

July 28, 2019
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Intentions

July	29	Mon	8:00 am	St. Leo	Connelly Family (Griswold)
July	30	Tues	No	Mass	
July	31	Wed	8:00 am	St. Martin	Larry Moller (Connelly)
Aug	1	Thur	8:00 am	St. Leo	+Bob Matulka (Donovan)
Aug	2	Fri	8:00 am	St. Leo	Special Intention (Gilligan)
Aug	3	Sat	4:00 pm	St. Martin	+Keith Moller
Aug	4	Sun	8:30 am	St. Leo	The people of our parishes
Aug	4	Sun	11:00 am	St. Leo	+Arnold Schroder

Your Response to the Lords Generosity:

July 14, 2019

	Adult	Youth	Plate
St. Leo	\$590	\$ 0	\$59
St. Martin	\$210	\$ 0	\$61

Amount needed to balance 2019-2020 budgets:

St. Leo: \$6,895/month or \$1,580/week

St. Martin: \$3,932/month or \$902/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

CALENDAR ITEMS

- **Attention Altar Servers** – This years’ altar server appreciation outing sponsored by the Knights of Columbus will be Saturday evening, **August 10th** following the Vigil Mass. Please contact Chad Hartwick ASAP to RSVP and give him some information. He can be reached at 402.432.1480.
- **SAVE THE DATE!!** The Build-a-Bathroom Committee in Syracuse is hosting a **Back to School Bash!** on **Saturday, August 10** at the Williams Park and Syracuse Aqua Center to raise funds for the new bathroom at the Syracuse pool. Activities will include a 5K/Fun Run, Vendor Fair & Silent Auction, Cornhole Tournament, Free Will Lunch, games in the park and at the pool, and more! Contact Julie Beach at 402-297-6420 or julieisaacs@outlook.com for more details, to sign up for events, or for volunteer opportunities.
- **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.

Should I go to confession if I haven’t committed any sins? 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).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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>



➤ **Mission Co-op:** All the missionary priests who speak in our parishes have great needs for which they give the appeal. Some may ask for additional support, such as sponsoring a seminarian or religious for several months, in addition to their appeal at Mass. Our diocesan regulations DO NOT allow this so that people will be able to support the needs of other missionaries who will give appeals in our parish in the future. There are so many needs to be met from so many different dioceses and religious orders, and we must give each different group a fair chance to receive our support each year. Please be generous!

➤ **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.

From Father:

Next weekend we will be hosting **Fr. Joseph Gonsalves** for our annual Mission Co-op appeal. Fr. Gonsalves is a priest of the Franciscan Province of Our Lady of Guadalupe, based in Albuquerque, NM. Their community is formed of Brothers and Priests who serve among the Navajo, Pueblo, and Hispanic people of the Southwest.

Their ministry is carried out in some of the poorest and most remote areas of the Navajo Reservation and Pueblo Villages, as well as in some inner-city parishes where we serve the Hispanic and Spanish speaking communities.

Their main ministry consists in Evangelization and in providing for the Sacramental and Spiritual needs of the people we serve. But we also offer scholarships for children to be able to get a Catholic Education; we have food pantries and “clothing stores”; we offer space for AA meetings to take place.

Their simple Ministry of Presence has proven over the years to be one of the most effective means of support for the people. It allows us to live our Gospel way of life, and it gives them peace of mind knowing that there is always someone that they can turn to in their time of need.

The Franciscans have worked hard for many years to earn the trust of the people that God has entrusted us to serve. The relationships that have developed from this effort have produced many good fruits.

Father's Funnies:

One day a little girl was sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly noticed that her mother has several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast on her brunette head. She looked at her mother and inquisitively asked, "Why are some of your hairs white, Mom?" Her mother replied, "Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white." The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then said, "Momma, how come ALL of grandma's hairs are white?"

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!

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