

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

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Christmas Octave

#### Monday December 28

6:40 AM Andrew & Shannon Allgeier and Family  
8:00 AM Barb Roth†

#### Tuesday December 29

6:40 AM Chuck Kusek†  
8:00 AM Shari Kralik†

#### Wednesday December 30

6:40 AM Mary Bates†  
8:00 AM Alvin Barta†

#### Thursday December 31

6:40 AM Ngot Le† & Oanh Nguyen†  
8:00 AM Adolph & Emma Codr Family-Living & Deceased

#### Solemnity of Mary Vigil

5:30 PM Esther Brentano†

#### Friday, January 1, Solemnity of Mary

7:00 AM Tom & Patti Goodwater Family—Living & Deceased  
9:00 AM Our Parish Family  
7:00 PM Elaine Tworek†

#### Saturday January 2

9:00 AM Jack Herrington

#### Weekend Masses

#### Saturday January 2

6:00 PM Richard Dostal†

#### Sunday January 3

7:00 AM Al & Jan Semin†  
8:00 AM Robert & Joanne White†  
9:30 AM Kenny Pham  
11:00 AM Our Parish Family

**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).

Come pray the **Rosary & Chaplet tonight and/or on Monday, December 28th** 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!

*We welcome* all visitors who have joined us for the celebration of the Mass. If you have moved into the area and would like parish registration information, please call the Parish Office at 402-476-8088 ext. 5.



### Parish Calendar



#### The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God Holy Day Masses

Vigil Mass: **Thursday, December 31, 5:30 pm**  
**Friday, January 1, 7:00 am, 9:00 am & 7:00 pm**

#### 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>



#### NAM MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Readers, Acolytes, Servers, Welcome/Security **December - January Sign Up**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D4AABAD22AA8-september>

#### SCRIP

Last Week Sales: Total: **\$24,820** Total Profit: **\$924** Number of Families: **93**

Charitable contributions to the parish must be given *by Thursday, 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.

Please remember North American Martyrs Church & School in your will.

*transforming generosity*

Stewardship Received Last Week. Thank You!	
Adult Tithe Envelopes (115 families)	\$15,243
Adult Electronic Tithe (329 families)	\$14,536
Plate	\$170
Youth	
<b>Total Tithe Received</b>	<b>\$29,949</b>
Weekly Tithing Goal	\$30,599
<b>Received to Date: July 1 - December 20</b>	<b>\$722,512</b>
Needed for Annual Budget	\$763,975
Annual Budget <b>Shortage</b> to Date	<b>(\$41,463)</b>

**Baptism:** We welcome those newly baptized. Please pray for them as they continue to grow in Christ. **Caden Antony**, son of **Daniel and Keyona Dibbem**. Congratulations!

### New Classes at Martyrs!



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**

With the Apostolic Letter "Patris corde" ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from December 8, 2020, to December 8, 2021.

Pope Francis encourages all of us to pray this prayer to St. Joseph:

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.  
Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

*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, Lynn Cunnings, DiAnne 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, Marllys 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.



God bless you for your generosity! Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska would like to thank all of the parishioners who took part in the CSS Adopt-A-Family Program. Your response was inspiring and they are so grateful for helping them bring Hope in the Good Life to those they served this Christmas.

**Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House:** Retreats are offered by live-stream or on-demand recordings for those who want to participate at home. Call 402-786-2705 or visit [www.goodcounselretreat.com](http://www.goodcounselretreat.com)

**Jan. 15-17:** Perspectives on the Gift of Life: A Pro-life Retreat and attend the Walk for Life *with Fr. Thomas MacLean*.

**Jan. 28-31:** Live the Mystery: Triduum of Renewal. Women's Spiritual Exercises (Thursday—Sunday) *with Regnum Christi and Fr. Peter Krezalek*.

**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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.emmausinstitute.net).