

November 18, 2018
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Leo Catholic Church 330 W. 8 th Street Palmyra, NE 68418 (402) 780-5535 Emergency Calls Only: (402) 202-7685 www.stleoandstmartin.com	St. Martin Catholic Church 125 W. 3 rd Street Douglas, NE (Please send mail to St. Leo Church)
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Fr. Adam Sparling, Pastor

Mass Intentions

Nov	19	Mon	8:00 am	St. Leo	Safe travels for all (Wheatley)
Nov	20	Tues	8:00 am	St. Leo	+Mary Hauptman (Carpenter)
Nov	21	Wed	8:00 am	St. Martin	+Thelma Gilligan
Nov	22	Thur	9:00 am	St. Leo	Bob & Marlene Wilmes Anniversary
Nov	23	Fri		No Mass	
Nov	24	Sat	4:00 pm	St. Leo	Jerrica Wheatley (Bday)
Nov	25	Sun	8:30 am	St. Martin	Dennis Carpenter (Bday)
Nov	25	Sun	11:00 am	St. Leo	For the people of our parishes

OUR GRATITUDE FOR WHAT THE LORD HAS GIVEN US
 November 11, 2018

	Adult	Youth	Plate
St. Leo	\$ 2101	\$ 0	\$82
St. Martin	\$ 320	\$ 0	\$2

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) Saturday 4 PM at St. Martin 8:30 AM at St Leo Palmyra 11:00 AM at St Leo Palmyra	2nd & 4th (Even Sundays) Saturday 4 PM at St. Leo 8:30 AM St Martin Douglas 11:00AM St Leo Palmyra
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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

- **This Weekend!** St. Leo's Altar Society Turkey Dinner fundraiser. Serving from 11am-1pm. \$10 for Adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Please help get the word out and invite your friends and family, post on your social media, etc.
- **TURKEY BINGO AT ST. JOSEPH'S** Will be held on Nov. 18 at St. Joseph's in Paul. Lunch from 12-1 PM, Bingo 1-3 PM.
- Upcoming Retreats at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House near Waverly, NE:
 - **Nov. 30-Dec. 2**, Engaged & Married Couples, with Deacon James Keating, "Marriage and Intimacy: How God Wants to Secure Your Love"
 - **Dec. 6-9**, MEN'S spiritual exercises with *Regnum Christi* and Fr. Peter Krezalek, LC
 - **Dec. 14-16**, "The Mysteries of Christmas" with Bishop Conley and Fr. Coulter for Men & Women
- **The Catholic Coffee House** is an adult faith formation series held at Gianna Java and Gelato, 2241 O Street, Lincoln, NE from 7-8:30pm. The theme for this year is "Navigating the Church Now." **The first presentation (November 18) is entitled "Jesus the One Priest, Prophet and King" by Fr. Andrew Heaslip.** This series is oriented towards being in the church in the current climate of scandal. Each session includes prayer, a presentation, and Q&A. There is no fee or registration. Please call 402-473-0619 for questions.
- The annual **Mass of the Holy Innocents** will be celebrated on **Friday, December 28th**. All are invited to attend this Memorial Mass, especially those families who have suffered the loss of a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death or abortion. Reading of names will begin at **6:30 p.m.** with Mass at **7:00 p.m.** at **John XXIII Diocesan Center Chapel**, 3700 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln. If you would like your child's name to be remembered & placed on the banner for this year, please call the Office of Family Life at 473-0620 **before 5:00 p.m. on Dec. 19th.** *If you placed your child's name previously, it will remain on the list.*



Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
November 21st

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The month of November is dedicated to the Poor Souls.** If you would like to pray for the poor souls in a special way with a Mass offered please use your All Souls Day Envelope or any envelope marked with a particular intention or "poor souls intention."
- **"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."

- **MASS INTENTIONS NEEDED!** Have a family member, friend, fellow parishioner, or petition that could use some prayers? 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.
- **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.
- A **Single Ladies Introductory Session** is being held November 28, 2018 at 7 p.m. at John XXIII Diocesan Center. Learn how to chart with Creighton Model; includes a particular emphasis on reproductive and gynecological health. Must preregister at <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/single-women-intro>
- **Please consider signing up for E-Tithe!** This especially helps you support the Parish even when you are on vacation or gone for the weekend. With this new service 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. If you currently use “Bill pay” or any other method to tithe I might suggest you use this method as it is quick, easy and is automatically recorded in your giving report.
- Check out on **FORMED**. FORMED is a great free Catholic resource that includes programs to grow deeper in our faith, Bible studies, audios, movies and books. If you have not signed up for it yet, go to www.formed.org -- enter the parish code **KN4A9J** -- enter information required -- create a password -- search through and enjoy the vast material.
- **St. Martin Altar Society-** A flag poster has been placed in the vestibule at St. Martin for parishioners to sign names of present and former military family members in honor of Veterans Day. A Sharpie will be on the window sill. Please remember these people in your prayers.



Note from Father:

Thanksgiving week is always a wonderful time filled with various family traditions. A lot of those traditions center themselves around food and family. In my family, now that we are all adults, we split up the cooking of our traditional family treats; the green bean casserole, the multi-layered jello, the pies, corn bake, various stuffing’s and casseroles, the turkey, ham, etc. We typically spend the day playing games together, watching a movie and just enjoying each other’s company. We have so much to be thankful for!

The sacrament of thanksgiving is the Eucharist. Eucharist is literally means “thanksgiving”. Every Mass is a thanksgiving feast. For this reason I invite all of you, whatever your family traditions might be, to start those traditions with coming to the celebration of the Eucharist on Thanksgiving Day. There simply is no better way than to come together and thank the Lord for the many blessings He has given. If you will be out of town for the holiday I urge you to find the local Catholic Church and go to Mass there that day. Regardless of where you will be please know I am truly thankful for God sending me to be a part of and to lead this parish family. Be assured of my prayers for you all and I pray an extra prayer for safe travels for those of you who might be traveling this week!

Lastly, in great thanksgiving I want to thank all of those who made last weekend’s celebration of St. Martin Feast Day a very special day and for those who are working hard and have coordinated this weekend’s Turkey Dinner at St. Leo’s for the annual Altar Society Fundraiser!



Father’s Funny:

The Pastor’s Sunday homily was “Forgive your Enemies.” He asked how many of the congregation has forgiven their enemies. About half held up their hands. He then repeated his question. Now about 80% held up their hands. He then repeated his question once more. All responded, except one elderly lady. “Mrs. Johnson, are you not willing to forgive your enemies?” “I don’t have any,” she responded. “Mrs. Johnson that is very unusual. How old are you?” “93,” she replied. “Mrs. Johnson, please come down in front and tell the congregation how a person cannot have an enemy in the world.” The little sweetheart of a lady tottered down the aisle and said, “I outlived them all!”

May God continue to greatly bless all of us!!

God Love You! ~ Fr. Sparling

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