailing for details. Everything we are celebrating is a result of your faith and love for God. We have a beautiful campus and amazing parishioners who show their love in so many ways. It is a blessing to belong to North American Martyrs!

May God bless us all, *Fr. Brian Connor*

Please join us in worshipping our Lord! **AFLAME** will be held on **Friday, August 24th**, 7:00—9:00 pm. Music, Adoration, and prayers teams will be available. You are welcome to stay the whole time or just a short time. Feel free to bring spouses, children, and friends!

Sunday School begins on **Sunday, September 16th** during the 9:30 am Sunday Mass. This program is for 3, 4, and 5 year old parishioners. A fee of \$15 is charged for materials and supplies. Registration forms are available on our website or at the Parish Information Center. *Deadline to register is September 1st.* Questions – Contact Melissa Peters at leemelissatyler@gmail.com or 712-579-1748.

WELCOME to our new parishioners who registered in the month of July: **Thomas & Lani Valasek, Mitchell & Jill Sullivan, John & Noel Pedry, Tony & Sydney Kobza, Jennifer Stukel and Brent & Jacklyn Frohner.** *We hope you feel at home in our parish!*

Family, Faith, Future

Building Campaign Update

Campaign Goal	\$4,500,000
Pledged to Date*	\$4,533,264
Percentage of Goal	101%
Cash Received to Date	\$3,232,151
Total Families	1,442
Total Gifts to Date*	716
Average Gift	\$6,331

*Note: We have reduced our "pledged to date" by \$189,548 (58 write-offs & 4 reductions) for those families who have moved out of the parish and/or reduced their original pledge.

JOIN US FOR THESE NEW CLASSES....

- ◆ **RCIA** begins on **Thursday, September 13th**. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult (RCIA) is for all who would like a clear and comprehensive explanation of the Catholic faith. This class is from 7-8:30 pm on most Thursdays until Easter. Free babysitting is provided for ages 2 and up.
- ◆ **Seeking Truth Bible Study** will be studying "The Gospel of Luke." We will have two class times available, one on Wednesday evenings 6-7:30 pm (same time as CCD!) or another on Thursday mornings 9-10:30 am. This year we will offer the **class free of charge**. If you would like to purchase the book that Sharon Doran uses to correspond with her presentations you can purchase them on Amazon for \$24.95 (Come and See...The Gospel of Luke). The class will meet for a video presentation with a discussion that follows. Please prayerfully consider attending as many presentations as your schedule allows. **Classes will begin September 19th and 20th.**
- ◆ A new program called **Be Transformed** will be offered this fall at Martyrs. Bob Schuchts has mastered the healing and restorative power of the sacraments-- these transforming rivers of grace that bring us into the abundant life. For lifelong Catholics or anyone who has ever wondered, "Does anything really happen to me when I receive the sacraments" this class is for you. We begin on **Monday, September 24th**, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm and will continue for 8 weeks. We will be ordering a book for this class that will be approximately \$15. Questions, please call Nancy at 402-310-6396.

To register for any of these classes, please call or email the Parish Office at 402-476-8088 ext. 5 or julie-crawford@cdolinc.net

August 2018

September.....

North American Martyrs Parish

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Upcoming events: August 17: 25th Anniversary Celebration, street dance, music, food. Sept. 15-18: Parish Mission, Fr. Declan Gibson (Friday) Sept. 28: musician Martin Doman Oct. 20: Blessing of the new addition and Mass with Bishop Conley			8 6:00 pm -SVDP -Vino & Veritas 6pm & 8pm	9	10	11 9:30 am Stewardship
12	13 7:00 pm K of C	14 11:30 am - 5:30 pm Blood Drive 5:30 pm Assumption Holy Day Mass	15 6:40 am 8:00 am 7:00 pm Assumption Holy Day Mass	16	17 5:30 pm— 25th Anniversary Celebration!	18 7:00 am Clean Church
19 1-4:00 pm Baptism Class	20	21 7:00 pm Parish Council	22 6:00 pm SVDP	23	24 7:00 pm AFLAME	25
26	27 Noon Grief Support (Cracker Barrel)	28	29	30	31	1 (September)
2 3:00 pm Exposition & Confession	3 <i>Labor Day</i>	4	5	6	7	8



Martyrs School News

- August 12** New Family Orientation 1pm
Open House 2:30 pm
- August 16** First Day of School—
Noon Dismissal
- August 17** 1:30 pm Dismissal
- Sept. 3** No School—Labor Day
- Sept. 14** 1:30 pm Dismissal



CCD News

CCD is for students in first through eighth grade who attend public schools or are homeschooled. Classes meet on Wed. evenings from 6-7:30 pm beginning in September. Registration forms are in the Narthex. Please drop forms in the collection basket or return to the office. CCD begins September 5th.