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#### MASS SCHEDULE

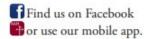
Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

#### 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 Pastor...

When I came to this parish and worked with different families, I came to discover some adults that wanted to enter the Catholic Church for the first time or reconnect after time away. The result was a desire for their children of various ages to also come into the Church and to receive the Sacraments. Last year, I came up with an idea to have (what Fr. Kovar aptly named this year) a "Mass of Initiation."

At this Mass, we celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation. Last year, we had 11 children of various ages from both CCD and our school. This year, we celebrated with 21 children with a total of 17 baptisms! Praise the Lord! The message I preached at this Mass was one of hope. Hope that these families reconnect with Jesus through His Church, especially at every Sunday Mass. Please see the picture in this bulletin of that very happy and exciting day! If you see any of these families, please go up and say hello and welcome! We need each other to grow closer to our Lord.

The second topic I wanted to talk about is the look of our church. The tradition of veiling holy statues and images happens during the time of Lent that was known as "Passiontide." There are many reasons. One is to help us concentrate on the great essentials of Christ's work of Redemption in the liturgies that take place. Two, it could reference John 8:46-59. There were discussions between Jesus and the Jewish authorities which ended in a frustrated attempt to stone Him, so Jesus could not move about as freely.

This is the first year we're placing a veil on the crucifix of Jesus. While the original plan was to have a bracket, it needs to be developed more for next year. So, this is the current set-up led by our facilities manager Cesar Amaya. I know I was struck by the immensity of the change. change. Most of my holy hours involve looking upon that crucifix. I felt a sense of loss, which really does coincide with what the disciples felt during the first Good Friday. I hope it enhances your prayer this Lenten Season.

Our Holy Week Liturgies: Thursday -Mass of the Lord's Supper celebrates the Last Supper with the Lord's reposition in our Parish hall. The sanctuary is then stripped of all decoration. Friday we have Stations of the Cross at 3 p.m. and the celebration of the Lord's Passion at 7 p.m. This involves veneration of the cross. Easter Vigil at 8 p.m., the Church's most sacred Mass all year. Normal Mass times for Easter Sunday during the day.

In Christ, ~Fr. Hall





Monday
6:40 AM
8:10 AM
Kathy Miller
Tuesday
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6:40 AM TMary Ngu Nguyer 8:10 AM Bogumil Spicha Wednesday March 27 6:40 AM The Soul of Anna

8:10 AM †Wayne & Patricia Lafferty

Holy Thursday

Thursday March 28

7:00 PM Fr. Nathan Hall & Fr. Matthew

Kovar

Friday of the Passion of the Lord

Friday March 29

7:00 PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, Easter VigilSaturdayMarch 308:00 PMBrandon Miller

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

SundayMarch 317:00 AM†Don Blazek8:00 AM†John Lochner Jr.9:30 AMOur Parish Family11:00 AMSr. Janelle Buettner

# **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.



MAXIMIZING GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR THIS GEORE			
Received Last Week	03-17-24		
Adult Tithe Envelopes			
(164) Families	\$12,077		
Adult Electronic Tithe (294) Families	\$12,669		
Plate	\$1,433		
Youth	\$0		
Total Tithe Received	\$26,179		
Weekly Tithing Goal	\$31,433		
Rec'd to date:	\$1,212,094		
Needed for Annual Budget	\$1,194,454		
Annual Budget Overage/Shortage to			
Date	\$17,640		

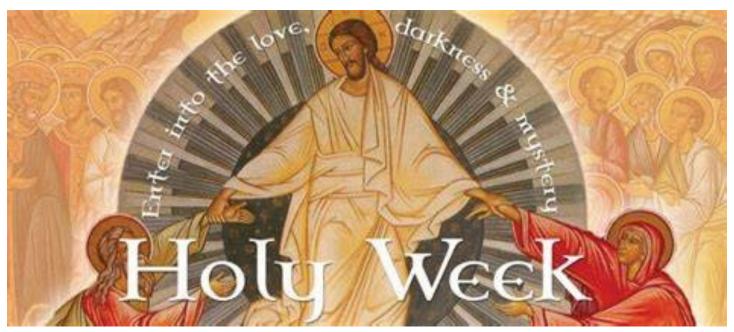


Sachamen SIINDAY

Congratulations to all the children of our parish and school who received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and/or First Communion for the first time on Sunday, March 17th, 2024.

We pray that they will always discover the wonder and peace of God's forgiveness and experience the loving presence of Jesus in this grace-filled sacrament.

North American Martyrs Church





# MARCH 28

	READERS	ACOLYTES	Servers
7:00 PM	Rupp	Nagel McInerney Schlautman, D.	Anderson Ortiz, Justin Peters Schlautman



# MARCH 29

	READERS	ACOLYTES	SERVERS
7:00 PM	Lewan- dowski Odgaard	Novosad Schlautman, B.	Fernandes Novosad Ortiz, Justin Peters



# MARCH 30

	READERS	ACOLYTES	SERVERS
8:00 PM	Barnes	Kathe Korus Bousquet	Korus Huber Peters Iburg

# Lay Ministry for Easter Sunday March 31

	Readers	ACOLYTES	SERVERS	SAFE SANCTU- ARY	GREETERS
7:00 AM	Sullivan	Boesen Matulka	Nguyen, Thomas Teeters	Eastman	Seidl Family
8:00 AM	Bourek	Volkmer Gose	Wilson Oglesby Siegel Mares	Brockhaus	Peters Family
9:30 AM	Heffley	Bassinger Arndt	Trausch Elder Nguyen, Paul Simanek	Feldhaus	West Family
11:00 AM	Brown	Johs Wemhoff	Turek Donato Egelhoff Sousek	Hannon Simpson	Sub Needed





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

Desserts Provided by the Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW)

Fried Pollock, Baked Tilapia, Mac & Cheese, Spaghetti, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Pickles, Bread, Lemonade, Coffee & Tea

Desserts, beer, wine & soda available for an additional cost

Adults \$13, Seniors \$10, Children (5-12) \$6, and Children under 5 eat free

Dine In & Carry out



# 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

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# PARISH COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (PCCW) NEWS

The North American Martyrs Parish Council of Catholic Women is part of the Lincoln Deanery Council of Catholic Women (LDCCW); which is also part of the Lincoln Diocese Council of Catholic Women. Our Lincoln Deanery is hosting the "LDCCW Biennial Convention" on Friday, April 26 – Saturday, April 27. The Lincoln Deanery has asked our help to provide drinks, breakfast items, desserts and kitchen workers for this event to be held at the John XXIII Diocesan Center. Please help make this convention a success by contributing or volunteering for the convention at:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E4DA4AA283-cookies#/Thank you!

Easter Lilies to be placed around the altar at Easter can be ordered in memory of a loved one. The cost is \$18 per plant. Please drop your donation and this filled out form in the collection basket or at the Parish Office. Deadline is March 25th.

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# **RITES**

## **BAPTISMS**

We welcome those who have been newly baptized. Please pray for them as they continue to grow in Christ.

Edward Ventura IV
Son of Edward III & Amanda Ventura



# 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, April 14th 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.

# ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life.

During Lent, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring the mercy of Jesus into the hearts of the poor, by assisting families, by providing food, gifts, and money for utility and rent bills.

# 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, Kathy Casper, Roberta Cook, Carleen Crowe, Sue Coupe, Bella Cox, Jacob & Jaxson DaCunha, Britt Douglas, Diane Eankirk, David Fairbanks, Earl Franklin, Tina Frenzel, Sonja Gates, Tom Geardino, Marlys Goodwater, Tom Goodwater, Fran Green, Tom Green, Annette Helman, Diane Herms, Hayden Higgins, Paul Jueneman, JJ Kalita, Diane Kankirk, Tom Kenjosian, Glee Komenda, Bill Kroll, Mary Langenberg, Judy Lindholm, Clint Lochner, Nancy Murphy, Banks Nelson, Brian O'Dea, Dean Oswald, Linda Pacula, William Parish, Julie Roberts, Mickey Roscoe, Chris Royal, Mike Royse, Derek Ruth, Connie Skoglund, Tamela Skrdlant-Horn, Rose Stehno, Barb Sypal, Nancy Thompson, Raegan Thompson, Paulette Trouba, and Lisa Trausch.

# NAM CALENDAR

## MONDAY, MARCH 25

6:00 p.m. Grief Support Group meets in the Kateri room

# TUESDAY, MARCH 26

8:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross, According to Mary (Women of Martyrs) meets in the Church

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

6:00 p.m. OCIA will meet in the Parish hall 6:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul meets in the Kateri room

## SATURDAY, MARCH 30

Women of Martyrs Easter Egg Hunt. See flyer in the bulletin.

# NAM SCHOOL NEWS

### MARCH 28-APRIL 2

No School–Holy Week & Easter Break School resumes April 3.

# **CCD News**

#### March 27

Class- 6:00 p.m.

# NAM NEWS

## **CONTAINER PICK-UP**

Thank you to all who have donated food for our Parish events. Containers can be picked up outside of the Parish hall on weekends, from 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Items not picked up by Monday, April 1st will be donated to CSS.

# ROSARY VOLUNTEER

Volunteers are needed to help pray the Rosary before 5 p.m. Masses. We need a couple (or few) people to be on rotation with other volunteers. Hours count as volunteer and Stewardship hours. Please contact the parish office for details.

# TRIVIA QUESTION

Q. On which day is Chrism Mass?

A. Answer is found in the bulletin.



# WOMEN OF MARTYRS NEWS

## HELP NEEDED STUFFING EASTERS EGGS!

All women of parish are invited to help us stuff Easter Eggs for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt! We will be meeting on Sunday, March 24th from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the Kateri Room. Kids are welcome! This is a great way to earn volunteer hours! Sign up on Track it Forward!

# 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/od9604

#### JOIN A PLAYGROUP!

It's not too late to sign up to join a playgroup! How: Sign up using this link, and choose the days/times that work best for your family: <a href="https://forms.gle/9jFcdqJwBFkWdPX48">https://forms.gle/9jFcdqJwBFkWdPX48</a> All gatherings are casual and optional! For any questions, contact Jessica Redmond at <a href="mailto:redmondjessicam22@gmail.com">redmondjessicam22@gmail.com</a>.

# NEW LINKS FOR THE 2024 YEAR

Are you a new mom or want to nominate a new mom for a meal? Fill out this link: https://forms.gle/WB6Fodp5wDkgZ1aK7

If you would like to be notified via email when a new meal train has been created to give a meal to a new mom, please sign up through this link: https://forms.gle/nyj2FJLEuavBJ1ZKA



# EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH

10:00 IN THE MORNING

RECTORY LAWN

Please bring your own Easter basket for your little ones to put their eggs in.

The age groups are as follows: o-2, 3-5 & 6-10
The start times are staggered by a few minutes, with the o-2 group
going first!

The Harbor Coffee Shop will be there with drinks for adults and kids so bring cash or card!



All are welcome to join us for the:

# Stations of the Cross According to Mary



Tuesday, March 26th at 8:00 p.m. during Holy Week in the church.

These stations present the viewpoint of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, as she walks the road to Calvary. Join us as Mary teaches us how to take up our cross and follow Jesus in a spirit of limitless love and undying hope.



# **ADORATION NEWS**

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

<u>Tuesday</u>: 8 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m. & 4 p.m. <u>Wednesday</u>: 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 <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0848A9A92B0-perpetual">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0848A9A92B0-perpetual</a> 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.



With RaiseRight, you can always be fundraising for North American Martyrs, just by doing what you do every day. How it works: Earn by purchasing gift cards at face value from more than 750 top brands. Your earnings come directly from the brands you shop, not your pocket, so your gift cards are worth every penny. NAM's Parish and school have received \$965.20 from Raiseright for January and February.

50% of this school year (2023-24) family rebate earnings will be credited toward next school years NAM school tuition (2024-25). This can be used for Preschool – 8<sup>th</sup> grade next school year. When logging in, please use link: <a href="https://www.raiseright.com/">https://www.raiseright.com/</a> Enrollment code: **3545FDFE4858** 

# EMBRACE

North American Martyrs Church is launching a new ministry/small group called Embrace Life. The Embrace Life curriculum and program equips single moms to flourish in their relationships with God, and not only survive in life, but THRIVE! These brave moms will learn spiritual and practical ways to help navigate their way through life while using the Holy Spirit as their compass. Our class will meet every Monday at 6:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose room, starting Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. The semester is 20 weeks. Dinner and babysitting will be provided. If you are a single mom interested in joining, please email us at namembracelife@gmail.com.



#### Has the Lord been calling you

deeper this Lent? Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly has several retreats to help you deepen your faith life. See our upcoming retreats: 4-Day Ignatian Directed Retreat with Matt Simmons or Fr. Coulter on March 25-28, "Holy Week Retreat for Young Women" with the Marian Sisters on March 28-30 and "Back to the Garden" Retreat for young adult women with Fr. Kennett and Sarina Stokes on April 19-21.

Read more & register at <a href="www.goodcounselretreat.org">www.goodcounselretreat.org</a>, email <a href="mailto:office@olgcretreat.org">office@olgcretreat.org</a> or call 402-786-2705.



# **SPRING 2024 CAMPAIGN:**

February 14-March 24

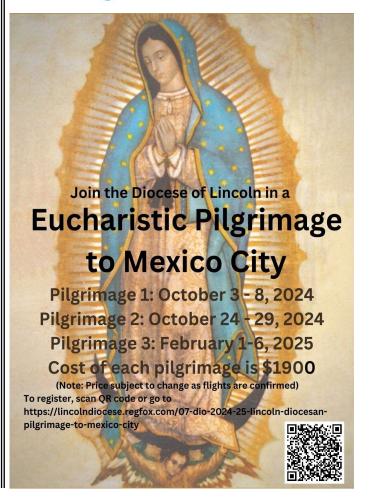
# TAKE PART IN 40 DAYS FOR LIFE IN LINCOLN:

Prayer vigil location:

Planned Parenthood 5631 South 48th Street

- Vigil hours: 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM daily
- Contact: Catherine Turner, 402.202.1614
- Learn more, get involved, and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at the web address below!

# 40daysforlife.com/Lincoln









# "Physician Heal Thyself" APRIL 27,

APRIL 27, 2024 9AM-NOON

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9:00 Mass 9:30 Breakfast 10:00 Talk 11:00

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# **NEWS FROM SPIRIT CATHOLIC RADIO**

#### **INSPIRATIONAL PROGRAMMING**

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## THE EUCHARIST: THE SOURCE AND SUMMIT OF OUR FAITH

Come to St. Robert Bellarmine in Omaha on April 26 and 27, 2024 to hear friends from EWTN and Catholic Answers speak on THE EUCHARIST: The Source and Summit of our Faith. This 2-day symposium will feature: Fr. Wade Menezes, Tim Staples, Coleen Kelly Mast, Joe Heschmeyer, and Stacy Trasancos. Jack Williams, General Manager of EWTN Radio, will serve as our emcee as we explore the Eucharist. A bookstore will be open before, during, and after the symposium with a Saturday box lunch available for pre-purchase. The symposium will be held from 7 - 9:30 p.m. Friday, April 26, and 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 27. Tickets are \$25 each. For more info and to purchase tickets, go to spiritcatholicradio.com/april

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# **APRIL 26/27**

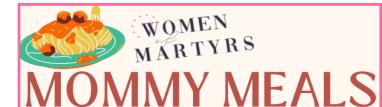
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Meal train sign up



# Want to provide a meal?

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