

June 16, 2019
The Most Holy Trinity

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Mass Intentions

June	17	Mon	8:00 am	St. Leo	+Bertha Malone
June	18	Tues	No	Mass	(James E. Gilligan)
June	19	Wed	8:00 am	St. Martin	John Beecham
June	20	Thur	8:00 am	St. Leo	+Forrest Nisley
June	21	Fri	8:00 am	St. Leo	Derek & Cheyanne Ortmeier (Frey)
June	22	Sat	4:00 pm	St. Leo	Grimes Family
June	23	Sun	8:30 am	St. Martin	Liv & Dec St. Martin Parishioners
June	23	Sun	11:00 am	St. Leo	The people of our parishes

YOUR RESPONSE TO THE LORDS BLESSINGS

June 9, 2019

	Adult	Youth	Plate
St. Leo	\$1,534.50	\$ 0	\$22
St. Martin	\$ 466.80	\$ 4.50	\$0

Amount needed to balance 2018-2019 budgets:

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

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

"God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:8

Thank you to those who give!

Weekend Masses:

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

Adoration:

Sundays prior to 11:00 am
Mass

*Any time by appointment



CALENDAR ITEMS

- **Strategic Planning THANK YOU:** Thank you to all those who came this last Monday to our final strategic planning meeting to give your final thoughts. Although we say final meeting it in all reality is not the final meeting but only the beginning as the strategic plan must continue to update into the future. It was our final meeting with Eva Fujan whom I am so grateful for her helping us. She did all of this for us without charge. If she did charge us it would have cost us more than \$7,000! We owe her a huge THANK YOU for that great gift to better plan for our future. I also want to greatly thank all those who served in any way on the Strategic Planning team, implementation teams, those who came to give input in the open with all of your time and talents I think we have a good plan to start with. There will be copies of the strategic plan in the back of Church if you would like to pick one up and it will be posted to the website soon.
- **Healing Hearts**, a grief ministry providing support for those who have lost a loved one, is offering a summer program on 3 Wednesdays, **June 12, 19 and 26th**- 6:30-8:30p.m. at John XXIII Diocesan Center, 37th & Sheridan Blvd. Issues discussed will be the fundamentals of grief, how it affects our relationships & skills necessary to manage grief. Cost is \$15. To register, please call 402-473-0620.
- **JOIN US FOR A HOLY HOUR WITH EXPOSITION, ADORATION AND COMMUNITY PRAYER FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE LINCOLN DIOCESE PRIESTS SPONSORED BY THE MORNING STAR CHAPTER OF MAGNIFICAT ON FRIDAY, JUNE 21.** Magnificat is a Ministry to Catholic women whose fifth objective is to "Imitate Mary through spiritual adoption of Priests and Seminarians in Prayer". All women are invited, even if you haven't attended a Magnificat Prayer Meal in the past. We will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel of John XXIII Center located at 3700 Sheridan Blvd. For information call or text Rhonda 402-525-6396 or call Barb 402-489-6905.
- The **Benedict XVI Diocesan School of Catechesis** is for Catholics wanting to strengthen their intellectual and spiritual formation to empower their evangelical mission in the world. It covers the *Creed*, the *Sacraments*, the *Commandments*, and *Prayer* (Year I) as well as *Salvation History*, *Church History*, *Faith and Reason*, and *Spirituality* (Year II). The time commitment is one Saturday a month from September to April for two years. The cost is \$100 per semester, however, those who teach CCD, God-teen/CYO, or in Catholic schools would receive a 25% discount. For more information go to www.lincolndiocese.org/bxvi or call 402-473-0631.
- **HEALING THE WHOLE PERSON** presented by the John Paul II Healing Center Team on **July 11-13, 2019**. This seminar provides the opportunity to learn about and experience the healing power of God in the wholeness of body, soul and spirit. St. Peter Church, in Lincoln. Register at: www.JPIIHealingCenter.org. Early registration is open now and ends on April 29. For scholarships, student and missionary discounts email LincolnHealandEquip@gmail.com.
- **DAY OF EQUIPPING** presented by Bart Schuchts, John Paul II Healing Center, on **July 12, 2019**. This training is designed to equip and prepare you to live more fully into the mission of Christ. During this training you will encounter the Father's love and be inspired to live more fully in God's purpose for your life. St. Peter Church in Lincoln. Register at: www.JPIIHealingCenter.org. Early registration is open now and ends on April 29. For scholarships, student and missionary discounts email LincolnHealandEquip@gmail.com.
- **Diocesan Sacred Music Clinic** The Diocesan Liturgical Commission will be hosting the 4th annual Sacred Music Clinic on **Saturday, August 24, 2019**, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm at the Newman Center in Lincoln. All priests, choir directors, choir members, cantors, and any musicians who contribute to the sacred liturgy are invited to attend. For more information, please go to <https://www.lincolndiocese.org/liturgy> or contact Fr. Daniel Rayer at fr.dan-rayer@lincolndiocese.org or 402-488-0921.
 - **NOTE:** The parish will pay the early bird registration fee for any parishioner who wishes to attend (early registration ends June 30th). We wimplly ask that one must be willing to cantor at Mass at a minimum of two weekends month. If you are interested in this please contact Fr. Sparling prior to registration.

SUMMER YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Totus Tuus** – A week-long catechetical program for grades 1-8 (during the day) and 9th-12th (evenings) **July 14-19** at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Lincoln. Please visit <https://www.stmichaellincoln.org/totus-tuus.html> for registration information. (Due to low attendance the past few years we have asked to combine with the St. Michael's group)
- **Sacred Music Summer Camp for Youth** - A Sacred Music Summer Camp will be held for those **ages 8-14 (unchanged voices) M-F, August 5-9, 2019 from 9:00 AM — 12noon at UNL Newman Center at the corner of 16th & Q St.** No experience is necessary; all singers strongly encouraged! An additional rehearsal will be held on the evening of August 23. The choir will **sing for two Masses on the mornings of August 11th (St. Francis of Assisi Chapel) and August 24 (Newman Center).** **Cost:** \$75 per child (\$200 per family 3+). For more information or to **Register** contact Nicholas Lemme at nlemme@olgseminary.org Space is limited; sign up today! **Registration Deadline is July 15, 2019.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Cemetery flowers/Courtesy to groundskeeper:** Please kindly remove any flowers, decorations, and all articles with the exception of those headstones vase cases built in to them from manufacturer. Any items left may be removed so as not to impede groundskeeper or damage equipment. Thank you!
- **MASS INTENTIONS NEEDED!** If you have a family member, friend, fellow parishioner, or petition that could use some prayers please consider having a Mass, the supreme prayer given by our Lord, offered. The suggested donation is \$10 per Mass. Checks should be made payable to: St. Leo Stipend Account.
- CONGRATS to Dick and Jane Malone on the birth of their first grandchild Garrett Eugene Rempe!
- St. Leo's Parish is looking for a member to participate in the Deanery Meetings as Vice President this year. Cheryl Wirth met with the Altar Society at our last meeting. Please contact Cheryl at (402)487-0597.
- **ATTENTION ST. LEO PARISIONERS:** COFFEE AND ROLLS WEEKENDS THAT NEED TO BE FILLED ARE JULY 21, AUGUST 4, SEPTEMBER 1, OCTOBER 6, and OCTOBER 20TH. IF YOU HAVE NOT HAD A CHANCE TO HOST THE COFFEE AND ROLLS, PLEASE CONTACT JANE MALONE AT Malone_jane@hotmail.com TO SIGN UP. THANK YOU!!
- ST. LEO'S ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 18TH AFTER 8:30 MASS.
- **Check it out! FORMED.org** — programs, eBooks, movies, and talks that will entertain, engage, and inspire them with the beauty and wonder of their faith. FORMED is an on-line Catholic resource treasure trove. The parish pays for an annual subscription for you to use to grow in our beautiful faith. 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 material.
- **E-Tithe!** 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. THANK YOU!
- **Attention Amazon users!** If you do please consider using AmazonSmile for your purchases! If you do and select St. Leo Catholic Church of Palmyra as your charitable organization a portion of your purchases will be given back to the parish Religious Education Program. Or go to: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/47-0537439>
- **St. Leo and St. Martin "Stock the Shelves" of the Western Otoe County Food Pantry is this month.** We're hoping to fill the shelves of the Western Otoe County Food Pantry in June. This Corporal Work of Mercy helps those in our communities having difficulty feeding their families. The gray totes are in the back of our churches. For those able to donate basic staples are always in demand; flour, sugar, coffee, laundry soap, canned meats, canned pasta, peanut butter, canned fruits and vegetables. Really whatever you use for your family would be helpful to other families. Contact Maureen or Valerie Donovan with questions.



Rectory Project Update: Again, THANK YOU to all those who have helped with this project! I am blown away by your generosity. I met with Dan this past week to go through some things and he gave me a list of things that volunteers can come and work on this week:

- Trimming the first floor (trim is in garage)
 - Putting the doors back up
 - Painting first floor (some minor patching needs to be done to walls)
 - Putting up insulation in kitchen
- After completing the first floor we will move on to the second floor.

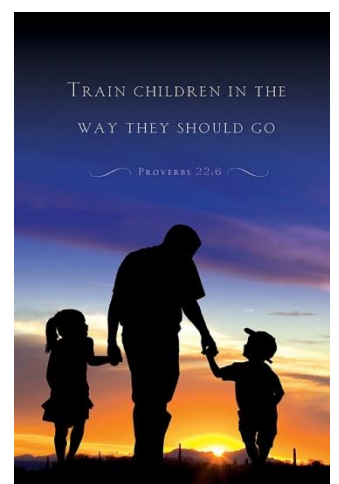
From Father to all Fathers:

Happy Father's Day to all Fathers!! It's no secret that Catholic dads are challenged in the raising of their kids in today's world. Perhaps you have had discussions with other father's which might center on the bad cultural influences affecting our children, your hectic schedules and your well-intentioned desire to be better fathers.

So many fathers mean well, but how do we father's (spiritual and biological) move from conversation to action? The stakes are high, and it's no secret that this generation of children desperately needs fathers to step up to their responsibilities.

Look back on your own upbringing. What role did your father play? Were there other role models? Just as many of us live out the lessons we learned in our youth, our children will someday emulate us. They are always watching, and we have to decide if we will be their heroic role models who consistently set the right example or relinquish our fatherly responsibilities to a host of bad societal influences. Which will it be?

Unfortunately not everyone grows up in a household with a positive role model of a father which has led to the society we have today. However, although we may not have had the best fatherly role model in our lives we don't need to



despair. Here is a good list of the actions and practical ways to live so that we can break the cycle in our society of absent or jaded fathers. This list and following came from a good article written by Randy Hain.

Surrender. We have to surrender on an ongoing basis to Christ for his will to be done in our lives. Guys, we are not in charge ... as much as we want to be! St. Ignatius of Loyola once said: “Few souls understand what God would accomplish in them if they were to abandon themselves unreservedly to him and if they were to allow his grace to mold them accordingly.”

Be a Man of Prayer. Our children will be much more likely to pray if we do. Work on developing a daily prayer routine with the goal of at least an hour a day devoted to prayer. Sound difficult? Think about how much TV we watch a day or answering email. Consider how much time we spend in our cars each day and how much time we devote to exercise. We have more than enough time for prayer if we schedule it and integrate it into our day. Also, imagine the powerful influence we can have on our children if they see us on our knees in prayer each night at family prayer time.

Understand Our True Vocation. For those of us blessed to be married and have children, we must recognize that helping our families get to heaven and being good husbands and fathers—not our business careers—is our real vocation. Ask yourself: “Is my work serving my family? Or is my family serving my work?”

Invest Time. Our children need our time. Put down the smartphone; turn off the TV; cancel the golf outing; come home from work on time. Let’s spend more time with our kids! In the absence of a father’s time with his family, you can bet there are countless bad influences ready to take his place and guide his children in the wrong direction. I paraphrase author-theologian Scott Hahn, who wrote that in our modern age the father or mother who is willing to walk out of the office after forty hours in order to have more time with his/her family is the real hero.

Be Courageous. Christians are meant to stand out, not blend in. Blending in speaks to conforming so that our faith becomes part of the mainstream ... and we need to fight the culture. These are difficult times, and we have a responsibility to love and defend Christ, be great role models for our families and stand up for our faith.

Practice Detachment. Are we too focused on acquiring toys, bigger houses, nicer cars or the next promotion? We need to let go of the things that are in the way of our prayer lives, Mass attendance, charitable giving, volunteering, time with our families and certainly our relationships with Christ.

Love Our Wives. Husbands, we must love and cherish our wives, plain and simple. Our children will learn to love others by how they see Mom and Dad love each other. We need to say, “I love you” to our wives and our children as often as possible. Let’s show our wives respect and cherish the critical role they play in our families. “The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother.” So said Theodore Hesburgh.

Today’s kids face significant challenges and strong fathers, without a doubt, are part of the solution. Let’s take a few minutes to reflect on how we are doing as fathers and as husbands. Take the results of this reflection to prayer and reconciliation. Most importantly, commit to make the necessary changes. As Catholic men, we have a responsibility to be strong fathers and husbands, leaders in our parishes, good stewards in our communities and humble followers of Christ. Let’s look to the inspiring example of St. Joseph, patron saint of fathers, workers and the universal Church, for his obedience, humility, selflessness, courage and the love he showed to Mary and Jesus. If we can emulate St. Joseph even a little each day, we will be that much closer to becoming the men and fathers we are called to be.

God Love You! ~Fr. Sparling

My God continue to greatly bless you all!! God Love You! ~ Fr. Sparling

