

March 22, 2020
4th Sunday of Lent

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Mass Intentions

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| Mar | 23 | Mon | | Arnold Bremer |
| Mar | 24 | Tues | | Coronavirus victims & healthcare workers |
| Mar | 25 | Wed | | Sterna Seamann |
| Mar | 26 | Thur | | Emma Faulkner health |
| Mar | 27 | Fri | | Poor Souls |
| Mar | 28 | Sat | | Helen Bremer |
| Mar | 29 | Sun | | The people of our parishes |
| Mar | 29 | Sun | | Gerald Bremer |

Your Response to the Lords Generosity:

March 15, 2020

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| | Adult | Youth | Plate |
| St. Leo | \$725 | \$ 0 | \$39 |
| St. Martin | \$441.80 | \$ 5 | \$51 |

“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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Sundays prior to 11:00 am Mass

CALENDAR ITEMS

- **All Public Masses and Services have been suspended indefinitely by Archbishop Lucas Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Lincoln. The website is updated with the latest information when given.**
 - **If you need to go to confession please contact Fr. Sparling via phone or email.**
- **Stations of the Cross** – postponed indefinitely
- **CCD Classes** – postponed indefinitely
- **Adult Faith Formation** – “Oremus: A Catholic Guide to prayer” postponed indefinitely

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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>
- **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.
- **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 -- enter the parish code **KN4A9J** -- enter information required -- create a password -- search through and enjoy the material.

➤ **Mass Intentions NEEDED!** - 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.

- **Monthly Update:** As we began last month, in an effort to better communicate Sts. Leo& Martin’s budgeting and tithing, we will be publishing amounts on the Sunday following the 15th of the month for the previous month. This includes online giving. Grain & extra envelopes will be in the year to date as they are not normal monthly donations. If you have any questions, comments or concerns please contact Fr. Sparling or Megan.

| St Leo | Annual Budget | Budget to Date | Received to Date* 02.29.20 | Annual Budget Overage / Shortage to Date |
|--|---------------|---|-------------------------------|---|
| Adult / Loose Tithing Collection Basket & Online Giving | \$62,210 | \$41,473 | \$43,979 | \$2,506 |
| | | Monthly Budgeted Amount: \$5,184 | | Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$1,196 |
| Grain Donations | \$3,800 | | \$5,395 | |
| Repairs & Maintenance Envelope | \$853 | | \$400 | |
| Utilities Envelope | \$1,396 | | \$420 | |
| St Martin | Annual Budget | Budget to Date | Received to Date* 02.29.20 | Annual Budget Overage / Shortage to Date |
| Adult / Loose Tithing Collection Basket & Online Giving | \$26,307 | \$17,538 | \$16,946 | (\$592) |
| | | Monthly Budgeted Amount: \$2,192 | | Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$506 |
| Grain Donations | \$1,852 | | \$3,903 | |
| Repairs & Maintenance Envelope | \$1,608 | | \$220 | |
| Utilities Envelope | \$1,168 | | \$640 | |

*Tithing will be updated monthly on the 1st Sunday after the 15th of the month and will include online giving.

From Father:

This has been a very odd week in our Country as we come to terms with Covid-19 commonly known as the Coronavirus. I appreciate your patience with me as I work best to communicate to you the most up to date information that is given to me by the diocese. I will continue to keep the parish webpage up to date with information. I am sure you are tired of receiving email updates from me but I want to keep you in the loop as much as I can. I know not all people have email so there is no real system to keep everyone in the loop. So I appreciate those of you who know your fellow parishioners who don't get email to please print them and forward them on to them. So much has been changing rapidly and I'll do my best to keep you informed.

I want to continue to assure you that I have been praying for you and remembering each of you in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and at the Masses I have celebrated. If you need to go to confession please let me know. If we have a large number of people who would like to go to confession I will try and find a way that we can do a 'drive thru' type confessional.

The Churches remain open for you to visit privately and pray. Each Church should have disinfectant in the back of Church for you to spray your pew down before and after you pray. I ask that you not go into Divine Mercy Hall as it has been sanitized. If you need access please contact Fr. Sparling.

Let us continue to pray for each other. There are many resources online including Formed.org to keep the faith alive in your homes. To maintain the Sunday obligation currently there are several different televised Masses online or on tv via EWTN or the shut-in Mass. Check our parish Facebook pages for Sunday Mass being 'live streamed.' If you need help finding those please let me know. Prayer is of the utmost importance for each of us. Mass, although not open to the public, will continue to be offered every day. We are very much in need of Mass intentions so I make a plea to you that you might send some in. I think it would be most appropriate for people to have masses offered for the victims, healthcare professionals and staff, hospital chaplains, first responders, etc. who are on the front lines of battle right now. They could very much use those prayers!

There is no way to avoid the conversation other than to just say it so please do not feel that I am being insensitive during this time. Your continuation to tithing to the parish is so very important. I encourage you to sign up for E-tithing to continue to tithe or send in your contributions. Again, I am deeply thankful for your generosity. So many people do many different things many of which they wish to do silently. I wish I could scream from the pulpit and tell you of all the generosity that we receive on a regular basis but I will stay true to their wishes. Just know that I am deeply thankful for all that is done to support the parish.

Lastly, I want to know what I can do to help you? How are you doing right now? I am here to serve you in whatever way that I can. It seems like doom and gloom right now but there have been many acts of kindness from people while maintaining the 'social distancing'. These are the times we begin to see the beauty of humanity. Truly there is a blessing in this time of crisis in that our society is slowing down and families are having the ability to have some unprecedented time to be together without having to run around to various activities that keep families apart or separated. Maybe its a wake up call to even when we are through this crisis we might consider letting some things go so that doesn't happen anymore. So many things to be thankful for!

May God grant you good health!! God Love You!

~ Fr. Sparling

**Prayers for the World during the
Outbreak of the Coronavirus**

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our tribulation. Through that charity which bound you to the immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be propitious to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness; and, as once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's children from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection.

Amen.

(Excerpted from the *Enchiridion of Indulgences*, 1969)