

July 7, 2019
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Intentions

July	8	Mon	8:00 am	St. Leo	Mariella Sorensen (Swanda)
July	9	Tues	No	Mass	
July	10	Wed	8:00 am	St. Martin	Larry Moller
July	11	Thur	8:00 am	St. Leo	+Dan Schmidt (Petersen)
July	12	Fri	8:00 am	St. Leo	Eric Carlson
July	13	Sat	4:00 pm	St. Leo	+Arnold Schroder
July	14	Sun	8:30 am	St. Martin	+John Stuart Watton Sr.
July	14	Sun	11:00 am	St. Leo	The people of our parishes

Your Response to the Lords Generosity:

June 30, 2019

	Adult	Youth	Plate
St. Leo	\$1,055	\$ 0	\$124
St. Martin	\$415	\$ 0	\$5

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

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!** 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.

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!**

- **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.

➤ **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>



➤ **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.**

From Father:

First let me say Thank You to all those who helped with the Fireworks stand fundraiser this year!

Secondly, I read an article several years ago, which I cannot seem to find now, but in my notes on the article I remember it being authored by Mary Hoffman. She was writing about life in her small Jewish congregation. The points she made I think serve as good food for thought for us this week so I tweaked it to read for a Catholic audience: 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 spend more time discussing, evoking, calling to mind 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 always Christ reign in our homes!

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

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