

November 25, 2018
Solemnity of Christ the King

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OUR GRATITUDE FOR WHAT THE LORD HAS GIVEN US
 November 18, 2018

	Adult	Youth	Plate
St. Leo	\$ 750	\$ 0	\$20
St. Martin	\$ 255	\$ 13.83	\$13

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!**

Mass Intentions

Nov	26	Mon	8:00 am	St. Leo	+Helen Benes
Nov	27	Tues	8:00 am	St. Leo	+Helen Benes
Nov	28	Wed	8:00 am	St. Martin	+Richard Hawes (O'Grady)
Nov	29	Thur	8:00 am	St. Leo	+Helen Benes
Nov	30	Fri	8:00 am	St. Leo	+Helen Benes
Dec	1	Sat	4:00 pm	St. Martin	For the people of our parishes
Dec	2	Sun	8:30 am	St. Leo	Abby Bremer (G&L Royal)
Dec	2	Sun	11:00 am	St. Leo	+Dorothy Cxyz

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

- 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>
- **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 December presentation (December 16) is entitled "Relationship, Transparency and Obedience" by Fr. Sean Kilcawley.** 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.*



Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle
November 30th

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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.
- **"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."
- **St. Martin Parishioners** – The solemn blessing of the newly refurbished statues will take place Sunday, Dec. 9th at the end of the 8:30am Mass.
- **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.

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- **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.

Note from Father:

On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, which is this Sunday, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Christ the King. Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas Primas* (“In the first”) to respond to growing nationalism and secularism. He recognized that these related societal ills would breed increasing hostility against the Church. His encyclical reminds the faithful that while governments and philosophies come and go, Christ reigns as king forever.

The Kingdom is Holistic – Secularism divides our public selves from our private selves. When governments limit the rights of religious ministries, secularists claim that religious freedom is not harmed because we still have freedom of worship – we are free in private but not in public. But the kingdom of God calls us to a whole life of worship and service in the public square. We cannot worship on Sunday and then deny Christ’s teaching in the way we run our ministries throughout the week. Nationalism, on the other hand, divides our loyalties. It is good to love one’s country, but ultimate loyalty is due only to Christ and his kingdom. Ideologies that ask us to put our nation above Christ and his Church are incompatible with service to the kingdom.

The Kingdom Demands Discipleship – We must work every day, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to draw closer to Jesus. In our own increasingly “post Christian” society, we cannot be complacent in our spiritual lives. To acknowledge the kingship of Christ means that we should dedicate ourselves to prayer, to building up our families and our parish communities, and to bringing healing to a broken world.

The Kingdom is Humble – Jesus inaugurates a kingdom that grows through humble acts of service. Even as her freedom to carry out her ministries is threatened, the Church must patiently continue to serve the poor, educate the young, welcome the migrant, visit the prisoner, heal the sick, bury the dead, and love others.

The question that today’s Feast asks is – could you do better. The Feast challenges each of us to look at ourselves and our lives and see if we could not grow deeper in our faith. I was reading a reflection the other day and the author cited the musical *Godspell*, particularly the song “Day by Day.” I’m sure some remember it. Part of the refrain, which actually comes from a 13th century English prayer, includes the lines: “Three things I pray: To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly.” Each of those constitutes a way of putting Christ, The King, more at the center of our lives. This Advent, which begins next week, try putting one of these on your “to do” agenda.

Advent is the start of a new liturgical year and a new year brings a new readings cycle for Mass. Sunday Masses are on a three year cycle; Year A, B, and C. We conclude Year B this weekend and will begin ‘Year C’ next weekend. Advent is a time of preparation and opening our hearts to the coming of Christ. Spend some time this week and consider some ways and sacrifices that you and your family could do during the Advent season so to better prepare for the celebration of Christmas.

THANK YOU so much to all those who helped with the St. Leo Altar Society turkey dinner fundraiser last weekend!! The ladies collected \$1,545 (before expenses) that will be used to provide for the liturgical and parish needs at St. Leo’s.



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