

September 2, 2018
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Leo Catholic Church **St. Martin Catholic Church**
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Fr. Adam Sparling, Pastor

Mass Intentions

Sept	3	Mon	No Mass	St. Leo	
Sept	4	Tues	No Mass	St. Leo	
Sept	5	Wed	7:00 pm	St. Leo	American Workers Past & Present (Carpenter)
Sept	6	Thur	8:00 am	St. Leo	In Thanksgiving (Smith)
Sept	7	Fri	8:00 am	St. Leo	Benes Father's Day Intention
Sept	8	Sat	4:00 pm	St. Leo	+Jim Waddell (Swanda)
Sept	9	Sun	8:30 am	St. Martin	Safe Harvest (Carpenter)
Sept	9	Sun	11:00 am	St. Leo	For the people of our parishes

OUR GRATITUDE FOR WHAT THE LORD HAS GIVEN US

August 26, 2018

	Adult	Youth	Plate
St. Leo	\$ 710	\$ 0	\$23
St. Martin	\$ 325	\$ 0	\$16

Amount needed to balance 2018-2019 budgets:

St. Leo: \$5,397/month or \$1,246/week

St. Martin: \$3,570/month or \$824/week

****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

➤ **Mark your Calendars! St. Leo Cemetery clean-up sponsored by the Knights of Columbus September 8th beginning at 8am. More information below. The Knights need your help!**

➤ **CCD and Adult Catechism begins this Wednesday at 7pm.**

➤ **Healing Hearts Support Sessions** for those who have suffered the loss of a loved one are being offered to assist Catholics in the grief process. The sessions will be held on six weekly Tuesday evenings beginning **September 25, 2018, 7:00-9:00 p.m.**, at John XXIII Diocesan Center, 37th & Sheridan Blvd. Suggested Donation: \$25 (for materials) To register, please call 402-473-0620.

➤ **MOTHER/DAUGHTER PROGRAM** "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made" for girls age 10-13 and their mother will be held **Saturday, September 22, 2018 from 9 a.m. - 12 noon at John XXIII Diocesan Center.** This program is designed to educate girls on growing up and becoming a woman. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$20 per mother/daughter or \$30 per family. To register, visit <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/mother-daughter> Questions, please call Jen Davis at 402-261-6375 or email jmdavis17@gmail.com

➤ **FATHER/SON PROGRAM** "In His Image" for boys age 10-14 and their father will be held **Sunday, October 7, 2018 from 1:30-4 p.m. at John XXIII Diocesan Center.** This program is designed to educate boys on growing up and becoming a man. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$20 per father/son or \$30 per family. To register, visit <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/father-son-program> Questions, please call the NFP Offices 402-473-0630 or email jennifer-svagera@cdolinc.net

➤ **What can be more important than spending time with Jesus?** 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!

➤ **Divorced?** Come find comfort, counsel, hope and healing consistent with Catholic Church teachings. The twelve-week video series & facilitator led **Surviving Divorce** program begins on **October 1, 2018, 7-9pm**, at John XXIII Diocesan Center, 3700 Sheridan Blvd. A suggested donation of \$50 covers the cost of the program and includes the **Surviving Divorce** personal guide and all materials. Classes are kept small and may be registered for by contacting the Family Life Office at 402-473-0620 or catholicflo@cdolinc.net

➤ **Marian Families for the Future: Old answers to New Questions-** Learning about living family life in the third millennium by looking to Mary as our model. Facilitated by Sr. M. Marcia Vinje, Schoenstatt Sister of Mary. **8 Consecutive Mondays, 7-8:30pm, October 1 through November 19, 2018**, John XXIII Diocesan Center, 3700 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln. Event is free. For an outline of presentation topics & to register, please visit: lincolndiocese.org/specialevents



- **Religious Award Ceremony for Boys & Girls!** Scout, American Heritage Girl, Schoenstatt Youth and 4-H Leaders--obtain your religious award books early so your group can get started on the requirements for their Catholic Religious Award! Girls materials are available from the Youth Ministry Office and boys materials can be purchased from your Local Cornhusker council office. The Diocesan Mass and Award Ceremony is scheduled for March 24, 2019 at 2:00pm with Bishop Finn presenting. Award applications are due to the Youth Ministry Office by February 8, 2019. Visit www.lincolndiocese.org/scouting for more information. If you have any questions, please contact Michele at 402-473-0625.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Marquette Model of NFP: Bringing technology to NFP for a quick, easy option that can be tailored to women at all stages of fertility! For more information, visit Feminine Genius NFP on Facebook or contact Rebekah Knobeloch at RebekahKnobeloch@MarquetteNFP.com
- **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.
- 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:

Happy and Blessed Labor Day Weekend!

Recently the members of the St. Leo Parish Council proposed that to better reflect fairness in the parish budgets, based on the differences in registered parishioners, shared expenses might be changed from a 50/50 split to a 60/40 split. After reviewing how this would affect parish budgets and with unanimous support from St. Leo parish/finance council members I have approved that change. Thus, a budget has been set for both parishes that reflect shared expenses at 60% for St. Leo's and 40% for St. Martin's. For this fiscal year, which started July 1st, St. Leo's budget needs to cover \$64,762.61 of estimated expenses and St. Martin's needs to cover \$42,832.82 of estimated expenses. Through this 60/40 adjustment and my negotiation with the other Pastors who support Pius I, with the counsel of the parish councils, have worked to save St. Martin's parish around \$7,900 for this fiscal years' budget. I know we can all continue to work together to not only pay our bills but also work to start saving for future capital maintenance expenses. Thank you for your patience for us to work out the budget.

As you are aware the last parish council, through unanimous support, designated the rectory as the next priority for updating and was to be funded via the Joy of the Gospel rebates. The current council affirmed that recommendation and has asked that I call the Renovation Committee together to start meeting on a regular basis again to work towards moving forward and completing this project. They have also written a letter to all parishioners, which is being read at all masses this weekend by one of the parish council members, to address some concerns. As I have promised you before when information has been fully collected we will communicate it.



St. Martin's boiler update: this past week it was confirmed by a second opinion that the boiler is not able to be fixed and will need to be replaced. The parish council is in the process of collecting bids. We will also be looking into how we will finance and fund this unexpected maintenance issue. I am reassured by the words people brought up in the parish meeting we had last fall that when these issues have come up in the past parishioners have come together to pay for these sudden expenditures. It is my continued hope that we can work towards building our savings account so we can start planning ahead for when these types of things arise.

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

Memorial of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

September 5th