



A Note from our Pastor



Last Tuesday, I was walking up to church amidst snow. Even though school had been cancelled (again), I was happy to see the **Financial Peace University (FPU)** and our **Partners On the Journey**, marriage enrichment classes were both ON. I asked the young couple whom I passed how they liked the FPU classes, and she quickly and enthusiastically replied, "They are wonderful. Already making a big difference in our life. I recommend it to anyone."

I was so happy to hear that. What a blessing to be a pastor and to have so many life enriching, faith deepening opportunities offered in your parish. We are so blessed to have volunteers who get trained and are ready and willing to make these many programs happen at North American Martyrs Catholic Church.

I was rereading parts of **Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic**, by Matthew Kelly. He says that only 7% of the Catholics in the USA are Dynamic Catholics; people who have a good **Prayer** life, **Study** the faith, and have the Spirit of **Generosity** and **Evangelization**. Thanks be to God, I think we are way above the National average at NAM. And we have to be to keep going in a positive direction.

I want to thank our Ad Hoc Committee who has worked dozen of hours on the **Faithful Steward Scholarship Program** that will be rolled out at a parent meeting on March 7 at 7 p.m. This has been done in a positive response to the new Tuition guidelines from the Diocese of Lincoln. This committee has done a wonderful job of putting together a plan to help people grow in faith and secure the future of our school.

Martyrs has been consistent in offering the **Light of the World (LOTW)** Parish based Retreat almost from the beginning. Please pray for and/or consider attending the retreat held here March 8-10. A retreat like this can make a big difference in your faith journey and be a blessing for your family.

Lent begin on **March 6** with **Ash Wednesday** Masses. We will have **Stations of the Cross** and a **Fish Fry** each Friday. We have a **new Crux FOCUS Bible Study** offered each day of the week for five weeks. You just need to pick a night of the week to meet for one hour. The times will be publicized soon as it starts March 11- April 12 (week before Holy Week). I pray that you have "the Best Lent" ever. We all need Lent as a time of renewal through increased prayer, fasting and almsgiving. God bless you all!

Father Brian Connor

Ever wanted to do something amazing for Lent? Only have about an hour a week? Sign up for a Crux Small Group Bible Study! *The Crux walks through God's promise of ultimate love for us and our response.* Small Groups begin on March 10th... on Sundays 6 pm, or come on Mondays 7 pm; Tuesdays 6:30 pm or Thursdays 6:30 pm. Choose the night of the week that works for you! This is a NAM School Dynamic Catholic opportunity. (no child care for this series). Contact Manda for more information and to register. amanda-mccleery@cdolinc.net or 402-476-8088.

Try a Holy Hour for Lent! For those of you contemplating Adoration but are uncertain of the commitment, sign up during Lent. Please check the Adoration chart in the Narthex or call the Parish Office for more information.

OPEN HOUR: 1 pm Thursdays. Second Adorer Needed: Tuesdays: 2 pm, 3pm ~ Thursdays: 11pm ~ Fridays: 8 pm ~ Sundays: noon

Family, Faith, Future

Building Campaign Update

Campaign Goal	\$4,500,000
Pledged to Date*	\$4,507,244
Percentage of Goal	100%
Cash Received to Date	\$3,600,497
Total Families	1,447
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.

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a **Lenten Fish Fry each Friday during Lent beginning March 8th** from 4:30 to 7:30 in the Parish Hall.

Enjoy all you can eat fish, fries, spaghetti, mac & cheese, along with beverages, desserts & ice cream. 13 yrs. & up \$10; 5 to 12 yrs. old \$4; and no charge for 4 yrs. & under. Shrimp, Soda, Beer, & Wine will also be available for purchase.



What are your plans to deepen your faith during Lent?

Consider attending the **Light of the World Retreat** on **Friday, March 8, 7-9 pm; Saturday, March 9th, 8:00 am-4:00 pm** and **Sunday, March 10th, 9:00 am-6:00 pm**. We will have babysitting available for parents with children. If you are not attending the retreat perhaps you could help with providing snacks. Call April at 402-610-3091 for more information.

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 February: **Thomas & Sarah Stadler, Amanda Slater, Brad & Stacilyn Nauman, Dennis & Brooke Stille, Anthony & Jessica Aerts, Scott & Kim McIntyre** and **Curtis Tomasevicz**.

We hope you feel at home in our parish!

March 2019

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North American Martyrs Parish

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Upcoming Events: March 8 Fish Fry and Stations of the Cross begin on Fridays during Lent March 8-10 Light of the World Retreat March 11- Lent Crux FOCUS Bible Studies March 16 Trivia Night			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 7:30 am Martyrs Men
10 1:00 pm Baptism Class 5:30 pm Alpha 6:00 pm Crux	11 6:00 pm Bedmaking 7:00 pm -Knights -Crux	12 6:00 pm Altar Society 6:30 pm -Partners -Financial Peace -Crux	13 6:00 pm -SVDP -Bible Study	14 9:00 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Crux 7:00 pm RCIA	15 4:30-7:30 pm Fish Fry 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm AFlame	16 7:00 am Clean Church 7:30 am Martyrs Men 9:30 am Stewardship 7:00 pm TRIVIA NIGHT
17 Coffee & Rolls 5:30 pm Alpha 6:00 pm Crux	18 7:00 pm Crux	19 6:30 pm -Partners -Financial -Crux 7:00 pm Parish Council	20	21 6:30 pm Crux 7:00 pm RCIA	22 4:30-7:30 pm Fish Fry 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross	23 7:30 am Martyrs Men
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Martyrs School News

March 8 1:30 pm Dismissal
March 11 No School
March 28 Confirmation 7 pm
April 1 No School
April 12 1:30 pm Dismissal



CCD News

March 6 Class 6-6:30 pm/ Mass 6:30 pm
March 13 No Class—Spring Break
March 20 Class 6-7:30 pm—
 First Confessions
March 27 Class 6-7:30 pm—
 Stations of the Cross 6:15 pm
April 3 Class 6-7:30 pm