

September 30, 2018
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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OUR GRATITUDE FOR WHAT THE LORD HAS GIVEN US
 September 23, 2018

	Adult	Youth	Plate
St. Leo	\$ 590	\$ 0	\$81
St. Martin	\$ 510	\$ 8	\$15

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!**

Mass Intentions

Oct	1	Mon	8:00 am	St. Leo	Teresa Harrison
Oct	2	Tues	No Mass	St. Leo	
Oct	3	Wed	8:00 am	St. Martin	+Patrick O'Grady
Oct	4	Thur	8:00 am	St. Leo	Zach Harrison
Oct	5	Fri	8:00 am	St. Leo	Kristen Harrison
Oct	6	Sat	4:00 pm	St. Martin	(+)Fr. James Cooper (Carpenter)
Oct	7	Sun	8:30 am	St. Leo	For the people of our parishes
Oct	7	Sun	11:00 am	St. Leo	+Dorothy Czyz

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

- **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
- **Do you want to be the #1 influence in your teen's sexual behavior?** Spirit 102.7-FM presents *Parenting for Purity* with Jason Evert, **Mon., Oct. 15 at 7 p.m. at St. Peter Church in Lincoln (4500 Duxhall Dr.)**. This event is perfect for parents, grandparents, educators, school administrators and any adult with young people in their life. Jason Evert will provide you with 10 powerful strategies to safeguard the innocence of children and effectively communicate the benefits and beauty of chastity. Jason has spoken about chastity to more than one million people around the world and is the author of more than a dozen books. He is also the co-founder of the Chastity Project. Tickets are only \$5 and are available at spiritcatholicradio.com
 - **All Parents of Confirmation Candidates are strongly encouraged to attend!**
 - **There is no question our society is greatly struggling with sex issues and your kids are right in the middle of it. Parents can't afford NOT to go to help their children in a messed up world.**



Feast of St. Therese of the Child Jesus
October 1st

- **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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **MASS INTENTIONS NEEDED!** Have a family member, friend, fellow parishioner, or petition that could use some prayers? Consider having a Mass, the supreme prayer given by our Lord, offered. The suggested donation is \$10 per Mass. Checks can be made payable to: St. Leo Stipend Account.
- **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.
- 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 Knobloch at RebekahKnobloch@MarquetteNFP.com
- **Please consider signing up for E-Tithe!** This especially helps you support the Parish even when you are on vacation or gone for the weekend. 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.

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 \$3,852/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:

The annual collection for the Bishops Appeal for Vocations is next weekend. The theme for the appeal this year is, "Gift and Mystery." Every vocation is both a gift and mystery. In the 2018-2019 academic year, the Diocese of Lincoln will incur vocations expenses of approximately \$1,500,000, the estimated cost to cover education and formation of our increased number of 42 seminarians. The Bishop's Appeal for Vocation's goal for this year is \$800,000, the same goal as last year. To cover the extra expenses, we need to maintain our success from last year and once again exceed our diocesan goal. The individual goals for each parish are as follows:

St. Leo: \$1640

St. Martin: \$1260

Just a reminder that these goals are set by the diocese and if we were to not meet these goals the parishes would be billed for any deficit that might take place and we would have to cover that deficit out of our general operating budget. Thanks to your generosity in supporting the education of our future priest neither St. Leo's nor St. Martin's has ever not met or exceeded our goals. I am confident that we will continue that tradition! The Diocese of Lincoln leads the nation *per capita* in vocations to the priesthood and the number of seminarians in formation which might not be if it weren't for your continued support! Thank you so much for your support and generosity of our priests and seminarians!

St. Martin's HVAC update – The parish/finance council has received several bids for a new heating and air system. It was determined through several conversations that we would be best served by putting in a new high efficiency system that will replace one of our air conditioning units upstairs, which are needing replaced as is, in addition to the boiler system with a gas system. This new high efficiency system will cost \$7,000, per the lowest bid, which was about the same cost as replacing the boiler alone. As cold weather approaches we have decided to draft money from the Joy of the Gospel and our capital improvement and maintenance funds to pay for the system. We also ask for your support and contributions as well. If, in your generosity, you would like to make a contribution for this new system you can make a donation directly through your capital improvement fund envelopes. We also hope in the coming years to replace the basement system as well which will continue to operate on expensive electrical heating. That air conditioning unit is also in a position of needing replaced albeit not yet an immediate need. These high efficiency changes should greatly help our costs. My continued hope and desire is to get us in a position of not only covering our budget but also having enough to make contributions to our savings, which we haven't done in many years, to plan and prepare for these foreseen and unforeseen impending capital expenses. The ability to do so comes entirely through all of our ongoing generosity and sacrifice. Thank you again for your patience and support through this process!

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

