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### MASS SCHEDULE



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

### WEEKDAYS

Monday through Friday - 6:40 & 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...

Hello Martyrs Family!

I hope your Thanksgiving went well! Which now signals the time for Advent. The season of preparation and anticipation. While Advent is not as solemn as Lent, Advent is still a time we are called to change our lives in some small way.



Here are two ways our parish is offering changes:

1. **Intro to Prayer Class. First three Tuesdays of December (12/3, 12/10, 12/17) at 7pm in the Multipurpose Room.**

- There is this consistent call to "pray more." But a lot of my meetings with people are, "Well, how do I pray?" This is an amazing question!
- Sometimes we as priests can just assume that people know how to pray and that can be reflected in our messages. But why not just have a class that starts over at the basics?
- Let's go through:
  - How do I pray?
  - What does my prayer life look like?
  - What are different ways to pray?

2. **Giving Opportunities: There are two things this December we're asking for help. Do you feel a call to help?**

- St. Vincent de Paul Society.
  - As I wrote last week, this is how our parish directly helps those in need. We get requests at the parish office (like a single mother is a little behind on her electric bill and they might shut it off), then we contact St. Vincent de Paul who visits the family to make sure this is the real situation. Then helps them. That help is increased/expedited when the family is one of our own, a registered parishioner.
  - However, their funds are starting to get a little low. So we are doing two things:
    - There was a collection during the Thanksgiving Masses.
    - There will be a second collection at the masses the First Week of Advent.
- Our Teachers
  - Our Catholic school teachers sacrifice to work at our school. I'm going to be blunt; they do not make as much as their public-school counterparts. Which my mom was a public-school teacher for over 40 years... public school teachers in Nebraska do not make what they should either. But that's a separate issue. Sorry for the side rant, ha!
  - In order to support our Catholic School teachers here at Martyrs, we're going to open it up where anyone can donate to them for a Christmas Bonus. Every little bit helps. I'm serious. If you can give something, anything, it adds up!

Please know of my prayers for you all!

In Christ,  
~Fr. Hall

## MASS INTENTIONS

### *Weekday Masses*

#### Monday, December 2

6:40am †Ken Lubischer  
8:10am †Bernadette Benes

#### Tuesday, December 3

6:40am †Joan Geardino  
8:10am Jim Leshner

#### Wednesday, December 4

6:40am †Mary Ngu Nguyen  
8:10am Special Intention

#### Thursday, December 5

6:40am †Leonard & Carol Koerner  
8:10am †Chuck Kusek

#### Friday, December 6

6:40am †Ronnie Parr  
8:10am Riley Bittner

#### Saturday, December 7

9:00am All Souls

### *Weekend Masses*

#### Saturday, December 7

5:00pm †Joan Geardino

#### Sunday, December 8

7:00am †Mary Lea Riedel  
8:00am †Mary Rezac  
9:30am †Mary Jarecke  
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.

Leah Bernard, Angela Dudek, Bella Cox, Earl Franklin, Steve Frey, Sonja Gates, Marylys Goodwater, Ben Gray, Billy Hall and Family, Diane Herms, Mary Kriegler, Britt Lee, Traci Lee, Tony Leitschuck, Judy Lindholm, Clint Lochner, Deb Mazour, Becky Medina, Leo Meduna, Pery Mitchell, Nancy Murphy, Will Parish, Keith Rupp, George Schaub, Jessica Schidler, Jean Skrdlant, Carol Speicher, Adam Stitt, Reagan Thompson, Nicholas VanAckeren, 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.

# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ADORATION UPDATE

With Monday, December 9th being a Holy day of Obligation, the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed at 7pm.

## SCHOOL NEWS

December 12

Christmas Showcase

December 13

1pm Dismissal

December 20

Noon Dismissal

December 23-31

No School- Christmas Break

## JUNIOR HIGH MUSICAL

Howdy y'all! The junior high students of Martyrs have been working hard on their production of It All Happened in the Country, a Christmas musical. The performances are December 13th at 7pm and December 14th at 2pm in the church.

Tickets will be available at the door for \$2 per person with a \$10 family cap. Y'all come watch now, ya hear?!

**Stuco Presents**  
**THE GRINCH 2018**  
HOLIDAY MOVIE NIGHT  
CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

<b>WHERE?</b> NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS, PARISH HALL	<b>HOW MUCH?</b> 2 AND UNDER: FREE PER PERSON: \$5 FAMILY (4 + OVER): \$20
<b>WHEN?</b> DEC. 8 (SUNDAY) DOORS OPEN: 6:30 PM MOVIE STARTS: 7:00 PM	<b>WHAT SHOULD YOU BRING?</b> MONEY (For Concessions) LAWN CHAIRS BLANKETS

MADE BY LILY SOX

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S GIVING

We will provide gifts for families in need, financial assistance through cash donations and gift cards, food market items, and personal care items for our homeless and walk-in clients. Simply scan the QR code on the ornaments in the narthex—no need to take an ornament home this year! Sign up online (it's easier than online shopping) or visit [csshope.org/holidaygiving](http://csshope.org/holidaygiving) to participate in any of our programs that will inspire Hope and Love this holiday season!



## FUNDRAISER FOR SISTER SYLVIA

Sister Sylvia has been a member of NAM for many years and recently found out that her mother had passed away. Sr. Sylvia will soon return to her homeland in Africa to attend the funeral services. If you would like to donate to Sr. Sylvia's travel expenses, please place your donation envelope (Attn: Greg Royal) in the collection plate at this weekend's Masses. Please make the check out to Greg Royal. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Greg at 402-890-8585. Thank-you!

## MAGNICIFAT

Magnificat subscribers, the December copies are ready for pick-up in the Sacristy.

## WORD AMONG US

Subscribers and Advent Christmas copies (for purchase) are available for pick-up on Kateri room counter.

## FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

If you've ever felt like you just can't get in control of your money, you're not alone. You'd be surprised how many people you know are struggling just like you. But it's time for your struggle to end—starting today. Join Financial Peace University class at 1101 Isaac Dr. starting on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, from 6 to 7:30 pm and learn how you can pay off debt, save more money, and build wealth. Visit <https://www.fpu.com/710182> to sign up for classes. Contact Joe Brandl with Questions at 402-477-1895. First 10 people are free.

## ALTAR SERVER OF THE MONTH

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

*November Server of the Month, Ethan Odgaard, pictured with Grand Knight, Dan Hannon and Fr. Liam O'Shea-Creal.*



## ADORATION

*O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine,  
all praise and all thanksgiving, be every moment Thine!*

Monday, December 9th is a Holy day of obligation, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and **the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed at 7pm.**

Hours of the day in need of an adoror:

**Monday:** 10am & 1pm

**Tuesday:** 8am, 1pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm & 7pm

**Wednesday:** 8am, 10am & 12pm

**Thursday:** 8am

To sign up for adoration, use link, <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0848A9A92B0-perpetual> or contact the Parish office to sign up for 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.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

### LOOKING FOR MIDNIGHT MASS SINGERS AND MUSICIANS!

Do your family and friends say you have a great singing voice and you love Christmas music? Come join the Traditional Choir to sing for midnight Mass. Rehearsals start Monday, December 2nd at 7pm in the Music room by the Parish hall. Do you play the violin or cello and want to play for midnight Mass? Contact Meagan for more information or questions about singing at [Meagan-Heimbrecht@cdolinc.net](mailto:Meagan-Heimbrecht@cdolinc.net)

### LOOKING FOR 4PM CHRISTMAS EVE MASS SINGERS!

All homeschool, CCD, and school students 3rd-8th are welcomed to join the choir for 4pm Christmas Eve Mass! Please be in the music room Christmas Eve by 2pm. Optional rehearsals Dec 16<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8pm in the Kateri room.

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

5:00pm, Sat.	7:00am, Sun.	8:00am, Sun.	9:30am, Sun.	11:00am, Sun.
READERS				
Barnes	Sousek	Becker	Battiato	Elder
ACOLYTES				
Benes Tanner	Hellbusch Fortik	Belger Schlautman, D	Schlautman, B McManus	Haug Gose
SERVERS				
Tanner Iburg Tran Jedlicka, O	Nguyen, Thomas Teeters	Schlautman, C Unger (2) Ackerman	Wiechman (2) Murphy Nguyen, Tommy	Elder Marroquin Nguyen Phouc Turek
SECURITY				
Hansen Miller, C	Morrow	Krienert	Miller, S Odgaard	Hannon Seberger
GREETERS				
Ybarra		Unger	Bliven	Hart

## CALENDAR

**CCD CLASSES, Wednesday, December 4th, 6:00-7:30pm, NAM School**

Confessions for grades 3, 5 & 6

**OCIA, Wednesday, December 4th, 6:00-7:30pm, Parish Hall**

Topic: The Eucharist

**SEEKING THE TRUTH BIBLE STUDY, Wednesday, December 4th, 6:00-7:00pm,**

*Multi-purpose Room*

**BEDMAKING, Monday, December 9th, 1:00pm, Good Council Retreat House**

We have 50 beds that need to be made and are looking for volunteers. Contact Carol Ruskamp at 402-770-3915 for questions.

**PITCH NIGHT, Friday, December 13th, Parish hall, following the Our Lady of Guadalupe potluck**

All skill levels are welcome. 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.

**FAITH FORMATION BIBLE STUDY, Sundays, following 9:30am Mass, Multi-purpose Room**

**RIM FORMATION, Sundays, following 9:30am Mass, Parish hall**

All are welcome! Food and childcare provided. For questions, please contact Max Chapman at (904) 536-2359.

## THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS (DECEMBER 9TH)

7:00pm, Mon.

READERS

Lostroh

ACOLYTES

Nagel, Novosad  
& Kathe

SERVERS

Iburg  
Ortiz (2)  
Novosad



# ADVENT 2024

## SUNDAY, DEC. 1

First Sunday of Advent

Mass Times: 7AM, 8AM, 9:30AM, 11AM

## SUNDAY, DEC. 8

Second Sunday of Advent

Mass Times: 7AM, 8AM, 9:30AM, 11AM

## SUNDAY, DEC. 15

Third Sunday of Advent

Mass Times: 7AM, 8AM, 9:30AM, 11AM

Confessions 4:00-5:00PM

## SUNDAY, DEC. 22

4th Sunday of Advent

Mass Times: 7AM, 8AM, 9:30AM, 11AM

Confessions 4:00-5:00PM

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

### Christmas Eve Vigil

Mass Times: 4:00 PM, 6:00 PM,  
Midnight

### Christmas Day Mass

Mass Times: 8:00 AM, 10:00AM

## CONFESSION TIMES

Sunday, December 15

4:00-5:00PM

Wednesday, December 18

7:00-8:00PM

Thursday, December 19

7:00-8:00PM

Friday, December 20

7:00-8:00PM

Saturday, December 21

4:00-4:50PM & After 5:00PM

Mass till finished

Sunday, December 22

4:00-5:00PM

Monday, December 23

7:00-8:00PM



# How to Pray

## *Advent Series*

PRESENTED BY FR. HALL

FIRST THREE TUESDAYS OF DECEMBER. 7PM. MULTIPURPOSE ROOM



DAY ONE: 12/3  
HOW TO PRAY



DAY TWO: 12/10  
HOW TO LISTEN



DAY THREE: 12/17  
FIND YOUR PRAYER

We keep hearing, “Pray more,” or “you’ll find God in prayer.” This session is all about answering the question, “Well, how do I pray?” This session begins with the basics. Starting at square one. No need for experience.

I am taking notice of different experiences in prayer. This session talks about what to do with them. How do I know what is from God? Or what is from me? Or what is not helpful?

Your prayer is unique. However, maybe you have similar experiences as some of the saints. This session will see if some of their practices are helpful for you to follow.

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Join us in celebrating

# Our Lady of Guadalupe December 13

@ 6:00PM

Join us in the Parish Hall  
POTLUCK style and bring  
your favorite dish to  
share with fellow  
parishioners as we  
celebrate the feast of Our  
Lady of Guadalupe!

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## Sunday, December 8, 2024 Breakfast In Bethlehem

9 am - 1 pm  
in the Parish Hall



All families of the parish are invited  
to come enjoy pancakes, kids crafts,  
and see St. Nicholas!

Free will donation

WOMEN  
MARTYRS

Want to help?! Volunteer to set up, serve at,  
or clean up Breakfast in Bethlehem:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10C0B4EAF82FA46-53239567-breakfast>



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# ST. NICHOLAS December 7-8

After all Masses | St. JP II Hall

Preschool / PreKindergarten / Kindergarten  
Open House

PreSchool (ages 3-4),  
PreKindergarten (ages 4-5) and Kindergarten  
Sunday, December 8th 9:00-10:45AM  
visit classrooms, meet teachers, learn about our  
program.

# CAROLE FESTO

A BENEFIT FOR  
ST. GIANNA PROGRAM

Sunday, December 8th 3:00 PM  
St. John the Apostle Church, 7601 Vine St.

Join us for Carole Fest, a concert for the benefit of St. Gianna Program. Enjoy performances by area choirs at St. John the Apostle Church. There is no cost to attend, but you may support the important work of St. Gianna Program with your donation at the concert or you may donate online at [cshope.org](http://cshope.org). Please join us for this family-friendly, festive fundraiser!

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