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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...

Dear Martyrs Family,  
Happy 4th week of Advent AND Merry Christmas this week!



My recommendation is for you to invite as many people as you can to our Christmas Masses. Make the invitation low pressure and open. Even if they've been away from the Church, reassure them that our parish is so very welcoming. The priests here will preach the Truth and Joy of Jesus Christ in such a way as to reach out to people who may be struggling with faith while at the same time reaffirming and taking care of our own flock. We never know how the seeds of faith are planted. Maybe a Christmas mass could be the start of something new and beautiful.

Sometimes we can be nervous about sharing the Gospel, especially with those close to us who have had conflicts with individuals in the Church or some of the teachings of Jesus. To that I say, be not afraid! We have a message that is joyful and encouraging. The Incarnation (when God became a human just like us) demonstrates that we have a God who jumps headfirst into our stresses and messes to not only be there with us, but to show us the path to health.

God walked among us, looked at people with complete and perfect love, *and then* challenged them to something great. Let's do the same. Love people where they are at in this moment and make those connections. Once that love for them is deepened and they trust that you want the best for them, that is the time to ask if they have any questions about Jesus and His Church.

Overall, please know of my prayers for all of you this Christmas season! May the Lord bless you and those close to you!

In Christ,  
~Fr. Hall

**ANNOUNCEMENT:**  
**SAFE ENVIRONMENT RENEWAL TRAINING**  
The annual recertification process for safe environment compliance is changing in January of 2025  
Beginning January 1, 2025, all clergy, religious, employees, and volunteers who work with minors will be required to renew their training during the month of January.  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS TO CONTINUE PROTECTING ALL OF GOD'S PRECIOUS CHILDREN!**

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Weekday Masses

#### Monday, December 23

6:40am †Eugene & Ida Riedel  
8:10am Elaine Wagener

#### Tuesday, December 24

4:00pm †Artur Kolodziejczyk  
6:00pm †Tim Gill  
12:00am †Joan Geardino

#### Wednesday, December 25

8:00am †Marie Amman  
10:00am Tom & Patti Goodwater Family,  
Living and Deceased

#### Thursday, December 26

6:40am Special Intention  
8:10am †Ronnie Parr

#### Friday, December 27

6:40am Kelly & Pape Families  
8:10am All Souls

#### Saturday, December 28

9:00am Andrew & Shannon Allgeier Family

### Weekend Masses

#### Saturday, December 28

5:00pm †Esther Brentano

#### Sunday, December 29

7:00am Our Parish Family  
8:00am †Roger Maly  
9:30am †Jeanette Lammers  
11:00am Jack Odgaard

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please call the Parish office to have a name added or taken off of the prayer list:

Carolyn Allen, Leah Bernard, Angela Dudek, Bella Cox, Earl Franklin, Tina Frenzel, Steve Frey, Sonja Gates, Maryls 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, 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

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION) – NEW YEAR’S DAY

Please join us Tuesday, December 31, 2024 and Wednesday, January 1, 2025 (New Year’s Day) for The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, a Holy Day of Obligation.

- 5:30 PM, Tuesday, December 31, 2024
- 6:40 AM, Wednesday, January 1, 2025
- 8:10 AM, Wednesday, January 1, 2025
- 7:00 PM, Wednesday, January 1, 2025

## CHRISTMAS MASSES

### LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE (DECEMBER 24TH, 25TH)

| 4:00pm, Sat.                       | 6:00pm, Sat.                | Midnight                                  | 8:00am, Sun.                                    | 10:00am, Sun.                           |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|---|---|
| <b>READERS</b>                     |                             |   |   |   |
| Shively                            | Lostroh                     | Sousek                                    | Brown   | Bourek                                  |
| <b>ACOLYTES</b>                    |                             |   |   |   |
| Korus<br>Benes, Jeff<br>Benes, Joe | Nagel<br>Stadler<br>Verzal  | Schlautman, B<br>Schlautman, D<br>Wemhoff | Volkmer<br>Bousquet<br>Doty                     | Novosad<br>Bassinger<br>McInerney       |
| <b>SERVERS</b>                     |                             |   |   |   |
| Trausch<br>Korus<br>Shively (2)    | Ortiz (2)<br>Tran<br>Peters | Schlautman<br>Wemhoff<br>Hagge (2)        | Huber<br>Pfeifer<br>Fernandes<br>Nguyen, Thomas | Bourek (2)<br>Novosad<br>Isley<br>Stech |
| <b>SECURITY</b>                    |                             |   |   |   |
| McPhillips                         | Seberger                    | Kane                                      | Hannon  | Brockhaus                               |
| <b>GREETERS</b>                    |                             |   |   |   |
| Weeder                             | Peters                      | Schepers                                  | Brown   | Stech                                   |

### LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE (DECEMBER 28TH, 29TH)

| 5:00pm, Sat.                        | 7:00am, Sun.              | 8:00am, Sun.                 | 9:30am, Sun.                            | 11:00am, Sun.                                       |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|---|---|
| <b>READERS</b>                      |                           |                              |   |   |
| Peters                              | Wemhoff                   | Shively                      | Smith                                   | Lostroh   |
| <b>ACOLYTES</b>                     |                           |                              |   |   |
| Nagel<br>Stadler                    | Power<br>Shonka           | Warday<br>West               | Korus<br>Yarlagadda                     | McInerney<br>Benes, Joe                             |
| <b>SERVERS</b>                      |                           |                              |   |   |
| Iburg<br>Murphy<br>Peters<br>Keller | Nguyen, Thomas<br>Teeters | Shively (2)<br>Holt<br>Mares | Korus<br>Johnson, E<br>Rappl<br>Dowling | Kocian<br>McIntyre<br>Nguyen, Ethan<br>Nguyen, Paul |
| <b>SECURITY</b>                     |                           |                              |   |   |
| Lochner<br>McPhillips               | Eastman                   | Brockhaus                    | Feldhaus                                | Hannon<br>Simpson                                   |
| <b>GREETERS</b>                     |                           |                              |   |   |
| Watson                              |                           | Belger                       | Koenig                                  | Burress   |

## ALTAR SERVER OF THE MONTH

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

*Altar Server of the Month, Caleb Korus, pictured with Grand Knight, Dan Hannon and Fr. Nathan Hall.*



## ADORATION

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

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.

## CALENDAR

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING**, Monday December 23rd, 5:30pm. *Church*

**BLOOD DRIVE**, Friday, December 27th, 11:00am-5:00pm. *Parish Hall*

Schedule your appointment today! Call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: NorthAmericanMartyrsLincoln

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

Come and explore the hidden treasure in the Bible as we study the book of Ephesians. You're welcome to join at any time. Contact Ryan Bliven for any questions at [rbliven@hotmail.com](mailto:rbliven@hotmail.com)

## MUSIC MINISTRY

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

All homeschool, CCD, and school students and their families 3rd-8th are welcomed to join the choir for 4pm Christmas Eve Mass! Please be in the music room Christmas Eve by 2pm.



## PCCW POINSETTIA PLANTS

The Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW) 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 \$18.00 per plant along with this completed form in the collection basket or at the Parish Office. The deadline is Monday, December 23rd. Merry Christmas to all!

Donated in Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALENDARS ARE HERE!

You can pick your free 2025 calendar up in the Narthex of the Church. First come, first serve!

### MAGNIFICAT

Magnificat subscribers, your January edition is in! Please pick up your copy in the Sacristy.

### CSS CHRISTMAS GIVING

CSS provides gifts for families in need, financial assistance (cash donations and gift cards), and food items for our homeless and walk-in clients. Scan the QR code on the ornaments in the narthex—no need to take an ornament home this year! Sign up online 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

You can still donate to Sister Sylvia! Sr. Sylvia has recently returned to Africa to attend the funeral services of both her parents. 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!

### 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 at 402-477-1895 with questions. First 10 people are free.

### WORD AMONG US

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

## SCHOOL NEWS

Dec. 23-Jan. 6 -No School- Christmas Break



An artistic illustration of a nativity scene. In the foreground, a small, rustic stable with a thatched roof is illuminated from within, showing the figures of Mary, Joseph, and the infant Jesus. The stable is situated on a hillside. In the background, a town with numerous domed buildings is visible, set against a dark blue night sky filled with stars. A bright, multi-pointed star, representing the Star of Bethlehem, shines prominently in the upper right quadrant of the sky. The overall color palette is dominated by deep blues and purples, with warm golden light emanating from the stable and the star.

Merry  
CHRISTMAS

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