

December 22nd & 25th, 2019
4th Sunday of Advent & Christmas



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Fr. Adam Sparling, Pastor

Mass Intentions

Dec	23	Mon	8:00am	St. Leo	+Helen Benes
Dec	24	Tues	6:00 pm	St. Martin	Gilligan Family
Dec	25	Wed	Midnight	St. Leo	+Mr. Frerichs (Bennier)
Dec	25	Wed	8:30 am	St. Leo	+Jack Wilmes (Bennier)
Dec	26	Thur	8:00am	St. Leo	Rebecca Cunningham (Malone)
Dec	27	Fri	8:00 am	St. Leo	Edward Noga (Blankley)
Dec	28	Sat	4:00 pm	St. Martin	Richard Tetherow (Ragon)
Dec	29	Sun	8:30 am	St. Leo	+Marvin Chambers (Bennier)
Dec	29	Sun	11:00 am	St. Leo	The people of our parishes

CALENDAR ITEMS

➤ **“FORGIVEN; the transforming power of confession”** All are welcome to dive into a deeper understanding on the sacrament of Confession. This week is the last session. We meet **Wednesday evenings beginning at 7pm** in Divine Mercy Hall. Class material can be downloaded off of formed.org. Please contact Chad Hartwick for more info (402-432-1480).

➤ **The annual Mass of the Holy Innocents** will be celebrated on **Saturday, 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, 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.

➤ **Personal Testimonies on How an Encounter with God Leads to a Mission”** The personal testimonies for January and February will now be at **Dawson Hall at John XXIII Building**, 3700 Sheridan Blvd, Lincoln, NE from 7-8:30pm. The presenters are: January 19, 2020, Bob Sullivan, Attorney/Apologist; and February 16, 2020, Diane Reiber, Artist/Author. There is no fee or registration. Please call 402-473-0615 for questions

➤ **Spiritual Warfare series:** A 3-part series will be given by Matt Simmons, Director of Spiritual Formation, on Spiritual Warfare at John XXIII Diocesan Center from 6:30-8:30pm. Series will be January 21, Our Identity in Christ; February 18, Battleground of Our Minds; and March 24, Our Weapons for Spiritual Warfare. The workshop is free and registration is kindly requested. Call 402-473-0615 or email Annette-Wemhoff@cdolinc.net

ANNOUNCEMENTS

➤ **Attention Amazon users!** 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. Or go to: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/47-0537439>

Your Response to the Lords Generosity:
 December 15, 2019

	Adult	Youth	Plate
St. Leo	\$930	\$ 2	\$625.01
St. Martin	\$900	\$ 0	\$38

Amount needed to reach 2019/20 budget projections:

St. Leo: \$6,895/month or \$1,580/week

St. Martin: \$3,932/month or \$902/week

(Numbers are periodically updated throughout the year to give general idea of what we need to reach our goals. Thus, they may not be an entire 12 month period)

“God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work.” 2 Corinthians 9:8

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

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

Exposition:

Sundays prior to 11:00 am
 Mass

Mass Schedule for Christmas

- Tuesday, December 24th, 6:00 p.m. at St. Martin
- Wednesday, December 25th, Midnight at St. Leo
- Wednesday, December 25th, 8:30 a.m. at St. Leo

Jan. 1 Mary, Mother of God
Holy Day of Obligation

- Tuesday, Dec. 31 Vigil Mass, 4 p.m. at St. Leo
- Wednesday, Jan 1, 9:30 a.m. at St. Martin
- For Lincoln Parish confession times you can access the Diocesan Website: lincolndiocese.org



- **Have you checked out the new FORMED.org?** — Programs, eBooks, movies, and talks that will entertain, engage, and inspire them with the beauty and wonder of their faith. FORMED is an on-line Catholic resource treasure trove. The parish pays for an annual subscription for you to use to grow in our beautiful faith. 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 material.
- **Looking for Gift ideas?** Why not have a Mass offered? The tradition of offering Masses for others originates in the early Church. A priest offers Mass with three intentions: 1) to offer the Mass reverently and validly in accord with norms of the Church, 2) to offer the Mass in union with the whole Church and for its good, and 3) to offer the Mass for a particular intention. The suggested donation is \$10 per Mass. Checks should be made payable to: St. Leo Stipend Account.
- **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.
- **As we approach the end of the year any donations you would like to be included for the year 2019 for tax deduction purposes must be received by December 31st. Both parishes are in need of your financial support! Thank you for your generosity and continued support to our parishes this past year!**

From Father:

Thank you to all those who helped clean and decorate the Churches for Christmas!! I am deeply appreciative of your hard work! THANK YOU!



Christmas Poinsettias



The Christmas poinsettias beautifying our sanctuaries are provided through donations made in honor of the following.

St. Leo Church

- Rob Springer**
- Jolene Springer Schmale**
- Vaughn & Delna Chisholm**
- Lillian Hughes**
- Donovan Family**
- Petersen-Smith Family**
- Marie Dorcey**
- Patrick Beecham**
- Reis Family**

St. Martin Church

- Larry McAuliffe**
- Horstman Family**
- Kenny Moller**
- Walter & Frances Harms**
- Larry Hall**
- Larry Moller**
- Jim Condon**

Thank you to those who donated in honor or memory of their loved ones.



**Merry Christmas! It is hard to believe that Christmas is already here! May the prince of peace reign in your hearts and homes! Be assured of my continued prayers.
Have a blessed week and blessed Christmas! God love you! ~Fr. Sparling**