

July 29, 2018
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Intentions

July	30	Mon	No Mass	St. Leo	
July	31	Tues	No Mass	St. Leo	
Aug	1	Wed	No Mass	St. Martin	
Aug	2	Thur	No Mass	St. Leo	
Aug	3	Fri	8:00 am	St. Leo	+Roland/Mary Hauptman (Carpenter)
Aug	4	Sat	4:00 pm	St. Martin	Families of Tablerock Lake Accident (Nisley)
Aug	5	Sun	8:30 am	St. Leo	Those involved in Gallindo trial (Connelly)
Aug	5	Sun	11:00 am	St. Leo	For the people of our parishes

OUR GRATITUDE FOR WHAT THE LORD HAS GIVEN US

July 15, 2018

	Adult	Youth	Plate
St. Leo	\$ 1676	\$ 0	\$ 41
St. Martin	\$ 265	\$ 4	\$ 22

Amount needed to balance 2018/2019 budget:

New Budget for this fiscal year in process of being created

**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 income. Everyone, no matter age, is called to respond generously to the blessings He gives! Thank you to those who give!

Weekend Masses:

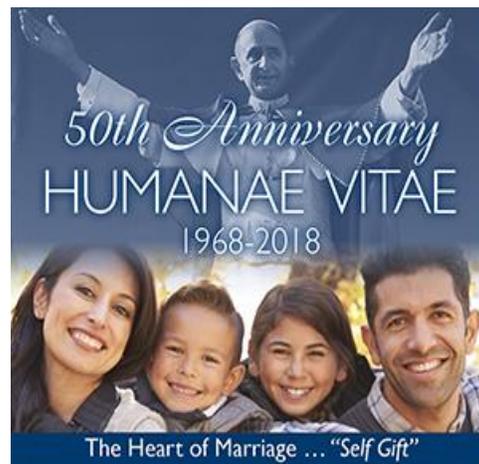
1st, 3rd & 5th (Odd Sundays) **2nd & 4th (Even Sundays)**
Saturday 4 PM at St. Martin Saturday 4 PM at St. Leo
8:30 AM at St Leo Palmyra 8:30 AM St Martin Douglas
11:00 AM at St Leo Palmyra 11:00AM St Leo Palmyra

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

- **Why not come to daily Mass? Don't settle for mediocrity. Please consider making daily Mass 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!**
- **Server parents:** Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring an Alter Server Appreciation outing on the afternoon of August 12th from 2-4pm. **Servers interested in going please contact Dan Smith ASAP at dbcsmith@aol.com to RSVP.**
- **FYI - I will be gone on diocesan retreat the evening of July 29th-August 2nd. As always if any emergencies arise during that time please contact St. Paulinus in Syracuse or St. Mary's in Nebraska City.**
- **2-Day UNBOUND Conference:** Participants will learn about Unbound through live presentations & videos and how it teaches 5 simple "keys" to break the chains of emotional, spiritual and mental bondage and unlock the doors to freedom. Join us at John XXIII Diocesan Center-Lincoln, NE, **Friday, August 24th - 6-9pm & Saturday, August 25th - 8-5pm.** The event is free but registration is required. Please register by going to: lincolndiocese.org/unbound
- **Natural Family Planning** Creighton Model Introductory Sessions for July & August 2018 are scheduled for Tuesday July 31, Thursday Aug. 9 & Tuesday Aug. 21. All sessions are held at John XXIII Diocesan Center. Go online to register at www.lincolndiocese.org/nfp



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We are happy to have and host Fr. Daniel coming all the way from Ghana who is making the appeal this weekend at our parishes. This weekend we will take up a second collection for this mission. Please be as generous as possible!
- **The U.S. bishops urge our participation each Friday in a nationwide Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life, August 3–September 28. Participants will receive weekly email or text reminders to pray and fast, along with little-known facts about *Roe v. Wade* to share with others. Sign up at www.usccb.org/pray**
- **Please consider signing up for E-Tithe!** This especially helps you support the Parish even when you are gone. 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.
- Recently, our daughter completed an internship at the Lancaster County Youth Services Center (LCYSC). While doing her internship at LCYSC, she learned of the significant need around the holiday season for donations towards gifts for youth that are housed at LCYSC. LCYSC is equipped to house as many as 40 at risk youth that can often be forgotten about during the holiday season. So, in the spirit of giving and with the belief that these youth are cared for and loved by God, we have launched the **DON BOSCO PROJECT**. A tub will be located at the back of St. Martin church to drop items. For further information, please contact Rosanna Connelly 402-788-2598 or francisdesales@windstream.net.
- Check out on **FORMED**. Formed is a great free Catholic resource that includes programs to grow deeper in our faith, Bible studies, audios, movies and books. If you have not signed up for it yet, go to www.formed.com -- enter the parish code **KN4A9J** -- enter information required -- create a password -- search through and enjoy the vast material.

- **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 relationship. 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.

Note from Father:

First, I want to thank Gabe Tramp, Chris, Melissa and Callie Beeck, and Chad Hartwick for their help working on painting classrooms a few weeks ago. Even despite several hours of work the project is still not complete which will need completed before school starts along with the shampooing of the carpets. It is so very important that we all continue to work together to support our parish and help maintain them. All were invited through the bulletin to help with this project which benefits both parishes as our young boys and girls use these classrooms for religious education. These parish projects are one way to tithe your time and talent in support of our parish.



Have you ever thought about what it means to tithe 10% of your time and talent? Like most things when it comes to tithing it didn't hit me until I was educated. Think of this: there are 168 hours in a week, say we get 8 hours of sleep each night and work 40 hours a week that leaves us with 72 hours to do other things from which 7.2 hours, at minimum, we should be tithing each week or just a little over 1 hour each day. Or, if we are retired or don't work we have 112 hours after sleeping 8 hours each night which then gives us 11.2 hours each week to tithe or just over 1.5 hours each day. Obviously depending on how much/less you sleep or if you work full-time or part-time things vary but these are a few examples of how to do the simple math.

So what does it mean to tithe our time and talent practically speaking? We tithe our time and talent through prayer, going to Mass, work around the parish, helping with other diocesan activities, charities, etc. Often times we have ourselves so busy with things that we priests commonly hear responses such as; "I can't do this or I can't do that around the parish or spend time in prayer at the Church because of..." or "I've done my time it's time for someone else to..." insinuating that our tithing has an expiration date at a certain age or level. Rather than "I can't..." could you imagine if all 80 families between the two parishes, which breaks down to a total of 82 people at St. Martins and 132 people at St. Leo's, were to fully tithe their time and talent what we could do??? Say, for example, we just took the 7.2 hours from the example above and multiply that by the 214 people in our parishes that would be 1,540.8 hours that our parishes should be tithing EACH WEEK! Even if we round down to say 1,000 or 1,200 hours each week it would be true to say our parishes would be 100% transformed in so many ways but most especially how much more spiritually vibrant we would become!

In today's society it doesn't take the devil much work at all to pull us away from being true disciples who are generous of our time and talent. We have gotten ourselves and our families busy with so many things that the first thing to go is taking the time to spend in prayer and community within our parishes. It's no wonder why our society is struggling with an increase in violence, depression, suicide, fear, anxiety, etc. We have fallen out of proper balance! Perhaps it's time we, the people of St. Leo's and St. Martins, truly examine our lives and decide to say 'NO' to the devil pulling us away from putting God #1 and 'YES' to our Lord being scheduled accordingly. God and His Church should be the first thing marked on our schedule each day not the last or anything less than first. Your parishes need your support in every aspect of time, talent and treasure and the Lord has so richly blessed ALL of us. Like all stewardship, take this to prayer and reflect on your call to be generous and then be courageous and make the changes necessary to accept the Lord's call. Our Lord tells us that any excuse or withholding generosity is a temptation from the devil and not from God. Let's not settle for mediocrity rather let's be a faithful, trusting, generous and hope filled community of disciples that says "We Will and We Can!" and guarding ourselves against the fallen persuasion and say "we can't or we won't". We have a rich history of generosity at St. Leo's and St. Martin's. Let us continue to challenge one another and ourselves to grow stronger in our love and service to Christ and His Church!

Message from Cardinal DiNardo:

In honor of the 50th Anniversary of Blessed Pope Paul VI's papal encyclical, *Humanae Vitae*, Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston and President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), has issued the following statement. Originally published in 1968, Blessed Paul VI's letter promotes the whole human person in the context of marital love that respects both the spiritual and physical dimensions of man and woman, which is faithful, generous, and life-giving. Cardinal DiNardo's full statement follows:

"Fifty years ago, today [July 25th], Blessed Paul VI issued the Encyclical Humanae Vitae. In it, he reaffirmed the beautiful truth that a husband and wife are called to give themselves completely to each other. Marriage reflects the love of God, which is faithful, generous, and life-giving. Through their vocation, spouses cooperate with God by being open to new human life. Blessed Paul VI, who bore the criticism of Humanae Vitae with charity and patience, courageously affirmed that when we love as God designed, we experience true freedom and joy. He has also been proven correct in his warnings about the consequences of ignoring the true meaning of married love. On this anniversary, I encourage all to read and prayerfully reflect upon this Encyclical, and be open to the gift of its timeless truths. We wait in joyful anticipation for the canonization of Paul VI in October."

HUMANAE VITAE
50 YEARS LATER

Pope Paul VI's contraception predictions

- 1 An increase in marital infidelity. ✓
- 2 A general lowering of moral standards. ✓
- 3 A loss of respect for women. ✓
- 4 Coercive government intervention in citizens' reproductive lives. ✓

Journals for LIFE

For more information and resources on *Humanae Vitae*, please visit www.usccb.org/HV50

May God continue to greatly bless all of us!! God Love You! ~Fr. Sparling