

**January 20, 2017**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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**Fr. Adam Sparling, Pastor**

**Mass Intentions**

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Jan	21	Mon	8:00 am	St. Leo	Megan Troske & Family
Jan	22	Tues	No	Mass	
Jan	23	Wed	8:00 am	St. Martin	+Catherine Zech
Jan	24	Thur	8:00 am	St. Leo	+Helen Benes
Jan	25	Fri	8:00 am	St. Leo	+Shelli Drake
Jan	26	Sat	4:00 pm	St. Leo	+John & Betty Hogan
Jan	27	Sun	8:30 am	St. Martin	+ViLois Ellerbusch
Jan	27	Sun	11:00 am	St. Leo	For the people of our parishes

**OUR GRATITUDE FOR WHAT THE LORD HAS GIVEN US**

January 13, 2019

	Adult	Youth	Plate
St. Leo	\$ 945	\$ 0	\$46
St. Martin	\$ 490	\$ 0	\$16

**Amount needed to balance 2018-2019 budgets:**

**St. Leo: \$5,498/month or \$1,271/week**

**St. Martin: \$3,852/month or \$893/week**

Our Lord has blessed all of us and He instructs us to tithe 10% of our time, 10 % of our talents and 10% of our income. Everyone, no matter age, is called to respond generously to the blessings He gives! **Thank you to those who give!**

**Weekend Masses:**

<b>1st, 3rd &amp; 5th</b> (Odd Sundays) Saturday 4 PM at St. Martin 8:30 AM at St Leo Palmyra 11:00 AM at St Leo Palmyra	<b>2nd &amp; 4th</b> (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**

- **Annual Nebraska Walk for Life** - Join Bishop Joseph G. Hanefeldt and the Nebraska Catholic Conference in praying for the unborn, for families, and for an end to abortion at the annual Pro-Life Mass before the Nebraska Walk for Life! The Pro-Life Mass is **Saturday, January 26 at 9 a.m.** at St. Mary's in downtown Lincoln. The Walk for Life, sponsored by Nebraska Right to Life, will immediately follow with a rally at the steps of the Nebraska State Capitol.
- **The annual Villa Marie Benefit Dance, Silent Auction, and Raffle**—"55 Years of Angels Among Us"—will be held on **Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 11:00pm** at Pla Mor Ballroom, 6600 West O Street, Lincoln.. Music will be provided by *Malpractice* and dinner will be catered by Valentino's. There is no ticket price, but free will offerings will be accepted. Please call Jenny at 402-874-0577 or go to our website [www.villamarieschool.com](http://www.villamarieschool.com) for more information. Villa Marie's Founder, Msgr. James Dawson, Bobby Layne, and the Marian Sisters will be honored at the Dance.
- **Divorced? Come find comfort, counsel, hope and healing consistent with Catholic Church teachings.** The twelve-week video series & facilitator led *Surviving Divorce* program begins on **February 4, 2019, 7-9pm**, at John XXIII Diocesan Center, 3700 Sheridan Blvd. A suggested donation of \$50 covers the cost of the program and includes the *Surviving Divorce* personal guide and all materials. Classes are kept small and may be registered for by contacting the Family Life Office at 402-473-0620 or [catholicflo@cdolinc.net](mailto:catholicflo@cdolinc.net)
- **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 Lourdes Elementary School-Nebraska City on **Thursday, February 7, from 7-8:30pm**. Questions? Contact Annette at [annette-wemhoff@cdolinc.net](mailto:annette-wemhoff@cdolinc.net) or call 402-473-0615.
- **Joy & Hope Anniversary Recognition Mass** and reception for all married couples will be held **Sunday, February 10, 2019** 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**. Suggested donation of \$10 per couple appreciated! Family guests are welcome. Registration forms should be available at your parish office or call the Family Life Office, (402) 473-0620.
- **MOTHER/DAUGHTER PROGRAM** "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made" for girls age 10-13 and their mother will be held **Sunday, March 3, 2019** from 1 - 4 p.m. 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](mailto:jmdavis17@gmail.com)
- **Immaculee Ilibagiza Retreat:** Immaculee Ilibagiza, a survivor of the 1994 Rwandan Genocide and author of the book "Left to Tell", will bring her message of forgiveness, healing, and hope to all who attend her retreat at St. Mary's Catholic Church 343 N Monitor St. West Point, NE, March 22-23, 2019. Doors open at 4:00 pm on Friday, with retreat beginning at 5:00 pm and ending at 9:00 pm, continuing again at 9:00 am on Saturday and concluding at 12:30 pm. All that will be required of attendees of all faiths is a listening ear and an open heart, as Immaculee will be giving four separate talks throughout the two-day period. Cost is \$57 for one, or \$76 for two. For details, tickets, and registration, visit [www.immaculee.com](http://www.immaculee.com) and click on "next retreat", or contact RaNae O'Brien at [ranaeobrien1@gmail.com](mailto:ranaeobrien1@gmail.com).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **MASS INTENTIONS:** If you have a family member, friend, fellow parishioner, or petition that could use some prayers please consider having a Mass, the supreme prayer given by our Lord, offered. The suggested donation is \$10 per Mass. Checks can be made payable to: St. Leo Stipend Account.
- **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!
- **GREAT RESOURCE!** Your children will love the new content for them on FORMED — programs, ebooks, movies, and talks that will entertain, engage, and inspire them with the beauty and wonder of their faith. FORMED is a free on-line Catholic resource treasure trove. If you have not signed up for it yet, go to [www.formed.com](http://www.formed.com) -- enter the parish code **KN4A9J** -- enter information required -- create a password -- search through and enjoy the vast material.
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- **Job Opening:** The Education Technology department for the Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Lincoln have an immediate opening for a Student Support Intern. Applicants must be college students who do not graduate before May 2021, is at least 21 years old, and able to work 15-30 hours a week. This student intern position will prepare equipment for deployment to the schools, including assembly, disassembly and configuration of various hardware components, as well as installation and configuration of software. This position will also be responsible for maintenance of said equipment at the schools. For more information, see the full job description at <https://www.lincolndiocese.org/school-employment>. To apply, send letter of interest and resume to [jobs@cdolinc.net](mailto:jobs@cdolinc.net). No calls, please.
- **Plan ahead with your grocery shopping list! St. Martin and St. Leo will stock the shelves of the Western Otoe County Food Pantry in February.** The basic staples are always in demand; flour, sugar, coffee, laundry soap, canned meats, fruit juice, and canned spaghetti. An updated list of the most needed items will be provided in late January. In addition to shelf stable products, the food pantry can accept limited amounts of frozen foods such as frozen juices, waffles, entrees, etc. If you want to donate frozen items, please leave them in the freezer at either St. Leo Divine Mercy Hall or at St. Martin's basement clearly marked "Food Pantry". Leave a note in the food pantry collection tote that there are items in the freezer and Maureen and Janet will collect and deliver them on our weekly trip to stock the shelves. As always, cash donations are welcome. Envelopes for cash/check donations will be at the back of both churches. You may leave cash/check donations with Father, or drop it in the collection basket. Checks should be made payable to Western Otoe County Food Pantry not the Church. Please contact Janet McDonald or Maureen Carpenter if you have questions or need additional information.

### **Father's Funny's:**

Farmer Reddy called the vet and says, "My horse is very very sick. She's lying down and won't eat anything and is making strange noises." The vet comes and looks over the horse and says "You're right - she certainly is ill - and she needs some very strong medicine." He took a bottle out of his box, put two pills into his hand and said, "Give her these. The pills should make her better." "How can I give them to her? She won't eat anything," the farmer asked. The vet hands him a long tube and says "Put this tube in her mouth, then put the pills in the tube and blow. That'll take care of it." The next day the vet came to the farm again to check up on things. "How's your horse?" the vet asked. "No change," the farmer said, "but I've been feeling very ill myself." "Oh?" the vet said, "Why?" "Well, I did what you said," the farmer answered. "I put the tube in the horse's mouth and then put the two pills down it - just like you said." And?" the vet asked. "She blew first!"

### **Note from Father:**

Our Meditation this week comes from St. Rose of Lima: "Our Lord and Saviour lifted up his voice and said with incomparable majesty: "Let all men know that grace comes after tribulation. Let them know that without the burden of afflictions it is impossible to reach the height of grace. Let them know that the gifts of grace increase as the struggles increase. Let men take care not to stray and be deceived. This is the only true stairway to paradise, and without the cross they can find no road to climb to heaven." When I heard these words, a strong force came upon me and seemed to place me in the middle of a street, so that I might say in a loud voice to people of every age, sex and status: "Hear, O people; hear, O nations. I am warning you about the commandment of Christ by using words that came from his own lips: We cannot obtain grace unless we suffer afflictions. We must heap trouble upon trouble to attain a deep participation in the divine nature, the glory of the sons of God and perfect happiness of soul." That same force strongly urged me to proclaim the beauty of divine grace. It pressed me so that my breath came

slow and forced me to sweat and pant. I felt as if my soul could no longer be kept in the prison of the body, but that it had burst its chains and was free and alone and was going very swiftly through the whole world saying: "If only mortals would learn how great it is to possess divine grace, how beautiful, how noble, how precious. How many riches it hides within itself, how many joys and delights! Without doubt they would devote all their care and concern to winning for themselves pains and afflictions. All men throughout the world would seek trouble, infirmities and torments, instead of good fortune, in order to attain the unfathomable treasure of grace. This is the reward and the final gain of patience. No one would complain about his cross or about troubles that may happen to him, if he would come to know the scales on which they are weighed when they are distributed to men." -- St. Rose of Lima

**May God continue to greatly bless you all!! God Love You! ~ Fr. Sparling**

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