

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



## Mass Intentions

**21st Week in Ordinary Time**

**Monday August 24**  
 6:40 AM Jerome Houdek†  
 8:00 AM Margaret Ruskamp†

**Tuesday August 25**  
 6:40 AM Joseph Matulka†  
 8:00 AM Trung Hung Dang†

**Wednesday August 26**  
 6:40 AM Mary Ngu Nguyen†  
 8:00 AM Allan Wissink†

**Thursday August 27**  
 6:40 AM Altar Society Members—  
 Living & Deceased  
 8:00 AM Robert & Roberta Cook

**Friday August 28**  
 6:40 AM Susan Steinsdoerfer†  
 8:00 AM Dan Benes†

**Saturday August 29**  
 9:00 AM Paul & Dolores Jueneman


**Weekend Masses**

**Saturday August 29**  
 6:00 PM Our Parish Family

**Sunday August 30**  
 7:00 AM Raymond Tarnick†  
 8:00 AM Belger Family—Living  
 and Deceased  
 9:30 AM Gary Ruhl†  
 11:00 AM Felix Fernandes†

We currently offer **Eucharistic Adoration** in the main Church **Monday through Friday**. “Every Holy Hour we make so pleases the Heart of Jesus that it is recorded in Heaven and retold for all eternity!”  
*Saint Teresa of Calcutta*  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0848a9a92b0-eucharistic>

**Parish Council Elections:** Elections are being held this weekend. Two men and two women will be elected to a three year term. The nominees are: **Barb Brandenburgh, Mary Grewe, Barb Schepers, Heather Schlautman, Aidan Clarke, Matt Beying, Dan Kindschuh and Shawn Labadie.** To vote: please either use the slip of paper in the church or the ONLINE vote that will be sent to you. One vote for each adult. Thanks, FBC





Parish Calendar



**GIFT Committee** meets on **Monday, August 24th** at 8:30 pm.

*We pray for those who suffer from illness or disability—those whose lives are affected by their illness:* Mike Arnold, Ed Benes, Paul Bilau, Deb Brandl, Marvene Bruner, Gary Butcher, Cari Cobler, Bob Cook, Cara Delp, DiAnne Donahoo, Tisha Elder, Steve Gabell, Sonja Gates, Brandy Goeschel, Tom Goodwater, Geri Hepp, Rick Horne, Maria Kozlowski, Jill Lee, Clint Lochner, Barbara Noll, LeAnn Obrecht, Marlys Parish, Candy Rueb, Derek Ruth, Theresa Sears, David Sedlak, Patti Simpson, Pat Steiner, Norman Sweitzer, Earl Taulborg, Gilda Thompson, Raymond Vogel & Lane Whitaker. Names will remain on the list for 3 months.



**Pro-Life Bill Becomes Law!** LB814, which will end the horrific practice of dismemberment abortion, was passed by the Nebraska Legislature and signed into law by Governor Ricketts last week. The Nebraska Catholic Conference thanks the pro-life community for their prayer and advocacy to help pass this historic bill. Please take a moment to send a message of thanks to the sponsor of LB814, Senator Suzanne Geist, and your senator, if they supported the bill: Senator Suzanne Geist, [sggeist@leg.ne.gov](mailto:sggeist@leg.ne.gov), 402-471-2731; Senator Mike Hilgers, [mhilgers@leg.ne.gov](mailto:mhilgers@leg.ne.gov), 402-471-2673. For more information, visit [necatholic.org](http://necatholic.org) or call the NCC at 402-477-7517.

Due to COVID, Bake Sales by the NAM Altar Society will not be taking place for the safety of all parishioners. The Altar Society counts on proceeds from fundraisers such as Bake Sales to provide Eucharistic supplies. Please consider an additional donation with your Altar Society Dues. Envelopes were mailed out for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2020. Please return dues envelopes or donations can now be given online through Pushpay. The Altar Society thanks you!

**SCRIP**

Last Week Sales: Total: **\$6,175** Total Profit: **\$208** Number of Families: **17**  
 Please use SCRIP for all your groceries, gas and goods. Call the School Office at 402-476-7373 to order.

**tithes & offering**  
*Worship the Lord in Giving*

Thank you for ordering through Amazon Smile. Martyrs received \$130.66 this week.

<b>Stewardship Received Last Week. Thank You!</b>	
Adult Tithe Envelopes (129 families)	\$12,858
Adult Electronic Tithe (331 families)	\$13,284
Plate	\$371
Youth	
<b>Total Tithe Received</b>	<b>\$26,513</b>
Weekly Tithing Goal	\$30,599
<b>Received to Date: July 1 - August 16</b>	<b>\$197,130</b>
Needed for Annual Budget	\$213,913
Annual Budget <b>Shortage</b> to Date	<b>(\$16,783)</b>

**Baptism:** We welcome those newly baptized. Please pray for them as they continue to grow in Christ. **Dominic Ambrose**, son of **Brian & Courtney Johnson**; **Thomas John**, son of **Travis & Kaylee Minnick** and **Josie Marie**, daughter of **Andrew & Kelsey Styskal**. Congratulations!

**Congratulations to Frank Pratt and Veronica Wenzl** who were married on August 22nd at North American Martyrs. *May God bless you with a lifetime of happiness and love.*



Martyrs Parish Family extends our prayers and sympathy to the family of Delores Schlieniz whose funeral Mass was August 17th. *May she know the peace and joy of eternal life.*

**Godteens Kickoff is Sunday, August 30th**, 5-7 pm in the Parish Hall. Burgers, brats on the grill, side dishes and drinks. Come and join your friends. Questions, call the Parish Office.

**CCD** at North American Martyrs is a program where you will learn about God, your Catholic Faith, and will prepare you for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation. Students in *first through eighth grade* who attend public schools or are homeschooled are invited and encouraged to participate. Classes meet on Wednesday evenings from 6—7:30 pm and **will begin September 9th**. You can find registration forms at the Parish Info Center or on our website.

The Rite of Christian Initiation (**RCIA**) is a gradual process of conversion and initiation into the Catholic Christian community providing individuals the space to encounter God and respond to His invitation to a new way of life in the Catholic faith. Grounded in a respect for the personal faith journey of each individual, the RCIA provides an extended period of prayer, study, and fellowship in which each individual has the opportunity to grow in relationship with God and the parish community.

RCIA classes will be on **Thursday nights** from 6-7:30 pm **beginning September 10th**. Please contact the Parish Office or Fr. Fleck for more information.

#### Fall Ladies Book Study!

The Martyrs Ladies Book Study Group that formerly met at Eisley Library is offering a study this Fall by phone tele conference. Please join us on **Mondays** from 1:00 pm—2:00 pm, **September 14th through October 26th**.

We will be studying “Angels of God” by Mike Aquilino with supplementary material coming from Peter Kreeft’s book on Angels. The facilitators of this study are Nancy Mongeon and Joan Geardino. Call the Parish Office at 402-476-8088 ext. 5 for more information or to register.

#### Seeking Truth Bible Study

We welcome people from all backgrounds to **join us in studying God’s Word**. If you’ve ever wanted to know more about the Bible, now is your chance. Please come and study scripture with us and tell a friend too. Patty Krings will be facilitating this year’s study of **Romans and Ephesians beginning Wednesday, September 23rd**, from 6-7:30 pm. (Same night and time as CCD). A book is available for \$20, but is not required. Please call the Parish Office at 402-476-8088 ext. 5 for more information or to register.



**CCD Teachers Needed:** Volunteers in our CCD program are responsible for faith formation of our most treasured resource – our children. Although each parent is the primary educator of their children in matters of faith, catechists provide an essential service to the children by sharing their faith and giving their time to explain the teachings of the Catholic Church. As an additional benefit, catechists certainly deepen their own faith through the experience of teaching it to others. If you are interested in helping in a classroom as the teacher or as an assistant, please contact Fr. Connor at 402-476-8088 ext. 3 or Beth at [beth-benes@cdolinc.net](mailto:beth-benes@cdolinc.net).

### Area Events

**Good Counsel Retreat House**, Waverly offers retreats for men or women: **Aug. 28-30** Unbound Retreat: Freedom in Christ with *Matt Simmons and Fr. Gary Coulter*, and **Sept. 4-7** Directed Ignatian Retreat: Spiritual Exercises with *Fr. Chris Barak and Fr. Gary Coulter*; [goodcounselretreat.com](http://goodcounselretreat.com) or 402-786-2705.

**Lincoln Mothers on a Mission (MOMs)** will be meeting **Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>** at 8:30 am. “Mom Bod: Breaking free from the Chains of a Poor Body Image” with Megan McDermott. Lincoln MOMs is a group of Catholic mothers searching for fellowship, hope, & joy in our ever-changing vocation. Monthly meetings are held from 8:30-10:30 am at the Newman Center, St. Thomas Aquinas Church located at 320 N. 16th Street. Contact us at [lincolnmomsgroup@gmail.com](mailto:lincolnmomsgroup@gmail.com) or [www.facebook.com/lincolnmotheronamission](http://www.facebook.com/lincolnmotheronamission).

**Young adults ages 21-35**, join fellow Catholics from around the Midwest for the **27th annual Nature’s Call Campout** at Pomme de Terre Lake in Missouri! Spend **Labor Day** weekend camping, make new friendships, enjoy swimming, live music, dancing, hiking, a cooking competition, sports, and more! Holy Mass and Confessions will be available during the weekend. Bring your own camping equipment, food, and beverages. Visit [naturescallcampouts.org](http://naturescallcampouts.org) to learn more and purchase tickets (\$25 online or \$30 at the campground). We look forward to seeing you!

**Newman Institute Fall Seminars** are now open for registration. Owing to COVID, the seminars will be available either in-person (limited to 15) or online. Because of their popularity, both spring seminars will be repeated. **Dr. David Arias** will teach **“In Wandering Mazes Lost”: Seven Philosophical Errors**, including relativism, Marxism and transgenderism. **Dr. Helen Freeh** will teach **Tolkien, Friendship and the Pursuit of the Good**. The seminars meet for 90 minutes on alternating Monday evenings, with the first classes in mid-September. See [newmaninstitute.com](http://newmaninstitute.com) for details. Priests, pastors, religious and students pay half price. **Dr. Freeh** also gives the fall’s first **Reborn in Wonder** lecture: **Standing on a Knife’s Edge: The Battle Between Hope and Despair in J.R.R. Tolkien**, at 7 PM, **Wednesday, September 9**. The in-person public lecture, which will also be live-streamed, will be held at the St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center at UNL.

The **Lincoln Christus Foundation** is organizing a **Golf Tournament benefit** for the ministries of **Regnum Christi**. Sponsors and golfers are invited to support Catholic Apostolates like the Retreat House, Leadership Camp, Knights of the Holy Eucharist and Mission Trips. Register now for the Golf Scramble on **Fri. Sept 18**, 10am at Crooked Creek Golf Course in Lincoln: \$125 per player/\$500 per team includes lunch, prizes and more: [theChristusFoundation.org/events](http://theChristusFoundation.org/events) or contact Gary at 402-430-3732, [gwroberts88@gmail.com](mailto:gwroberts88@gmail.com)