



**3rd Week of Advent**

**Monday December 17**

6:40 AM Joan Runyan†  
 8:00 AM Jim Leshner Family—  
 Living & Deceased

**Tuesday December 18**

6:40 AM Pam Gronenthal  
 8:00 AM Dennis & Dorothy Gall†

**Wednesday December 19**

6:40 AM Mary Ngu Nguyen†  
 8:00 AM Helen Benes†

**Thursday December 20**

6:40 AM Nellie Guerra†  
 8:00 AM Dennis & Dorothy Gall†

**Friday December 21**

6:40 AM Nellie Guerra†  
 8:00 AM Irene Rezac†

**Saturday December 22**

9:00 AM Paul & Bonnie Ramaekers

**Weekend Masses**

**Saturday December 22**

6:00 PM Paige Kostinsky

**Sunday December 23**

7:00 AM Ngot Le† & Oanh Nguyen†  
 8:00 AM Our Parish Family  
 9:30 AM Michael Kuta Family—  
 Living & Deceased  
 11:00 AM Stan Harms†

**School News**

**Dec. 17** Christmas Program A-L 6:30 pm  
**Dec. 18** Christmas Program M-Z 6:30 pm  
**Dec. 21** 12 Noon Dismissal  
 Christmas break begins

**CCD News**

**December 19** Christmas Celebration  
 6:00 - 7:30 pm

**Knights Annual Free Throw Contest** will be **January 19th**, 11 am—Noon in the Martyrs gym. The gym is open for warmups at 10:30 am. Contestants are boys and girls ages 9-14. Registration forms are in the school office. Please call Steve McManus at 402-475-5622 with any questions.

**Giving Tree gifts**, need to be returned to Martyrs **by 8:00 am on Monday, December 17th**. If you miss the deadline, gifts may be taken directly to CSS, 22nd & O Street. The Confirmation class thanks you!

Witnessing to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and living the Sacramental life.



**Parish Calendar**



**HOLIDAY BAKE SALE** is this weekend!

**BIBLE STUDY** (Chapter 11) will meet on **Wed., December 19th** at 6:00 pm and **Thursday, December 20th** at 9:00 am.

**RCIA** will meet on **Thursday, December 20th** at 7:00 pm. Topic: Baptism.



We will **decorate** the church for Christmas on **Sunday, December 23rd** after the 11 am Mass. Men, women and children are invited. *Students needing service hours* are encouraged to come and help. Bring your parents!

**2018 Advent Confession Schedule**

**Sunday, December 16:** 4 - 5:00 pm 5 priests

**Monday, December 17:** After Christmas Program, 8 - 9:00 pm 2 priests

**Tuesday, December 18:** After Christmas Program, 8 - 9:00 pm 2 priests

**Wednesday, December 19:** 7:30—8:30 pm 2 priests

**Thursday, December 20:** 7:30—8:30 pm 2 priests

**Saturday, December 22:** 11:00 am - Noon 2 priests

and 4:30-5:45 pm 2 priests

**Sunday, December 23:** 4 - 5:00 pm 3 priests

**Monday, December 24:** 11:00 am - Noon 2 priests



Normal Weekend Masses on **December 22** at 6 pm and **December 23** at 7 am, 8 am, 9:30 am & 11 am



**The Nativity of the Lord Mass Schedule**

**Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24:**

4:00 pm, 6:00 pm and

Midnight Mass (traditional choir begins at 11:30 pm)

**Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25:**

8:00 am & 10:00 am

**MARTYRS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:**

**Second Adorers Wanted:** Tuesday 7am and 2pm, Thursday 11pm, Friday 8pm, Saturday 8pm, Sunday noon and 7pm.

**Open Hours:** Monday 8am, Sunday 5am, Sunday 6am.

Call the Parish Office, 402-476-8088 ext. 5, for more information.

*The Blessed Sacrament will be reposed Friday, December 21st at 5:00 pm through Wednesday, January 2nd at 7:00 am.*



**Give more life. Donate blood.** The Knights of Columbus and American Red Cross **Blood Drive** is **Thursday, December 27th**, 11:30 am—5:30 pm. Please call Bob at 402-419-8004 to register. Free long sleeved t-shirt while supplies last.

**POINSETTIAS** to be placed around the altar at Christmas can be ordered in memory of a loved one. The cost is \$12 per plant. Please drop your donation and this filled out form in the collection basket or at the Parish Office. Deadline is **Monday, December 17th**.



Donated in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Donated by \_\_\_\_\_

**STEWARDSHIP RECEIVED LAST WEEK:** *Thank you!*

Adult Tithe Envelopes (223 families).....	\$ 11,638
Adult Electronic Tithe (298 families).....	\$ 9,234
Plate .....	\$ 1,173
Youth .....	\$ 154
<b>Total Tithe Received</b> .....	<b>\$ 22,199</b>

Average amount needed for weekly budget - \$23,732

(This amount represents what is needed for the 2018-19 fiscal year budget.)

**Budget Report to Date:** Fiscal Year Jul 1, 2018 - Jun 30, 2019

Received to date: July 1 - Dec. 09 .....	\$ 533,777
Needed to date for annual budget .....	\$ 569,568
<b>Annual budget shortage to date</b> .....	<b>(\$35,791)</b>

Please remember North American Martyrs Church & School in your will.

**SCRIP**

**Scrip workers for December 22-23**

<b>6:00 PM</b> VanAckeren/ West	<b>7:00 AM</b> Keller/Parr
<b>8:00 AM</b> Wiese/Johnson	<b>9:30 AM</b> Royal/Beecham
<b>11:00 AM</b> B. Benes/Bailey	

12/11: Total Sales: **\$20,085** Total Profits: **\$ 864** Families: 108

To receive SPECIAL ORDER SCRIP before Christmas, requests must be **submitted by December 17th.**

**No SCRIP sales next weekend, Dec. 29 & 30.**

Fr. Connor is in need of parishioners who would be willing to volunteer as "Welcome / Security" at weekend Masses. Volunteers would offer help to those who are new or have questions and watch for anything unusual. It is a proactive recommendation from Catholic Mutual Insurance Company and training will be given. Contact Fr. Connor or the Parish Office for more information.

**Creighton Model NFP** Introductory Sessions are held throughout the Diocese. Single women, engaged or married couples are welcome to attend to learn more about this revolutionary form of women's health tracking and natural family planning. Sessions meet Diocesan requirements for marriage prep. For more information visit [www.lincolndiocese.org/nfp](http://www.lincolndiocese.org/nfp)

**Lay Ministry for December 22-23**

	<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Servers</b>	<b>Greeters</b>
6:00 PM	Nagel Terrell	Rupp	Vancura, Ernst Wisnieski Wynia	Matt Stephens Family
7:00 AM	Shonka Beying	Shonka	Shonka, Meyers J. & V. Nguyen	
8:00 AM	Fry Ketchmark	Becker	Becker, Trausch Fitzgerald Brakenhoff	Kevin Bousquet Family
9:30 AM	Korus Smith Warday	J. Brown	Odom, Hoang M. Brown Korus	Greg Kozakiewicz Family
11:00 AM	Johs D. Wemhoff Gose	Lostroh	Johs Wemhoff Hagge (2)	Aaron Cleaver Family

**Prayer Requests**

*We pray with special love and concern for all those who are ill:* **Geraldine Baier, Alvin & Geraldine Barta, Janis Bauer, Sally Benes, Barbara Bothe, Cari Cobler, Bob Cook, Bryan Cook, Ray Douglas, Sonja Gates, Maryls Goodwater, Bruce Haller, Pam Hill, Rosetta Hodge, Lori Leif, Tony Leitschuck, Stephanie Leonard, Clint Lochner, Jennifer Manning, Abby & Will Parish, Barb Roth, Candy Rueb, Derek Ruth, Abbey Schnell, John Sedlak, Connie Skoglund, Jan Slepicka, Patricia Steiner, Jolene Stern, Norman Sweitzer and Lane Whitaker.** Names will remain on the list for 3 months unless otherwise notified.



Two new classes will held at Martyrs on **Tuesday nights beginning January 8th**, from 6:30-8:00 pm.

**Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University** is a nine week class to learn that money doesn't have to be stressful, plan for your future, communicate in marriage, and dump debt. Classes will meet in the School Multi-purpose Room. Books and materials are \$100 (scholarships available). Call Joe Brandl at 402-477-1895 with questions. Free babysitting for ages 2 and up. Call the Parish Office to register.

**Partners on the Journey** is a Christian marriage enrichment series that combines a Catholic theology of marriage with findings from scientific research to offer couples both inspiration and practical help. This 10 week class will meet in the new Our Lady Queen of Martyr Center (Library). The book fee is \$10 and may be paid the first night of class. Free babysitting for ages 2 and up. Call Gary Aerts at 402-405-5215 or Frank or Pat Lanik at 402-429-4187 with questions or contact the Parish Office to register.

Coming during Lent: **Light of the World (LOTW) on March 8-10, 2019.**

2019 Religious Calendars are available in the Narthex. Pick one up today! Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus for co-sponsoring our calendar.

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

**High School Community Night** is **Dec. 16th** from 6:30 – 8:30 pm in the Parish Hall!

"**Thursdays with Nicole**", for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders, is in the Multipurpose Room after school until 4:15pm.

The last **High School Bible Study** of the semester will be **Wed., December 19<sup>th</sup>** at 8 pm.

Follow: **Instagram:** @youth\_NAM & **Facebook:** North American Martyrs Youth Ministry (@NAMyouthministry)  
Youth Minister: Nicole Olson, 402-413-8576

**AREA EVENTS**

**Catholic Daughters, Dec. 18**, 6 pm, KC Hall, 60<sup>th</sup> & South Streets. Annual Christmas Potluck. Prayer Partner gift exchange. All women 18 yrs & older invited to join us.

**Marriage Encounter Weekend** at the Lied Center in Nebraska City, **Feb. 15-17.** Contact Pat 308-940-0670 or Janelle 308-940-1105 or [pjbjben@yahoo.com](mailto:pjbjben@yahoo.com) with questions or to register. Call 30 days ahead to help reserve the facility. This is a Dynamic Catholic opportunity for NAM School parents.