



**22nd Week in Ordinary Time**

- Monday August 30**  
 6:40 AM Chris Uthoff†  
 8:00 AM Peggy Mills
- Tuesday August 31**  
 6:40 AM Matthew Brass†  
 8:00 AM Dennis & Kurt Hellbusch†
- Wednesday September 1**  
 6:40 AM Mary Ngu Nguyen †  
 8:00 AM Renee Pearson & Family
- Thursday September 2**  
 6:40 AM Merl J. Gerdes†  
 8:00 AM Bernadt Family—  
 Living and Deceased
- Friday September 3**  
 6:40 AM Dennis Bousquet†  
 8:00 AM Denice Ann Sears†
- Saturday September 4**  
 9:00 AM Gloria Seidell
- Weekend Masses**
- Saturday September 4**  
 6:00 PM Elnora White†
- Sunday September 5**  
 7:00 AM Our Parish Family  
 8:00 AM Harrison Kroos  
 9:30 AM Mark Novosad & Family  
 11:00 AM Enevoldsen Family—  
 Living and Deceased

**SCRIP**

Scrip Sales Total: **\$12,330** Profit: **\$408**  
 Number of Families: **49**  
**SCRIP** will be available for purchase during all Masses on September 11/12 and September 25/26.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society:**  
 The gospel today hits home closer than we may think. What traditions do we blindly cling to? Perhaps it is enough for us just to go to Mass on Sunday? Do we keep the letter of the law and miss entirely the spirit of the law. Interior righteousness means a heart turned to God. Purity of heart is expressed in righteous living: self - giving for the sake of others.  
 As you give your gift to the poor through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, in your heart you also will find the good news of God's love.  
 Gifts may be put in the locked box in the Narthex, envelopes placed in the Sunday collection, or paid on line at the parish web-site.

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



Parish Calendar



**FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS** is Friday Sept. 3rd, after the 8:00 am Mass  
**FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS** is Saturday, Sept. 4th at 8:30 am.

**Alpha!**

*Our chance to Ask Anything about Life, Faith and God!*  
 Starting **September 8th**, 5:30-7:30 pm in the Parish Hall.  
 Join us for supper and super conversations!  
 Child care available for those not in CCD.  
 All are welcome to join us for supper then kids head off to their activity.  
 Call the Parish Office at 402-476-8088 ext. 5 to sign up or ask questions!  
 The entire 11 week course is free of charge.  
 Looking forward to whatever our Lord wants us to learn.  
 Invite friends too. Alpha is for anyone angry, happy, confused by life, or just curious. See you Wednesday, September 8th!



**October—December Ministry Schedule:** Ministers may notify the Parish Office with your October through December vacation dates in order to avoid being scheduled during that time. Please email [julie-crawford@cdolinc.net](mailto:julie-crawford@cdolinc.net) before September 13th.

**Lay Ministry for September 4-5**

	Acolytes	Readers	Servers	Security	Greeters
6:00 PM	Terrell Ruhl	Matulka	Watson (2) Murphy	Becker Maly	Hardin Family
7:00 AM	Verzal Miller	Smith	Dondlinger (2) Teeters	Morrow	
8:00 AM	Nguyen Belger	Sullivan	Huynh Nguyen Burress	Douglas	Lostroh Family
9:30 AM	McManus Schlautman	Bourek	McManus Gueret Schroeder	Hansen Feldhaus	Hugo Family
11:00 AM	Hartz Haug	Labadie	Charf Hartz Odgaard	Odgaard Wiese	Hams Family

<b>Stewardship Received Last Week.</b> Thank You!	
Adult Tithe Envelopes (143 families)	\$10,335
Adult Electronic Tithe (313 families)	\$13,116
Plate	\$1,149
Youth	\$0
<b>Total Tithe Received</b>	<b>\$24,600</b>
Weekly Tithing Goal	\$32,135
<b>Received to Date: July 1 - August 15</b>	<b>\$241,499</b>
Needed for Annual Budget	\$257,080
Annual Budget <b>shortage</b> to date	<b>(\$15,581)</b>

### Eucharistic Adoration—Love Made Visible

**Tuesday, August 31 & Thursday, September 2 7am—9pm**

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

Encountering Christ in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is an invitation, for all people, to deepen their relationship with the Lord, and to grow in communion with his Church— *Bishop Conley*

NAM CCD classes meet on **Wednesday evenings** from 6—7:30 pm and **will begin September 8th**. You can find registration forms at the Parish Information Center or on our website. Please drop them in the Sunday collection basket or return them to the Office.

We are in need of one CCD Teacher and Assistants for the upcoming school year. 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.

Plans are underway for **Martyrs Sunday School** during the 9:30 am Sunday Mass. This program is for 3, 4, and 5 year old parishioners and will begin this Fall. Registration forms will be available soon. We are in need of a couple of teachers and several volunteers are needed to help in the classrooms. Contact Alison Ermisch or the Parish Office for more information.

**Come join us for Alpha!** This is an opportunity to explore questions about life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open, and informal environment. No pressure. No follow-up. No charge. Invite friends, coworkers, and family to attend Alpha with you. Each session includes a delicious meal, followed by a short presentation, and discussion. Alpha is an 11 week course that begins on **Wednesday Sept. 8th** 5:30 -7:30 pm in the Parish Hall. (ends Dec 1). Babysitting provided. Children may eat with you before heading off to CCD or Childcare. Call the Parish Office for more information.

### Adult Faith Formation (with RCIA)

**RCIA is Thursday nights** 6:30-8 pm beginning **Sept. 9th**.

Forming one's faith is of constant importance in the life of a disciple of Jesus. As Catholics, our faith has so much richness and depth, it is impossible to exhaust the mystery. So whether you have been on this journey of faith for years or are just beginning to desire a deeper encounter with Christ, come to Adult Faith Formation at North American Martyrs and you will see how becoming a more intentional disciple will impact your life, your family, and the world.

Watch and Share the video "Come and See" at [www.namartyrs.org/rcia/](http://www.namartyrs.org/rcia/)



Please consider joining us for the **Seeking Truth Bible Study** to grow in knowledge and faith and gain a deeper relationship with Christ. We will be studying *David and the Psalms* which includes the lives of Ruth, Samuel, and Saul. Class will be starting **Wed. Sept. 29th** 6pm - 7:30pm in the Multipurpose Room of the school. The videos will also be sent out to those who register and would rather not attend the in person class. Please call the Parish Office to register for class. For those that have requested a book, they are available in the Parish Office and may be picked up. (Book is optional.)

The Traditional Choir is looking for an accompanist to share duties playing at Sunday masses for the choir. Rehearsals are held on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 P.M. Masses alternate between the Sunday 9:30 and 11:00 A.M. If interested, please contact the Parish office for more information.

On behalf of the parish, I want to thank Paul Higgins and his team for organizing a wonderful NAM Fellowship Fest last Friday night. Paul single handedly led up the event (which was cancelled last summer during COVID) and had an excellent team of organizers and helpers. Thanks also to all who volunteered and helped out in any way. The Food, Drink, Bounce Houses, Gaga pit, 402 Band, Gelato, Cornhole tournament and overall fellowship was superb. It was nice to be together, even if we needed to move the event indoors due to pending rain. All of your planning and coordination was appreciated and made for a nice evening for over 400 people. Thanks for allowing it to happen. *Fr. Brian Connor*

**Fall Ladies Book Study** will be on **Mondays, Sept. 13-Oct. 25** at Easley Library, 1:00-3:00 pm. *Real Mercy* by Fr. Jacques Philippe is an easy read with a profound message of mercy, forgiveness and trust. Books can be purchased at Gloria Deo. Please join us and bring a friend! Call Nancy Mongeon or the Parish Office for registration information.

Save the date for the **Women of Martyrs Garage Sale** on **September 18th from 8 am—3 pm**. Small, non-cloth furniture only; no couches, large chairs, dining tables or credenzas. Drop off your donations Friday, September 17th, from 3-7 pm in the rectory garage. Visit our Facebook page and sign up via Signup Genius to volunteer. <https://www.facebook.com/womenofmartyrs> Remaining items will be donated to CSS. Contact Amanda Long or the Parish Office with questions.

**You are invited to the 2021 Bishops' Pro-Life Banquet and Conference on September 17th and 18th**. The Banquet will be Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>, featuring a cocktail hour from 5:30 – 6:30 pm, and from 6:30 – 8:30 pm, dinner, awards, and the keynote address from the Chairman of USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, Archbishop Naumann of Kansas City, KS. The Conference will begin at 8:30 am on Saturday, Sept. 18th, with a rosary, followed by talks from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. These hard-hitting topics include renewal through Christ, messaging strategies, abortion dialogue, attracting young talent, and more. See our banquet and conference registration page to view the full line-up of speakers and topics. Free, onsite childcare to banquet attendees on Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 9:00 pm. Kids 5-12 years old will have their own evening of pro-life fun, including food and themed activities. To register, go to [www.necatholic.org](http://www.necatholic.org)

We are blessed to have our NAM parish Pro-life Coordinator, Lisa McInerney, receive the Gospel of Life Award this year! Register now at [necatholic.org](http://necatholic.org)

The NAM Parish has 2 tables for 20 people. If you are interested in attending the banquet please contact Fr. Connor or the Parish office.

Martyrs School is looking for someone who is willing to help with food prep and serving hot lunches in the kitchen. We are also in need of Sub Para's and Sub Teachers. If you are interested, please contact [sr.janelle-buettner@cdolinc.net](mailto:sr.janelle-buettner@cdolinc.net).

### Area Events

**Emmaus Institute:** The ten week Tuesday class, "**Creation to New Creation: Psalms and the Wisdom Books**" will be held at Martyrs in the Multi-Purpose Room. To promote this class, there will be an **Introductory Presentation** on **August 31** from 6:30-7:30 pm (Multi-Purpose Room, refreshments provided, no cost). *Come and see!*