



SEVEN DOLORS Manhattan, KS & SAINT PATRICK'S Ogden, KS



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JULY 21, 2024 + 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Fr. Leo's Mini Bio, pt.4, "Life, the Hard Stuff"

I saved this for last because I think that it could be misunderstood without the backstory. It is not about bragging or about complaining, it is about God's gift of life. Life is not about what happens, it is about what you do when it happens. So this segment is about many of the things that have brought me to today. I will begin after high school because I think my life before then was pretty "normal". Lynn's life in her early years was anything but normal.

Lynn came from a very broken family, her parents each divorced a number of times, and she and her siblings received very little parenting. She had moved out on her own by the time she was 14, and had some difficult experiences that spanned from that. She had had several boyfriends prior to my meeting her but the two big things she talked about when we started dating were her lost baby and her little sister who she did not want to go through the same things she had.

We had only been dating for a month when we were involved in a serious car accident, I was taking her home from work and another driver crossed the centerline and hit us head on. No one should have survived, but all four of us (two in each car) did. I had a severely broken leg and Lynn's back was pretty messed up.

Trauma cements relationships and we were 'doomed' to be together from then on. We married less than a year later. As I mentioned before, Lynn miscarried our first baby at 5 months, she took it very hard. She never came right out and said it but she clearly believed that the abortion had something to do with her miscarriage. Fortunately we got custody of Tracy (her sister) and we had two healthy sons after that and before her second miscarriage. She loved being a mom but it was during that time she was diagnosed with depression (it was actually bipolar disorder but we would not know that for several years).

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Seven Dolors and St. Patrick's Mass and Confession Schedule

Daily Masses

Monday - 5:20 PM
Tuesday through Saturday - 7:00 AM

Saturday Vigil

4:15 PM (St. Patrick's in Ogden)
4:30 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, & 12:30 PM (Spanish)

Confessions

Tuesdays - 12 PM, Thursdays - 4:30 PM, 9 PM
Saturday 9 PM, or by appointment

Parish Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday:
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM & 1:30 - 4:00 PM
Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM & 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM
Friday: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Misas Diarias

Lunes - 5:20 PM
Martes hasta Sábado - 7:00 AM

Sábado de Vigilia

4:15 PM (St. Patrick's en Ogden)
4:30 PM

Domingo

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, y 12:30 PM (En Español)

Confesiones

Martes - 12 PM, Jueves - 4:30 PM, 9 PM
Sabado 9 PM, o pueden hacer cita

Horario de oficina parroquial

Lunes, Miércoles, Jueves:
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM 1:30 - 4:00 PM
Martes: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM & 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM
Viernes: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday 7/21 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Unbound Mission Priest Visit

NFP Awareness Week

- 8:00 AM Mass + *Mike Morin*
 10:00 AM Mass + *Wilma Smith*
 12:30 PM Misa en Español + *Michelle Smith*

Monday 7/22 St. Mary Magdalene

- 5:20 PM Mass + *Helen & Walter Sheroke*
 7:00 PM MC3, Meet & Mingle (at STM)

Tuesday 7/23 St. Bridget, Religious

- 7:00 AM Mass + *Janet Wataha*
 12:00 PM Reconciliation
 5:30 PM Choir
 6:00 PM OCIA

Wednesday 7/24 St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest

- 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
 7:00 AM Mass + *Steve Konz*

Thursday 7/25 St. James, Apostle

- 7:00 AM Mass + *Caroline Mulhern*
 9:00 AM Food Pantry
 4:30 PM Reconciliation
 6:00 PM Parish Eucharistic Adoration
 9:00 PM Reconciliation

Friday 7/26 Sts. Joachim & Anne, Parents of BVM

- 7:00 AM Mass *SI Maryann Biller*

Saturday 7/27

- 7:00 AM Mass + *Mervin Sexton*
 4:15 PM Mass @ St. Pat's + *Laurel Seidler*
 4:30 PM Mass + *Clay, David, & John Wataha*
 4:30 PM Estudio Bíblico
 6:00 PM Coro (*Spanish Choir*)
 9:00 PM Reconciliation

Sunday 7/28 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Grandparent's Day

- 8:00 AM Mass + *Bishop George Fitzsimons*
 10:00 AM Mass + *James Navinsky*
 12:30 PM Misa en Español + *Thomas A Irvine*



- Peanut Butter
 Pancake Syrup
 Saltines
 Spaghetti
 Trad. Refried Beans
 Canned Potatoes
 Chicken Noodle Soup

Food Pantry

Thank you for donating the basic food items we suggested. Our shelves are stocked for this week. These, as well as all other donations, are greatly appreciated. Thank you!

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St. Joseph's Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel



Adoration hours currently needed are:

Las horas de adoración que se necesitan actualmente son:

Sunday / Domingo	8 AM
.....	11 AM
Wednesday / Miércoles.....	11 AM
Saturday / Sábado	10 AM
.....	11 AM
.....	12 PM (noon)
.....	2 PM

For more info, contact Mary Knapp at 785-537-2814



The Holy Father's Intention for July:



For the Pastoral Care of the Sick

We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it, and their loved ones, the power of the Lord, and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

SACRAMENTS

Those seeking sacraments can contact the parish office for information and scheduling. Baptisms are scheduled after a prep session. Marriages (not scheduled in advent or lent) require a minimum six month notice and prep sessions.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/CYO REGISTRATION

Registration is now open for the 2024-2025 school year! Classes are offered for children in Pre-Grade 12. Registration is required. To register, or for more information, see the website.

Arts on the Green—Save the Date!

Arts on the Green will take place on Sunday, September 8th at 4pm on the green space at Juliette and Houston. Music and activities will go until 7pm.



Once again, this year, there will be a wonderful variety of art from local artists, music and musicians, and culinary favorites from local cooks and bakers. This year, Arts on the Green will be benefitting the Manhattan Area Resettlement Team (MART).

Come join in on the fun!

MC3 Meet and Mingle

On Monday, July 22nd MC3 is hosting a “Meet and Mingle” with the new Manhattan priests. Come meet and welcome Fr. Buster, joining Manhattan at St. Isidore’s, and Fr. Leo, joining us here at Seven Dolors!



Stewardship Report	
Last Sunday's Collection	\$ 9,457.82
Average Needed Weekly	\$ 12,509.62

Mini Bio, cont.

About 8 months after the second miscarriage Lynn was diagnosed with breast cancer and she started cancer treatments, one of the side effects of the treatments was that she started having migraine headaches which the doctors promptly treated with pain medications. About a year after the completion of the cancer treatments our third son was born, After his birth the doctors started suggesting a hysterectomy.

By the time Keith was eight months old they had convinced her that her health was at risk if she did not have the hysterectomy to stop her estrogen production. The ensuing conversation would lead to an argument where divorce was mentioned for the first time. Lynn concluded that I did not love her enough to let her do what she believed was best, in truth I just wanted to be sure what was in fact best for her. After I had checked things out I told her she could do it with my blessing. We scheduled the procedure but the hospital informed us that she was pregnant and they (thankfully) would not do the procedure until after the birth. The girls were born seven months later and the hysterectomy was done six weeks after their birth. The procedure went normally, but five hours after the surgery Lynn began to hemorrhage massively and came very close to dying. Thankfully she pulled through that as well.

With the various complex health issues Lynn had it is not surprising that issues arose. Lynn began to self-treat some of these issues and eventually became addicted first prescription drugs and then other drugs.

Over the next twelve years there were numerous inpatient and outpatient treatment programs to try to get her addictions under control, some were successful for a while, others were, to put it bluntly, useless. There were also many efforts to uncover and treat the underlying issues that pushed her in that direction. By the end of 2003 Lynn was not living at home anymore and our suggestions for help went unheard. At that point the three youngest children and I moved out of Wichita to get some separation from the situation. That is how we ended up in Abilene. That action did as much to help Lynn get straight as anything we had tried before. She was even able to re-establish a relationship with the kids towards the end.

I began the process of entering the permanent diaconate shortly after arriving in Abilene. Several delays to that process occurred because of the status of our relationship, and a military deployment. Lynn died, rather unexpectedly, in October of 2011 There are many things I wish I could have done better than I did, but in the end I believe I did what I was capable of doing.

Those last seven years of her life were the hardest of my own life but they were also the seedbed where my faith flourished and thrived. God, who had had an ever growing presence to me since our first miscarriage, really became my strength when I realized that I was not in control of much of anything. Things got so much easier when I truly surrendered to Him, and I continue to strive to give more and more over to Him every day. And I am happier every day because of it.

I know that this is an extremely truncated version of my story and there are probably still many things that I should have explained better but this will have to suffice for now. Feel free to approach me whenever you have an opportunity and we can talk more. God bless.

This history is in honor of Abel, Lynn’s first son, and Brett and Cameron, our two children who died in the womb.

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY AND MASS SCHEDULE

	EMOC	Hospitality	Altar Server	Lector
Sat. 4:30PM 7/27	Bettina Boller Ken Buyle Tom Church Rebecca Gould Jana McKinley	Daniel Cutting Tiffany Cutting Gary Grubbs Linda Grubbs	Felicity Dongonski Franci Irvine Ava Shepek	Greg McKinley (1) Dan Strohmeier (2)
Sun. 8 AM 7/28	Jolene Amtower Karen Buyle Carrie Ellis Dennis Jones Joe Wolf	Marlene Irvine Jerry Shivley Colleen Umscheid Rick Umscheid	Augustine Irvine Eleanor Irvine VOLUNTEER	Ray Buyle (1) Mary Siegle (2)
Sun. 10 AM 7/28	Phyllis Allerheiligen Gary Grubbs Alex Kifer Dan Richards Mitzi Richards	Roger Allerheiligen Judy Parks Christopher Storms Tamra Storms	Yael Bishop	Nellie Bucholtz (1) Bill Kifer (2)
Dom. 12:30PM 7/28	Carlos Flores Manuela Flores	Miren su Teléfono	Kimberly Mejía Joanna Núñez Carlos Flores	Gaby Gómez

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