A Note from our Parochial Vicor...



Dear North American Martyrs Family,

Splendid Solemnity of Christ the King of the Universe! There are two words that are going to help us dive deep into this solemnity. Autonomy and Authority.

I think (especially as Americans) we've absorbed a message about kingship and authority that gets in the way of truly embracing our gift of faith. Because we can begin to think that the only legitimate authority is the autonomy of an individual. This is the power one has to make one's own decisions.

That our country is made up of autonomous individuals. And our social theory is that our leaders receive their authority from us, to preserve and protect our autonomy. And as long as my autonomy does not hinder, restrict, or infringe upon your autonomy, we are all good. That's our Lockean social contract, in a nutshell. But that leaves us with an incomplete vision of ultimate authority when applied to God.

We have to be vigilant that this idea of authority coming from anything other than a group of individuals means it is the false authority of a tyrant. Because God does not derive His authority from us at all.

Our God is not a Tyrant. He is not a Dictator. He is the one true King.

His authority is the authority of an author over his own work.

Do you even hear that word "author" in the very word "authority"?

God's ability to govern, lead, and command us flows naturally from the fact that He is the cause of everything that exists.

No one has chosen to exist. None of us can bring ourselves into being. The God of the universe created you out of pure love.

When he creates, he does so with reason and purpose. He creates things with specific ends and goals, and because of that end, there is a way we are meant to act and live to achieve that purpose. That end is everlasting life with God.

This is what is called "Natural Law." This law is not imposed onto us from an outside authority. His right to command us is absolute, not because He is all powerful but because He is the Author of our being.

St. Thomas Aquinas says God is offended by us only when we act against our own good—against the reason he made us. That is what sin is: misusing our autonomy, acting against the law that lives within us. Because we have no power to determine what we are. Our nature is given to us as a pure gift.

We have a King who has made us to be like Himself. Let us revel in the authority of Christ the One True King. Let us give all praise, glory, and honor to Him, seated at the right hand of God.

In Christ,
~Fr. Isaac Wahlmeier

*****Parish office's will be closed Nov. 26/27 for Thanksgiving. We wish you and your families a blessed and happy Thanksgiving!*****

Mass Intentions

Weekday Masses

Monday, November 23
6:40am †Marcy Lackovic
8:10am All Souls
Tuesday, November 24
6:40am RayAnna Krick
8:10am †Danny Keller
Wednesday, November 25
6:40am † Larry Rezac
8:10am † Kathryn Casper
Thursday, November 26
7:30am Jane & Elmer Wemhoff
9:00am Cletus, Jim, Chris & Craig Riedl
Friday, November 27
6:40am Poor Souls in Purgatory
8:10am For all those whom have no one to pray for them, Living and Deceased
Saturday, November 28
9:00am Special Intention

Weekend Masses

Saturday, November 28
5:00pm †Jason Jenkins
Sunday, November 29
7:00am † Danny Keller
8:00am Our Parish Family
9:30am †Ray Ruskamp
11:00am Kevin & Julia Lostroh

Mass Intentions may be offered for many reasons- in loving memory of someone who has died, for the health and healing of a loved one, or for any special intention for someone living or deceased. To schedule a Mass Intention, contact the Parish Office. The customary stipend is $10.

Financial Update

Received Last Week (11/15//26)		
Adult Tithe Envelopes (161 Families)	$	14,172
Adult Electronic Tithe (278 Families)	$	12,306
Plate	$	2,110
Youth	$	
Total Tithe Received	$	28,588
Weekly Tithing Goal	$	37,542
Received to Date	$	750,840
Needed for Annual Budget	$	1,952,200
Annual Budget: Overage/Shortage to Date	$	(114,315)

Prayer Requests

Is there a loved one, friend, or member of our community in need of prayer? To have a name placed on the weekly Bulletin Prayer List, please contact the parish office: The Allen Family, Mary Belger, Fred Bergman, Anne Bombarger, Aly Clanton, Savannah Clanton, Janet Codr-Policky, Joel Crandell, Bill & Brenda Douglas, Ben Gray, Shawn Fitzgerald, Earl and Jan Franklin, Paige Franzluebbers, Tina Frenzel, Sonja Gates, Tom Goodwater, Fr. Gary Gross, Diane Herms, Nora Kathe, Harvey Kostinsky, Britt Lee, Clint Lochner, John Lochner, Glenda Masek, Caroline Meyer, Noah Elmer Meyer, Ryker Moore-Svehla, Greg Morfeld, Abigail Parish, Crystal Peterson, Marlene Quest, Bette Riedel, George Schaub, Jacob Schmidt, Robin Swanek, Raegan Thompson, Joe Valasquez, Dale VanAckeren & all those who are ill.

Altar Server of the Month

Congratulations to Henry Trausch for being awarded "Altar Server of the Month" at North American Martyrs Parish. This certificate of merit from the Knights of Columbus recognizes Henry for his faithfulness and dedication to the Church, and for his exceptional services as an Altar Server.

Altar Server of the Month, Henry Trausch, pictured with Fr. Isaac Wahlmeier and Grand Knight, Colin Miller.



Holy Land Hand-Carved Olive Wood Gifts

Support our Christian Brothers and Sisters in the Holy Land. Did you know that approximately 600 Christian families in Bethlehem depend on carving beautiful olive-wood figurines and religious handicrafts for their livelihood?

Recent conflicts in the Middle East have brought tourism in Bethlehem to a near standstill, causing severe financial hardship for these families. Many have been forced to consider leaving their homeland in search of a better way to support their families. The continued departure of Christians from the land of Christ could have tragic consequences for the future of Christianity and the preservation of the Holy Sites.

Issam, Star of Bethlehem group, came to the United States with a mission: to help support these families by making their beautiful religious handicrafts available to people here in America. By purchasing these handcrafted olive-wood products, you are directly helping Christian artisans remain in their homeland and continue their work in the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In addition, proceeds from sales help support needy Catholic schools, clinics, and other charitable efforts in the Holy Land. Star of Bethlehem has received support and approval from bishops and dioceses in Jerusalem. Please show your generosity and solidarity with our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land and take a look at those beautiful handicrafts November 28th & 29th.

Emergency Number

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

LayMinistry Schedule (November 28th & 29th)

5:00pm, Sat.	7:00am, Sun.	8:00am, Sun.	9:30am, Sun.	11:00am, Sun.
READERS				
Peters	Wemhoff	Shively	Smith	Lostroh
ACOLYTES				
Nagel Miller, C	Power Shonka	Warday West	Korus Sub Needed	McInerney Benes, Joe
SERVERS				
Fernandes Peters Reyes Murphy	Huber Nguyen, Thomas	Fosung Fosung Stroeh Unger, JP	Korus Havlat Havlat Havlat	Jedlicka Jedlicka Marroquin Turek
SECURITY				
Lochner	Eastman	Brockhaus	Busboom Busboom	Hannon Simpson
GREETERS				
Gaspers		Belger	Johnson	Stech

Calendar

Grief Support Group

Monday, November 23rd, 6:00pm, *Kateri Room*

Saint Vincent de Paul

Wednesday, August 26th, 6:00pm, *Kateri Room*

Seeking Truth Bible Study

Every Wednesday, 6:00–7:30pm, *Multi-Purpose Room*

All are welcome! Contact Patty Krings at Pattykrings@yahoo.com. for questions.

CCD

Every Wednesday, 6:00-7:30pm, *NAM School*

CCD is for all public and home schooled students in 1st -8th grade. For questions, please contact Tammy Eymann at Tammy-eymann@cdolinc.net.

OCIA

Every Wednesday, 6-7:30pm, *Parish Hall*

OCIA, is the process for adults who desire to join the Catholic faith and for those seeking more information on the Catholic church. For questions, contact NAMOCIA25@gmail.com.

School News

November 25-27- No school. Thanksgiving break.

Poinsettia Plants

North American Martyrs invites you to purchase a Poinsettia plant to honor or remember a loved one. These beautiful poinsettias will be gracing our altar throughout the Christmas season. If you would like to purchase a plant, please drop your donation of $18 per plant along with this completed form in the collection basket or at the Parish office. The deadline is Friday, December 8th.

Memory of: _____

Donated by: _____

Announcements

Zumba at NAM

Looking for a great way to stay active and connect with others? Join our weekly Zumba class every Monday at 7:00pm in the NAM School Gym for an energizing, fun-filled Zumba workout. Cost is $5 at the door, no advance registration required. From experienced dances to first-timers, all fitness levels are welcome. Bring a water bottle, comfortable sneakers, and a friend. Class is open to anyone age 14 or older. Email mmiriovsky@gmail.com with questions.

Classes held on Mondays:

- November 23rd
- November 30th
- December 7th
- December 14th

Book of the Dead

Throughout the month of November, we invite all to add the names of their loved ones to a list of the dead, which will be located by the ambo in the Church.

All Souls Day Envelopes

All Souls Day envelopes can be found at the main table in the Narthex. Please write the name of any deceased family and friends on the envelope and include a contribution. These names are prayed for each time "All Souls" Masses are offered throughout the year.

2027 Calvary Calendars are in!

Stop by this weekend to pick up your free 2027 Calvary calendar at the information desk! Stock is limited so pick up yours today!

Adoration Update

Adoration Pro is the new program we are using to have people sign up, request subs, and fulfill substitute requests. The password for subs is the following: nam sub. Contact Cynthia Nickman at namadoration@gmail.com with any questions.

Pancake Feed

The Knights of Columbus invite you to join us for a pancake breakfast on Sunday, December 13th, following all Masses! Bring your family and friends, enjoy a wonderful breakfast, and take a little time to visit with fellow parishioners. We look forward to seeing you there!

Christmas Cookie Exchange

Women of Martyrs is hosting a Christmas Cookie Exchange on Sunday, December 13 from 2-4pm in the Parish Hall. Bring two dozen of your favorite cookie or Christmas treat and leave with a variety! Cookie boxes and a dedicated Gluten-Free table will be provided. Sign up at: tinyurl.com/NAMCookie

Catholic Social Services Giving Tree

CSS of Southern Nebraska invites you to inspire hope and love to local families by donating essentials to our community programs. Scan the QR code or visit csshope.org/holidaygiving for more information. By covering basic needs, you free up funds for parents to buy gifts for their children—providing Hope in the Good Life to the whole family!



St Vincent de Paul is the patron saint of charitable societies. He lived from 1581 to 1660 and was a French Catholic priest devoted to serving the poor. In 1833, Frederic Ozanam - inspired by the charitable works of St Vincent de Paul - founded the Society of St Vincent de Paul to help impoverished people living in the slums of Paris. That society grew, and today there are over 800,000 members in 155 countries, striving to answer the Christian calling to seek and find the forgotten, the suffering or the deprived, to bring them Christ's love.

The Lincoln Council of St Vincent de Paul includes groups from eleven parishes - one of which is North American Martyrs. We meet twice a month, and we take calls from the council call center two days each month. We go out and meet neighbors in need, learn about the hardships they face, and help however we can.

Today, we reach out to ask if you can help us. There are three ways you can do that. The first is by joining us as a volunteer. Our meetings are the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month at 6pm in the Kateri room. Just walk in. You'll be among friends. This work is humbling and will feed you spiritually more than you can anticipate.

The second is by helping us with a financial donation. In this season of gratitude and charity, it is often difficult to know how responsibly your contribution will be used. Every single penny given to St Vincent de Paul is used to aid those in need. We cover our own administrative expenses - stamps, envelopes, checks, etc - from donations within the group. Your money goes directly to the single mother who cries when we tell her we can cover her utility bill; to the father between jobs who can't quite make their rent this month; to rent for an elderly man living alone, on the last mile of his journey with cancer, who just didn't want to die homeless.

And the third way you can help us is by remembering us and the neighbors we visit in your prayers. Most of us lay our head on our pillow at night with a peaceful mind. Most of those we visit go to bed amid worry and stress. Ask God to comfort them.

Here's where your donations went over the past fiscal year ending Sept 30th:

Rent/Lodging	$47,308
Utilities	$21,186
Auto repair/licensing	$1,558
Moving expenses	$1,498
Storage	$1,096
Food	$209
Personal care items	$153
Furniture/Appliances	$135
Prescriptions	$111
Total	$ 73,811

~Mike Bartels, President, SVDP Lincoln Council



WOMEN of MARTYRS

Christmas Cookie Exchange

Bring 2 dozen of your favorite cookies and leave with an assortment of treats to sweeten your holiday season!

Dedicated GLUTEN-FREE table available!
If bringing GF cookies, please ensure they're celiac-safe.



Sunday, Dec. 13 | 2 – 4 PM

NAM Parish Hall

Cookie boxes will be provided.

Scan the QR Code to sign up!

Email womenofmartyrs@gmail.com with any questions.