

March 3, 2019
8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Fr. Adam Sparling, Pastor

Mass Intentions

Mar	4	Mon	8:00 am	St. Leo	+Keith Brennan
Mar	5	Tues	8:00 am	St. Leo	Intentions of Don Wheatley
Mar	6	Wed	6:00 pm	St. Leo	+John & Mary Swanda
Mar	7	Thur	8:00 am	St. Leo	Intentions of Mary Sodergren (Wheatley)
Mar	8	Fri	8:00 am	St. Leo	+Jerry Smith (Pedersen)
Mar	9	Sat	4:00 pm	St. Leo	People of our parishes
Mar	10	Sun	8:30 am	St. Martin	St. Martin Parish (Griswold)
Mar	10	Sun	11:00 am	St. Leo	Tammy Hennecke (Nisley)

OUR RESPONSE TO THE LORDS GENEROSITY TO US
February 24, 2019

	Adult	Youth	Plate
St. Leo	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$9
St. Martin	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$0

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) Saturday 4 PM at St. Martin 8:30 AM at St Leo Palmyra 11:00 AM at St Leo Palmyra	2nd & 4th (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

Adoration:

Sundays prior to 11:00 am
Mass

*Any time by appointment

CALENDAR ITEMS

- **ASH WEDNESDAY MASS MARCH 6TH** – Ash Wednesday Mass will be 6pm at St. Leo's.
- Men and Women are invited to an Ash Wednesday Day of Recollection at Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly on March 6, 9am-3pm. Cost \$10 and bring a meatless sack lunch. No advance registration.
- **KNIGTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY:** March 8th, 22nd, 29th and April 5th from 5-8pm at St. Paulinus in Syracuse. Serving Carp, Pollock, Catfish nuggets, scalloped potatoes, vegetable, and dessert. Handicapped Accessible.
- **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
 - The parish will cover the registration fee for any parishioners who wish to attend this wonderful opportunity. Please contact Fr. Sparling if interested.
- **Annual St. Martin Altar Society Soup Dinner Sunday, March 17th 10:30am-1:00pm.** Serving a variety of soups, sandwiches and PIE. Raffle prizes and bazaar. Mark your calendar and bring all your friends and family!
- St. Teresa Parish in Lincoln is excited to have Dr. Vern Steiner present a Lenten scripture study from 7-8:30 in the church. Babysitting is provided. \$20 for all four classes or \$35 per couple suggested donation. All are welcome! Register online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805054CA4A92CA46-lenten>.
"BEHOLD, THE LAMB": LENT AND THE LAMB OF GOD
 - *March 21–*The Lamb as God's Provision*
 - *March 28–*The Lamb in God's Passover (Part 1)*
 - *April 4–*The Lamb in God's Passover (Part 2)*
 - *April 11–*The Lamb as God's Perfect Offering*
- **The Palmyra Fire and Rescue Soup Supper has been reschedule to March 23 from 5-7pm.**
- **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 raaeobrien@gmail.com.
- A Single Ladies Introductory Session is being held April 4, 2019 at 7 p.m. at John XXIII Diocesan Center. Learn how to chart with Creighton Model; includes a particular emphasis on reproductive and gynecological health. Must preregister at <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/single-ladies>
- **Save the Date for Sunday, April 7th!** 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 We hope to see you there!



**Combined Collection
Envelopes in Your Packet**

The charities that receive funds from this collection are:

- Catholic Relief Services
- Catholic Home Missions Appeal
- Black & Indian Collection
- Catholic University of America
- Catholic Communications Campaign
- Retirement Fund for Religious

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Strategic Planning Open forum RESCHEDULED** - Due to the inclement weather the open forum scheduled for this past Tuesday was cancelled and has been rescheduled for Monday, March 11th beginning at 6:30pm in Divine Mercy Hall. Please mark your calendars as every parishioner's participation is wanted and needed!
- **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 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 -- 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>
 - **We received a donation of \$26.03 thanks to your purchases made between Oct 1 to Dec 31, 2018 using AmazonSmile. That brings our rebate total to \$41.22 for the current fiscal year. Keep up the good work!**
- **Thank you for your generosity to the Western Otoe County Food Pantry.** The shelves are full of nutritious food to help keep stomachs full during this cold weather. Just days after the recent blizzard, the Pantry was contacted by a family in need. Thanks to people like you, they received food and basic household supplies during a difficult time. This family is part of more than 55 individuals served by the Food Pantry in the last 3 months. Thank you for your acts of charity! Contact Maureen or Janet for more information.
- **Southern Nebraska Register & Retired Priest Envelope** – Please note two envelopes in your mailed packets—the collections for the Southern Nebraska 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.] Update:
 - ❖ St. Leo’s has collected \$510 towards covering the \$2,415 assessment paid to the diocese for Priest retirement this fiscal year so far (St. Leo’s is assessed \$345 a month). Also, St. Leo’s is assessed \$47.50 a month for the Southern Nebraska Register subscriptions and have paid a total of \$332.50 this fiscal year so far and has collected donations of \$60 to help cover those expenses.
 - ❖ St. Martin’s has collected \$507 towards covering the \$1,610 assessment paid to the diocese for Priest retirement this fiscal year so far (St. Martin’s is assessed \$230 a month). Also, St. Martin’s is assessed \$31.25 a month for Southern Nebraska Register subscriptions and have paid a total of \$216.25 this fiscal year so far and has collected donations of \$150 to help cover those expenses.



Lenten Observations and Obligations:

Lent begins this Wednesday as we place ashes on our foreheads as a reminder that we are dust and to dust we shall return. Therefore we live each day for the eternity of heaven for which we have all been created. During Lent, all Catholics are reminded about these regulations:

- **ASH WEDNESDAY & GOOD FRIDAY are days of FAST and ABSTINENCE**
- **ALL FRIDAYS of Lent are days of ABSTINENCE**

What is fasting?

- ✓ Eating only one full meal with two smaller meals, which together do not equal the full meal.
- ✓ No snacking or eating between meals is allowed.
- ✓ Fasting obliges all Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59.

What is abstinence?

- ✓ Eating no meat, and no soup or gravy made from meat.
- ✓ Abstinence obliges all Catholics over the age of 14.
- ✓ Sickness, hard manual labor, pregnancy, etc. automatically excuse a person from these obligations.

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

Note from Father:

With Lent to begin a few days from now if you are still looking for an inspiration of what to do personally or as a family let me share the following:

Give up one or two days per week of tv, ipads, cell phone use, or electronic games. Place a jar on the table and deposit a quarter each time you catch yourself at (insert whatever you choose) and then give the money to a charitable cause. Put no salt in or on your food for Lent. Offer an hour per week to visiting a nursing home, homebound or hospital. Don’t use the dishwasher and do dishes by hand. Read a book a week to your children or grandchildren. Pray the rosary together daily. Make a Holy Hour each week! Make a dinner each week and deliver to someone in need or who could use a helping hand. Pick up trash along a country road or highway. Volunteer an hour for a project to help a neighbor, the church or a project in need. Memorize some new prayers.

Whatever you choose it should be something that is challenging or that you might consider ‘hard’—that you will feel a sacrifice and that you will keep all of Lent. Better to choose a couple of things and do them well than start out with too much and end up doing nothing by the end of Lent.

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: 3/15; 3/29; 4/12
 - St. Leo: 3/8; 3/22; 4/5

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!!!!

To help you and your family dive deeper into the mystery of lent please consider using our parish subscription to FORMED.org as a resource (contact me if you need help). Also, Dynamic Catholic has Lenten materials available with inspirational videos, practical tips and encouraging stories. It is a 40 day program to help make you the-best-versions-of-yourself. You can access those at DynamicCatholic.com/lent. These are just two of the many resources to help make this lent more meaningful rather than just “that Catholic stuff” us “crazy’s do”.

A blessed and sacrificial lent to you all!! God Love You!

~ Fr. Sparling