

**August 4, 2019**  
**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**St. Leo Catholic Church**      **St. Martin Catholic Church**  
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Palmyra, NE 68418                      Douglas, NE  
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**Fr. Adam Sparling, Pastor**

**Mass Intentions**

Aug	5	Mon	No	Mass	
Aug	6	Tues	No	Mass	Masses offered by Fr. S away:
Aug	7	Wed	No	Mass	Brendan Gilligan Bday
Aug	8	Thur	No	Mass	+Holden Martin (Reynoldsen)
Aug	9	Fri	No	Mass	Hays Gorham
Aug	10	Sat	4:00 pm	St. Leo	Priests (Griswold)
Aug	11	Sun	8:30 am	St. Martin	+ John Stuart Watton Sr.
Aug	11	Sun	11:00 am	St. Leo	The people of our parishes

**Your Response to the Lords Generosity:**

July 28, 2019

	Adult	Youth	Plate
St. Leo	\$646	\$ 0	\$28
St. Martin	\$320	\$ 3	\$19

**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)      **2nd & 4th** (Even Sundays)  
Saturday 4 PM at St. Martin      Saturday 4 PM at St. Leo  
8:30 AM at St Leo Palmyra      8:30 AM St Martin Douglas  
11:00 AM at St Leo Palmyra      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


**Parish Office will be closed August 2<sup>nd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**For Sacramental emergencies please contact St. Paulinus in Syracuse**

**CALENDAR ITEMS**

- **Attention Altar Servers** – This years' altar server appreciation outing sponsored by the Knights of Columbus will be Saturday evening, **August 10<sup>th</sup>** 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-Bathhouse 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 bathhouse 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](mailto: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.
- **Lincoln Family Fest** It's time to make great summer memories with your family, **Saturday August 17** at Lincoln Family Fest. There will be family games and Bishop James Conley will say a unique outdoor mass with a special Family Blessing. The night will end with a concert, with former "News Boy" Bryan Olesen and VOTA. **This unique event is free**, for more details go to [www.Lincolnfamilyfest.com](http://www.Lincolnfamilyfest.com)
- **Servant Workshop:** A 3 part series will be given by Matt Simmons, Director of Evangelization & Spiritual Formation, this fall on Sept. 9th, Oct. 7th & Nov. 4th, 2019 at John XXIII Diocesan Center from 6:30-8:30pm. The workshop is intended for anyone involved in apostolic work, i.e., St. Vincent de Paul society, Catholic school teachers, CCD teachers, Marriage Encounter, etc. and is designed to help you manifest Jesus more fully as you serve the people of God. The workshop is **free** and registration is kindly requested. For topic details and to register please visit <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/03-oe-servant-workshop-fall-2019> . Questions? Call 402-473-0615 or email [Annette-Wemhoff@cdolinc.net](mailto:Annette-Wemhoff@cdolinc.net)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **CCD Registration** forms are available in the back of each parish and also online under the 'Religious Education' tab. Please complete and turn in as soon as possible.
  - ❖ As part of our Strategic Plan we have created an application for those who need financial assistance/scholarship. There is an application form posted online that can be filled out and returned with your registration form.
- **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.

- **Mission Coop Collection** – Next weekend we will take up a second collection to support the annual Mission Coop appeal that Fr. Joseph Gonsalves is promoting this weekend.
- **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>
- **Adult Religious Education & RCIA** – ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...
  - Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
  - Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?
  - Is Catholic and would like to grow in knowledge of the faith?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information please contact Fr. Sparling at 402-780-5535 or [stleopalmyra@gmail.com](mailto:stleopalmyra@gmail.com).
- **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:**

#### **A few things this week:**

**First, we welcome 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 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 of 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.**

**Secondly, I am happy to announce that we have hired Megan Carman as our part-time parish secretary. A couple of members of the parish councils participated in the interviewing process and I am thankful to them for helping me with this process! Megan will be coming on board in the next few weeks. We are happy to have her join our parish team!**

**Lastly, I have put online the end of year financial reports for those who wish to view them. I have also posted online the latest minutes from our Parish Council meeting this past week. They are all under the bulletins tab.**

### **Father's Funnies:**

A little School humor as we prepare for the new school year:

TEACHER: George Washington not only chopped down his father's cherry tree, but also admitted it. Now, Louie, do you know why his father didn't punish him? LOUIS: Because George still had the axe in his hand.

TEACHER: Now, Simon, tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating? SIMON: No sir, I don't have to, my Mom is a good cook.

TEACHER: Glen, why do you always get so dirty? GLEN: Well, I'm a lot closer to the ground than you are.

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