

January 27, 2019
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Intentions

Jan	28	Mon	No	Mass	
Jan	29	Tues	8:00 am	St. Leo	Julie Adams
Jan	30	Wed	8:00 am	St. Martin	Gary Zech
Jan	31	Thur	8:00 am	St. Leo	Kaitlyn Troske
Feb	1	Fri	8:00 am	St. Leo	Waddle Family (Griswold)
Feb	2	Sat	4:00 pm	St. Martin	Intentions of Fr. Sparling (Griswold)
Feb	3	Sun	8:30 am	St. Leo	For the people of our parishes
Feb	3	Sun	11:00 am	St. Leo	+Nick Lempka (Nisley)

OUR GRATITUDE FOR WHAT THE LORD HAS GIVEN US

January 20, 2019

	Adult	Youth	Plate
St. Leo	\$ 1674.50	\$ 0	\$43
St. Martin	\$ 240	\$ 3.60	\$38

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:

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

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

- **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
- **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 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
- **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 and click on "next retreat", or contact RaNae O'Brien at ranaebrien1@gmail.com.

*The hardened of heart will
expect change to come from
others rather than from
within.*

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.
- **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 -- enter the parish code **KN4A9J** -- enter information required -- create a password -- search through and enjoy the vast material.

- **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!
- **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>
- **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. 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. 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.
 - **Are you a Federal Employee impacted by the Government Shutdown? Do you know someone who is?** The Western Otoe County Food Pantry is a resource for those in our area who may need assistance. The service is free and confidential. Contact information is posted on the bulletin board at the back of St. Leo and St. Martin; or you may contact Janet McDonald or Maureen Carpenter.
- End of Quarter Financials are now posted on the website under the bulletins tab for those interested in viewing.

Father’s Funny’s:

Doug Johnson is on his deathbed and knows the end is near. His nurse, his wife, his daughter and his two sons are with him. He asks for 2 witnesses to be present and a camcorder to be in place to record his last wishes. When all is ready, he begins to speak: “My son Bernie, I want you to take the Mayfair houses.” My daughter, Sybil, you take the apartments over in the east end.” “My son, Jamie, I want you to take the office over in the City Center.” “Sarah, my dear wife, please take all the residential buildings on the banks of the river.” The nurse and witnesses are blown away as they did not realize his extensive holdings, and as Doug slips away, the nurse says “Mrs. Johnson, your husband must have been such a hard-working man to have accumulated all this property.” Sarah replies “Property? The old bugger had a paper route!”

Note from Father:

Why is it that only Catholics are able to receive Holy Communion? When we receive Holy Communion we are making a visible statement of our internal disposition which states we are in full unity with all the church teaches and Catholics believe— namely that the **Eucharist is the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ**. It also means we are in unity with all the teachings of Christ through His Church and with one another in a state of friendship (grace) with God. When one of those elements is missing we become hypocrites and commit sacrilege by receiving Holy Communion for we are in fact not in total union. It does not mean we are perfect people, but rather recognize in our imperfection a need intimately for the Lord in good conscience. People who are not Catholic and Catholics who are in mortal sin, do not practice the faith or for honorable reasons such as not having fully fasted the hour before communion time show respect and integrity by offering a spiritual communion with the Lord in their hearts rather than a physical union by receiving the consecrated host. In his dictations to his secretary, St. Faustina, one of the messages that has resonated with those professing faith is that many come forward to receive Holy communion without the integrity, understanding or devotion that is His due. **The Lord said, “they treat me like a dead object”**. This thought comes to mind often when the reception of Holy Communion does not correlate to the visible witness being offered. No greater lesson can be taught by parents to their children or by instructors to those desiring to become Catholic than respect for the Holy Eucharist. Our whole lives as Catholic faithful revolve around Jesus our Eucharistic Lord. While the Church teaches that we are bound only to make the Sabbath holy by participating in the Holy Mass each Sunday (or Saturday Vigil) and Holy Day of Obligation, **those who choose to make room for a daily Mass are witnessing a yearning, desire or recognition to meet our Eucharistic Lord more often**. This will be a consolation which affords them much in life and before the Lord in judgment. Our obligation to worship God on the Sabbath or for that matter at any Mass is not synonymous with receiving Holy Communion. Our obligation or choice to attend is to participate and receiving Holy Communion is an invitation to those who are actively living that full unity. If Mass becomes routine, if we have never understood what is happening, if we have never seriously contemplated the mystery present it becomes a fact that we are missing much. If there is not a yearning in our hearts to know our Lord than the flame of faith is not burning as brightly or strongly as its potential. If we only go through the motions, treat the Mass as a social setting or no longer participate in heart or mind than we are stepping into a mindset of treating the Lord as he described “a dead object”. **Jesus continually invites us to take the steps necessary toward full unity with him and to receive the countless consolations, gifts and graces that come from an intimate union with him in good conscience**. The devil for his part will discourage us and fill our minds with every thought to dissuade us from both participating in the Mass and receiving Holy Communion. Christ calls to us from the gospels: “Repent and believe” and “Come to me”. May the Holy Spirit console your hearts and minds with the love God has as he waits patiently for our response.

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