



A Note from Our Pastor:

Dear North American Martyrs Parishioners,



October is an awesome month for Saints: St. Therese of the Child Jesus (1st), Guardian Angels (2nd), St. Francis (4th), St. Teresa of Avila (15th), St. Ignatius of Antioch (17th), St. Luke (18th), North American Martyrs (19th), St. John Paul II (22nd) and more culminating in All Saints Day (November 1st). As we get to know the Saints, hopefully our own path to sanctity and holiness becomes more clear. Let us try to become martyrs (witnesses) in our own manner to the love of Jesus through prayer and loving our families and neighbors.

On October 20th Bishop James Conley is coming to celebrate the 6 p.m. Mass and the Feast of the North American Martyrs: Isaac Jogues, John de Brebeuf, Gabriel Lalement, Noel Chabanel, Anthony Daniel, Charles Garnier, Rene Goupil and John de Lalande. Afterwards, he will bless our new addition and then we will have an ice cream social. This will be a joyous time to give thanks to God for 25 years of North American Martyrs Church in northwest Lincoln. We will worship God, pay honor and venerate the Most Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints and celebrate our faith as a parish family. Please come and join us.

Obviously, **the construction** has had its' share of delays, challenges and bad weather. I continue to admire the laborers who apply their various trades and come together to make a beautiful school and addition for the future of our parish. While it has been frustrating at times, and we are anxious for it to be punch list completed and fully utilized, I need to remind myself to be patient (not my strong suit).

When construction occurs, there are always **additional projects** that get thrown into the mix. I have mentioned a few before, but can highlight some that have taken lots of time and are coming to completion:

- the amphitheater and accessible ramp out back;
- the new stairs down to the playfields;
- the playground fence;
- steps to the rectory (prior was pulling away);
- Sr. Janelle's office and the school front office.

Oct 3rd was punch list for the library area. The wood ceiling, carpet, tile, flooring are done. They are finishing up the courtyard, landscaping, soffit, fascia and guttering. The Bio-retention pit is moving along and weather permitting the new top soil will be spread before long.

I am very pleased and excited to announce the hiring of **Manda McCleery for Evangelization**. She comes to NAM with about twelve years of experience working in a parish and with FOCCUS in the work of Evangelization and Discipleship. We are able to hire someone who will be an ambassador for our faith because our new addition gives us more parish space. She will give support and leadership to some ministries including Evangelization Committee, Light of the World, Welcoming Committee etc. She is getting to know the people of the parish currently and making plans. Please introduce yourself and welcome her when you see her.

God bless you all, *Father Brian Connor*

Volunteers are needed at Calvary Cemetery on **Wednesday, October 24th** between 4:00-7:00 pm to get the grounds looking nice for the All Souls Day Mass. Bring a weed eater if possible. They appreciate our willingness to help and care for our Lincoln Catholic cemetery.

Family, Faith, Future

Building Campaign Update

Campaign Goal	\$4,500,000
Pledged to Date*	\$4,524,739
Percentage of Goal	101%
Cash Received to Date	\$3,342,650
Total Families	1,438
Total Gifts to Date*	711
Average Gift	\$6,365

*Note: We have reduced our "pledged to date" by \$198,548 (63 write-offs & 4 reductions) for those families who have moved out of the parish and/or reduced their original pledge.

Manda McCleery has joined our parish staff as the Coordinator of Evangelization and Discipleship! Manda has experience in evangelization from being a FOCUS Missionary, a NET missionary and most recently as a Coordinator of Evangelization and Discipleship at St. Timothy Catholic Church in Mesa, AZ. Manda comes originally from Denver, Colorado. She is married to Sean, an IT Specialist at then Diocesan Chancery, and they are expecting their first child this month! Manda can be reached at amanda-mccleery@cdolinc.net.

GIFT is Friday, October 26! Deadline to register is October 10th. If you cannot attend, we invite you to participate by purchasing cash lottery tickets or bidding on the auction items online. Learn more about the GIFT event at namartyrs.org/GIFT.

NAM Pro-Life will be accepting donations on behalf of Birthright and also diapers for the annual drive by the Lincoln Diocese Council of Catholic Women during the month of October. The most needed items at Birthright are: baby wash or lotion, boys winter clothes, used or new-up to 18 months. Pacifiers, baby wash cloths, or any thing a new mom might need. Thank you for your generosity!



WELCOME to our new parishioners who registered in the month of September: **Jim & Leilani Jensen, Nikki Novak, Robert & Lindsey O'Neil, Ariana Lomeli, Joshua Castellanos, Hannah**

Shinkel, Diane Ramsey, Jessica Monroe, Devin & Maggie Kellogg, Matthew Ryan, Gary & Colleen Butcher and Samantha Sandberg.

We hope you feel at home in our parish!

October 2018

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North American Martyrs Parish

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Upcoming events: Oct. 20: Blessing & Celebration of the new addition and Mass with Bishop Conley Oct. 31/Nov. 1 All Saints Day			10 1:00 pm Be Healed 6:00 pm -SVDP -Bible Study	11 9:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm RCIA	12	13 7:30 am Martyrs Men
14 1:00 pm Baptism Class 6:00 pm ALPHA	15 6:30 pm Be Transformed	16 6:00 pm Altar Society 7:00 pm Parish Council	17 1:00 pm Be Healed 6:00 pm Bible Study	18 9:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm RCIA	19 NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS FEAST DAY 5:00 pm Clean Church 7:00 pm AFlame	20 7:30 am Martyrs Men 9:30 am Stewardship 6:00 pm Mass Bishop Conley
21 Coffee & Rolls after all morning Masses 6:00 pm ALPHA	22 6:30 pm Be Transformed	23	24 1:00 pm Be Healed 6:00 pm -SVDP -Bible Study	25 9:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm RCIA	26 GIFT!	27 7:30 am Martyrs Men
28 6:00 pm ALPHA	29 Noon Grief Support—Hog Wild 6:30 pm Be Transformed	30 6:15 pm Bedmaking at Good Counsel	31 1:00 pm Be Healed 5:00 pm Holy Day Vigil Mass	1 (November) All Saints Day 6:40 am, 8 am 7:00 pm 11:30am-5:30pm Blood Drive	2	3 7:30 am Martyrs Men
4 3:00 pm Exposition 6:00 pm ALPHA	5 6:30 pm Be Transformed	6	7 6:00 pm Bible Study	8 9:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm RCIA	9 7:00 pm AFlame	10 7:30 am Martyrs Men



Martyrs School News

October 12 1:30 pm Dismissal
October 19 Martyrs Feast Day
October 21 Trunk or Treat
October 22 No School
October 25 1:30 pm Dismissal
October 26 Noon Dismissal
October 29 1:30 pm Dismissal
Nov. 1 & 2 No School



CCD News

October 10 Class 6—7:30 pm
October 17 Class 6—7:30 pm
October 24 Class 6—7:30 pm
October 31 No CCD
November 7 Class—6—7:30 pm
 Rosary 6:15 pm—CCD
 Families are invited.