

**January 7, 2018
Epiphany of the Lord**



OUR TITHE TO THE LORD

December 31, 2017

	Adult	Youth	Plate
St. Leo	\$690	\$ 0	\$63
St. Martin	\$400	\$ 0	\$16

Amount needed to balance yearly budget:

St. Leo: \$1,185/week or \$5,133/month

St. Martin: \$1,002/week or \$4,342/month

St. Leo Catholic Church
330 W. 8th Street
Palmyra, NE 68418
(402)780-5535
www.stleoandstmartin.com

St. Martin Catholic Church
125 W. 3rd Street
Douglas, NE
(Please send mail to St. Leo Church)
Email: stleopalmyra@gmail.com

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

Fr. Adam Sparling, Pastor

Mass Intentions

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Jan	8	Mon	7:00 am	St. Leo	+Helen Royal
Jan	9	Tue	7:00 am	St. Leo	+Shirley Malone
Jan	10	Wed	7:00 am	St. Martin	+Larry McAuliffe
Jan	11	Thur	7:00 am	St. Leo	Poor Souls
Jan	12	Fri	7:00 am	St. Leo	+Helen Royal
Jan	13	Sat	4:00 pm	St. Leo	Bertha & +Bourke Malone
Jan	14	Sun	8:30 am	St. Martin	+Jim O'Grady
Jan	14	Sun	11:00 am	St. Leo	For the people of our parishes

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 ARE INVITED: On Wednesday, January 10th from 7:45-8:15 PM, in Divine Mercy Hall,** we will have an Epiphany celebration in the hall. 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 St. Leo's Knights of Columbus Roundtable Soup & Fellowship will be Saturday, January 13th from 4:30-7pm in Divine Mercy Hall.** We will be serving chili, vegetable, and smoked turkey noodle soup with a cinnamon roll. Tea and lemonade will be provided. Carry out will be provided, please provide your own container. Suggested donation will be \$5.00 for adult, \$3.00 for children 5-12, with a family max of \$20.00.
- **St. Leo's altar society will be meeting on Sunday, January 21, 2018 at 9:30 am in the Divine Mercy hall.** We are looking for talents that the ladies have that you would be willing to contribute to the church following the example of Mary and Martha. I am looking for someone with computer skills to keep the members informed on monthly happenings. If you like to decorate-- the hall and the tabernacle would be a welcoming sight for all. If you like to organize--we serve funeral dinners (even if you can't help to serve there is calling to be done) or maybe you have some idea for a fun night for the church to participate in. We are always willing to do things in Jesus's name. May God Bless you, President Gayle Royal [402-580-6108](tel:402-580-6108)
 - There is a sign up for volunteers to clean the church or serve rolls after the 8:30 Mass. If you haven't signed up for this and would be willing to help please sign up on the list in the back of Church.
- **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. 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 2nd- 6-9pm & Saturday, February 3rd - 8-5pm. The event is free but registration is required. Please register by going to: 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
- 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 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.
- **As some of you know, a few weekends ago the refrigerator went out in the rectory which added to the oven which had already been sparsely working for over a year and needed to be replaced. It has been a rough month for things to stop working. The water softener in the rectory, which was about 20 years old, quit working and was replaced for \$699. This price being the discounted price saving us \$400 by Quality Water Services and included installation. One of the furnaces in the social hall at St. Leo’s had a part die and needed replaced which cost a little over \$200. This past week I went ahead and purchased new appliances at Schafer’s in Lincoln who gave the parishes a great discount. We received a whole new set of 4 appliances for only just about \$3,500 (I included a 5 year extended warranty which if unused will be returned to us as in store credit). Richard and Laura Hays donated the purchase of a microwave oven and Bernie Masek donated about half the cost of the new refrigerator. God bless their generosity! If anyone else would like to donate to any of these needed repairs and replacements please contact Fr. Sparling or put it in an envelope marked Appliance/repair donation.**
- **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)

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