

December 23rd & 25th, 2018
4th Sunday of Advent & Christmas



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OUR GRATITUDE FOR WHAT THE LORD HAS GIVEN US

December 16, 2018

	Adult	Youth	Plate
St. Leo	\$ 1211	\$ 0	\$155
St. Martin	\$ 445	\$ 16.60	\$37

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

Mass Intentions

Dec	24	Mon	6:00 pm	St. Martin	Gilligan Family
Dec	24	Tues	Midnight	St. Leo	Liv & Dec of St. Martin & Leo
Dec	25	Tues	9:30 am	St. Leo	Alex Hartwick (Peterson)
Dec	26	Wed	No	Mass	
Dec	27	Thur	No	Mass	
Dec	28	Fri	Mass	at	John XXIII (See Holy Innocents info below)
Dec	29	Sat	4:00 pm	St. Martin	Pat & Dale Hinrichsen Family
Dec	30	Sun	8:30 am	St. Leo	+Helen Benes
Dec	30	Sun	11:00 am	St. Leo	For the people of our parishes



CALENDAR ITEMS

- 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**, 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*
- **January 1st** is the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God and is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. Masses will be: 4pm Vigil Mass at St. Martin's and 9:00am at St. Leo Please mark your calendars!
- All are invited to Divine Mercy Hall at St. Leo's for an Epiphany Brunch on **January 6th following the 8:30am Mass**. Please bring a "brunch" food item to share.
- 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.
- **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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **As we approach the end of the year any donations you would like to be included for the year 2018 for tax deduction purposes must be received by Monday, December 31st. Thank you for your generosity to our parishes this past year!**
- **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 in the coming weeks and we can arrange a time when I can drop by to do so around the Epiphany (January 6) . 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!** Check out on **FORMED**. FORMED is a great Catholic resource to help us grow deeper in our faith through 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.
- **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.
- **ANNOUNCING: St. Leo & St. Martin Strategic Plan** – St. Leo & St. Martin parishes are starting the process of creating a Strategic Plan that will guide the success and sustainability of our parishes for the long term future. The Strategic Planning Team will create a Strategic Plan and 5 Year Budget for the parishes. The team will meet about every other week during January and February and will be done by March 11, 2019. If you are interested in serving on the Strategic Planning Team, please complete an application form, the forms are located at each church. The applications are due by January 1, 2019. **Please prayerfully consider serving and helping with this important project for the future of our parishes.** For more information, please contact Fr. Sparling or Eva Fujan, the Strategic Plan Coordinator, at eva-fujan@cdolinc.net.
- **St. Leo & St. Martin Strategic Plan Survey:** *The parishes of St. Leo and St. Martin will be working on a Strategic Plan starting in January and we'd like your input! Please take the time to complete the questionnaire. We are still taking applications for the Strategic Planning Team. Please consider applying to serve on the Strategic Planning team to help us build a strong and secure future for our parishes. For more information you can contact our Strategic Plan Coordinator, Eva Fujan, at eva-fujan@cdolinc.net.*
 - Please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/StLeo-StMartin> to complete the survey.
- **THANK YOU!** A big Thank you and shout out to all those who have helped decorate our parishes for Advent and for Christmas! May God continue to bless the giving of your time and talents!





Christmas Poinsettias



The Christmas poinsettias beautifying our sanctuaries are provided partly through donations made in honor or in memory of the following:

St. Leo Church

Lawrence Bachman

The Frey Family

Ken & Delores Smith

Deceased Members of the Donovan Family

Reis Family

Bourke and Bertha Malone

Mary Heinrichs

Malone Family Irvin Troske

Troske Family

Irvin Troske

St. Martin Church

Keith Brennan

Kenneth Moller

Moller Family

Hladik Family

Horstman Family

Larry Hall

Lena Brehm

George Krammer

Gene Rule

Albert Brehm

Bausch Family

Charlotte Seamann

Connelly Family

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



I wish you all a Merry Christmas! May the prince of peace reign in your hearts and homes! I pray those of you traveling arrive safely to your destinations. As always be assured of my continued prayers. Have a blessed week and blessed Christmas! God love you! ~Fr. Sparling