

June 30, 2019
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Intentions

July	1	Mon	8:00 am	St. Leo	Gina & Anne Fuelberth (Wheatley)
July	2	Tues	No	Mass	
July	3	Wed	8:00 am	St. Martin	Barbara Danielson
July	4	Thur	8:00 am	St. Leo	+Forrest Nisley
July	5	Fri	8:00 am	St. Leo	Adrian Carlson
July	6	Sat	4:00 pm	St. Martin	Robert, Gary, James & Shirley Wade
July	7	Sun	8:30 am	St. Leo	The people of our parishes
July	7	Sun	11:00 am	St. Leo	+Forrest Nisley

CALENDAR ITEMS

- **Carmel of Jesus, Mary and Joseph** – Our Blessed Mother and the Carmelite Sisters invite you to an evening pilgrimage to their chapel at 9300 West Agnew Road in Valparaiso, and to participate in their annual Solemn Preached Novena, this year conducted by Rev. Justin Wylie, from **July 8-15th**. Holy Sacrifice of the Mass each evening at 7pm, except Sunday, at 9:30am. **On July 16th**, Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Solemn Pontifical Mass at 5:30pm offered by Bishop Conley.
- **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. 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. Register at: www.JPIIHealingCenter.org. For scholarships, student and missionary discounts email LincolnHealandEquip@gmail.com.
- **Walk with Jesus in his homeland!** Rooted in Scripture, customized and affordable, this Holy Land pilgrimage experience can be a life-changing and a rewarding challenge to deepen one's spiritual life by seeing and encountering firsthand the land that Jesus walked. Accompanied by Fr. Rand Langhorst this journey will include the use of a knowledgeable Christian guide and escort for the entire trip and provide the opportunity to become not only better acquainted, but immersed through Mass, prayer and experience, a deeper reflection and understanding of the Holy Scriptures and our Catholic faith. Dates have been set for April 20-30, 2020 round trip from Omaha, with double occupancy per person price of \$3545.00 plus taxes/fuel surcharges and gratuities. If you would like more information please contact Fr. Rand (fr.randlanghorst@gmail.com) for an electronic brochure or find the information or to register at TektonMinistries.org.

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.
- **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! **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

- **Job Opening:** The parish office is seeking a part-time parish secretary (apprx. 3 hours per week) whose primary duties include interfacing with parishioners and guests of St. Leo and St. Martin Catholic Churches, performing general office work, providing a welcoming experience and helping the parishes to thrive in their mission as part of the Catholic Church. Please contact the parish office more information (contact info above). **Please help spread the word!**

Your Response to the Lords Generosity:

June 23, 2019

	Adult	Youth	Plate
St. Leo	\$609.50	\$ 2	\$35
St. Martin	\$440	\$ 0	\$3

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
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

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



➤ **Volunteer CCD Teacher(s) needed for the 2019-2020 school year.** We are in need of a teacher(s) for our High School group. The Diocese has made a great effort in putting together resources online for CCD teachers to use such lesson plans, activities, videos for lessons, etc. for the curriculum so please don't be afraid to volunteer to help bring our kiddos to know Christ! Please contact Fr. Sparling for more info or if you are willing to give your time and talent to the parishes youth.

➤ **MASS INTENTIONS NEEDED!** Looking for the perfect gift? There is no greater gift than the Mass with its infinite graces. If you have a family member, friend, fellow parishioner, or a specific intention (i.e., in thanksgiving or for a special need) 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.

❖ The tradition of offering Masses for others originates in the early Church. A priest offers Mass with three intentions: 1) to offer the Mass reverently and validly in accord with norms of the Church, 2) to offer the Mass in union with the whole Church and for its good, and 3) to offer the Mass for a particular intention.

➤ **FIREWORKS STAND:** There is an immediate need for volunteers to help staff the fireworks stand in Palmyra. Please stop by the fireworks tent to sign up for open spots on the schedule. **This is a great fundraiser for our parish that is only available to us every couple of years so please support help support it with your fireworks purchases!** If you have any questions please contact Jolee Wheatley at djwheatley@windstream.net or 402.440.77276. THANK YOU!!

➤ **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>



➤ **Western Otoe County Food Pantry ~ THANK YOU** to all those who helped make it another successful collection for our month to support the food pantry! If you have any questions or want to make any donations outside of this weekend please contact Valerie Donovan or Maureen Carpenter.

➤ **The 2019-2024 Strategic Plan has been posted to the website under the 'Strategic Plan' tab. This is an ongoing plan that will be continually updated. Please take a look at the documents which have been updated since our last open forum and the feedback we received. For those who attended the last meeting these documents have been updated and replace the ones you were given.**

Rectory Projects Update: Again, THANK YOU to all those who have helped with this project! I am blown away by your generosity. Here are some things we can work on this week: Painting first floor, putting insulation in kitchen.

From Father:

One of the mysteries of ourselves that can remain hidden until challenged is how possessive we can be. Not so much in terms of harboring possessions, but in our desire to control the outcomes of situations, decisions, way things are done or not and the like. That little bit of pride inside all of us flares when something we have taken ownership of appears to be the concern of someone else as well. We can likely pinpoint in our homes just who does what and why, but when mixing in the social world we can find ourselves butting heads over many things. If we can just temper that pride with charity and humility we can often see that no one is out to get us, put us in our place or correct us. It is just that they have that same need within us to be part of something, to meet a need, to feel included or useful. I am reminded of all this because of a talk I was listening to on living a life of true charity with our neighbor. As it talked of being possessive it brought to mind so many different people and situations of the past who could have fit the descriptions being used. Aside from the basic pride of thinking I know best, the factor that leaped up was the potential fear of being forgotten. Sometimes we may fall into that mode of wondering when we are gone if we will be forgotten and so we try to be remembered for something. Of course the problem can be that we will be remembered for the wrong things or dispositions. It kept crossing my own mind that first we will never be forgotten by God and that as long as we touched someone else's life with love that person will remember us because of that love. It seems the best direction to go—love one another—and how many times and ways did our Lord teach us that. The little incidentals that we sometimes project too much of ourselves on or in will fade away, but how quickly we recall the names of those who showed us affection, who helped us in a time of need, who were encouraging, who sacrificed for our sakes. Love builds connections and those connections form lasting memories. Once I started down that road of memories I have so many expressions of people who freely gave of their love either in my life or the lives of others that made an impact worth remembering. You will have those people in yours as well. Allow their witness to guide you in how you love your neighbor as yourself and rather than be possessive fall into that pattern of Christ-like giving.

Have a happy, safe and blessed 4th of July Week! God Love You! ~ Fr. Sparling