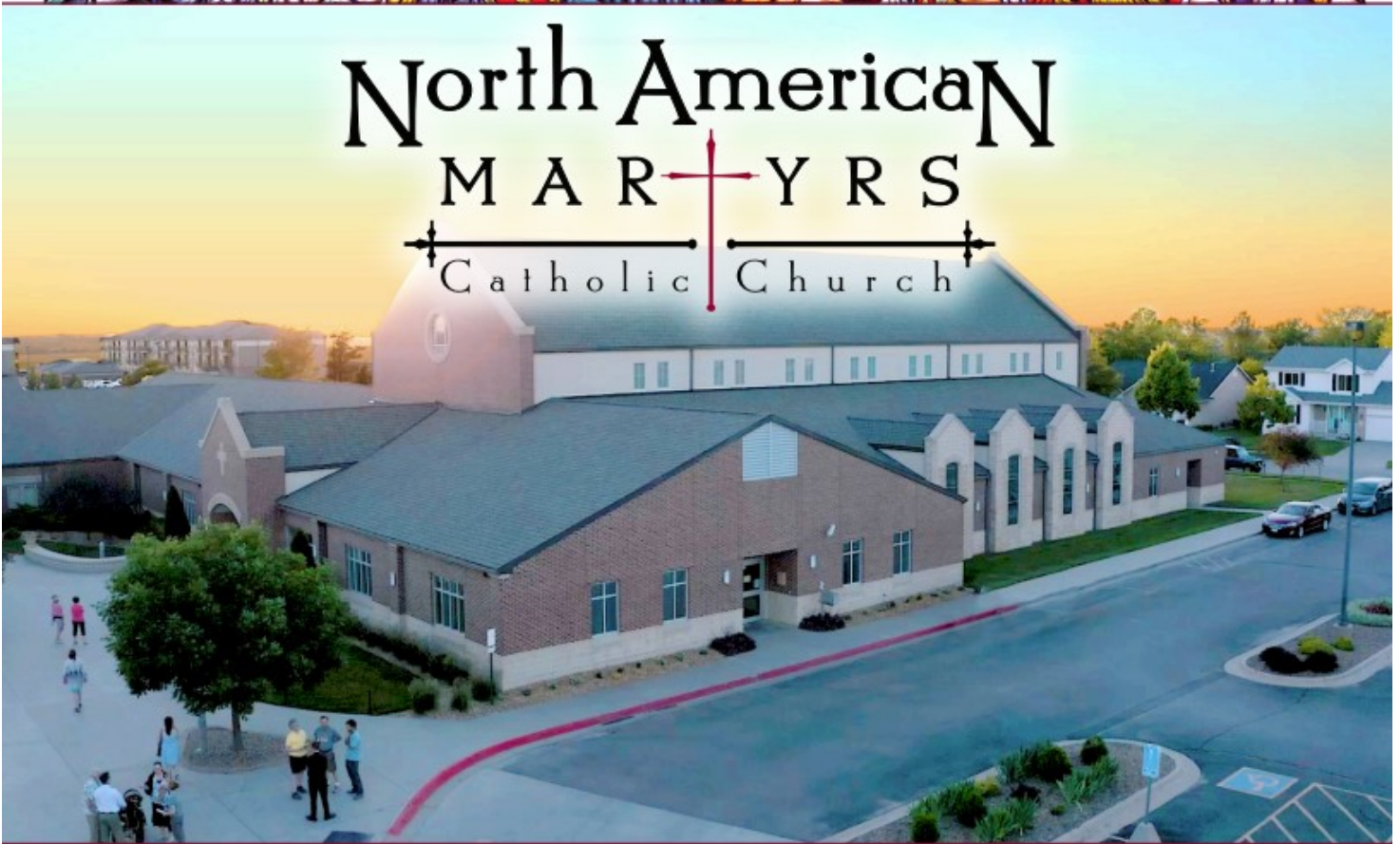




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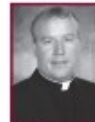
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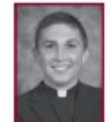
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Fr Justin  
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Fr Matthew  
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*Pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life*

### 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

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## A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR...

Dear Martyrs Family,

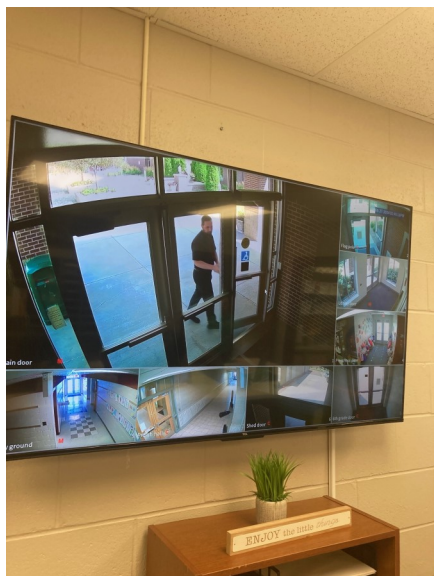
I just wanted to take the time to inform you and spread the word about two big parish events coming up!



First, you have probably seen a lot of little signs all around about our Harvest Festival. On Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> after the vigil mass (so around 6:30pm), we have a free BBQ. For the kids, we'll have a showing of an outdoor movie. For the adults, we'll have music and beer garden. I did offer to have my old band play, and they said yes. Tim and Jeremy Francis are brothers from Hooper, NE and I played music with them starting my Freshman year in college up till when I left for seminary 8 years later. So, pray for me ... I'm very rusty. Either way, this is a night of fun and relaxation, welcoming everyone to our parish. Please invite friends and family who are both Catholic or not, devout or fallen away. Let this just be a great celebration for us and an introduction to all the souls in our neighborhood.

Second, our big parish night out and fundraiser GIFT is October 25th. In the past, some people told me this was only for certain people. Hopefully last year we got rid of that misunderstanding. It's for everyone! We lowered the cost to just cover food and partial rental which meant we had around 200 people come! A record breaker for GIFT. The capacity is 500 ... so let's shoot for that! Early bird ticket prices open now. It's a fun event, where you can choose to dress up and/or bid on some fun stuff! Because of GIFT our parish was able to increase safety and security of our parish and school. Below is a picture of a screen that we were able to put in our School and Parish offices. We also switched so people have to buzz in outside of the school rather than being able to come in the first set of doors, and now, we can see who we're letting in. Next, we were able to finish the fence between the school and the walking path. Now, there is no direct access to our playground from the walking path. Stay tuned for the big items to bid on (you can team up with friends and family to bid for them). God bless you all!

In Christ,



## MASS INTENTIONS

### Weekday Masses

#### Monday, September 2

6:40am † Joan Geardino  
8:10am † Stefan Kolodzieczyk

#### Tuesday, September 3

6:40am Dennis & Sue Bousquet  
8:10am † Don & Carol Soukup

#### Wednesday, September 4

6:40am † Mary Ngu Nguyen  
8:10am † Wayne & Patricia Lafferty

#### Thursday, September 5

6:40am John Herrington  
8:10am Owens Family

#### Friday, September 6

6:40am All Married Couples  
8:10am The Ruth Family

#### Saturday, September 7

9:00am All Souls

### Weekend Masses

#### Saturday, September 7

5:00pm Gregg & Kathy Miller

#### Sunday, September 8

7:00am Mary Jane Florence Runyan  
8:00am Belger Family, Living and Deceased  
9:30am † Joan Geardino  
11:00am Our Parish Family

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please call the Parish office to have a name added or taken off of the prayer list. Names will be removed from the list after 3 months unless otherwise notified.

Angela Dudek, Earl Franklin, Steve Frey, Sonja Gates, Maryls Goodwater, Billy Hall and Family, Dan Hannon, Diane Herms, Britt Lee, Traci Lee, Judy Lindholm, Clint Lochner, Becky Medina, Leo Meduna, Nancy Murphy, Will Parish, Mickey Roscoe, Jessica Schidler, Jean Skrdlant, Reagan Thompson, and Roger Tiller, and all those who are ill.

## EMERGENCY NUMBER

402-540-0398

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

## PARISH INVOLVEMENT

### NAM GREETERS

We are looking for Greeters for the 5 pm, 9:30 am and 11 am Masses. *Each hour greeting would count towards Stewardship hours.* Contact Tamra Tran in the Parish office for more information.

## A VERY SPECIAL THANK-YOU...

On Sunday, August 18th, a Rosary and reception was held at NAM to celebrate ‘Our Lady of La Vang’. We are extremely grateful to everyone who came to celebrate with us and learn more about this Vietnamese celebration.

We want to extend a very special thank-you to Anna & Francis Nguyen, Cuong & Mary Nguyen, the Vietnamese women who helped make the food for the dinner, and everyone who helped out with the event.

We would also like to thank the people listed below for their donations to purchase the wooden statue of Our Lady of La Vang, which is located in the Narthex. God bless!

- Cuong & Mary Nguyen
- Will & Jenna Nguyen
- Bobby & Tamra Tran
- Huong Tran
- Khoa & Phuong Tran
- Phu & Lua Tran
- Sinh Nguyen
- Hung & Thuy Tran
- Maria Tuat Nguyen
- Phuong Nguyen



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will begin again in September at the 9:30 mass! This program is open to any 3-6 year olds in attendance, no registration required. Children will be chaperoned to the Parish Hall before the Liturgy and brought back during the Offertory. During this time, we will read a child-friendly version of the Gospel and do activities based on the reading. We are greatly in need of volunteers to teach and assist during the program. This is a great opportunity for high schoolers to earn service hours or for NAM parents to earn volunteer hours! If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, please contact Alison Ermisch at [alison.ermisch@gmail.com](mailto:alison.ermisch@gmail.com).

### NAM SCHOOL JOB OPENINGS

CCD Coordinator Needed

NAM is looking for a Coordinator to facilitate CCD for the upcoming year. In this position we offer compensation for your time. Contact Carrie Odgaard at 402-782-1428 for more information.

### FIELD RENTALS

Attention soccer and flag football teams! Martyrs' PTO is currently accepting fall sports outdoor field rentals. Please email us at [namptotreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:namptotreasurer@gmail.com) for availability and more information.

### NEBRASKA FOOTBALL GAMES VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for help to box pizza for the Nebraska home football games. Contact Diana Ketchmark at [dketch21@yahoo.com](mailto:dketch21@yahoo.com) or 402-304-4477 for more information. Must be 16 or older.

### NAM'S ST. FRANCIS GARDEN, Refrigerator & Stand by the Cry Room

We have tomatoes, cantaloupe, peppers and more! Please take any produce you would like in exchange for a free will donation. All money raised by the parish garden will go to St. Gianna's to support their work.

## LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE (SEPTEMBER 7TH, 8TH)

	5:00pm, Sat.	7:00am, Sun.	8:00am, Sun.	9:30am, Sun.	11:00am, Sun.
READERS	Rupp	Sullivan	Bourek	Brown	Drehs, J
ACOLYTES	Boesen Matulka	Bousquet Ketchmark	Volkmer Arndt	Bassingier Warday	Johs Wemhoff
SERVERS	Isley Ortiz (2) Schroeder, A	Nguyen, Thomas Huber	Bourek (2) Peters Paasch	Johnson, D Havlat (2) Anderson	Wemhoff McIntyre Kocian Nguyen, David
SECURITY	McPhillips Lochner	Eastman	Kane	Miller, S Feldhaus	Hannon Wiese
GREETERS	VanAckeren		Peters	West	McIntyre

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

In observation of Labor Day, the Parish offices will be closed Monday, September 2nd.

The Parish office will be closed to the public on Tuesday, September 3rd. Normal office hours resume Wednesday, September 4.

### ADORATION HOURS

In observation of Labor Day, **the Blessed Sacrament will not be exposed Monday, September 2nd.** The Chapel will still be open to anyone wanting to adore Him.

We desperately need an adorer for Wednesdays at 11 a.m. To sign up, use link below or contact Tamra Tran in the Parish office. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0848A9A92B0-perpetual>

## ALTAR SERVER OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Kyle Fernandez for being nominated "Altar Server of the Month" at North American Martyrs. This certificate of merit from the Knights of Columbus recognizes Kyle for his faithfulness and dedication to the church, and for his exceptional services as an Altar Server.

*August Server of the Month, Kyle Fernandes, pictured with Grand Knight, Dan Hannon and Fr. Liam O'Shea-Creal.*



## CALENDAR

**CCD FOR 2024-2025**, Wednesdays, starting September 11th, 6:00-7:30pm, *NAM School*

CCD registration is now open! Classes **begin on September 11th (new start date)** and meet every Wednesday from 6:00-7:30pm. Public and Homeschooled children in grades 1st through 8th are encouraged to register. Forms can be found on the information table in the Narthex.

**OCIA MEETINGS**, Wednesdays at 6pm, *Parish Hall*

OCIA, the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, classes will be starting Wednesday, September 18th at 6pm in the 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. All are welcome to join! Contact Ryan Bliven for any questions [rbliven@hotmail.com](mailto:rbliven@hotmail.com)

**HARVEST FESTIVAL**, Saturday, September 21, 6:30-10:30pm, *NAM Church*

Save the date for NAM's Harvest Festival! Food, drinks, live music! Fun!

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**, Friday-Sunday, September 27-29th, *NAM*

Learn how to bring the peace of Christ into your relationship by taking part in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. For questions, or to find out more about Virtual Encounter Weekends, feel free to contact Brenda & Gary Granger at 402-370-5839, or visit [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org).

**FOUNDATION MEETING**, Monday, October 7th, *NAM*

What are the top ten mistakes made in estate planning, and how can you avoid them? Are you worried about the cost of long term care, worried about probate, are you not sure who to name as your executor when you pass away? Lincoln attorney Andrew Loudon will answer these questions and more at a free seminar held on Monday, October 7th. Save the date more details to come.

**G.I.F.T.**, Friday, October 25th, *Downtown Embassy Suites*

Join us Friday, October 25th, at 5:30pm for NAM's main church fundraiser, G.I.F.T.'s "Storybook Soiree". Participate in games, raffles, and an evening of joy celebrating and supporting our parish. Tickets go on sale September 6th for \$75/person. Price goes to \$100 September 28-October 9th. Seating is limited so be sure to reserve your seats as soon as possible. More information can be found on NAM's webpage. Questions, contact [namartyrsgift@gmail.com](mailto:namartyrsgift@gmail.com)

**YOUTH LECTIO**, Sundays, after 9:30am Mass, *Jaz Ocampo's Office*

Lectio Divina is a simple way to dive deeper into praying with scripture. Bring a bible and something to write with. Meet by Jaz's office in the Narthex of the church.

**FAITH FORMATION MEETING**, Sundays, after 9:30am Mass, *Multi-purpose Room*

Would you like to learn more about the Catholic faith? Got questions you have always wanted to ask? Come to our ongoing Faith Formation Meetings.

North American Martyrs  
**HARVEST**  
FESTIVAL

SATURDAY  
SEPT. 21, 2024  
6:30 PM - 10:30 PM

LOCATION:  
PARISH HALL &  
NORTHWEST LOT

**Food Served 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM**

Pulled Pork, Mac-n-Cheese, Hot Dogs, Chips & Slaw

**Gelato**

by Harbor Coffeehouse

**Beer Garden**

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Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the sounds of

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*(with Fr. Hall on Bass Guitar)*

**Kids' Outdoor Movie 7:45 PM - 9:45 PM**

Playground Amphitheater with Adult/Teen Supervision

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