

December 29th, 2019



**Solemnity of the Holy Family**

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**Fr. Adam Sparling, Pastor**

**Mass Intentions**

Dec	30	Mon	8:00am	St. Leo	Linda Ventura
Dec	31	Tues	4:00 pm	St. Leo	Lillian Hughes
Jan	1	Wed	9:30 am	St. Martin	People of our parishes
Jan	2	Thur	8:00 am	St. Leo	Dec. members of the Pesko Family
Jan	3	Fri	8:00am	St. Leo	Richard Burchfield
Jan	4	Sat	8:00 am	St. Martin	Tom & Lynette Gilligan Anniversary
Jan	5	Sun	8:30 am	St. Leo	The people of our parishes
Jan	5	Sun	11:00 am	St. Leo	+Nick Lempka


**CALENDAR ITEMS**

- **Blessing of St. Martin Statues-** Please come Jan 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am Mass at St. Martin's for the blessing of the Statues.
- **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](mailto:Annette-Wemhoff@cdolinc.net)

**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

**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> 
- **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](http://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.

**Your Response to the Lords Generosity:**

December 22, 2019

	Adult	Youth	Plate
St. Leo	\$1,622.50	\$ 5	\$107
St. Martin	\$1,065	\$ 0	\$26

“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:**

<b>1st, 3rd &amp; 5th</b> (Odd Sundays) Saturday 4 PM at St. Martin 8:30 AM at St Leo Palmyra 11:00 AM at St Leo Palmyra	<b>2nd &amp; 4th</b> (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

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Sundays prior to 11:00 am Mass

- **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 31<sup>st</sup>. 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!*** Thank you to all those who helped make the celebration of the Christmas liturgies so special again this year! Those who helped decorate, clean, the servers, acolytes, lectors and readers, musicians, and all others. May God richly bless the generosity of your talents and time!!

**NEW PARISH EMAIL ADDRESSES!** We have updated our parish email addresses. We have also added a separate email address for the parish secretary, Megan Carman. All bulletin announcements and such can be sent to her email address. If you email the old email address it should sent you a reply message that it is now shut down as we are no longer checking that email account. The new email addresses are:

Pastor: [leomartinpastor@gmail.com](mailto:leomartinpastor@gmail.com)  
 Megan Carman (Secretary): [leomartinsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:leomartinsecretary@gmail.com)

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*Christmas Poinsettias*



*The Christmas poinsettias beautifying our sanctuaries are provided through donations made in honor or in memory 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
- Charlotte Seamann

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



**Merry Christmas! May the prince of peace reign in your hearts and homes!  
 God love you! ~Fr. Sparling**