

September 1, 2019
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Fr. Adam Sparling, Pastor

Mass Intentions

Sept	2	Mon	9:00 am	St. Leo	+Marie Dorcey (Howie)
Sept	3	Tues	8:00 am	St. Leo	Arnold & Helen Bremer Wedd. Anniv.
Sept	4	Wed	7:00 pm	St. Leo	+Larry Moller (Brennan)
Sept	5	Thur	8:00 am	St. Leo	Dec. in St. Mary's Cem. & the Cem Assoc.
Sept	6	Fri	8:00 am	St. Leo	+Bertha Malone (Maez)
Sept	7	Sat	4:00 pm	St. Leo	Liv & Dec. St. Leo Parishioners
Sept	8	Sun	8:30 am	St. Martin	All Grandparents (Wheatley)
Sept	8	Sun	11:00 am	St. Leo	The people of our parishes

Your Response to the Lords Generosity:

August 25, 2019

	Adult	Youth	Plate
St. Leo	\$875	\$ 0	\$49
St. Martin	\$480	\$ 75.74	\$22

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

➤ **Introduction to Deliverance** - Have you ever wondered...exactly what IS deliverance and how does it fit into our Catholic Faith? The Diocesan Office of Evangelization/Unbound Ministry will be hosting an evening consisting of four 20 minute talks. This is open to ALL: laity, religious, clergy, members of the Christian community & anyone who would like a better understanding of the meaning of deliverance and how each person can benefit from it. Join us at **St Leo Church Hall on September 11 at 7p.m.** Questions? Contact Annette at annette-wemhoff@cdolinc.net or call 402-473-0615.

➤ **CCD begins this Wednesday (September 4th) with opening Mass beginning at 7pm and class to follow for grades 1st-12th.** Pre-k and K will meet for its first class Sept. 18th as Janet is in New Zealand. **All parishioners are encouraged to attend the opening Mass to pray especially for our kiddos and teachers!**

➤ The inaugural term of the newly formed **Emmaus Institute for Biblical Studies** begins the week of September 9. There is still time to register for one or more of the four, ten-week classes: a fast-paced journey through the whole Bible, an in-depth study of Genesis 1-11, an eye-opening exploration of the Eucharist throughout the whole Bible, and a life-shaping expedition on the way of discipleship as taught in Scripture. For details, visit www.emmausinstitute.net.

➤ **St. Martin Altar Society** will have a meeting after Mass on September 8th. All ladies of the parish are welcome and encouraged to attend.

➤ **UNBOUND Conference:** Participants will learn about Unbound through live presentations and videos and how it teaches 5 simple "keys" to break the chains of emotional, spiritual and mental bondage and unlock the doors to freedom. Join us at **St Leo Church Hall, Palmyra, NE, Friday, October 18, 6-9pm & Saturday, October 19, 8am-5pm.** The event is **FREE** but registration is required. Please register by going to: lincolndiocese.org/unbound

➤ **Pro-Life Banquet and Conference** - The Nebraska Catholic Bishops invite you to join pro-life leaders across the state for the annual Bishops' Pro-Life Banquet and Conference: "Abound in Hope," this September 20-21. The Banquet on Friday, September 20 will feature keynote speaker Greg Schleppenbach, former executive director of the Nebraska Catholic Conference and current associate director for the Pro-Life Secretariat at the USCCB, who will help us celebrate 50 years of work on behalf of life by the Nebraska Catholic Conference and look ahead to the hard work still to come. The Conference on Saturday, September 21 will feature many "reasons for hope": in health care, community life, ecumenical partnerships, and pro-life political advocacy. Visit <https://necatholic.org/> or call 402.477.7517 for more information and to register.

➤ **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

➤ **FATHER/SON PROGRAM** "In His Image" for boys age 10-14 and their father will be held Sunday, **September 22, 2019** from 1:30-4:30 p.m. at John XXIII Diocesan Center. This program is designed to educate boys on growing up and becoming a man. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$20 per father/son or \$30 per family. To register, visit <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/father-son-program> Questions, please call the NFP Offices 402-473-0630 or email naturalfamilyplanning@cdolinc.net


Questions to Address my Soul

- **Where am I at spiritually in my life?**
- **Am I (and by extension my spouse or children) in an active relationship with Christ and his Church?**
- **Do I practice mercy and forgiveness from my heart?**
- **Do I make the attempt to increase my knowledge of the faith and spiritual matters?**
- **Do I love my neighbor (that includes those difficult people in our life) as myself?**
- **Do I understand the concept of "Stewardship" and live by it?**
- **Do I pray?**
- **Do I live hungry for the Mass and with the Eucharist as the center of my life?**
- **Am I living contrary to the teachings and life of Christ?**
- **Do I humbly visit Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation regularly to confess my sins and failures?**
- **Do I want to get to heaven?**

- **Menopause Information Session.** October 1, 2019, Michele Chambers, CFCP, will be speaking about the health, hormonal, and charting implications of menopause. Event is free, pre-registration requested at <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/menopause> Questions? Call NFP Office- 402-473-0630.
- **A Single Ladies Introductory Session** is being held **October 6, 2019** at 7 p.m. at John XXIII Diocesan Center. Learn how to chart with Creighton Model; includes a particular emphasis on reproductive and gynecological health. Please preregister at <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/singleladies> Questions? Call NFP Office- 402-473-0630.
- **Love & Responsibility Series:** Join us for a free four part lecture series exploring the practical, unifying relationship implications of John Paul II's teaching "Love and Responsibility." First talk is **October 22nd at 7 p.m.** at the UNL Newman Center. Event is geared toward married and engaged couples, but anyone is welcome to attend. More information on the Family Life Office webpage. Questions? Call NFP Office- 402-473-0630.
- **MOTHER/DAUGHTER PROGRAM** "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made" for girls age 9-13 and their mothers will be held Saturday, **October 26th, 2019** from 9 a.m. to noon at John XXIII Diocesan Center. This program is designed to educate girls on growing up and becoming a woman. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$20 per mother/daughter or \$30 per family. To register, visit <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/mother-daughter-program> Questions, please call Jen Davis at 402-261-6375 or email jmdavis17@gmail.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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.
- **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.
- **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>
- **Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House** in Waverly announces its new schedule of 2019-2020 retreats. To see the full schedule of upcoming retreats and themes, or visit www.goodcounselretreat.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 -- enter the parish code **KN4A9J** -- enter information required -- create a password -- search through and enjoy the material.
- **St. Leo's Altar Society** - WE ARE IN NEED OF A MEMBER OF THE ALTAR SOCIETY TO BE THE PRESIDENT OF THE DEANERY IN THE YEAR 2021. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO DO THIS FOR US, CONTACT JANE MALONE.

From Father:

Thank you for those who have sent in Mass requests. We are still very much in need of Mass intentions so please continue to prayerfully consider having a Mass offered for a particular intention or person(s) (living or deceased). I will continue to pray that the faithful not let those graces pass by. Please see above for more information.

As we celebrate Labor Day weekend in our great country I want to take the time to thank all those who especially 'labor' in the vineyard of our Lord. The entire community of the baptized is called to labor in His Vineyard by word and example. So many great things are accomplished – both visible and invisible – through your generosity rooted from your relationship with our Lord. I am deeply grateful for those of you who volunteer to labor to address the needs of our parish. Your witness in faithfulness and trust is inspiring for us all. It is infectious and exactly what a community of faith needs! So, again, I thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Father's Funnies:

A police officer in a small town stopped a motorist speeding down Main Street. "but, Officer" the man began, "I can explain" "Just be quiet!," the officer snapped. "I am going to let you cool your heels in jail until the chief gets back." "but Officer, I just wanted to say—" "and I said keep quiet! You're going to jail!" A few hours later the officer looked in on his prisoner and said, "Luck for you that the chief's at his daughter's wedding. He'll be in a good mood when he gets back" "Don't count on it," the fellow in the cell answered. "I'm the groom."

Have a blessed and safe Labor Day weekend! God Love You! ~ Fr. Sparling