

October 7, 2018
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Fr. Adam Sparling, Pastor

OUR GRATITUDE FOR WHAT THE LORD HAS GIVEN US
 September 30, 2018

	Adult	Youth	Plate
St. Leo	\$ 524	\$ 0	\$51
St. Martin	\$ 295	\$ 13.50	\$24

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

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Oct	8	Mon	8:00 am	St. Leo	Sarah Harrison
Oct	9	Tues	8:00 am	St. Leo	Jacob Harrison
Oct	10	Wed	8:00 am	St. Martin	+Nick Lempka (Nisley)
Oct	11	Thur	8:00 am	St. Leo	Thomas Bennier (Connelly)
Oct	12	Fri	8:00 am	St. Leo	Wally Seamann (Connelly)
Oct	13	Sat	4:00 pm	St. Leo	Liv. & Dec. Members St. Leo's
Oct	14	Sun	8:30 am	St. Martin	Children of the parishes (Carpenter)
Oct	14	Sun	11:00 am	St. Leo	People of the Parishes

Weekend Masses:

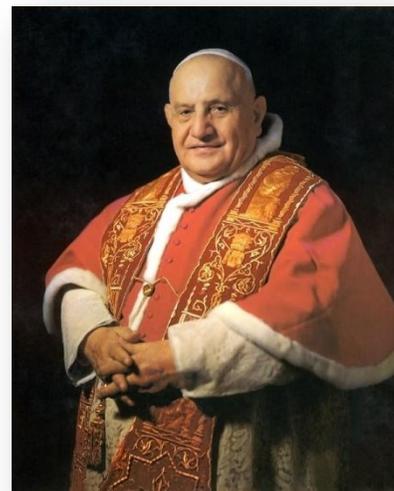
1st, 3rd & 5th (Odd Sundays) Saturday 4 PM at St. Martin 8:30 AM at St Leo Palmyra 11:00 AM at St Leo Palmyra	2nd & 4th (Even Sundays) Saturday 4 PM at St. Leo 8:30 AM St Martin Douglas 11:00AM St Leo Palmyra
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Confessions:

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

- **High School Students and Parents** – All high school students are invited to Roca Scary Farms Saturday, October 13 at 7:30pm. Transportation and admission are up to the individual. We had a fun time last year and I am looking forward to it again this year! Parents are also invited to join as needed chaperones (but not to fun-hate!). Please inform Fr. Sparling if you would like to join!
- **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.**



Memorial of Pope St. John XXIII
October 11th

- **Mandatory Parents Meeting for all Parents of Confirmation Candidates** – Sunday, October 21 following the 11am Mass in Divine Mercy Hall.
- **St Leo's Altar Society** will have a meeting on October 21st following the 8:30 am Mass in the Divine Mercy Hall.
- 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.
- **QUEST** is a retreat for young Catholics who are **freshmen and sophomores** in high school. It is designed to bring young people together to seek out a deeper understanding and appreciation of themselves, others, and God. Cost is \$80 for the retreat. The next QUEST Retreat is November 3-4 at St. Stephen Church in Lawrence, NE. For more information, call the Youth Ministry Office at 402-473-0625. To register, go to <http://www.lincolndiocese.org/retreats/quest>.

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 Knobeloch at RebekahKnobeloch@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.
- **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!

Note from Father:

The annual collection for the Bishops Appeal for Vocations starts this 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!

Thank you! Thank You to Chris Connelly and Greg Harrison for their coordination, preparation and cooking of 5th Sunday Brunch last Sunday! As always it is a very delicious and wonderful!!

+++Please consider making daily Mass and making a holy hour part of your life. Making time for the Lord each day is an essential reality and a must in the life of every Christian! The Mass is the pinnacle of all prayers and the source and summit of our faith. Please also remember that we have Adoration on Sunday's before the 11am Mass. As St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "[Adoration] The best time you will spend on earth."

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

Father's Funny's –

A couple drove down a country road for several miles, not saying a word. An earlier discussion had led to an argument and neither of them wanted to concede their position. As they passed a barnyard of mules, goats, and pigs, the husband asked sarcastically, "Relatives of yours?"

"Yep," the wife replied, "in-laws."

