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#### MASS SCHEDULE

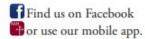
Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

#### 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...

God bless you all!

This last week was a week of Sacraments!

Last Sunday, we had First Communion. I gave the meditation that we are body, mind, and soul. When we starve one, the other two suffer. When the body is

starved, your mind/emotions would be distracted, or you might feel down or angry. When the body is starved, it's hard to focus on an interior conversation with God. But the same goes spiritually! When our soul is starving, our mind/emotions experience more anxiety and fear about the future, or there is a dissatisfaction with life that we just can't pinpoint. When our soul is starving, our body craves temptations that are a temporary fix, but leave us worse off in the long run. The remedy really is the Eucharist. Not just receiving, but studying/ thinking/meditating on what we are consuming in the Eucharist. Seek out Catholic talks, articles, videos, or podcasts to help!

Last Thursday, we had Confirmation. Now these young ones are old enough to talk about Jesus to the world. Confirmation equips them with more graces of the Holy Spirit as they now know enough to be a source of information about God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The gifts they have available to them are wisdom, knowledge, counsel, fear of the Lord, fortitude, understanding, and piety (ref. 1 Cor. 12). Pray for these new Confirmandi, but also, who is your Confirmation saint? Do you remember? Maybe look up and reconnect with them. Discover something new about your saint, because you might be surprised how much they can help you today.

In Christ. ~Fr. Hall

#### NEW 2024 CLERGY ASSIGNMENTS AT NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS PARISH

Welcome back to NAM, Fr. Liam O'Shea-Creal! Fr. O'Shea-Creal was a Deacon at NAM a few years ago, ordained a priest on May 28th, 2022, in Lincoln, NE., and then was an Assistant Priest at St. Michaels Church, in Hastings, NE. He will be with us one year before serving as a Catholic chaplain in the U.S. Navy. We are blessed to have Fr. O'Shea-Creal back at NAM.

It is with great joy that we also announce that Fr. Matthew Kovar will remain in Residence at NAM while continuing his education and teaching at Pius. Prayers for both priests with their new assignments.







6:40 AM †Gary Butcher 8:10 AM

Jim Lesher Family, Living and

Deceased April 16 Tuesday Joanne Moslev 6:40 AM 8:10 AM †Joan Geardino Wednesday April 17 6:40 AM †Bob Koenig The Soul of Anna 8:10 AM

**Thursday** April 18

6:40 AM Fr. Matthew Schilmoeller 8:10 AM †Melvin & Joanne Lostroh

Friday April 19

6:40 AM Schlautman Family 8:10 AM †Doris Miller Saturday April 20

Maggie Malone Hardin 9:00 AM

April 20

#### **Weekend Masses**

Saturday

5:00 PM †Rose Gentrup April 21 Sunday 7:00 AM Merl Gerdes 8:00 AM †Tiffany Belger 9:30 AM Our Parish Family 11:00 AM †Nancy Allen

#### **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.



#### STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

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Received Last Week	04-07-24
Adult Tithe Envelopes	
(171) Families	\$32,912
Adult Electronic Tithe (294) Families	\$12,669
Plate	\$1,787
Youth	\$0
Total Tithe Received	\$47,368
Weekly Tithing Goal	\$31,433
Rec'd to date:	\$1,323,910
Needed for Annual Budget	\$1,288,753
Annual Budget Overage/Shortage	
to Date	\$35,157



## Filst COMMUNION

Congratulations to all the children of our parish and school who received the

Sacraments of First Communion on

Sunday, April 7, 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

#### **RITES**

#### **BAPTISMS**

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

> Melissa Jean Miller Daughter of Stewart & Shelley Miller

> > Evander Usrey Nunez Son of Luís & Cecílía Nunez

August Andrew Temple Son of Andrew & Brooke Temple

#### 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, Gene Helget, 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, Le Blanc Family, 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.



#### LAY MINISTRY FOR APRIL 20/21

	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 Huber	Morrow	
8:00 AM	Lewan- dowski	Smith Beying	Mares Beying Urkoski (2)	Gose	Koenig Family
9:30 AM	St. Hilaire	Hugo Benes, M	Weeder Johnson, E Havlat (2)	Busboom (2)	Sub Needed
11:00 AM	Odgaard	Mazour Sub Needed	Nguyen, David Nguyen Phuoc McIntyre Marroquin	Seberger Hannon	Sub Needed

## 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, May 19th 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**

We are in need of one or two adorers to cover the 8 a.m. Holy hour each Thursday. Please sign up using the link below or contact Tamra Tran in the Parish office to sign up. Thank you.

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. <u>Thursday</u>: 8 a.m. (1-2 adorers needed)

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.

#### **TRIVIA QUESTION**

Q. St. Paul's conversion happened on the road to this city?

A. Answer found in bulletin.

#### **NAM NEWS**

#### BEMAKING AT GOOD COUNCIL RETREAT HOUSE

Update: Bedmaking has been cancelled for Monday, April 15th. Beds will not have to be made. Thank you.

#### 10 POINT PITCH

We are hosting our monthly Pitch tournament of Friday, April 12th from 7-10 p.m. in the Multi-purpose room. All skill levels are welcome: you can bring a partner or come by yourself and we will match you up with a partner. A \$5 entry fee is suggested and prizes will be given out.

#### 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.

## SATURDAY MORNING CLEANING GROUPS

A reminder that everyone in the Parish is welcome to join us every second Saturday of the month to help clean the Church. Hours count towards Stewardship and volunteer hours. Just come to the Narthex of the Church at 7 a.m. All supplies are provided. This is a great way to give back to the Church, get volunteer hours, and to meet fellow parishioners. What a great way to thank God for our spiritual home.

#### WOMEN OF MARTYRS NEWS

#### 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: <a href="https://mealtrain.com/od9604">https://mealtrain.com/od9604</a>

#### 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>.





#### NAM CALENDAR

#### MONDAY, APRIL 15

7 p.m. Knights of Columbus meets in the Kateri room

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 20

7:30 a.m. Men's Group meets in the Kateri room

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 21

\*\*\*Donuts and Coffee after each Sunday Mass\*\*\*

#### NAM SCHOOL NEWS

#### APRIL 26

Early Release at 1 p.m.

Damascus

#### **CCD NEWS**

#### APRIL 17

Class and Adoration from 6-7:30 p.m.

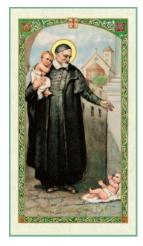
#### APRIL 24

Class from 6-7:30 p.m.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus explains the meaning of the scriptures. Like the disciples, when we offer and receive forgiveness our hearts burn because we encounter the risen Christ within us.

Have you considered answering the call to "help the poor find forgiveness and healing in their life" by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?



#### SYMBOLON SERIES

Would you like to learn more about the Catholic faith? Would you like to receive the sacraments in the Church but are not sure what to do? Come to our education series Sundays following the 9:30am Mass. Beginning April 14th we will be watching the Symbolon series from the Augustine Institute over the next couple of months in the Kateri room. We will have coffee and refreshments for attendees.

#### SUNDAY CHESS CLUB

Do your kids love chess, or would like to learn how to play? If so, please join us on Sundays in the Multi-purpose room of the school between 10:30 a.m. –Noon. Enter through the Library entrance. This club is for kids older than 6 and parents are not required to stay.

#### RaiseRight.

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.

50% of this school year (2023-24) family rebate earnings will becredited 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** 



## **MOMMY MEALS**

## New or expecting moms?

Fill out the Google Document to get signed up for a mealtrain!

Meal train sign up



## Want to provide a meal?

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QUESTIONS & MORE INFO. CONTACT:

Regan Downey rmkoller14@gmail.com





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#### **AROUND THE DIOCESE**

Sponsored by St. Patrick's Knights of Columbus council, Pro-Life Education Series continues Sunday April 21, 7 p.m., at St. Patrick's 6126 Morrill Ave. The guest speaker is Carol Szczepaniak as she presents the topic, "Healthcare and Medical Research from a Pro-Life Perspective." She has a MS in Healthcare Ethics and is heard monthly on SPIRIT Catholic Radio. She will also discuss life-saving advances such as a cure for Sickle Cell Anemia and animal-to-human organ transplants and unethical medical practices such as human organ harvesting methods and potential use of synthetic embryos.

#### NEWS FROM SPIRIT CATHOLIC RADIO

#### 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

## SPIRIT CATHOLIC RADIO JOB OPENING: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR

This full-time, Omaha-based position has the awesome job of being responsible for awareness initiatives of the Spirit Catholic Radio Network across the state of Nebraska and Iowa with Catholic schools, parishes, and apostolates/ministries. You will coordinate a presence at relevant area events, recruit and train volunteers, execute outreach events, communicate with Catholic schools, parishes, and apostolates/ministries, and coordinate delivery of prayer aides and materials across the listening area. See the full job description, and if qualified, apply at spiritcatholic radio.com!

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#### JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Women's Care Center, the nation's largest and most successful pro-life pregnancy-resource center has a job opportunity available in Lincoln, Nebraska. We provide free and confidential counseling, support, and education to help pregnant women choose life, have healthier pregnancies, and become better parents. We serve 33,000 women annually at 35 centers in 12 states—and we're still growing! We are currently seeking a Bilingual (English and Spanish) Parenting Instructor. Training is provided. This position is part-time. If you have a passion for helping pregnant women choose life, we would love to talk to you. Please send your resume to Ashley at acapuvan.wccindy@gmail.com.

Villa Marie School is seeking to hire a Special Education Teacher for the 2024 – 2025 school year. Please call Sr. Jeanette Rerucha at 402-786-3625 or email her at <a href="mailto:sr.jeanette-rerucha@cdolinc.net">sr.jeanette-rerucha@cdolinc.net</a>







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