

September 23, 2018
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Mass Intentions

Sept	24	Mon	8:00 am	St. Leo	Malone Fathers Day Intention
Sept	25	Tues	8:00 am	St. Leo	Matthew Harrison & Family
Sept	26	Wed	8:00 am	St. Martin	Carolyn & Don DeVries (Hinrichsen)
Sept	27	Thur	8:00 am	St. Leo	Rachel Bennier
Sept	28	Fri	8:00 am	St. Leo	Wally Seaman (Connelly)
Sept	29	Sat	4:00 pm	St. Martin	Liv & Dec Members St. Martin's
Sept	30	Sun	8:30 am	St. Leo	For the people of our parishes
Sept	30	Sun	11:00 am	St. Leo	Ann Muth (Bday) (Gilligan)

OUR GRATITUDE FOR WHAT THE LORD HAS GIVEN US

September 16, 2018

	Adult	Youth	Plate
St. Leo	\$ 927	\$ 0	\$11
St. Martin	\$ 105	\$ 3.50	\$65

Amount needed to balance 2018-2019 budgets:

St. Leo: \$5,498/month or \$1,271/week

St. Martin: \$3,852/month or \$893/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:

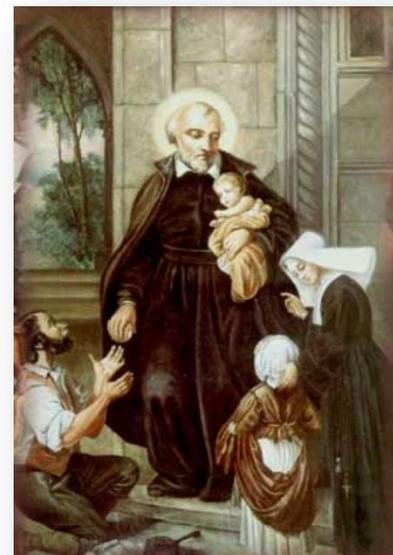
1st, 3rd & 5th (Odd Sundays) **2nd & 4th (Even Sundays)**
 Saturday 4 PM at St. Martin Saturday 4 PM at St. Leo
 8:30 AM at St Leo Palmyra 8:30 AM St Martin Douglas
 11:00 AM at St Leo Palmyra 11:00AM St Leo Palmyra

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

- **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.
- **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
- **Mandatory Parents Meeting for all Parents of Confirmation Candidates** – Sunday, October 21 following the 11am Mass in Divine Mercy Hall.
- **The Lord is calling you to worship and to find peace!** 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
- Mass will be offered at St. Luke Czech Shrine in Loma on Sunday, October 14, at 2:00 p.m. The Ostry Family Singers will provide the music.
- **St. Benedict, Neb City Fall Dinner – Oct. 21, 4-6pm. Cost:** Adults \$10, Children 3-12 years \$5, Children 2 yrs & younger free. **Take out options** order online under the "on-line giving tab at www.stbens.org on memo line note "Ulbrick Take Out" or call 402-321-6819 on October 20th to place your take out order.



Memorial of St. Vincent de Paul
September 27th

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **LDCCW 9th ANNUAL PRO-LIFE DIAPER DRIVE** – Please bring your donation and place in the back of the church. Donations will be shared with Pregnancy Centers approved by the Bishop's Pastoral Plan and St. Gianna Women's Homes. Particularly we are in need of size 4-5T. Make checks payable to LDCCW & send to Kay Wessel 3600 Wittstruck Rd, Martell, NE 68404.

- **CALL FOR ARTISTS!** Seeking Catholic/Christian artists to participate in **St. Gianna's Art and Gift Gallery** to be held December 7th and 8th, 2018 in Lincoln. No table fee to display and sell your work. We will give 15% of our sales to support the work of St. Gianna's Home for Women. For more information email Ryan Fischer: rfischer@cssisus.org or Jake Mousel: jmousel@cssisus.org.
- 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; Education, fasting, prayer & prayer.** www.usccb.org/prav
- **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.org -- 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.

Budget update:

To keep you informed: 11 weeks in to the fiscal year (beginning July 1 and going through June 30), as of September 13th, here is your parish budget status:

- St. Martin has collected \$4,975 in adult tithing which is 63.9% of what our budget needs. To stay on track with our budget we should have collected \$7,791.33. That leaves a shortfall of \$2,816.33 in these first 11 weeks of the fiscal year.
 - This means in order to stay on budget St. Martin registered parishioners need to now bring in about \$3,816/month or \$893/week. Practically put if every registered family in the parish was to tithe at *minimum* \$35 a week or about \$130 a month we would make budget.
- St. Leo has collected \$10,362 in adult tithing which is 91.2% of what our budget needs. To stay on track with our budget we should have collected \$11,366.47. That leaves a shortfall of \$1,004.47 in these first 11 weeks of the fiscal year.
 - This means in order to stay on budget St. Leo registered parishioners need to now bring in about \$5,498/month or \$1,271/week. Practically put if every registered family in the parish was to tithe at *minimum* \$29 a week or about \$123 a month we would make budget.

Note from Father:

As harvest has already started for some I wanted to offer a reflection of gratitude for all the hard work our farmers and ranchers do. If there is one thing for which Americans should be grateful, it's that we don't have to depend on other countries for our food supply. If there are two things, it's that there are still people who will do the hard and dirty job of picking crops – even despite the increasing difficulty to do so. Times change. families evolve. People leave the farm. Many of us live in cities and raise kids who think vegetables come from supermarkets. You're hostage to weather and subject to the whims of the market yet the farmer and rancher still gets up early everyday to tend to the crops and stay up late at night doing the books. You worry about having enough water and the ever falling commodities market. You have to deal with insects one minute and politicians the next; one is a parasitic menace with an insatiable appetite that can wipe out a harvest because it usurps resources and only cares about its own survival. Then you have the bugs. Unfortunately, farming and ranching remains an often thankless profession.



Despite all of this our farmers and ranchers still work hard to provide us all with food and nourishment. Your heart, soul, sweat, blood, tears and hard work is what keeps food on our tables. Let us never take for granite your profession and calling. As you begin harvest I offer you this blessing:

Almighty Lord God, You keep on giving abundance to men in the dew of heaven, and food out of the richness of the soil. We give thanks to Your most gracious majesty for the fruits of the field which we have gathered. We beg of You, in Your mercy, to bless our harvest, which we have received from Your generosity. Preserve it, and keep it from all harm. Grant, too, that all those whose desires You have filled with these good things may be happy in Your protection. May they praise Your mercies forever, and make use of the good things that do not last in such a way that they may not lose those goods that are everlasting, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

May God reward you for all your work! Thank you for all that you do!

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