



A Note from our Pastor:

World Day of the Sick celebrated at 8 a.m. Mass on Monday, February 11, 2019.

Pope John Paul II initiated the day in 1992 to encourage people to pray for those who suffer from illness and for their caregivers. The Pope himself had been diagnosed with Parkinson's a year before, in 1991, and it is considered that his own illness was impetus for his designation of the day.

World Day of the Sick was first observed on February 11, 1993. February 11 is also the Catholic Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, which is a name given to the Virgin Mary in honor of the apparitions that were said to have been seen in and around Lourdes, France, by a young girl called Bernadette Soubirous. The Church canonized Bernadette as a saint several years later.

At North American Martyrs we will celebrate with Mass on this day. I invite you to come and pray with the school children. We will reserve the front two center pews for those who are sick and wanting special prayers. I will offer the Anointing of the Sick for those who are suffer from terminal illness, preparing for surgery of other serious life threatening sickness. We will pray the litany of Our Lady of Lourdes for those present and those names listed in our bulletin and for others who are sick and unable to attend.

As the priests at North American Martyrs, Fr. Fleck and I we rely on the chaplains at hospitals and nursing homes to provide regular sacramental care for our parishioners when they are infirmed. While we take Holy Communion to the shut-ins once a month, and try to anoint our faithful whenever needed, we are mindful that this ministry is very important and can take considerable time. We are grateful to the acolytes and EME who assist us with this ministry to the infirmed.

It will be nice to have all the children at Mass assist us with their prayers and to become more aware of the infirmed and the need to pray for the sick.

Their prayers are powerful and we are blessed to have 500+ at daily Masses throughout the school year. We will make special room for you at this Mass.



Family, Faith, Future

Building Campaign Update

Campaign Goal	\$4,500,000
Pledged to Date*	\$4,507,194
Percentage of Goal	100%
Cash Received to Date	\$3,563,386
Total Families	1,446
Total Gifts to Date*	715
Average Gift	\$6,304

*Note: We have reduced our "pledged to date" by \$228,898 (65 write-offs & 4 reductions) for those families who have moved out of the parish and/or reduced their original pledge.

You are invited to the **Eucharistic Adoration and Global Living Rosary** at North American Martyrs! This very special prayer time with Our Lord and His Mother will be **Tuesday, February 12th** starting at 7:00 pm. **Bishop Conley** will



expose the Eucharistic Jesus and we will sing hymns of adoration. Bishop Conley will give a homily on the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. He will start the Global Living Rosary by leading the Creed and then 58 people will start the Our Fathers and Hail Mary's in a Foreign Language. The rest will complete these prayers in English. The Benediction will conclude the prayer service at 8:00 pm.

Altar Society Sweetheart Bake Sale is the weekend of **February 9th and 10th** after all Masses. All parishioners are invited to bake or bring treats to support our church. Please bring your 'sweetheart' treats to church anytime on Saturday or before any of the Masses. Proceeds will be used to finance the First Communion and Confirmation receptions.

Join us for our second annual North American Martyrs **Trivia Night** on **Saturday, March 16th** in the Parish Hall beginning at 7:30 pm. Tables of 8—\$15 per person to play. Get your friends together or let us place you and make new friends! Bring your own food and beverages. Cash prizes. To register pick up a registration form at the Parish Information Center and return to the Parish Office. If you have any questions, email Jen Trausch at jtrausch81@gmail.com.

WELCOME to our new parishioners who registered in the month of January: **Brendon Oenbring, Austin & Brianne Lahmon, Cassandra Metzner, Andrew Wilcox, Zach Krenk, Jamison Ulrich, Kyle Bogus and Mike & Faith Thomas.**

We hope you feel at home in our parish!

NAM Capital Improvements to Church and School

Because of your generosity, we are able to make improvements to our Church and School and show good stewardship of the beautiful facilities. Sometimes, we get donations over and above for memorials. Sometimes they are very timely and other times we can apply them in arrears.

If anyone wants to donate towards these needs, we are grateful. Otherwise, you can always give a little more in the collection. I prefer to be transparent and let you see some of our current unforeseen expenses. We are cash flowing just fine. God bless you all!

- We had a folding machine from 2006 with 1M + folds on it and over \$1,600 in repairs. We needed a new one for \$3,620.
- Sr. Janelle's 12 year old car with 200K miles no longer heated properly. We got a new/ used car for \$5,000 with a trade-in.
- The Altar Society gave us the good idea (and \$3,000 seed money) to renovate the women and men's restrooms in the church. Cost \$12,500.
- We are adding a new office into the Kateri Room (old Music room) for about \$9,000. We will have some furniture costs too.
- We have re-carpeted three rooms that were showing a lot of wear and tear (Kateri, Music room and 4B) for \$9,000.
- We are looking into a new water booster heater for the Cafeteria for \$2,200.

February 2019

March.....

North American Martyrs Parish

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Upcoming Events: March 6 Ash Wednesday, Lent begins March 8 Fish Fry and Stations of the Cross begin on Fridays during Lent March 8-10 Light of the World Retreat			6 6:00 pm Bible Study	7 9:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm RCIA	8 6-10:00 pm Date Night	9 Sweetheart Bake Sale after Mass
10 Sweetheart Bake Sale after Masses Baptism Class 1:00 pm	11 7:00 pm Knights	12 6:30 -Partners -Financial Peace 7:00 pm Global Rosary	13 6:00 pm -SVDP -Bible Study	14 9:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm RCIA	15	16 7 am Clean Church 7:30 am Martyrs Men 9:30 am Stewardship
17 Coffee & Rolls	18	19 6:30 pm -Partners -Financial Peace 7:00 pm Parish Council	20 6:00 pm Bible Study	21 9:00 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Security Train 7:00 pm RCIA	22	23 7:30 am Martyrs Men
24	25 12:30 pm Grief Support	26 6:30 pm -Partners -Financial Peace 7:30 pm GIFT meeting	27 6:00 pm -SVDP -Bible Study	28 9:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm RCIA	1 (March) 8:30 am First Friday Devotions	2 7:30 am Martyrs Men 8:30 am First Saturday Devotions
3 3:00 pm Exposition & Confessions	4 6:30 pm Martyrs Moms	5 6:30 pm -Partners -Financial Peace	6 6:40 am 8 am, 5 pm 6:30 pm <u>ASH WED.</u> <u>MASSES</u> 6:00 pm Bible Study	7 9:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm RCIA	8 4:30-7:30 pm Fish Fry 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross	9 LOTW PARISH RETREAT March 8, 9 ,10



Martyrs School News

February 7 Noon Dismissal
February 8 No School
February 15 1:30 pm Dismissal
February 18 No School
March 4-8 ITBS Testing Grades 3-8
March 4 Preschool Preview 6 pm
March 8 1:30 pm Dismissal



CCD News

February 6 Class 6-7:30 pm
February 13 Class 6-7:30 pm—
 Rosary 6:15 pm
February 20 Class 6-7:30 pm
February 27 Class 6-7:30 pm—
 First Confession Practice
March 6 Class 6-6:30 pm
 Ash Wed. Mass 6:30 pm