

**February 17, 2019**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**St. Leo Catholic Church**      **St. Martin Catholic Church**  
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**Fr. Adam Sparling, Pastor**

**Mass Intentions**

Feb	18	Mon	8:00 am	St. Leo	Diana Jo Nielsen (Troske)
Feb	19	Tues	8:00 am	St. Leo	Horace & Donna Walter (Troske)
Feb	20	Wed	8:00 am	St. Martin	+Jerry Smith (Connelly)
Feb	21	Thur	8:00 am	St. Leo	Dec. members of Milazzo & Griswold families
Feb	22	Fri	8:00 am	St. Leo	Int. of Aaron Wheatley Family
Feb	23	Sat	4:00 pm	St. Leo	+John & Mary Swanda
Feb	24	Sun	8:30 am	St. Martin	+Jerry Smith (Connelly)
Feb	24	Sun	11:00 am	St. Leo	People of our parishes

**OUR RESPONSE TO THE LORDS GENEROSITY TO US**

February 10, 2019

	Adult	Youth	Plate
St. Leo	\$ 1,115.50	\$ 0	\$30
St. Martin	\$ 501.80	\$ 0	\$21

**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

**Adoration:**

Sundays prior  
to 11:00 am  
Mass

\*Any time by appointment


**CALENDAR ITEMS**

- **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 this Tuesday February 19th, 2019 at 7:30pm** in the Divine Mercy Hall. Snacks & refreshments will be available. We hope to see you there!
- **Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4:30-7pm** Palmyra Fire and Rescue will be hosting their 10<sup>th</sup> annual Soup Supper at the Palmyra Senior Center. Please help spread the word to your friends and family.
- Mass will be celebrated at St. Luke Czech Catholic Shrine in Loma this **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](mailto:jmdavis17@gmail.com)
  - **The parish will cover the registration fee for any parishioners who wish to attend this wonderful opportunity. Please contact Fr. Sparling if interested.**
- **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](mailto:naturalfamilyplanning@cdolinc.net)
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- **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](http://www.immaculee.com) and click on "next retreat", or contact RaNae O'Brien at [ranaebrien@gmail.com](mailto:ranaebrien@gmail.com).
- **Save the Date for Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>!** 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](mailto:events@sggs.edu) We hope to see you there!

**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](http://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** Thank you for your support to the Western Otoe County Food Pantry! Your donations make a difference to those who depend on the extra help to feed their family. The “most-needed” items this month are: canned meat, canned salmon, hot cocoa, frozen or bottled orange juice, oatmeal (regular or instant). Frozen items (marked as Food Pantry) can be left in the freezers at St. Leo Divine Mercy Hall or St. Martin. Just let Janet or Maureen know you have left a frozen item and we will transport it to the Pantry. Questions? Contact Janet McDonald 402-560-2764 or Maureen Carpenter 402-435-4545.
- **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 it 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.]
- The Education Technology department for the Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Lincoln has an immediate opening for a Student Support Intern. Applicants must be college students who do not graduate before May 2021, is at least 21 years old, and able to work 15-30 hours a week. This student intern position will prepare equipment for deployment to the schools, including assembly, disassembly and configuration of various hardware components, as well as installation and configuration of software. This position will also be responsible for maintenance of said equipment at the schools. For more information, see the full job description at <https://www.lincolndiocese.org/school-employment>. To apply, send letter of interest and resume to [jobs@cdolinc.net](mailto:jobs@cdolinc.net). No calls, please.

### Note from Father:

- + **I would like to wish all of you married couples a great many blessings as we celebrate World Marriage Sunday this weekend. Your vocation is vital to the prosperity of the faith!**
- + **Just a reminder please make sure to turn in your census form that was part of your 2018 giving statement ASAP. If there are no changes that need to be made please indicate that on your form and turn it in.**
- + **This Tuesday is our first Open Forum, as mentioned above, this is a great opportunity to be involved in the parish and I want to strongly encourage all parishioners to attend and be a part of planning for our future!**

As I mentioned last week but worth mentioning again, we have a few weeks until we arrive at Ash Wednesday (March 6<sup>th</sup>). 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 at 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 and 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!!

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

**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.**