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### MASS SCHEDULE

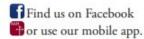
Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

### WEEKDAYS

Monday thru Friday 6:40 a.m. & 8:10 a.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m.

### CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:00-4:40 p.m. and after 5:00 p.m. Mass until finished 15 minutes before each weekday Mass



# A Note from our Assistant Pastor...

## Could You Imagine...

"For five years no one touched me? No one. Not one person. Not my wife. Not my child. Not my friends. No one touched me. What is common to you, I coveted. Handshakes. Warm embraces. A tap on the shoulder to get my attention. A kiss on the lips to



steal a heart. Such moments were taken from my world. No one touched me. No one bumped into me. What I would have given to be bumped into, to be caught in a crowd, for my shoulder to brush against another's. But for five years it has not happened. How could it? I was not allowed on the streets. Even the rabbis kept their distance from me. I was not permitted in my synagogue. Not even welcome in my own house. I was untouchable. I was a leper. And no one touched me." Lucado, M. (1998). Just like Jesus (pp. 29–30). Nashville: Word Publishing.

Could you imagine how different your world would be if that man were you? In the Book of Leviticus, we hear that the mosaic law is built upon the idea that some things in this world are "unclean," which means that some things in this world do not belong in the presence of God. In the ancient world, holiness had to be protected from those things that were unholy – like sin. If someone contracted a skin disease or other ailment, it was not seen as a result of poor hygiene but a manifestation of their sin. So those with leprosy had to be isolated from the Temple and from the People of God. Simply touching someone in such a state would render you unclean and unfit for worshiping God, at least until you had the chance to be purified.

However, once Jesus walks onto the scene, we come to realize that He sees our world differently. Jesus has a way of turning everything upside down. What should be avoided, He touches. What should remain unclean, He restores. God comes to the sinner. Jesus does not want our holiness to be defined by isolation and fear — our Savior wants our holiness to be defined by His active presence in our life, despite our past mistakes!

Could you imagine what it would have been like to receive that healing touch...to come in contact with your God...to have your life handed back to you? Well, there is no need to imagine – you can experience it for yourself! In honor of the Lenten Season, make some time to go to Confession and hear those words for yourself: "Be made clean!"

May God Bless You All, Fr. Kovar

# **EMERGENCY NUMBER**

402-540-0398. Please add this number to your contact list. Call in the event of an emergency if a priest is needed.



Monday February 12 6:40 AM †Ambrose Hugo 8:10 AM †Eileen Ebner **Tuesday** February 13 6:40 AM Holy Face of Jesus †Dave Battiato 8:10 AM Wednesday February 14 6:40 AM †Margaret Benes 8:10 AM Sr. Janelle Buettner

## Ash Wednesday Masses

5:15 PM Nathanial & Veda Smith 6:30 PM Dolores Jueneman

**Thursday February 15** 6:40 AM Robert Cook

8:10 AM Pat Bierman Family, Living

and Deceased

Friday February 16

6:40 AM Kelly & Pappe Families

8:10 AM Erinn Maly
Saturday February 17
9:00 AM †Bernice (Bunny) Vanis

#### **Weekend Masses**

Saturday	February 17
5:00 PM	Tim Miller
Sunday	February 18
7:00 AM	Marsha Maxwell
8:00 AM	Our Parish Family
9:30 AM	†Rose Gentrup
11:00 AM	†Norm Niles



# STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

Received Last Week	02-04-24
Adult Tithe Envelopes	
(205) Families	\$18,938
Adult Electronic Tithe	012 ((0
(294) Families	\$12,669
Plate	\$1,239
Youth	\$0
Total Tithe Received	\$32,846
Weekly Tithing Goal	\$31,433
Rec'd to date: 01-1-24	\$971,367
Needed for Annual Budget	\$1,004,213
Annual Budget Overage/Shortage to	
Date	(\$1,643)

# Ash Wednesday Masses

Marks the beginning of Lent February 14

6:40 AM 8:00 AM 5:15 PM 6:30 PM

# Stations of the Cross

Meditation on the Passion and Death of our Lord

Every Friday during Lent 7 PM

\*\*\*Feb. 16th Stations of Cross will start at 5:30 PM instead of 7 PM\*\*\*
School Stations of the Cross: Wednesdays following the 8:10 AM Mass
Good Friday 3 PM

# Confession Times

Saturdays: 4:00-4:45 PM and after the 5:00 PM Mass until finished Monday-Saturday: 15 minutes before each weekday Mass Additional times during Holy Week



# Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

Who: Everyone Where: Parish Hall

When: Fridays in Lent 4:30 PM-7:30 PM
Hosted by the NAM Knights of Columbus 11312



# HOLY WEEK *MARCH 24-30* Palm Sunday (March 24) Mass: 5 PM 7 AM 8 AM 9:30 AM 11 AM Confessions: 4-5 PM Tuesday (March 26) Confessions: 7-8 PM Wednesday (March 27) Confessions: 7-8 PM Holy Thursday (March 28) Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7 PM Confessions: 9-10:30 AM and 5:45-6:45 PM Good Friday (March 29) Passion of the Lord: 7 PM Stations of the Cross: 3 PM Confessions: 9-10 AM and 5:45-6:45 PM Holy Saturday (March 30) Confessions: 10:30 AM until finished Easter Vigil (March 30) Mass: 8:00 PM Celebration in the Parish hall after Mass Easter Sunday (March 31) Resurrection of our Lord Mass: 7 AM 8 AM 9:30 AM 11 AM Divine Mercy Sunday (April 7) Concludes the Octave of Easter Mass: 5 PM 7 AM 8 AM 9:30 AM 11 AM



# NAM NEWS

### COME AND GET YOUR CINNAMON ROLLS!

Stop by the Narthex after each Mass this weekend for the Parish Council of Catholic Women's famous cinnamon rolls.

### BEDMAKING AT GOOD COUNCIL RETREAT HOUSE

**PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME!** Please join us on Monday, February 12th at **2 p.m.** Help is needed to make 45 beds. The retreat house is located at 7303 N 1121th St., Waverly, NE.

# MEALS FOR THE PRIESTS

We are so grateful for everything that Fr. Hall and Fr. Kovar do for us and North American Martyrs Parish! They are very busy serving us and bringing us closer to Christ. Help them out by signing up to provide a meal for them during their busy weeks! Sign up here:

https://mealtrain.com/od96o4

## UNBOUND MINISTRY

Unbound Ministry in the Diocese of Lincoln is hosting a Video Series to introduce Unbound to all seeking greater freedom in Christ. The 8 week series will be held at North American Martyrs in the Parish hall, in Lincoln, starting 6:30pm each Thursday. More information can be found at <a href="mailto:lincolndiocese.org/unbound">lincolndiocese.org/unbound</a> or email Anna Sullivan at: <a href="mailto:assullivan121919@gmail.com">assullivan121919@gmail.com</a>

# Lay Ministry for Ash Wednesday, February 14

	Readers	ACOLYTES	Servers	SAFE SANCTU- ARY	GREETERS
5:15 PM	Smith	Nagel Power	Siegel Tran Jedlicka Nguyen, Thomas		
6:30 PM	Lostroh	Yarlagadda McInerney	Schroeder (2) Trausch Wilson		

# LAY MINISTRY FOR FEBRUARY 17/18

	READERS	ACOLYTES	Servers	SAFE SANCTU- ARY	GREETERS
5:00 PM	Jensen	Novosad Verzal	Novosad Becker (2) Hams	Becker Simpson	Hams Family
7:00 AM	Timmer	Doty Miller	Nguyen, Thomas Teeters	Morrow	
8:00 AM	Lewan- dowski	Hartz Beying	Hartz Beying Paasch Holt	Krienert	Koenig Family
9:30 AM	Rupp	Hugo Smith	Weeder Wiechman (2) Johnson	Miller Hannon	Weeder Family
11:00 AM	Odgaard	Mazour Wordekemper	Odgaard McIntyre Nguyen, Tommy Nguyen, David	Hannon Seberger	Rupiper Family

# NAM CALENDAR

# MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus will meet in the Kateri room

6:00 p.m. Kindergarten Preview meets in the Church

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

6:30 p.m. Parish Council of Catholic Women will meet in the Kateri room

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

6:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Society meets in the Kateri room

# THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

6:30 p.m. Unbound Ministry Video Series meets in the Parish hall.

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

4-7 p.m. Fish Fry takes place in the Parish hall 5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross takes place in the church

6:30 p.m. Ablaze takes place in the Church. All are welcome!

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

7:30 a.m. Martyrs Men meets in the Kateri room

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

The Parish Council of Catholic Women invites all to "Donut Sunday" in the Parish hall after each Mass.

# NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS SCHOOL JOB OPPORTUNITIES

#### PART-TIME KITCHEN STAFF

North American Martyrs School is looking for Kitchen Staff starting around March 1. Part Time hours, from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday when school is in session. Potential for job-sharing. No prior experience needed. Job duties include all aspects of meal preparation, serving, and clean-up. Contact <a href="mailto:elizabeth-fairbanks@cdolinc.net">elizabeth-fairbanks@cdolinc.net</a>.

### PART-TIME MUSIC TEACHER

For 2024-2025 School Year- North American Martyrs School is seeking a part time music teacher for the 2024-25 school year. North American Martyrs has a robust music program with many instruments and vocal resources available to enhance the program of teaching. The community strives to provide musical experiences that will enhance their education and spiritual worship. The school hopes to find someone willing to utilize best educational practices as well and integrate current resources and technology. Please send letter of application, resume, and references to elizabeth-fairbanks@cdolinc.net.

# NAM SCHOOL NEWS

FEBRUARY 15

Noon Dismissal

FEBRUARY 16-19

No School

# FIELD RENTALS

It's that time of year again to start advertising field rentals for Spring sports! If interested, email <a href="MAMPTOTreasurer@gmail.com">NAMPTOTreasurer@gmail.com</a> for availability and pricing.





# LAY MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ministers (Acolytes, Readers/Lectors, Greeters, and Security), please notify the parish office with your vacation dates for the April-June schedule by March 1st. Thank-you!

# **CCD News**

### FEBRUARY 14

Class- 6-7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday. Kids will attend Mass during CCD. Parents are welcome to attend.

# SISTER OF THE WEEK

Our Sister of the week (February 11-17) is Sr. Norma Marie from the Philippines. Sr. Norma Marie is a Professed Sister from Holy Spirit Adoration, Pink Sisters. Please pray for Sr. Norma Marie as she continues her vocation to the Sisterhood.

# SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK

Our Seminarian of the week (February 11-17) is Colter Fulton, son of Terry & Melisa Fulton, from St. Mary's Catholic Church, Nebraska City, NE. Colter is studying College 3 at St. Gregory the Great Seminary. Please pray for Colter as he continues his seminary formation.



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Meal train email list

QUESTIONS & MORE INFO. CONTACT:

Regan Downey rmkoller14@gmail.com



# SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

### **BAPTISM**

The sacrament of Baptism is normally celebrated for our parishioners on Sundays after the 11 a.m. Mass. First time parents must attend a preparation class. The next baptism class is scheduled for Sunday, March 10th at 1 p.m. To inquire, contact Tamra Tran in the parish office.

#### **MATRIMONY**

To be married at North American Martyrs, one or both persons of the engaged couple must be a practicing Catholic. To inquire about celebrating a wedding at NAM, call Fr. Nathan Hall at 402-476-8088.

# FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, & CONFIRMATION

To register for preparation for the sacraments or for more information about catechesis for children for ages 6-18, call Carrie Odgaard at 402-782-1428.

# ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF

#### **ADULTS**

OCIA is modeled after how people were brought into the Church in the first centuries. The process is designed for those seeking baptism or confirmation as well as anyone simply wanting to learn more. Classes are each Wednesday at 6 p.m. Please contact the parish office for more information.

# **ADORATION NEWS**

Monday: 1 p.m. & 3 p.m.

*Tuesday*: 8 a.m., 1 p.m. & 3 p.m.

Wednesday: 10 a.m., 11 a.m. & 12 p.m.

Thursday: 8 a.m. Friday: Noon & 2 p.m.

To sign up for a regular Eucharistic Adoration Hour, please use link https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0848A9A92B0-perpetual There you will be able to sign up for the available hours. In addition to those who have signed up for a Holy Hour, all are welcome to join us in the Chapel to adore Him.



# ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In the Gospel today Jesus moved with pity touched the leper and healed him. Let us pray today for the grace to be generous with our gifts to help those who are suffering.

By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you indeed put your faith into action as you bring healing to the poor, hungry and weeping.

# PRAYER REQUESTS

We pray with special love and concern for all those who are ill. Remember our sick: Jordan Barry, Margie Belger, Jerry Boeselager, Lilly Boeselager, Greg Bothe, Art Brase, Jennifer Brase, Roberta Cook, Carleen Crowe, Sue Coupe, Bella Cox, Jacob & Jaxson DaCunha, Britt Douglas, Steve Douglas, Diane Eankirk, Earl Franklin, Tina Frenzel, Sonja Gates, Tom Geardino, Marlys Goodwater, Tom Goodwater, Fran Green, Tom Green, Diane Herms, Hayden Higgins, Paul Jueneman, JJ Kalita, Diane Kankirk, Tom Kenjosian, Glee Komenda, Bill Kroll, Mary Langenberg, Judy Lindholm, Clint Lochner, Banks Nelson, Brian O'Dea, Dean Oswald, William Parish, Julie Roberts, Mickey Roscoe, Chris Royal, Derek Ruth, Connie Skoglund, Tamela Skrdlant-Horn, Rose Stehno, Barb Sypal, Nancy Thompson, Raegan Thompson, Paulette Trouba, and Lisa Trausch.

# TRIVIA QUESTION

Q. What does "Easter duty" mean?

A. Answer found in the bulletin.



MARCH 2ND PARISH HALL

9,00AM MASS - SPEAKER -ADORATION & CONFESSION - LUNCH





Magnificat of Lincoln - Morning Star Chapter, invites you to join us as we sponsor an "Ablaze Eucharistic Revival" at *North American Martyrs Church!* What better way to begin your 2024 Lenten Journey than on the first Friday of Lent with Praise, Worship, Prayer, Adoration and an Encounter with Our Lord present in His Most Blessed Sacrament.

The evening will include Worship Music, quiet time to hear Jesus speak to you, Encounter prayer teams, and more! Please join us at any time during the two hours of Worship, Praise and Exposition. Everyone is invited to this evening of Blessings on **Friday, February 16** from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. This will also be a "reunion and reignite" of our LIS Retreat at OLGC last November when Father Michael Voithofer of Ablaze was our Retreat Leader!

For questions, please text Magnificat Coordinator Rhonda Litt at 402.525.6396.

ABLAZE WORSHIP EVENT

North American Martyrs Catholic Church
1101 Isaac Drive, Lincoln NE 68521
Feb 16th @ 6:30-8:30PM



# Love and Life Programs: Retreat for Couples

I+You=We Marriage Workshop
Begins: Sat, March 9

at 8am
Ends: Sun, March 10
with 3pm Mass

Enrich, fortify and encounter your marriage like never before.





# OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL RETREAT

Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly invites you to come with us on retreat. See our upcoming retreats: "Ash Wednesday Day of Recollection" on Feb. 14, the LDCCW Winter Symposium on Feb. 16-17 and 4-Day or 8-Day Ignatian Directed Retreat on Feb. 17-20, Feb. 21-25, or Feb. 17-25 with Fr. Coulter, Fr. Barak, or Sarina Stokes. Read more and register at <a href="www.goodcounselretreat.org">www.goodcounselretreat.org</a>, email <a href="mailto:office@goodcounselretreat.org">office@goodcounselretreat.org</a> or call 402-786-2705.



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Learn more about Hearts Restored at https:// heartsrestorednebraska.org/

# Pro-Life Coffee with STATE SENATORS

Join local and statewide Pro-Life groups for the 5th Annual Pro-Life Coffee on Saturday, February 17 at Riverside Golf Club in Grand Island. The program will provide an opportunity to learn about pro-life legislation in Nebraska and about defeating the pro-choice ballot initiative. The program will feature State Senators from central and south-central Nebraska. In addition, Senator Rick Holdcraft (Bellevue) will make a special presentation on his priority bill, The Newborn Save Haven Act, LB 876. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. The program runs from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Coffee, refreshments and light breakfast will be provided. Riverside Golf Club is located at 2820 Riverside Drive in Grand Island. RSVP appreciated, but not required. To register, go to https://www.gidiocese.org/pro-life or email Cheryl at frontdesk@gidiocese.org (include your name, phone number, and how many attending).

# **RED MASS**

The annual "Red Mass" to pray for all in the legal profession is Tuesday, February 13th, 7 a.m. at St. Mary's, Lincoln, NE. A breakfast will follow Mass, with a talk given by Joe Heschmeyer, Catholic Answers apologist. All are invited to this free event sponsored by the Catholic Lawyers Guild.





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- 9:00 MASS AT NEWMAN CENTER (OPTIONAL)
- 9:30-10:30 STREET WALK WITH HOMELESS **DOWNTOWN (OPTIONAL)**
- 10:45-12:15 SERVICE PROJECT AT ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH IN DOWNTOWN LINCOLN

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# A Walk, A Meal, and An Eye-Opening Experience: The Road to Emmaus as the Journey of the Soul Toward God

Sunday, February 18 | 6:30pm North American Martyrs Catholic Church

FEATURING:



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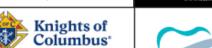


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