



Dear NAM Parishioners,

We were blessed to have had a committee of a dozen parishioners who developed our **Faithful Steward Scholarship** for our Catholic School for 2019-2020 school year. The focus is on Stewardship and Mass attendance and we have seen an uptick in families making an effort to attend Holy Mass on Sunday. We know there are many things in the world that pull us away from devotion to Church on Sunday. Our culture is becoming increasingly secular. I can see great love for the Lord at our Eucharistic celebrations. Thanks to all who filled out the Faithful Steward applications. I am glad that everyone who applied, received the full scholarship. While our tuition goes to \$3,500, the cost for those who received the full FSS remains at \$850 for this year. Let us pray for each other.

**This summer**, we will have Deacon Caleb Hile assigned to NAM arriving June 5. Caleb is from St. Joseph's Parish, Lincoln. We also will have Jimmy Beran and Matthew Schilmoeller (arriving May 13) helping out in the parish. Jimmy is going into 3<sup>rd</sup> Theology and Matthew is going into 1<sup>st</sup> Theology. They will be helping at Masses, doing evangelization work, youth ministry, catechesis, attending meetings, cleaning, cooking and odds and ends around the parish. We will be happy to come for dinner (5:30-6:30 pm) if you are able to host 2-5 growing boys (and priests) this summer. We are not picky eaters and would enjoy getting out to some homes.

**Fr. Kubat's** farewell is on Saturday, June 1 in the Parish Hall following the 6 p.m. Mass. We are having Pot Luck to celebrate his being with us. It has been a real blessing to have him reside at NAM for the past eight years. New priests assignments should be coming out soon, so we will know where he is going and if we get another priest in residence.

We had a fun time in Dallas at **Junior High Nationals Chess Tournament**. Our top team in Under 1000 finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place out of 35 teams. Our Under 750 team finished in 7<sup>th</sup> place out of 44 teams. The sixteen students who competed showed good skills and sportsmanship. It was very enjoyable to be with the 12 parents who accompanied them. Thanks to Fr. Fleck for doing some extra coverage and to my mentor Msgr. Herbek (85 years young) who came to cover two Sunday Masses.

As you may have seen, I am hosting the **International Priests Tennis tournament June 27-30** in Lincoln at Genesis Racket Club. We currently have over 40 priests coming to compete. I think this is a once in a lifetime adventure and a lot of fun (work) organizing. I hope everyone enjoys their visit to Nebraska, the priestly fraternity and events planned around the competition. Please say a prayer for the success.

It is a tremendous  **blessing to be a priest at NAM**  and to serve the Lord and you. May is always my busiest month of the year. There are some many things to celebrate and be thankful to God for: May crowning, First Holy Communion, Spring musicals, Graduations from K, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, High School and Seminary, Ordinations, First Masses, May Fair, end of CCD and School year parties... Thank you Jesus for being a part of all of these events and our daily lives. Mary our Mother, pray for us, FBC

**Attention Sweets Lovers:** The Altar Society will be having a **Bake Sale** after the weekend Masses on **May 18 & 19**. All parishioners are invited to bring baked items to support the Altar Society. *Proceeds will support the religious fund.* Bring your items to church on Saturday after 4:30 pm or before the weekend Masses. The Altar Society thanks you for your support! Please call Kathy at 402-405-5316 if you can help at the bake sale after any Mass.

Family, Faith, Future

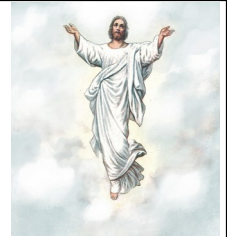
*Building Campaign Update*

<b>Campaign Goal</b>	\$4,500,000
<b>Pledged to Date*</b>	\$4,515,099
<b>Percentage of Goal</b>	100%
<b>Cash Received to Date</b>	\$3,691,514
<b>Total Families</b>	1,449
<b>Total Gifts to Date*</b>	722
<b>Average Gift</b>	\$6,254

\*Note: We have reduced our "pledged to date" by \$230,298 (66 write-offs & 4 reductions) for those families who have moved out of the parish and/or reduced their original pledge.

**ASCENSION THURSDAY**  
MASS SCHEDULE  
Holy Day of Obligation

**Wednesday, May 29; 5:30 pm**  
**Thursday, May 30; 6:40 am,**  
**8:00 am, 7:00 pm**



Calling All Mothers of the Parish: It is time to *Spring Clean* and *Donate* in preparations for our annual **Spring Garage Sale on Saturday, May 18th** from 8:00 am-4:00 pm. You can drop donations off at the rectory garage on May 17th after school until 7:30 pm. For larger items, like furniture, please contact Amanda Long at [aklong85@yahoo.com](mailto:aklong85@yahoo.com). All left over donations will be donated to CSS. Please consider signing up to volunteer to set up, work the sale or load the trailer after the sale is over! Thank you for your generosity!

Calvary Cemetery, our Catholic cemetery in Lincoln, has asked for our help in preparing the grounds before Memorial Day on **Wednesday, May 22nd**, 5:30 pm until dark. Families and individuals are invited as we weed (bring a weed eater), clean and plant flower beds. There is something to do for every age and talent level. This is a nice way to show our respect for the deceased and their families. Calvary will provide sandwiches or pizza afterwards to show their gratitude.



**WELCOME** to our new parishioners who registered in the month of April: **Rebecca Vossler, Mike & Mollie Miriovsky, Pat & Lori Rasmussen, Brad & Stephanie Nelson, Zebulon & Whitney Husted, Quinten & Samantha Mlinar, Caleb Smith and Colton & Katie Theulen.** *We hope you feel at home in our parish!*

# May 2019

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## North American Martyrs Parish

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Upcoming Events: <b>May 30</b> Ascension Holy Day <b>June 21 &amp; 22</b> Witness Through Fitness Special Needs FUNdraiser BBQ and Walk/Run			8	9	10	11
12	13 7:00 pm Knights	14 6:00 pm Altar Society 6:30 pm Run For God	15	16	17	18 7:00 am Clean Church 9:30 am Stewardship (KC Fishing) (Garage Sale)
19 Altar Society Bake Sale	20 Noon Grief Support (Golden Corral)	21 6:30 pm Run For God 7:00 pm Parish Council	22 6:00 pm SVDP	23	24	25
26	27	28 6:30 pm Run For God	29 5:30 pm ASCENSION HOLY DAY VIGIL MASS	30 HOLY DAY MASSES 6:40 am 8:00 am 7:00 pm	31	1 (June) 8:30 am First Saturday Devotions
2 3:00 pm Exposition & Confession	3 11:30 am— 5:30 pm Blood Drive	4 6:30 pm Run For God	5	6	7 8:30 am First Friday Devotions	8



### Martyrs School News

- May 10** 1:30 pm Dismissal  
Mayfair 6– 8 pm
- May 20** 8th Grade Graduation 6:30 pm
- May 20** Last Day of Preschool
- May 21** Kindergarten Graduation 8 am
- May 23** Last Day—10 am Dismissal



### CCD News

- May 8** Class 6-7:30 pm—Last Day of CCD  
8th Grade Graduation

2019-20 CCD Registration forms for  
 Grades 1—8 are available at the  
 Parish Information Center.