

July 14, 2019
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Fr. Adam Sparling, Pastor

Mass Intentions

July	15	Mon	8:00 am	St. Leo	Leona Cowles (Swanda)
July	16	Tues	No	Mass	
July	17	Wed	8:00 am	St. Martin	Dan & Cindy Smith (Connelly)
July	18	Thur	8:00 am	St. Leo	Bettie Jo Chambers (Donovan)
July	19	Fri	8:00 am	St. Leo	Thanksgiving for favors granted (Carlson)
July	20	Sat	4:00 pm	St. Martin	Liv & Dec St. Martin parishioners
July	21	Sun	8:30 am	St. Leo	+Wilma Hochstein
July	21	Sun	11:00 am	St. Leo	The people of our parishes

CALENDAR ITEMS

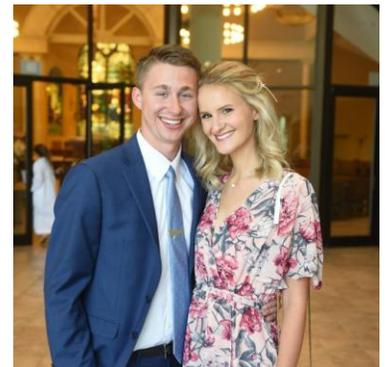
- **Carmel of Jesus, Mary and Joseph** – Our Blessed Mother and the Carmelite Sisters invite you to an evening pilgrimage to their chapel at 9300 West Agnew Road in Valparaiso, and to participate in their annual Solemn Preached Novena, this year conducted by Rev. Justin Wylie, from **July 8-15th**. Holy 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.
- **Walk with Jesus in his homeland!** Fr. Rand is leading a journey to the Holy Land that 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.
- **Golf Tournament for Regnum Christi ministries** - The Lincoln Christus Foundation is organizing a Golf Tournament benefit for the ministries of Regnum Christi. Sponsors and golfers are invited to support the Helping Hands Mission, the Extreme Mexico Mission, Leadership Camp, and other Catholic Apostolates. Register now for the Golf Scramble on Thurs. Aug 22, 9am at Crooked Creek Golf Course in Lincoln: \$125 per player/\$500 per team includes snacks, lunch, prizes and more: theChristusFoundation.org/events or contact Gary at 402-430-3732, gwroberts88@gmail.com.

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!

- **I am pleased to announce John Zurcher will be joining our CCD team as our new High School group leader this coming school year. Here is a little about John from John:**
“I am currently heading into my senior year at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (Go Big Red), majoring in Journalism and Sports Media/Communications. I am so thrilled to be given the opportunity to work with the youth of St. Leo’s and Martin’s. I’ve experienced the love and joy of Christ in so many ways in my life and I’m looking forward to sharing that love and joy with anyone I can.”

John is very active in the Newman Center and with FOCUS. Please join me in welcoming him to our parish family as our High School group leader. I know his relationship with our Lord will be of great witness to us all! (He is pictured with his girlfriend Fran Potter.)



- **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!**

Your Response to the Lords Generosity:

July 7, 2019

	Adult	Youth	Plate
St. Leo	\$781.50	\$ 0	\$60
St. Martin	\$4,289.68	\$ 8	\$50

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
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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

Adoration:

Sundays prior
to 11:00 am
Mass

*Any time by appointment

➤ **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.

➤ **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.

➤ **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>



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➤ **Gift Card Scam** - Recently, a scammer has imitated several priests in the diocese with fake emails and text messages in an attempt to steal money from employees and parishioners. The scam begins with a simple request for a favor and those who respond are instructed to provide money or gift cards for alleged charitable purposes. If you receive such an email, please do not respond. If you question the legitimacy of any email coming from Father or the parish please contact the parish prior to replying to the text or email. If you have been a victim of this scam, please contact the local police department and the Nebraska Attorney General at 402-471-2682.

➤ **Lourdes Central Catholic School is currently hiring** - If the opportunity to be a part of our mission and the Lourdes family is exciting to you, please visit our webpage at www.lourdescentralcatholic.org for more information. For questions or to apply, contact Principal Feilmeier at curt-feilmeier@cdolinc.net. For questions or to apply for coaching positions, contact Mr. Jon Borer, Assistant Principal/Activities Director, at jon-borer@cdolinc.net.

From Father:

Last week I shared this reflection with you brought about by an article authored by a Mary Hoffman and I want to share it again this week as we reflect on Luke's Gospel this weekend with Jesus' calling us to be good Samaritans. If you read it last week I encourage you to read it again as the Holy Spirit might speak something different to you this week. To get more of an introduction to the article I would refer you to last weekend's bulletin which can be found on our webpage.

A lot of big parishes are spending time and money trying to capture — or recapture — that 'something' we as Catholics have.

WE HAVE A SENSE OF FAMILY. We have members we get along with, and members who drive us crazy. But there aren't enough of us that we can afford to get uppity. We need each other. And so we care about each other, and we know that every last one of us is important.

WE HAVE A SENSE OF TENACITY. We know how fragile our presence is and how important it is that we stay alive, stay involved and stay together — no matter what. So we do.

WE HAVE A SENSE OF INVOLVEMENT. When organizational research indicates that most organizations operate on an average level of involvement of 5 percent of the membership, it's rewarding to know that most of us are involved most of the time.

WE HAVE SENSE OF STEWARDSHIP (PERSONAL RESPONSE) TO THE PARISH. When everyone depends on you, you tend to carry through. You might not always want to, but you do what you have to do, and you usually end up glad that you did.

WE HAVE SENSE OF TOLERANCE. We live as a minority among neighbors of many beliefs and denominations. We focus less on turning in on ourselves than on sharing what we have with others so they can see that we have something worth working for.

WE HAVE A SENSE OF HUMOR. We choose to see the half-filled cup and look for the brighter side.

WE HAVE A SENSE OF INTIMACY WITH OUR PRIEST. We need to get to know our spiritual Father, one-to-one, bringing him into our home and our lives so our Father gets to know us. We recognize that it is the priest who brings us Jesus and the sacraments.

WE HAVE A SENSE OF CONTINUITY. We grow up with close personal role models of all ages. We have a wide diversity in age range, but we aren't big enough to stratify by age. So nobody thinks about age. We're just us.

WE HAVE A SENSE OF COMMUNITY. We are the family of God in this locality with a desire to see it increase.

In the days, weeks, months, and years ahead let's make a commitment to spend more time discussing, talking, reflecting and celebrating these things and all the positive things we have in common rather than our differences of opinions. As Catholics we should observe this as a list of *musts* about our community not anything less. May Christ always reign in our hearts and homes!

Have a blessed Week! God Love You! ~ Fr. Sparling