

August 5, 2018
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Fr. Adam Sparling, Pastor

Mass Intentions

Aug	6	Mon	8:00 am	St. Leo	Priests of the Diocese of Lincoln (O'Grady)
Aug	7	Tues	8:00 am	St. Leo	Brenden Gilligan (Bday)
Aug	8	Wed	8:00 am	St. Martin	+Roland/Mary Hauptman (Carpenter)
Aug	9	Thur	8:00 am	St. Leo	Nick Lempka (Nisley)
Aug	10	Fri	8:00 am	St. Leo	Jolee Wheatley (Bday)
Aug	11	Sat	4:00 pm	St. Leo	Sr. Marilyn Dunn (Swanda)
Aug	12	Sun	8:30 am	St. Martin	Carolyn & Don Devries (Hinrichsen)
Aug	12	Sun	11:00 am	St. Leo	For the people of our parishes

OUR GRATITUDE FOR WHAT THE LORD HAS GIVEN US

July 29, 2018

	Adult	Youth	Plate
St. Leo	\$ 506	\$ 0	\$42
St. Martin	\$ 335	\$ 0	\$27.25

Amount needed to balance 2018/2019 budget:

**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

- **This Monday we celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord . The Transfiguration of Christ is the culminating point of His public life, as His Baptism is its starting point, and His Ascension its end. Moreover, this glorious event has been related in detail by St. Matthew (17:1-6), St. Mark (9:1-8), and St. Luke (9:28-36), while St. Peter (2 Peter 1:16-18) and St. John (1:14), two of the privileged witnesses, make allusion to it. Please come to celebrate this great feast during Mass at 8:00am!**
- **Saturday, August 18, 2018 - Firefighters Fundraising for Firefighters:** Two Douglas Firefighters have been off duty and out of work for a while and could use the communities support. Chris Towle had a serious eye injury and has just gone back to work, and Rob Hyde had a lung infection and is still not working. There will be potato bake and UNL Dairy store ice cream served. Please come help and support these men and their families.
- Parish/finance councils will be meeting August 11th. If there is something you would like to have brought to the council please contact Fr. Sparling or a parish/finance council representative.
- The Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will meet on **Saturday, August 18th at 8:30am** in Syracuse NE, St. Paulinus Church. \$12 will cover breakfast and lunch. Send email to: ldccw_president@gmail.net if you plan to attend. Learn more about the activities of your Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.
- **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 August 2018 are scheduled for Aug. 9 & Tuesday Aug. 21. All sessions are held at John XXIII Diocesan Center. Go online to register at www.lincolndiocese.org/nfp
- **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!**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Thank you for the generous hospitality and support given to Fr. Daniel from Ghana who shared with us about the needs of the missions. Please remember him and his diocese in your prayers. It is a very noble desire to give ongoing support to a missionary; however, each missionary that comes to our parish needs your help. Therefore, please help support the larger missionary needs of the universal Catholic Church by supporting the different missionary dioceses or orders who give appeals in our parish each year and by supporting all the dioceses and parishes who cannot even afford to send a missionary to this country by supporting the World Mission Sunday collection on the 3rd Sunday of October.
 - **St. Leo's collected \$802 and St. Martin's collected \$350 for a total gift of \$1,152!!**
- CCD registration forms will be coming soon!

- **Adult Catechism class?!**: Please contact Fr. Sparling if you are interested in a class geared primarily for those who are interested in becoming Catholic.
- **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 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.

Note from Father:

Annual Sacramental reports, annual financial reports – including 2018-2019 budget, listing of trustees & finance/parish council members, background checks for protection of youth, CCD paperwork, etc. → annual administrative paperwork is part of a parish’s ongoing operations, for various diocesan-wide reporting and processing/oversight. Some of these annual reports were filed at the Chancery this week, but Fr. Sparling in unison with our finance/parish councils and lay trustees continue to work on them. The annual summary of these reports are being worked on also – coming soon to you!

Lastly, I ask you to please pray for us priests, bishops and the whole Church. May the light of Christ reign forever!


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

For your Calendar:

- **Confirmation is set for May 1, 2019 at 7pm at St. Leo’s. Bishop Bruskwitz is scheduled to be the celebrant.**
- **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION – THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY- is August 15th.**

Holy day Masses will be:

- **6pm Vigil Mass (Aug. 14) at St. Martin**
- **6pm (Aug. 15) at St. Leo**



O Jesus, I pray for your Priests,
 for faithful and fervent priests,
 for your unfaithful and tepid Priests,
 for your Priests laboring at home or abroad,
 in distant mission fields,
 for Your tempted Priests,
 for your lonely and desolate Priests,
 for your young Priests, for Your Dying Priests,
 for the Souls of the Priests in Purgatory.
 But above all, I recommend the Priests dearest to me:
 The Holy Father
 The Priest who baptized me
 The Priests who absolved me from my sins
 The Priests whose masses I've attended and who
 gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion
 The Priests who taught and instructed me
 All the Priests who I am indebted to in any way.
 Oh Jesus, keep them close to Your heart and Bless them
 abundantly in time and in Eternity.

