

**January 21, 2018**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**St. Leo Catholic Church**  
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**Fr. Adam Sparling, Pastor**

**Mass Intentions**

Jan	22	Mon	7:00 am	St. Leo	End Abortion
Jan	23	Tue	7:00 am	St. Leo	+Shirley Malone
Jan	24	Wed	7:00 am	St. Martin	+Larry McAuliffe
Jan	25	Thur	7:00 am	St. Leo	Poor Souls
Jan	26	Fri	7:00 am	St. Leo	Kevin & Sarah Lundy Anniv.
Jan	27	Sat	4:00 pm	St. Leo	ViLois Ellerbusch
Jan	28	Sun	8:30 am	St. Martin	+Debbi Kimmerling
Jan	28	Sun	11:00 am	St. Leo	For the people of our parishes

**OUR TITHE TO THE LORD**

January 14, 2018

	Adult	Youth	Plate
St. Leo	\$835	\$ 0	\$108
St. Martin	\$385	\$ 0	\$7

**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:**

<b>1st, 3rd &amp; 5th (Odd Sundays)</b>	<b>2nd &amp; 4th (Even Sundays)</b>
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**

- **All Acolytes, Lectors/readers are asked to come to a meeting Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6-9pm** & **Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8-5pm**. The event is free but registration is required. Please register by going to: [lincolndiocese.org/unbound](http://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](mailto: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 came to support the Knights of Columbus last Saturday evening for their Soup Supper. The Knights were able to raise \$408 before expenses. Please continue to support our Knights as their contribution to the parish and universal Church is absolutely invaluable!!**
- **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)

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**Please join me in thanking Fr. Baker for covering Masses this weekend while I am with pilgrims from all around the diocese and country marching to give a voice to the voiceless. Next weekend, the 27<sup>th</sup> we have our walk for life here in Nebraska. It would be good to get a good representation from our parishes. Please consider to take this opportunity to continue to give a witness to the gift of life by your presence next Saturday in Lincoln.**

**Thank you also for your prayers and continued prayers for all of us on pilgrimage!**

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