

**February 2, 2020**  
**Presentation of the Lord**

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**Fr. Adam Sparling, Pastor**

**Mass Intentions**

Feb	3	Mon	8:00am	St. Leo	Reis Family
Feb	4	Tues	No	Mass	
Feb	5	Wed	8:00 am	St. Martin	+Patrick O'Grady
Feb	6	Thur	8:00 am	St. Leo	+Helen Benes
Feb	7	Fri	8:00am	St. Leo	+Msgr. James Reinert (Swanda)
Feb	8	Sat	4:00 pm	St. Leo	Carol & Joe Bentler Anniv. (Gilligan)
Feb	9	Sun	8:30 am	St. Martin	Mary Gilligan B-day
Feb	9	Sun	11:00 am	St. Leo	The people of our parishes

**Your Response to the Lords Generosity:**  
January 26, 2020

	Adult	Youth	Plate
<b>St. Leo</b>	\$1,310	\$ 0	\$52
<b>St. Martin</b>	\$310	\$ 8	\$32

*"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

**CALENDAR ITEMS**

- **"Finding the Face of Christ in the Suffering Church"** – All are welcome to attend this talk given by Fr. Kilcawley 7 pm February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at St. John the Apostle Church in Lincoln.
- **Adult Faith Formation** – Beginning Wednesday February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in Divine Mercy hall we will begin an 8-week guide to Catholic Prayer called *Oremus*. If you have any questions please contact Chad Hartwick.
- **The Schoenstatt Cor Mariae Center is excited to announce their Valentine Dinner!** Come to the lovely shrine in Crete, on February 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm to experience Mass with a renewal of vows, followed by a dinner. Cost is \$40 per couple, and all proceeds go toward building a garage and accessible bathrooms for the center. To register, call Barb at 402-429-8908 or pay by credit card at the Cor Mariae Schoenstatt Facebook page.
- **World Marriage Day Celebration** -- St. Leo's will be celebrating World Marriage Day on Sunday, February 16th, to honor all married couples. We will be setting up a display of wedding and family photos in the Divine Mercy Hall after the 8:30 a.m. mass during rolls and coffee. Please bring your photo (or photos) to the hall for our celebration. For additional information, contact Jolee Wheatley at 402-440-7276, or Connie Petersen at 402-781-2882.
- **FATHER/SON PROGRAM** "In His Image" for boys age 10-14 and their fathers will be held Sunday, **March 15th, 2020** 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 \$25 per father/son or \$35 per family. To register, visit [lincolndiocese.regfox.com/fatherson](http://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/fatherson) Questions, please call the NFP Offices 402-473-0630 or email [naturalfamilyplanning@cdolinc.net](mailto:naturalfamilyplanning@cdolinc.net)
- **MOTHER/DAUGHTER PROGRAM** "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made" for girls age 9-13 and their mothers will be held **Saturday, March 14th, 2020** from 9 a.m. to noon 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 \$25 per mother/daughter or \$35 per family. To register, visit [lincolndiocese.regfox.com/motherdaughter](http://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/motherdaughter) Questions, please call Jen Davis at 402-261-6375 or email [jmdavis17@gmail.com](mailto:jmdavis17@gmail.com)
- **2020 Lenten Series – A Lenten Encounter with Christ-Forgiveness, Healing, Intimacy, Mission.** JXXIII Chapel, 3700 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm, Mondays of Lent, March 2-March 30. Matt Simmons will be giving the talks with Adoration to follow. Jonathan Little will be playing music during adoration while attendees can go to confession, receive prayer ministry, and have silence for prayer.
- **The Emmaus Institute for Biblical Studies** will offer four, new, ten-week courses in its spring term, beginning March 2. Take a fast-paced journey through the whole Bible in one quarter; meet Christ intimately through a study of the four Gospels; gain a greater familiarity with the Bible by grasping the essential keys to its study and understanding; or examine every line in the Nicene Creed with a view to appreciating what Christians believe and why it matters. For all the details and to register, please visit [www.emmausinstitute.net](http://www.emmausinstitute.net).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Please note two envelopes in your mailed packets—the collections for the Register newspaper (yellow envelope) and the Retired Priests (green envelope) [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. Your donation to these helps offset the Diocesan Assessment to each parish for both of these funds. 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 in the memo line of your check or on envelope. E-tithe is also available by just selecting the fund in the donation scroll down spot.]**
- **FEBRUARY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION** - St. Leo and Martin Parishes are collecting donations for the Food Pantry during the month of February. Please bring non-perishable foods for collection. If you have any questions please contact Valerie Donovan.
- **Homeless Project Donations** – St. Leo's is participating in the HOMELESS PROJECT for our area. The following items are needed and we will donate them in February to the Deanery. The items can be left in the back of the church in the box marked as HOMELESS PROJECT. Items needed: new or gently used sleeping bags, toilet paper, paper towels, deodorant, toothbrushes and toothpaste, feminine hygiene products, 3-4.5 oz shampoos and conditioners.
- **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.
- **Mass Intentions** - 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.
- **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.

### From Father:

**Only three more Sundays and a couple days and we arrive at Ash Wednesday. The ole saying that when you are young time doesn't move fast enough and when you are old it moves all too fast. 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. 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.**

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