

February 10, 2019
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Intentions

Feb	11	Mon	8:00 am	St. Leo	+Lester V. Ellerbusch
Feb	12	Tues	8:00 am	St. Leo	+Helen Benes
Feb	13	Wed	8:00 am	St. Martin	+Sandy Masek
Feb	14	Thur	8:00 am	St. Leo	In Thanksgiving (Griswold)
Feb	15	Fri	8:00 am	St. Leo	Thanks & Gratitude (Wheatley)
Feb	16	Sat	4:00 pm	St. Martin	Vane Rengstorff Family
Feb	17	Sun	8:30 am	St. Leo	People of our parishes
Feb	17	Sun	11:00 am	St. Leo	+Pat Beecham

CALENDAR ITEMS

- **MAGNIFICAT WINTER PRAYER MEAL - Saturday morning February 16, 9:30 a.m.**, Hillcrest Country Club, 9401 East O Street, Lincoln, NE. Special guest speaker is Diocesan Priest, Father John Rooney. What appeared to be a total disaster when sent in 2003 for treatment of alcoholism has become an amazing blessing in his life and priesthood. Register by sending \$20 check payable to *Magnificat c/o* Tina Colgan, 521 N 56 ST, Lincoln, NE 68504. (students \$10) **Deadline is February 11.** For information call or text Rhonda Litt at 402-525-6396 or call Barb Bechtolt at 402-489-6905.
- **World Marriage Day On Sunday, February 17, 2019**, we will be celebrating World Marriage Day. All married parishioners of both parishes are encouraged to bring a photo of your family to Divine Mercy Hall before the 8:30 am mass. There will be a table set up to display all the photos. There will be brunch/rolls following Mass to celebrate. There will be prizes and fun so all are encouraged to join us. This is a great time to share a photo of you with your children, grandchildren, etc.
- Mass will be celebrated at St. Luke Czech Catholic Shrine in Loma on **Sunday, February 17, at 4:00 p.m.** The Ostry Family Singers will provide the music.
- **MOTHER/DAUGHTER PROGRAM** "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made" for girls age 10-13 and their mother will be held **Sunday, March 3, 2019** from 1 - 4 p.m. at John XXIII Diocesan Center. This program is designed to educate girls on growing up and becoming a woman. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$20 per mother/daughter or \$30 per family. To register, visit <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/mother-daughter-program> Questions? please call Jen Davis at 402-261-6375 or email jmdavis17@gmail.com
- **FATHER/SON PROGRAM** "In His Image" for boys age 10-14 and their father will be held **Sunday, March 17, 2019** from 1:30-4:30 p.m. at John XXIII Diocesan Center. This program is designed to educate boys on growing up and becoming a man. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$20 per father/son or \$30 per family. To register, visit <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/father-son-program> Questions, please call the NFP Offices 402-473-0630 or email naturalfamilyplanning@cdolinc.net
- **Immaculee Ilibagiza Retreat:** Immaculee Ilibagiza, a survivor of the 1994 Rwandan Genocide and author of the book "Left to Tell", will bring her message of forgiveness, healing, and hope to all who attend her retreat at St. Mary's Catholic Church 343 N Monitor St. West Point, NE, **March 22-23, 2019**. Doors open at 4:00 pm on Friday, with retreat beginning at 5:00 pm and ending at 9:00 pm, continuing again at 9:00 am on Saturday and concluding at 12:30 pm. All that will be required of attendees of all faiths is a listening ear and an open heart, as Immaculee will be giving four separate talks throughout the two-day period. Cost is \$57 for one, or \$76 for two. For details, tickets, and registration, visit www.immaculee.com and click on "next retreat", or contact RaNae O'Brien at ranaeobrien@gmail.com.
- **Save the Date for Sunday, April 7th!** St. Gregory the Great Seminary is holding its first Benefit Banquet to help support the seminarians and various projects at the Seminary. The "Table of St. Gregory" will begin at 5:00 p.m. with sung Vespers (evening prayer) presided by Bishop Conley, followed by cocktails and Open House, and concluding with a plated dinner at 6:30 p.m. served by the seminarians. To make reservations or to find out more information, please call the Seminary at (402) 643-4052 or email us at: events@sggs.edu We hope to see you there!

OUR RESPONSE TO THE LORDS GENEROSITY TO US

February 3, 2019

	Adult	Youth	Plate
St. Leo	\$ 1036.50	\$ 0	\$19
St. Martin	\$ 755	\$ 0	\$23

Amount needed to balance 2018-2019 budgets:

St. Leo: \$5,498/month or \$1,271/week

St. Martin: \$3,852/month or \$893/week

"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)	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

Adoration:

Sundays prior


to 11:00 am

Mass

Habits worth getting into to grow spiritually:

- + **Attend a weekday Mass**
- + **Pray the rosary as a family each week or day**
- + **Say the meal time prayers**
- + **Offer a Divine mercy chaplet for someone**
- + **Read Scripture or another Spiritual work**
- + **Choose and do a work of mercy each day**
- + **Make a Holy Hour before the tabernacle**
- + **Start a Bible study**
- + **Help sponsor and create opportunities for parish community building**
- + **Make use of our FORMED.org subscription**
- + **Let go and let God!!!!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **MASS INTENTIONS:** 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 should be made payable to: St. Leo Stipend Account.
- **GREAT RESOURCE! 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.
- **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. THANK YOU!
- **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> 
- **St. Martin and St. Leo stocks the shelves of the Western Otoe County Food Pantry in February** The basic staples are always in demand; flour, sugar, coffee, laundry soap, canned meats, fruit juice, and canned spaghetti. As always, cash donations are welcome. Envelopes for cash/check donations will be at the back of both churches. You may leave cash/check donations with Father, or drop it in the collection basket. Checks should be made payable to Western Otoe County Food Pantry NOT the Church.
- **Strategic Plan Update & Open Forum Announcement:** The Strategic Planning Team for St. Leo and St. Martin parishes has been meeting over the past few weeks to review the Parish Surveys and input from parishioners, and to start to create a Strategic Plan and vision for the parishes. We need your help! We will be hosting an Open Forum to get input from the parishes on the Strategic Plan. We will be reviewing the results of the Parish Survey, we'll update you on our progress and we hope to get your input on the future vision for the parishes. Please plan to join us on **February 19th, 2019 at 7:30pm** in the Divine Mercy Hall. Snacks & refreshments will be available. We hope to see you there!
 - **Strategic Planning Team Members:** Vincent Hinrichsen, Steve Hall, Molly Hall, Christopher & Rosanna Connelly, Bob Kelly, Dana Troske, Gerald Royal, Sue & Bob Kohles, Nicole Ragon, Chad Hartwick, Laura Hays, Bob Hoffman, Joe Moller, Janel Callahan, Darren Donovan, Christopher & Melissa Beeck, Fr. Sparling and Eva Fujan.
- **Southern Nebraska Register & Retired Priest Envelope – Please note two envelopes in your mailed packets—the collections for the Register newspaper and the Retired Priests (helping our current retired clergy). Suggested donations for each are \$20.00 per family for the Register and \$30.00 per family for the Retired Priests. If your generosity and means allow higher amounts would help assist those who unable to meet the suggest amounts or cover those who simply decline the invitation. Many thanks!!!! [If you have no envelopes please just put in any plain envelope and mark it with your name and the intent of the donation.]**

Note from Father:

2018 giving statements are now ready and available to be picked up. This year I have also enclosed within your giving statement a census form of the information that we have on file. Having been several years since we last updated information I would appreciate it if you would take a look at ALL the information and make corrections to what needs changed and return the sheet to me. If nothing needs changed I simply ask that you make a notation on the form that all is correct and still turn in the form so we know. Every registered parishioner has an envelope regardless of your 2018 giving so please stop to at least update that information ASAP. **Please remember to turn back in your census page with or without corrections...please and thank you!**

We have a few weeks until we arrive at Ash Wednesday (March 6th). The ole saying that when you are young time doesn't move fast enough and when you are old it moves all too fast. As each day goes by I know which end of that saying I belong to. In order to make a good Lent it is better to have already put some thought into what you wish to gain from it rather than enter a routine that has become bereft of the meaning of penance intended or wait until the last minute and just latch on to something that others are doing. I encourage you to take some time in prayer these coming weeks and seriously look at your spiritual life and examine areas that need to change, to grow or be laid to rest. As you determine those areas then you can likely arrive a better Lenten resolve and keep it for the 40 days of Lent. This is not only to be done as individuals but also as families. If we take up the effort to put into Lent what we put in to many other activities we would be well on the road toward greater holiness. I want to encourage each of you to take advantage and perhaps work into your personal or family plans some Lenten offerings in our parishes. I have been hearing in prayer a lot these last several weeks the Holy Spirit's invitation to focus on the basics. Consider participating in the Stations of the Cross, time of Adoration, coming to a Daily Mass or sitting before the tabernacle at a time of your choosing to spiritually read, meditate or pray. I hope for each of you that when Ash Wednesday arrives you will be fully ready to enter it with the encouragement of being prepared and mindful of where the Spirit wishes to lead you. Ask the Spirit to guide you in this and He will!!

Don't judge how well you are doing on people's opinion— there will always be some in favor and some against. Do what you do from prayer and where the Holy Spirit is directing you to go.

May God continue to greatly bless you all!! God Love You! ~ *Fr. Sparling*