

**July 21, 2019**  
**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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**Fr. Adam Sparling, Pastor**

**Mass Intentions**

July	22	Mon	8:00 am	St. Leo	+Helen Benes
July	23	Tues	No	Mass	
July	24	Wed	8:00 am	St. Martin	Waddle Family (Griswold)
July	25	Thur	8:00 am	St. Leo	+Jerry Beecham (Donovan)
July	26	Fri	8:00 am	St. Leo	Int. of Aaron & Jerrica Wheatley Family
July	27	Sat	4:00 pm	St. Leo	Chuck Norton (Connelly)
July	28	Sun	8:30 am	St. Martin	+Kenny Moller
July	28	Sun	11:00 am	St. Leo	The people of our parishes

**CALENDAR ITEMS**

- **MAGNIFICAT SUMMER PRAYER MEAL** Saturday morning **August 10**, 9:30 a.m., Hillcrest Country Club, 9401 East O Street, Lincoln, NE. Special guest speaker is **Shelly Sullivan**. "We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28 is Shelly's favorite scripture. "**Passionate**" about her Catholic Faith is not a strong enough word to describe Shelly's love for Jesus and His Church! Always looking for ways to "**Shine the Light of Christ**" is her Mission as a beautiful woman of JOY with an Evangelistic heart. Come and be inspired! Register by sending **\$25** check payable to *Magnificat* c/o Tina Colgan, 521 N 56 ST, Lincoln, NE 68504. (students **\$10**) **Deadline is August 2**. For information call or text Rhonda Litt at 402-525-6396 or call Barb Bechtolt at 402-489-6905.
- **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!**

- **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!
- **Mission Co-op:** Each year over 150 missionary diocese and religious orders request permission to come to our diocese to give an appeal for financial support. This appeal is a major source of funding for these missionaries, and the monies collected in our parish go directly to that missionary diocese or religious for the poor that they serve. These funds are used to feed, house and educate the poor and orphans, provide medical care, build churches, schools, clinics, catechetical training centers, dig wells, etc., and to educate candidates for the priesthood and religious life and provide many other necessities. Please be generous!
- **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>

**Your Response to the Lords Generosity:**

July 14, 2019

	<b>Adult</b>	<b>Youth</b>	<b>Plate</b>
<b>St. Leo</b>	\$536.50	\$ 0	\$62
<b>St. Martin</b>	\$320	\$ 0	\$20

**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:**

<b>1st, 3rd &amp; 5th</b> (Odd Sundays) Saturday 4 PM at St. Martin 8:30 AM at St Leo Palmyra 11:00 AM at St Leo Palmyra	<b>2nd &amp; 4th</b> (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

**Should I go to confession if I haven't committed any sins? Yes!** If it's been several weeks (or months) since your last confession, you probably need to examine your conscience more carefully. "The just man," the Book of Proverbs tells us, "falls seven times a day" (Prov 24:16). If you're struggling to find matter (sins) to confess, examine your conscience on your sins of omission, on the seven capital sins or on whether you in fact love the Lord with your whole heart, mind, soul and strength (Lk 10:27).



➤ 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.)



➤ **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](http://www.formed.org) -- enter the parish code **KN4A9J** -- enter information required -- create a password -- search through and enjoy the material.

### **From Father:**

Sometimes we can get caught up in the sins of vanity by worrying too much about what we look like on the outside or sins of lust by using and objectifying how others appear on the outside instead of seeking the real person within whether it be ourselves or another. Our whole culture promotes this crippling if not deadly disease of "appearance" for the sake of happiness or pleasure. How many times does advertising, social media, the movies or television, radio or music or common speech and conversations tell us the only way we will ever be "happy" is to look a certain way or be with someone who looks a certain way and we are caught on their lure. We aren't satisfied with ourselves and begin to believe the worst of ourselves. We fall hook, line and sinker for the devil's influence through our society that God has somehow made a mistake with us, created junk or must be improved upon. Young or old when we lose track of the wonderful person God made us to be we enter a loop of dissatisfaction as we try to match and keep up with "popularity" and the current "social trends". One wonders just how many social ills could be made better if time, talents and money put toward vanity and sinful pleasure were steered toward honorable causes. In today's world this is neither a male or female issue but both a male and female issue. It might do well for us to take a little time and investigate our own attitudes, desires and intentions. We might find ourselves surprised by how influential the values and trends of this world have really overtaken our walk with the Lord. I remember a woman who was remodeling her home to add more storage space for her hundreds of shoes. "She needed each pair for a certain mood, occasion or event" I had to wonder what her response would if the Lord appeared. Then again I have to wonder what my response would be, not with shoes, but the surplus of what I really don't need. Spending more time on perfecting the interior life leaves less time to get duped by the influence of this world or Satan. May God lead each of you to know yourself and appreciate the beauty of His creative skills!

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

**What if I haven't been to the sacrament of confession for many years or months? How do I prepare? What do I say?**

- **First**, don't be afraid. Jesus said, "Heaven rejoices more for one repentant sinner than for 99 righteous persons who never needed to repent." The priest will probably be so happy you've returned to confession after many years that you will make all the hours he spends in the confessional seem light.
- **Second**, try to prepare with the help of a good examination of conscience sheet, but the priest will know that you cannot remember your sins with the precision of someone who came the previous week.
- **Third**, get the largest sins off of your shoulders first.
- **Fourth**, don't be afraid to ask the priest for help; most confessors are experts in leading someone in your circumstances through an examination of the "big stuff" in the confessional.
- **Finally**, don't wait. Come back to be reconciled to your loving Father, set off the celebration in heaven, and share your Father's joy!