

January 14, 2018
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Leo Catholic Church
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Fr. Adam Sparling, Pastor

Mass Intentions

Jan	15	Mon	7:00 am	St. Leo	+Larry McAuliffe
Jan	16	Tue	7:00 am	St. Leo	+Shirley Malone
Jan	17	Wed	NO	MASS	(Poor souls offered by Fr. S)
Jan	18	Thur	NO	MASS	(Poor souls offered by Fr. S)
Jan	19	Fri	NO	MASS	(Poor Souls offered by Fr. S)
Jan	20	Sat	4:00 pm	St. Martin	Liv & Dec St. Martin Parishioners
Jan	21	Sun	8:30 am	St. Leo	For the people of our parishes
Jan	21	Sun	11:00 am	St. Leo	+Larry McAuliffe

OUR TITHE TO THE LORD

January 7, 2018

	Adult	Youth	Plate
St. Leo	\$895	\$ 0	\$36
St. Martin	\$1153	\$ 4	\$10

Amount needed to balance yearly budget:

St. Leo: \$1,185/week or \$5,133/month

St. Martin: \$1,002/week or \$4,342/month

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

Been longer than a month since your last confession? Perhaps it is time to come receive His forgiveness again.

Confessions:

Saturdays: 3:30-3:45 PM

Sundays: 8:00-8:15 AM

10:30-10:45 AM

***Any time by appointment**

CALENDAR ITEMS

- **St. Leo's altar society will be meeting on Sunday, January 21, 2018 at 9:30 am in the Divine Mercy hall.** We are looking for talents that the ladies have that you would be willing to contribute to the church following the example of Mary and Martha. I am looking for someone with computer skills to keep the members informed on monthly happenings. If you like to decorate-- the hall and the tabernacle would be a welcoming sight for all. If you like to organize--we serve funeral dinners (even if you can't help to serve there is calling to be done) or maybe you have some idea for a fun night for the church to participate in. We are always willing to do things in Jesus' name. May God Bless you, President Gayle Royal [402-580-6108](tel:402-580-6108)
 - There is a sign up for volunteers to clean the church or serve rolls after the 8:30 Mass. If you haven't signed up for this and would be willing to help please sign up on the list in the back of Church.
- **All Acolytes, Lectors/readers are asked to come to a meeting Sunday, January 28th at 10am in Divine Mercy Hall.** Please mark your calendars so that you come. This meeting is important to figure out the scheduling and a few other things.
- **Annual Pro-Life Mass and Nebraska Walk for Life Saturday January 27** - Join pro-life advocates from across the state on January 27 for the Pro-Life Mass at St Mary church, across from the Capitol, celebrated by Most Rev. James Conley, Bishop of Lincoln. Mass at 9:00 am. The Walk for Life will follow with a rally starting at the State Capitol at 10:00 am. The Mass will be streamed live at fb.me/necatholic. For more information, call the Nebraska Catholic Conference at 402-477-7517. Watch the Southeast Nebraska Register for more details.
- **2-Day UNBOUND Conference:** Participants will learn about Unbound through live presentations & 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. Joseph Parish Hall- Beatrice, NE** Friday, February 2nd- 6-9pm & Saturday, February 3rd - 8-5pm. The event is free but registration is required. Please register by going to: lincolndiocese.org/unbound
- **For Men & Women seeking healing from Divorce:** The **Catholic Divorced Survival Guide** was created to bring hope and healing to divorced and separated Catholics. This 12 week program will be leader facilitated & features 30-minute DVD segments that cover topics of shock, denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, kids, annulment, and much more. The next session will begin **February 5, 2018** and is held at John XXIII Diocesan Center, Lincoln, NE from 7-9pm. Classes are kept small. Register by calling the Family Life Office at, 402-473-0620, or catholicflo@cdolinc.net

- Joy & Hope Anniversary Recognition Mass and reception for all married couples will be held **Sunday, February 11, 2018** at the regular **9:00 a.m.** Mass at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ in Lincoln. Bishop James Conley will be the Main Celebrant at the Mass for this celebration of Christian Marriage. Special recognition will be given to those couples celebrating 10, 25, 40 and 50 years or more who have registered. Family guests are welcome. Suggested donation of \$10 per couple to cover reception costs appreciated! Registration forms are available [in the church], or call the Family Life Office, (402) 473-0620.
- **Healing Hearts Support Sessions** for those who have suffered the loss of a loved one are being offered to assist Catholics in the grief process. The sessions will be held on six weekly Tuesday evenings beginning **February 13, 2018, 7:00-9:00 p.m.**, at John XXIII Diocesan Center, 37th & Sheridan Blvd. Suggested Donation: \$25 (for materials) To register, please call 402-473-0620.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **We are in need of men willing to serve as Acolytes** for both parishes. If you are willing to serve the Lord at the Altar please contact Fr. Sparling as soon as possible. Training classes are starting soon.
- **We are also in need of Lectors** to read the Word of God for both parishes. If you are willing to serve the Lord at the Altar please contact Fr. Sparling as soon as possible. Training classes are starting soon.
- **We are also in need of Ushers** at both parishes as well. Again, please contact Fr. Sparling if you would be willing to serve our Lord in this way.
- **We are still in need of cantors and musicians for our Masses!** This is such an important role to assist with the beauty of the mass and to praise God all the more. This is a great opportunity to tithe your time and talent to the parish. Please consider serving our parish in this way. Contact Fr. Sparling if you would be so willing. As St. Augustine is famous for saying: "He who sings, prays twice!"
 - Please join me in praying a prayer of thanksgiving for those who volunteer already.
- **Thank you to those who donated to the Priest Retirement Fund. St. Martin's raised \$160 and St. Leo's raised \$251. It is not too late to donate if you would like to! Our annual assessment for priest retirement is currently \$6,900 per fiscal year which is split between St. Leo and St. Martin parishes. So any donation given would help cover that assessment to our parishes.**
- **Parish Needs Wish List:** Your help in donating to these things will help defray the cost of the parish purchasing the following needs:
 - Large Bulletin boards
 - Reams of colored paper
 - General classroom supplies
 - Financial gifts to be put toward updating technology such as: Tv's or projectors and dvd players in classrooms, upgrading Divine Mercy Hall to larger screen or projector, wifi coverage for social hall, printer ink, laptop computers or tablets for teachers to use to communicate with tv or projector in classrooms, classroom speakers.
 - Financial gifts to defer the cost of the new office copy/scan/printer machine that replaced the antiquated and inefficient model acquired in 2004 and the computer printer. This 1 new unit replaced two machines and reduces our cost per page. (\$1,300)

I will be attending the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. this week leaving Tuesday evening and will return Sunday evening sometime. Please pray for all of us pilgrims that are attending from the diocese and all around the country. This important witness to give a voice to the voiceless in our nation's capitol is very important. We all are called by the Church to pray for an end to this genocide of the innocent! Fr. Nick Baker will be covering for me while I am away next weekend. He has never offered Mass at St. Leo or St. Martin's so if you wouldn't mind helping him out with anything he might need I would appreciate it and I know he would too!! If there are any emergencies please call St. Paulinus or St. Mary's in Nebraska City.

Have a blessed week! God love you! ~Fr. Sparling