

June 10, 2018
10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Fr. Adam Sparling, Pastor

Mass Intentions

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| June | 11 | Mon | 8:00 am | St. Leo | Family of Steve Ruiz (Connelly) |
| June | 12 | Tues | 8:00 am | St. Leo | Anne Bennier (Nieces & nephews) |
| June | 13 | Wed | 8:00 am | St. Martin | Fr. Barak (Bday) (Carpenter) |
| June | 14 | Thur | 8:00 am | St. Leo | (+) Zachary Morrison (Connelly) |
| June | 15 | Fri | 8:00 am | St. Leo | (+) Roland Hauptman Sr (Carpenter) |
| June | 16 | Sat | 4:00 pm | St. Martin | LaDonna Seamann (Connelly) |
| June | 17 | Sun | 8:30 am | St. Leo | Jessie Connelly (Connelly) |
| June | 17 | Sun | 11:00 am | St. Leo | For the People of our Parishes |

OUR TITHE TO THE LORD

June 3, 2018

| | Adult | Youth | Plate |
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| St. Leo | \$ 885 | \$ 0 | \$ 31.01 |
| St. Martin | \$ 1305 | \$ 5.05 | \$ 110 |

Amount needed to balance annual budget:

St. Leo: \$1,185/week or \$5,133/month

St. Martin: \$1,002/week or \$4,342/month

****Our Lord has blessed all of us and He instructs us to tithe 10% of our time, 10 % of our talents and 10% of our monetary blessings. Everyone, no matter age, is called to respond generously to the blessings He gives! Thank you to those who give!**

Weekend Masses:

1st, 3rd & 5th (Odd Sundays) 2nd & 4th (Even Sundays)
Saturday 4 PM at St. Martin Saturday 4 PM at St. Leo
8:30 AM at St Leo Palmyra 8:30 AM St Martin Douglas
11:00 AM at St Leo Palmyra 11:00AM St Leo Palmyra

Confessions:

Saturdays 3:30 PM-3:45 PM
Sundays 8:00 AM-8:15 AM &
10:30 AM-10:45 AM
Any time by appointment

CALENDAR ITEMS

➤ **Mass intentions needed! As Fathers Day approaches you might consider having a Mass offered for your father (living or deceased).** If you would like a Mass offered for a particular intention, living or deceased person the suggested Mass stipend is \$10. Please put in envelope marked "Mass Intention" and place in basket. All checks can be made to "St. Leo Stipend Account." If you have a specific date or location please make notation and I will do the best I can to honor that request.

➤ **After some conversations we have decided to move weekday Mass to 8am in hopes that this time might work better for more people to join in our daily celebration of the Eucharist. Please greatly consider making this a part of your daily/weekly routine. Sometimes the hardest part is just setting it as a routine but I assure you it is life changing!**

- Knights of Columbus meeting following the 11am Mass next Sunday. The Knights will also lead the rosary prior to Mass. All men are welcome and encouraged to join the Knights of Columbus. Please contact Chad Hartwick for more info.
- **Every BODY Matters** – Parents and Teachers, do you have a tough time answering your children's questions about their bodies in light of today's culture? Join us to hear international speaker Monica Ashour present stories, statistics, and objectives about good choices that prepare students for healthy, whole, and harmonious lives. The concepts she shares will help you form your children, grades PreK-8, in their identity and dignity as human persons as well as to successfully navigate their way in a culture that creates confusion about the body. Day sessions for teachers and catechists are available **June 20-22** in Lincoln, as well as evening sessions for parents. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/y89afpo8> for more details.
- **Introduction to Deliverance** Have you ever wondered...exactly, what IS deliverance and how does it fit into our Catholic Faith? The Diocesan Office of Evangelization will be hosting an evening consisting of four 20 minute talks. This is open to ALL: laity, religious, clergy, members of the Christian community & anyone who would like a better understanding of the meaning of deliverance and how each person can benefit from it. Join us at John XXIII Diocesan Center-3700 Sheridan Blvd.-Lincoln on **Thursday, July 5th, 7-8:30pm**. Questions? Contact Matt at matthew-simmons@cdolinc.net or call 402-805-9668.
- It's with great excitement to announce to you the first annual **Diocese of Lincoln Young Adult Conference – REVIVE** (Ages 22-40). It will take place **July 13-14, 2018** at the Newman Center. We are hoping to get this promoted starting this Easter weekend to reach the young adults that may only frequent Mass on major feasts. For registration and more info visit: <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/revivelnk>
- **Day of Equipping:** This training seminar, presented by Bart Schuchts, will be held July 20-21 at Pius X High School in Lincoln, NE. During this training you will learn the foundations of abiding in Christ, hearing His voice, and becoming empowered to pray for others as Jesus did. If you desire the Holy Spirit operating in your life, this training is for you. Cost is \$70 before May 14, \$80 after. To register, go to <https://jpiihealingcenter.org>. Contact the Office of Evangelization for information on student rates or need based scholarships, 402-473-0615.

Summer Catechetical Opportunities for Youth:

- **Cor Jesu Rex** – A week-long catechetical program for **grades 1-8** will take place **June 11-18** at St. Paulinus in Syracuse. To register please contact St. Paulinus to get a registration form or contact Linda Bennier for info.
- **Totus Tuus** – A week-long catechetical program for grades 1-8 (during the day) and 9th-12th (evenings) will be held the **second week of June at St. Michael's Catholic Church** in Lincoln. Please contact the St. Michael's parish office for registration information. (Due to low attendance the past few years we have asked to combine with the St. Michael's group)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Parish/Finance Council Elections – St. Martin's** needs to elect 2 new members for the parish/finance council to replace Dan Smith and Ryan Beach who have served the parish for the past few years. Bob Hoffman was appointed to replace Kari Fortner and will remain on the council. Please join me in thanking them for their service to our parish! Here is some information as to what a parish/finance council is:
 - A parish council, as defined by Canon Law (Church Law), is a consultative body of the parish that serves to advise the pastor about parish issues. The Parish Pastoral Council serves as a consultative body, pastoral in nature, because it strives to discern the movement of the Holy Spirit among God's people in the parish. A Parish Pastoral Council gives its help to the pastor in fostering pastoral activity; it investigates, under the authority of the pastor, all those things which pertain to pastoral works to ponder them, and to propose practical conclusions about them. It is essential that Council meetings occur in the context of prayer and openness to the Holy Spirit, so that at all times the common good will prevail. Specifically, the Parish Council's Purpose is to enhance the process of: pastoral planning, developing pastoral programs, improving pastoral services, evaluating the pastoral effectiveness of various programs and services. Although the Council is not a body which makes binding decisions, the recommendations of the Pastoral Council are to be taken seriously when grounded in prayer, discernment and communal wisdom. The pastor presides over the Parish Pastoral Council and is responsible for the final approval of Council recommendations concerning pastoral planning, programs, and services for the parish, as well as for their implementation.
 - The Finance Council is also defined by Canon law and works closely with the pastor, who is accountable to the diocesan bishop for the administration and stewardship of the temporal goods of the parish. The pastor, according to Canon Law, has among his responsibilities, the responsibility for parish financial and temporal management. The Parish Finance Council is a consultative body

that assists the pastor in meeting these obligations. While the Parish Finance Council does not have decision making authority, consultation is at the heart of the decision-making process – sharing information, listening, contributing to the discussion, and promoting consensus.

- **If you are a St. Martin parishioner and interested in serving on the parish/finance council please contact Fr. Sparling by THIS WEEKEND. Those interested parties will then be placed on a ballot the weekend of June 16th and 17th and the top 2 members with the most votes will be elected.**
 - Serving on the council is a ministry to the whole parish. When considering membership on the council, the following criteria should be kept in mind. **Potential candidates should be: of proven faith, with sound morals, demonstrating the gifts of wisdom and prudence, willing to commit their time, talent and wisdom in a consultative and collaborative manner. Council members should have the ability to study and reflect prayerfully, and to recognize and respect the viewpoints of others.** Official Church documents state that the Pastoral Councils are to represent the people of God, but not in the legal sense. Rather, council members are representative in that they are a witness or a sign of the whole community.
 - **Congrats** to Brooks Beach on her baptism last Saturday evening after Mass at St. Martins! A great joy to welcome another little one into our parish!
 - **St. Leo Altar Society is looking for someone to volunteer to serve rolls on Aug. 5th, Sept. 2nd and Nov. 4th.** This consists of providing 4 dozen donuts on your own or if you have two people on the same day 2 dozen per person. This is for the first Sunday of the month. You would also be responsible to make coffee and a drink and clean up afterwards. Thanks for your support of the Altar Society. Please contact Gayle Royal to volunteer.
 - During the month of June our two parishes are responsible for stocking the shelves for the **Western Otoe County Food Pantry**. Aside from donating the items, the food pantry also takes monetary donations which are helpful in purchasing needed items. Please make checks out to “Western Otoe County Food Pantry.” Contact Maureen Carpenter or Janet McDonald with any questions or inquiries.
 - **STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE?** – Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relation-ship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information call 1-888-317-5654 or www.helpourmarriage.org on the web.
 - **SCAM ALERT!** In the past two weeks, a scammer has imitated at least four pastors and lay administrators with fake Gmail accounts in an attempt to steal money from employees and parishioners. The scam begins with a simple request for a favor and those who respond are instructed to provide money or gift cards for alleged charitable purposes. If you receive such an email, please do not respond. If you have been a victim of this scam, please contact the local police department, and the Nebraska Attorney General at 402-471-2682.
- **NEW E-Tithe! Sign up today!** With this new service parishioners can now contribute to the Church via check, credit or debit card by going to our website and clicking the “Give Now” (or by going to <http://giving.parishsoft.com/stleo>). As always you can still give via cash or check in your envelope anytime. If you currently use “Bill pay” or any other method to tithe I might suggest you use this method as it is quick, easy and is automatically recorded in your giving report.

Note from Father:

Last weekend St. Leo's had parish/finance council elections and the results were as follows out of 50 ballots:

Darren Donovan: 39 votes
Janel Callahan: 34 votes
Chad Hartwick: 29 votes
Chris Beek: 24 votes
Larry Royal: 15 votes

I want to thank all of the candidates for their willingness to serve the parish. Thus, the elected members of the parish council are Darren Donovan, Janel Callahan, and Chad Hartwick. Dr. Laura Hays has accepted my request to serve as the appointed member of the council. Thus, the 4 will make up St. Leo's council are Darren Donovan, Janel Callahan, Chad Hartwick and Dr. Laura Hays. I greatly look forward to their input and counsel.

I know it was advertised to continue with just 3 members of the council however after prayer and consultation I determined that it would be a positive thing to better reflect the number of registered parishioners at St. Leo's to increase the St. Leo finance/council to 4 members rather than 3 so that I have more persons to consult. I feel it was a good decision but if you might feel it was wrong of me to make that executive decision without informing the whole parish I do apologize and I assure you I only thought it would be a positive decision for the good of the parish.

I also want to take a moment to give you an update on the parish rectory updating project. The committee met several months ago to get an idea of the bids that came in. However, nothing has progressed due to the fact that the part of the renovation to make the electrical safe would require the Pastor to move to a different residence for the estimated 4-6 months while the work is completed. Because we did not have a solution to that concern the committee has not progressed forward. I also want to take a moment to address some inquiries that I have sworn the renovation committee to silence which is not exactly true. At our last meeting I asked the committee to keep to themselves the information as an effort to help correct the amount of misinformation that has been going about with this project which has served as an injustice to all of us. That decision came after receiving that advice from other pastors and professionals about how to best communicate and transmit information during these projects. It is the thought that rather than 15 people explaining things I asked that they might keep the information to themselves so that when we get to the point with all of the information collected and a plan put in place we can then have a parish meeting to dispense the information and plans in an appropriate and informative fashion. It was not intentionally meant to keep parishioners in the dark or come across as something secret but rather a solution to better communicate effectively and efficiently so as to limit the stress of incorrect information being passed around. I promise the information will most definitely be communicated to all parishioners at a meeting when all the appropriate information has been gathered and put together by the committee. As always, if you have any questions please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your continued patience and support during this process.

May our Lord Jesus Christ continue to abundantly bless you!

God Love You! ~Fr. Sparling