

**March 24, 2019**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

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

**Mass Intentions**

Mar	25	Mon	8:00 am	St. Leo	+Sandy Masek
Mar	26	Tues	No Mass	Please join	the funeral services for Fr. Rutten
Mar	27	Wed	8:00 am	St. Martin	+Helen Benes
Mar	28	Thur	8:00 am	St. Leo	+Jerome Urwiller (Petersen)
Mar	29	Fri	8:00 am	St. Leo	+Leo & Catherine Dunn (Swanda)
Mar	30	Sat	4:00 pm	St. Martin	Liv & Dec St. Martin Parishioners
Mar	31	Sun	8:30 am	St. Leo	Wilma Hochstein (Kohles)
Mar	31	Sun	11:00 am	St. Leo	People of our parishes

**YOUR RESPONSE TO THE LORDS BLESSINGS**

March 17, 2019

	<b>Adult</b>	<b>Youth</b>	<b>Plate</b>
<b>St. Leo</b>	\$ 1379	\$ 0	\$23.07
<b>St. Martin</b>	\$ 389	\$ 0	\$14

**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:**

<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

**Adoration:**

Sundays prior  
to 11:00 am  
Mass

**CALENDAR ITEMS**

- **KNIGTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY:** March 29<sup>th</sup> and April 5<sup>th</sup> from 5-8pm at St. Paulinus in Syracuse. Serving Carp, Pollock, Catfish nuggets, scalloped potatoes, vegetable, and dessert. Handicapped Accessible.
- **The next Strategic Planning Open Forum** is scheduled for Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30pm in Divine Mercy Hall. All are welcome and strongly encouraged to come and participate in planning for the future of our parishes!
- The newly formed Emmaus Institute for Biblical Studies will offer its second of three introductory and promotional sessions on **Tuesday evening, April 2, 7:00-8:30, at St. Joseph Church in Lincoln.** The presentation will include short talks on Scripture and Christian living by the Emmaus instructors, as well as additional information about the Institute. All are welcome to come and meet the staff, ask questions, and learn more about this new resource for the Diocese of Lincoln.
- **Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>!** Please consider joining me and others from throughout the diocese at St. Gregory the Great Seminary who 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! **Please RSVP by March 25<sup>th</sup>**
- The Spring Full Board meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (LDCCW) is April 13<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary’s in Aurora, beginning with ‘Mary’s Way of the Cross’ at 8:30 a.m. All women in the Lincoln Diocese are members of the LDCCW and encouraged to attend. Please email [ldccwpresident@gmail.com](mailto:ldccwpresident@gmail.com) if you plan to attend.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Flood Relief Donations:** Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska is now accepting monetary donations to assist those affected by the horrific and ongoing flood/storm damage in Nebraska. Checks may be mailed to us at our administrative offices (2241 O St. Lincoln NE 68510) OR you may donate via our website link below. If donating by check, be sure to list "flood relief" in your check memo. If donating online, designate "flood relief" in the "specific designation for your gift" field. God bless you for your support and continued prayers! [https://www.cssisus.org/what\\_you\\_can\\_do/donate.html](https://www.cssisus.org/what_you_can_do/donate.html)
- **MASS INTENTIONS NEEDED!** 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 FOR LENT! 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>



- **Villa Marie Home and School** has been providing a Christ-Centered, quality education for special needs children, ages 6 – 18, from all faith backgrounds since 1964. If you are a parent with a special needs child, and if you would like to see what Villa Marie may be able to offer your child and family, please contact Sr. Jeanette, Principal, 402-786-362 May God bless you!
- **Southern Nebraska Register Update:** St. Leo's will pay \$570 for SNR subscriptions for parishioners this fiscal year and to date we have collected \$170. St. Martin's will pay \$375 for SNR subscriptions for parishioners this fiscal year and to date we have collected \$150. If you have not already submitted your subscription envelope please consider giving \$15 or more to help cover your annual subscription.
- **Catholic Education Scholarships – Apply Now** With the recent announcement of The Good Shepherd Scholarship program for Catholic education, families can apply for scholarships through one application for all Catholic schools in the Lincoln Diocese. The Good Shepherd Scholarship, the Family Cap Scholarship and local school scholarships help to keep Catholic education affordable for any family. The Good Shepherd Scholarship is available to any student, regardless of religious affiliation. **The application deadline is March 31<sup>st</sup>**; go to [www.goodshepherdscholarship.com](http://www.goodshepherdscholarship.com) or your local diocesan school website to apply.

### **Note from Father:**

**Please join me in congratulating Geneva Connelly on receiving her first communion this weekend!**

**We are very much in need of Mass intentions. We only have 12 Mass intentions left to use for our seven Masses offered each week that need an intention. There are about 15 intentions designated for specific dates throughout the coming year but that still leaves us in great need. 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.**

### **St. Leo High Altar update:**

As I presented to you last weekend you have been given the opportunity to receive a gift of a High Altar with statues, candles, etc to put in our Church. I placed that decision in your hands as parishioners and the majority consensus was that this was something you wanted for our parish. Thus, I invited those of you who wished to go down to Superior, NE to visit and see it Thursday were welcome to do so. Mark and Linda Bennier, Rich Carmen, Mick and Jackie Donovan and myself made the trip down to see it and take measurements Thursday to formulate a plan on how to bring it into our sanctuary. As I mentioned the family asked 2 things: first, that it not go into storage, although they understand that we will need a short time to make some minor modifications to our sanctuary before we can install it, and two, that they needed it removed quickly due to the sale of the property and estate sale. As the Wilfred Miller family is getting ready for an estate sale they would like us to pick it up before April 15th.

**Those in attendance talked with the family and decided that going down Saturday, March 30th would be a good day, weather permitting, to retrieve things. With that being said, we will need help with the following things: man power, vehicles, lots of blankets and packing material to wrap statues to bring everything here. Mick and Jackie Donovan will coordinate the logistics and personnel so please contact them if you can help with this wonderful parish family project. YOUR HELP IS NEEDED AND APPRECIATED! You can reach them at (402) 429-9672 or [donovan918@windsteam.net](mailto:donovan918@windsteam.net)**

There is a deep historical value to the majority of the artifacts that the Miller family is gifting us. Many of those present today can tell you all about it. We also want to work on putting something together to post in the Church explaining the history of all the stuff given us. In fact, the old Cherub holy water fonts from St. Leo's were saved by Wilfred and gave them to us to come back home to our beloved parish!

I can't tell you how excited and pleased Wilfred was that we, the members of St. Leo's parish, wanted to accept this gift. He spent a lot of time and energy saving a lot of the stuff he is giving us from destruction. He can't wait to come and see them in our parish!

God works in mysterious ways and definitely put the pressure on you to make a decision quick but I personally feel, as well as I am sure many throughout the diocese, believe you made an excellent decision for your parish!

### **Please join in on praying the Stations of the Cross this lent!**

- Stations of the Cross will be Friday evenings alternating between St. Leo and St. Martin's at 6pm.
  - St. Martin: 3/29; 4/12
  - St. Leo: 4/5

**We mourn the loss of a Shepherd: This past Wednesday Fr. Paul Ruten passed away at the age of 86 after 60 years of priestly service this side of eternity. Please consider attending his funeral services. The Rosary will be at 7:00pm, Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph parish in Lincoln and the funeral will be Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am also at St. Joseph parish in Lincoln. May God grant eternal rest to this dear priest of Jesus Christ!**

For Lent, prayerfully consider not just "giving up" something but also "adding" to your prayer, fasting or almsgiving.

**A blessed and sacrificial lent to you all!! God Love You! ~ Fr. Sparling**