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

Mass Intentions for the Week

4th Week of Advent

Monday December 21
6:40 AM Neil Hams†
8:00 AM Dan Benes†
5:15 PM Dorothy Evans†
Tuesday December 22
6:40 AM Maria Cathy Bui†
8:00 AM Paige Kostinsky
5:15 PM Doris Steele†
Wednesday December 23
6:40 AM Mary Ngu Nguyen†
8:00 AM Albert Nemec†
5:15 PM All Souls
Thursday, December 24, Christmas Eve
6:40 AM Ngot Le† & Oanh Nguyen†
8:00 AM Jan Policky
3:00 PM Our Parish Family
4:30 PM Marie Amman†
6:00 PM Tiffany Belger†
Midnight Arnie Kaslon†
Friday, December 25, Christmas Day
8:00 AM Richard Roberts†
9:30 AM Ron Jones Family—Living & Deceased
11:00 AM Marvene Bruner†
Saturday December 26
9:00 AM Shari Pofahl†

Weekend Masses

Saturday December 26
6:00 PM Richard Dostal†
Sunday December 27
7:00 AM Steve Goodwater†
8:00 AM Dan Benes†
9:30 AM Dale & Susan Schlautman Family—Living & Deceased
11:00 AM Our Parish Family

Come pray the **Rosary & Chaplet tonight and/or on Monday, December 21st** from 8—8:30 pm in the Church. We are praying for our country, our families, for your intentions, and the sanctity of life. Everyone is welcome!

Parish Library: Are you in need of quality family movies and books during Christmas break? We invite you to check out our Parish Library located in the Kateri Room. Film titles include: *Going My Way* and the *Bells of St. Mary's* with Bing Crosby; *Molokai: The Story of Father Damien;* Roma Downey's *The Bible* miniseries; *Fireproof* and *Letters to God.* The library is 'self-serve' and check out instructions are posted.

Parish Calendar

We will **decorate the Church for Christmas** on **Wednesday, December 23rd** ***after*** the 5:15 pm Mass. We need to be done before the 7:30 pm Confessions. Men, women and children are welcome and needed. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us!

Advent Schedule

Sundays of Advent: Dec. 20
Confessions 4-4:50 pm and Solemn Vespers 5-5:30 pm.

Confessions
Sunday, December 20 4:00-4:50 p.m.
Monday, December 21 7:30-8:30 p.m.
Tuesday, December 22 7:30-8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, December 23 7:30-8:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 24 11:00 a.m. - Noon

Christmas Mass Schedule

With three priests at Martyrs we are blessed to have a lot of Christmas Mass options.

Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24
3:00 pm in Church—*Masks required* (Additional Mass in gym and parish hall if necessary)
3:00 pm Mass live streamed on Facebook (group is North American Martyrs Church)
4:30 pm in Church— (Additional Mass in gym and parish hall if necessary)
6:00 pm in Church—*Masks required* (Additional Mass in gym if necessary)
Midnight Mass—Christmas music begins at 11:30 pm

Christmas Day, Friday, December 25
8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am—*Masks required*

NAM MINISTRY SCHEDULE
Readers, Acolytes, Servers, Welcome/Security **December—January Sign Up**
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D4AABAD22AA8-september

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Last Week Sales: Total: **$9,820** Total Profit: **$303** Number of Families: **45**

Charitable contributions to the parish must be given *by Thur*sday, December *31st* to be included on your 2020 Stewardship records. Your 2020 End of Year Contributions Report will be included **in the January 5th parish mailing. Please retain this for tax purposes.** *Thank you* for your support of North American Martyrs Parish! Please call Connie at 402-476-8088 #6 if you have any questions.

Stewardship Received Last Week. Thank You!	
Adult Tithe Envelopes (149 families)	$20,148
Adult Electronic Tithe (329 families)	$14,536
Plate	$368
Youth	
Total Tithe Received	**$35,052**
Weekly Tithing Goal	$30,599
Received to Date: July 1 - December 13	$692,563
Needed for Annual Budget	$733,416
Annual Budget **Shortage** to Date	**($40,853)**

Youth Event—Ice Skating

Get out of the house and join your friends (and Fr. Connor) on the ice rink at John Breslow Ice Hockey Center!
High School Students will meet on **Sunday, December 27**, 6:30-7:30pm.
Middle School Students (6th—8th grade), **Tuesday, December 29**, 7:45-9:15pm.
Rental skates included for $5 per person (payable at the rink).
You must register on *Sign up Genius* to reserve a spot (we are limited to 50 people).
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0848A9A92B0-iceskating

Blood Drive
American Red Cross

Red Cross **Blood Drive** on **Monday, December 28th** in the Parish Hall. Register at 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter NorthAmericanMartyrsLincoln. Help save lives!

New Classes begin in January & February!

Planning for the future is hard when you're still paying for the past! Listen—there's a better way! Join the **Financial Peace University** class, and we'll learn how to beat debt and make a plan for the future together! Interested? Join us at North American Martyrs for a nine week class **starting Thursday, January 14th** at 6:30 pm. Contact Joe Brandl with questions at 402-477-1895. Scholarships available. Mask and social distancing are required in class. Zoom attendance will also be an option. Please call the Parish Office at 402-476-8088 ext. 5 to register.

Fr. Joseph Wahlmeier will be teaching two new classes beginning in January. Class will meet in the school Multipurpose Room with an option to join via Zoom. Booklets will be provided free of cost. Please call the Parish Office at 402-476-8088 ext. 5 to register.

Forgiven

Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession provides the Church's teaching about the Sacrament of Reconciliation, including a practical "walk through" of what happens in the confessional and how every moment connects to Scripture, Catholic Tradition, and God's passionate desire to be with you. **Mondays: January 18 – February 22 (9 weeks) 6:30 pm**

Presence

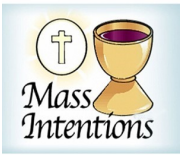
Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the "source and summit" of the Christian life. *Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist* explores the truth and beauty of Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and its members.
Saturdays: February 20 – March 27 (6 weeks) 7:30 am

On behalf of our nearly 80 employees throughout the state, our hundreds of volunteers, and tens of thousands of clients that we directly help throughout southern Nebraska, I want to express a deep and heartfelt thank you for your gift of 132.5 lbs. of food on October 13th. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for partnering with us to help the needy. *Fr. Justin Fulton*

Praying for others helps us stay connected to God and to one another. Remember our sick: Mike Arnold, Shanakay Bauer, Bill Bomberger, Deb Brandl, Tom Brooks, Ken Buresh, Jason Carver, Elliott Castillo, Cari Cobler, Jill Corrigan, Di-Anne Donahoo, Tisha Elder, Beth Frink, Tom Geardino, Jerry Givens, Brandy Goeschel, Catia Guerrero, Sharon Hartnett, Rick Horne, Mark Katzer, Carol Koerner, Artur Kolodziejczyk, Greg, Kim & Allisa L., Jill Lee, Stephanie Leonard, Clint Lochner, Kathy Morrow, Pam Nathan, Barbara Noll, LeAnn Obrecht, Jeanne Oborny, Linda Pacula, Marlys Parish, Lucy Porn, Candy Rueb, Derek Ruth, Theresa Sears, Grady Simants, Patti Simpson, Rich Stehno, Rose Stehno, Ted Steinbach, Pat Steiner, Darlene Stephenson, Norman Sweitzer, Barb Sypal, Earl Taulborg, Rachel Waters, & Lane Whitaker.

Eucharistic Adoration
Adoration will begin on Tuesday, January 5th.
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D4AABAD22AA8-adoration

Beginning January 4th, the **5:15 pm Mass** on Mondays through Thursdays will continue at North American Martyrs. If you would like to schedule Masses for loved ones, we now have open times beginning in January for the 5:15 pm Mass. (Other times are available beginning in June).



Job Opportunity: North American Martyrs School is looking for additional help in the front office. Microsoft office skills are preferred with experience in mail merge. Various duties will include answering the phone, photocopying, keeping attendance records, assisting with student health needs, maintaining the student information system, greeting visitors, assisting teachers and staff in day to day activities and much more. It is essential that any applicant understand the need for confidentiality and teamwork. Please contact Sr. Janelle at sr.janelle-buettner@cdolinc.net if you are interested in applying.

Area Events

The **48th Annual Nebraska Walk for Life** will be held on **Saturday, January 16, 2021.** The outdoor event begins on the north steps of the State Capitol at 10:00 a.m. where there will be speakers and greetings from elected officials. The Walk will proceed to the Newman Center at 16th & Q Street. Keynote speaker, Sarah Zagorski will give testimony to her challenging childhood and why every life matters. For more information, go to www.nebraskarighttolife.org or call 402-438-4802.

What does the Word of God teach about how we are to speak **to and about** others? The **Emmaus Institute for Biblical Studies** is presenting *Redeeming Communication: Christian Speech in a Hostile World*, from 9am-12pm on **Saturday, January 23**, at St. Michael Parish in Lincoln. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. Learn more and register at www.emmausinstitute.net.

Increased Train Traffic Through Lancaster & Otoe County
With rail service resuming, it is critical to remember trains can run at any time and in any direction. Nebraska Operation Lifesaver offers the following tips to ensure safety near the tracks: Always expect a train; freight trains don't follow published schedules. A typical freight train can take more than a mile to stop. The train you see is likely closer and faster-moving than you think. The only safe place to cross the tracks is at a designated crossing. Being on railroad tracks and property is not only dangerous — it is illegal.