

**January 28, 2018**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Mass Intentions**

Jan	29	Mon	7:00 am	St. Leo	+Larry McAuliffe
Jan	30	Tue	7:00 am	St. Leo	
Jan	31	Wed	7:00 am	St. Martin	+Helen Royal
Feb	1	Thur	7:00 am	St. Leo	Safe birth for baby Carpenter and Kerrie
Feb	2	Fri	7:00 am	St. Leo	Candace Griswold B-day
Feb	3	Sat	4:00 pm	St. Martin	+Helen Royal
Feb	4	Sun	8:30 am	St. Leo	For the people of our parishes
Feb	4	Sun	11:00 am	St. Leo	+Shirley Malone

**OUR TITHE TO THE LORD**

January 21, 2018

	Adult	Youth	Plate
St. Leo	\$870	\$ 0	\$43
St. Martin	\$345	\$ 9	\$18

**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**

- **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.

➤ **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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**The March for Life, as always, is an exhausting but absolutely grace filled pilgrimage. Gathering together with people from all over the diocese and country to give a voice to the voiceless is so fun and awesome. I would strongly encourage all of you to go sometime as you never hear about the magnitude of the event in the mainstream media. Hundreds of thousands gather truly and yet all you hear is silence or down playing of it from the media.**

**This weekend there is a new member to our parish family. Instead of a "church cat" we now have a "church dog". Charlie, is a fully trained and certified therapy dog that I have adopted. He is cross trained to work in many areas and institutions such as schools, assisted living and nursing homes, libraries, etc. It has been a dream of mine for a while to have such a pup as they are truly invaluable to people in need or those who just want to take a break and play with. They help people of all ages learn about responsibility, loyalty, empathy, sharing, and unconditional love—qualities particularly essential to a child's healthy development. A classroom dog is an innovative teaching tool used by social workers, therapists, education and special needs teachers working with children and young adults with physical, emotional and developmental disabilities. The dogs help them teach basic concepts like "up," "under," "down." Children with histories of sexual or physical abuse often need a catalyst to prompt disclosure. A classroom therapy dog, non-judgmental and unconditionally loving, can provide the help necessary to identify children in crisis.**

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