

February 4, 2018
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Fr. Adam Sparling, Pastor

Mass Intentions

Feb	5	Mon	No	Mass	Fr. S: Poor Souls
Feb	6	Tue	No	Mass	Fr S: +Jim O'Grady
Feb	7	Wed	7:00 am	St. Martin	+Helen Royal
Feb	8	Thur	7:00 am	St. Leo	Carol & Joe Bentler Anniv.
Feb	9	Fri	7:00 am	St. Leo	Mary Gilligan B-day
Feb	10	Sat	4:00 pm	St. Leo	Liv & Dec St. Leo Parishioners
Feb	11	Sun	8:30 am	St. Martin	For the people of our parishes
Feb	11	Sun	11:00 am	St. Leo	+Lester Ellerbusch

OUR TITHE TO THE LORD

January 28, 2018

	Adult	Youth	Plate
St. Leo	\$465	\$ 0	\$9
St. Martin	\$315	\$ 0	\$3

Amount needed to balance yearly budget:

St. Leo: \$1,185/week or \$5,133/month

St. Martin: \$1,002/week or \$4,342/month

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

Been longer than a month since your last confession? Perhaps it is time to come receive His forgiveness again.

Confessions:

Saturdays: 3:30-3:45 PM

Sundays: 8:00-8:15 AM

10:30-10:45 AM

***Any time by appointment**

CALENDAR ITEMS

- **For Men & Women seeking healing from Divorce:** The **Catholic Divorced Survival Guide** was created to bring hope and healing to divorced and separated Catholics. This 12 week program will be leader facilitated & features 30-minute DVD segments that cover topics of shock, denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, kids, annulment, and much more. The next session will begin **February 5, 2018** and is held at John XXIII Diocesan Center, Lincoln, NE from 7-9pm. Classes are kept small. Register by calling the Family Life Office at, 402-473-0620, or catholicflo@cdolinc.net
- **Joy & Hope Anniversary Recognition Mass** and reception for all married couples will be held **Sunday, February 11, 2018** at the regular **9:00 a.m.** Mass at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ in Lincoln. Bishop James Conley will be the Main Celebrant at the Mass for this celebration of Christian Marriage. Special recognition will be given to those couples celebrating 10, 25, 40 and 50 years or more **who have registered**. Family guests are welcome. Suggested donation of \$10 per couple to cover reception costs appreciated! Registration forms are available [in the church], or call the Family Life Office, (402) 473-0620.
- **All Parishioners are welcome to join in a Fat Tuesday celebration February 13th in Divine Mercy Hall starting at 6pm. The Knights of Columbus will have soup for free will donation and you are encouraged to bring a delicious dish to share too. Bring a game, play cards and enjoy some great fellowship and feast as we prepare for lent!**
- **Healing Hearts Support Sessions** for those who have suffered the loss of a loved one are being offered to assist Catholics in the grief process. The sessions will be held on six weekly Tuesday evenings beginning **February 13, 2018, 7:00-9:00 p.m.**, at John XXIII Diocesan Center, 37th & Sheridan Blvd. Suggested Donation: \$25 (for materials) To register, please call 402-473-0620.
- **2-Day UNBOUND Conference:** Participants will learn about Unbound through live presentations & videos and how it teaches 5 simple "keys" to break the chains of emotional, spiritual and mental bondage and unlock the doors to freedom. Join us at **North American Martyrs Parish-Lincoln, NE**, Friday, March 2nd- 6-9pm & Saturday, March 3rd - 8-5pm. The event is free but registration is required. Please register by going to: lincolndiocese.org/unbound
- **You're invited to the next Quest Retreat!** Quest is a retreat for freshmen and sophomores in high school. Rooted in the love of God, Others, and Ourselves, we learn to live in JOY! Quest #34 will be **March 17-18 at Aquinas High School** in David City, NE. For more information: www.lincolndiocese.org/retreats/quest
- **Father/Son program** for ages 10-14yrs will be held at Lourdes on March 18, 2-4 PM. Guest speakers will be Fr. Cyza, Dr. DeFreece, and Dr. Crotty. Questions, contact Patrick Gress @ 402-873-0326 or patrickgress@yahoo.com.

- **Mothers of girls age 10-13!** Please join us for the upcoming "Fearfully & Wonderfully Made Mother-Daughter Program" **Saturday, March 24th, 9-12 Noon**. This program is designed to educate and empower girls as they approach and experience puberty; all in light of God's design. Cost is \$20/girl or \$30 family. Registration and payment are required by **March 17th**. To register or ask questions, please call or email Jennifer Davis @ 402-261-6375 or jmdavis17@gmail.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Lent is quickly coming, beginning February 14th which, as you know, is the secular celebration of Valentine's Day however, the Ash Wednesday penance of abstaining and fasting is still required. If you have the tradition of celebrating Valentine's Day with going out to eat for a big meal and chocolates, etc. perhaps celebrating another day before Lent would be a better option. This includes snacking on Valentines candy.
- **Parish Needs Wish List:** Your help in donating to these things will help defray the cost of the parish purchasing the following needs:
 - Large Bulletin boards
 - Reams of colored paper
 - General classroom supplies
 - Financial gifts to be put toward updating technology such as: Tv's or projectors and dvd players in classrooms, upgrading Divine Mercy Hall to larger screen or projector, wifi coverage for social hall, printer ink, laptop computers or tablets for teachers to use to communicate with tv or projector in classrooms, classroom speakers.

I want to remind you all that 2017 Contribution statements are in the back of St. Leo's and St. Martin's for you to pick up for your accountants. I truly do want to thank you for your generosity. Everything we do as a parish is reliant on each family's contribution. This includes such things as simply paying the utilities, maintenance and repairs and planning for the future. Your support is greatly needed because of that. Our parish ancestors have built what we have and we have that same joyful responsibility to keep things moving forward like they did. As your pastor I appreciate all that you do to help me keep it going!!

A cowboy named Bud was overseeing his herd in a remote mountainous pasture in California when suddenly a brand-new BMW advanced toward him out of a cloud of dust. The driver, a young man in a Brioni suit, Gucci shoes, RayBan sunglasses and YSL tie, leaned out the window and asked the cowboy, "If I tell you exactly how many cows and calves you have in your herd, Will you give me a calf?" Bud looks at the man, obviously a yuppie, then looks at his peacefully grazing herd and calmly answers, "Sure, Why not?" The yuppie parks his car, whips out his Apple computer, connects it to his iPhone, and surfs to a NASA page on the Internet, where he calls up a GPS satellite to get an exact fix on his location which he then feeds to another NASA satellite that scans the area in an ultra-high-resolution photo. The young man then opens the digital photo in Adobe Photoshop and exports it to an image processing facility in Hamburg, Germany. Within seconds, he receives an email on his phone that the image has been processed and the data stored. He then accesses an MS-SQL database through an ODBC connected Excel spreadsheet with email on his iPhone and, after a few minutes, receives a response. Finally, he prints out a full-color, 150-page report on his hi-tech, miniaturized HP LaserJet printer, turns to the cowboy and says, "You have exactly 1,586 cows and calves." "That's right. Well, I guess you can take one of my calves," says Bud. He watches the young man select one of the animals and looks on with amusement as the young man stuffs it into the trunk of his car. Then Bud says to the young man, "Hey, if I can tell you exactly what your business is, will you give me back my calf?" The young man thinks about it for a second and then says, "Okay, why not?" "You're a Congressman for the U.S. Government", says Bud. "Wow! That's correct," says the yuppie, "but how did you guess that?" "No guessing required." answered the cowboy. "You showed up here even though nobody called you; you want to get paid for an answer I already knew, to a question I never asked. You used millions of dollars worth of equipment trying to show me how much smarter than me you are; and you don't know a thing about how working people make a living - or about cows, for that matter. This is a herd of sheep. Now give me back my dog.

Have a blessed week! God love you! ~Fr. Sparling