

February 3, 2019
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

<p>St. Leo Catholic Church 330 W. 8th Street Palmyra, NE 68418 (402) 780-5535 Emergency Calls Only: (402) 202-7685</p>	<p>St. Martin Catholic Church 125 W. 3rd Street Douglas, NE (Please send mail to St. Leo Church)</p>
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Fr. Adam Sparling, Pastor

Mass Intentions

Feb	4	Mon	8:00 am	St. Leo	+Blanche Mary Wood (Watton)
Feb	5	Tues	8:00 am	St. Leo	David Zech
Feb	6	Wed	8:00 am	St. Martin	+Jerry Smith
Feb	7	Thur	8:00 am	St. Leo	Marjorie Troske
Feb	8	Fri	8:00 am	St. Leo	Carol & Joe Bentler Anniv.
Feb	9	Sat	4:00 pm	St. Leo	Int. of Heather & Justin Holub
Feb	10	Sun	8:30 am	St. Martin	Mary Gilligan
Feb	10	Sun	11:00 am	St. Leo	People of our parishes

CALENDAR ITEMS

- **Divorced? Come find comfort, counsel, hope and healing consistent with Catholic Church teachings.** The twelve-week video series & facilitator led *Surviving Divorce* program **begins on February 4, 2019, 7-9pm**, at John XXIII Diocesan Center, 3700 Sheridan Blvd. A suggested donation of \$50 covers the cost of the program and includes the *Surviving Divorce* personal guide and all materials. Classes are kept small and may be registered for by contacting the Family Life Office at 402-473-0620 or catholicflo@cdolinc.net
- **Have you ever wondered...exactly what IS deliverance and how does it fit into our Catholic Faith?** The Diocesan Office of Evangelization/Unbound Ministry will be hosting an evening consisting of four 20 minute talks. This is open to ALL: laity, religious, clergy, members of the Christian community & anyone who would like a better understanding of the meaning of deliverance and how each person can benefit from it. Join us at Lourdes Elementary School-Nebraska City on **Thursday, February 7, from 7-8:30pm**. Questions? Contact Annette at annette-wemhoff@cdolinc.net or call 402-473-0615.
- **Joy & Hope Anniversary Recognition Mass** and reception for all married couples will be held **Sunday, February 10, 2019** 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**. Suggested donation of \$10 per couple appreciated! Family guests are welcome. Registration forms should be available at your parish office or call the Family Life Office, (402) 473-0620.
- **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.
- **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.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE LORDS GENEROSITY TO US

January 27, 2019

	Adult	Youth	Plate
St. Leo	\$ 2376.04	\$ 0	\$25
St. Martin	\$ 674	\$ 0	\$5

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:

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

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.
- End of Quarter Financials are now posted on the website under the bulletins tab for those interested in viewing.
- **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.

Father's Funny's:

A guy took his girlfriend to the Super Bowl game. They had great seats right behind their team's bench. After the game, he asked her how she liked it. "Oh, I really liked it," she replied, "especially the strategies and all the big muscles, but I just couldn't understand why they were killing each other over 25 cents." Dumbfounded, her boyfriend asked, "What do you mean?" "Well, they flipped a coin, one team got it and then for the rest of the game, all they kept screaming was... 'Get the quarterback! Get the quarterback!' I'm like...Helloooooo? It's only 25 cents!"

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.

Is the Pope really infallible? It seems from our experience that it would be almost, if not always, impossible not to make a mistake. Scripture records for us that with God all things are possible so if He chooses to protect a man from error, He has the ability to do so. In fact He does with the Holy Father in order to bring certitude to the Church. The gift of infallibility grants the Pope by God's grace alone for His purposes— to uphold and make known in the certitude of faith His Truth in matters of faith and morals. So when the Pope speaks “ex-cathedra” [from the chair] on matters of faith and morals that are binding on all Catholics we believe and hold that God has spoken through him to us. We need and look for that certitude to guide our lives. Without this certitude it becomes just a matter of one person's interpretation or opinion over another and we have seen from history that those interpretations and opinions can clearly conflict, yet both portray themselves as speaking God's truth. Jesus gave us the Church He founded with the succession of the Popes – known as “apostolic succession” – to keep us united in the continuity of the truth He taught and revealed. He gave us the place to go to be taught and the person who has the final say when speaking on matters of faith and morals so that we could have peace of mind. Sadly, many throughout time have chosen their own views over that of what the Church has kept and taught and so now confusion reigns and disrupts that peace in many minds and hearts. Let us keep in prayer all those who are searching to know the truth and for the Holy Spirit to guide them to it and for our Holy Father and Church who safeguard that Truth for us!

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