

January 8, 2017
Epiphany of the Lord

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Mass Intentions

Jan	7	Mon	8:00 am	St. Leo	Pat & Dale Hinrichsen Family
Jan	8	Tues	8:00 am	St. Leo	+Larry Ragon
Jan	9	Wed	8:00 am	St. Martin	Connelly Family
Jan	10	Thur	8:00 am	St. Leo	Dana & Angie Troske
Jan	11	Fri	8:00 am	St. Leo	Arthur Zech
Jan	12	Sat	4:00 pm	St. Leo	Pat & Mary Lou Hogan Anniv. 12/27
Jan	13	Sun	8:30 am	St. Martin	+Jerry Smith (Peterson)
Jan	13	Sun	11:00 am	St. Leo	For the people of our parishes

OUR GRATITUDE FOR WHAT THE LORD HAS GIVEN US
Combined December 30, 2018 & January 1, 2019

	Adult	Youth	Plate
St. Leo	\$ 1,366	\$ 0	\$60
St. Martin	\$ 495	\$ 14.87	\$58

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
*Any time by appointment

CALENDAR ITEMS

- **ALL ARE INVITED: On Wednesday, January 9th from 7:45-8:15 PM, in St. Leo Church,** we will have an Epiphany celebration. The kids will present Christ's birth from the annunciation through the coming of the wise men. We will sing Christmas Carols between every major event in Christ's life. For example, as the wise men come we will sing "We Three Kings of Orient Are". This is not just for families with kids, it is for all, and is fun. Come join us!
- The Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Winter Symposium (Retreat) is planned for **January 11 and 12, 2019** at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly. Join us on Friday and/or Saturday for prayer, confessions and Mass with Bishop Bruskewitz along with information about: the Villa Marie Ladies Auxiliary; anticipated legislation of concern to the Nebraska Catholic Conference; The Catholic Social Services Homeless Project; the new WeThinkTeach project and a panel discussion on Human Trafficking. Go to goodcounselretreat.com/retreat/schedule to access the Agenda and Registration.
- All ladies of St. Leo's Parish are members of St. Leo's Altar Society. The next meeting is January 20, 2019, following 8:30 a.m. mass. We are still in need of a Vice President for 2019. For more information, please contact Gayle Royal or Jane Malone.
- **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.
- **Religious Award Ceremony for Boys & Girls!** Scout, American Heritage Girl, Schoenstatt Youth and 4-H Leaders--obtain your religious award books for **girls** from the Youth Ministry Office and for **boys** from your Local Cornhusker Council office. The Diocesan Mass and Award Ceremony is scheduled for March 24, 2019 at 2:00pm with Bishop Finn presenting. Award applications are due to the Youth Ministry Office **by February 8, 2019**. Visit www.lincolndiocese.org/scouting for more information. If you have any questions, please contact Michele at 402-473-0625.

- **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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Epiphany Blessing for Homes** – If you would like to invite me over to bless your home using blessed chalk to mark your front doorway with the Epiphany blessing of 20 + C + M + B + 19 [the initials stand for either the Magi—Caspar, Melchior & Baltazar or Christus Mansionem Benedicat—May Christ bless this house] please let me know and we can arrange a time when I can drop by to do so . You can call me at the rectory or email me at stleopalmyra@gmail.com to schedule a time.
- **MASS INTENTIONS NEEDED!** We are in need of Mass intentions for our Masses. 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.
- **“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.”** –Mt. 11:28 Please consider making daily Mass and making a holy hour part of your life. Making time for the Lord each day is an essential reality and a must in the life of every Christian! The Mass is the pinnacle of all prayers and the source and summit of our faith. Please also remember that we have **Adoration on Sunday’s before the 11am Mass**. As St. Teresa of Calcutta said, “[Prayer is] the best time you will spend on earth.”
- **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.
- **Do buy things from Amazon?** 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.
- **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.
- There are still 2019 calendars available at the back of church so if you would like to take another one please feel free to.
- **St. Leo & St. Marin Strategic Plan Survey: The parishes of St. Leo and St. Martin will be working on a Strategic Plan starting this week! Please take the time to complete the questionnaire to help the team with data. Your input is valued and needed!**
 - Please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/StLeo-StMartin> to complete the survey.

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The Epiphany of the Lord - The *Epiphany* is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (*magi*) from the East. In the magi, representatives of the neighboring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation. The magi’s coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations. Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship Him as Son of God and Savior of the world only by turning toward the Jews and receiving from them the messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament. The Epiphany shows that “the full number of the nations” now takes its “place in the family of the patriarchs,” and acquires *Israelitica dignitas* (are made “worthy of the heritage of Israel”). *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 528



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