

**March 8, 2020**  
**2nd Sunday of Lent**

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**Fr. Adam Sparling, Pastor**

**Mass Intentions**

Mar	9	Mon	No	Mass	+Martin Gardner (Blankley) offered by Fr. S away
Mar	10	Tues	No	Mass	
Mar	11	Wed	8:00am	St. Martin	Hans Erickson
Mar	12	Thur	8:00 am	St. Leo	+Jaime Bowman (Donovan)
Mar	13	Fri	8:00am	St. Leo	Family of +Jaime Bowman (Donovan)
Mar	14	Sat	4:00 pm	St. Martin	Duane Harris (Brennan)
Mar	15	Sun	8:30 am	St. Leo	Liv & Dec members of St. Leo
Mar	15	Sun	11:00 am	St. Leo	The people of our parishes

**Your Response to the Lords Generosity:**

March 1, 2020

	Adult	Youth	Plate
St. Leo	\$1,375	\$ 0	\$69
St. Martin	\$630	\$ 0	\$31

*“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**

- **Stations of the Cross:** Wednesday’s following the morning Mass at St. Martin; Friday’s at St. Leo beginning at 6pm.
  - Reminder that stations are a devotional that you do not need a priest to lead you in, a lay person can pray them by themselves or lay person may lead a group in the absence of a priest.
- **Knights of Columbus Fish Fry** – Please come enjoy at St. Paulinas in Syracuse from 5-8pm on March 13<sup>th</sup> and March 27<sup>th</sup>.
- **Adult Faith Formation** – **“Oremus: A Catholic Guide to prayer”** Wednesday evenings beginning at 7pm in Divine Mercy hall. If you have any questions please contact Chad Hartwick.
- **2020 Lenten Series** – **A Lenten Encounter with Christ-Forgiveness, Healing, Intimacy, Mission.** John XXIII 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.
- **St. Martin's Altar Society Annual Soup Supper** on **Sunday, March 15th** from 10:30am-1:00pm. There will be a variety of soups, sandwiches, homemade pies and desserts available. **FREE WILL OFFERING.** Also, check out the bazaar items and buy raffle tickets for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.
- **Parish Lenten Evening of Recollection** – Led by Fr. Mike Ventre Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7pm at St. Leo’s. This is an opportunity for confession and adoration. Please mark your calendars and join!!
- **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Brunch** – March 29<sup>th</sup> in the Divine Mercy Hall following the 8:30 am Mass.



**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](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.

### **Note from Father:**

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CCD STUDENTS FOR COLLECTING 500 POUNDS OF FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE WESTERN OTOE COUNTY FOOD BANK!!! The challenge was to raise over 200 pounds to win a pizza party. I am so proud of them, and all, for their food donations to help those in need! We will schedule a pizza party after Easter so all can enjoy the benefits.

*Lent beckons us to slow down and have a good look. We get caught up in so many facets of our lives that we miss quite a lot. Do we really consider how fortunate we are? Pope Francis has been recorded as saying we need to build bridges and not walls and perhaps we need to take time to appreciate the fullness of that in our lives— to not take for granted what we possess and others only hold in dreams. Migrants, refugees, those persecuted for the faith we claim, the hungry of our nation, the homeless of our vicinity and so many more should sharpen our vision, attune our listening and deepen our understanding that we have much to offer for those who have much need. Let us ponder in our Lenten journey the various ways and means we can extend the works of mercy—to be found with the evidence of compassion, love and forgiveness as the greatest of our possessions.*

*What can we do to live as missionaries of mercy more meaningful? We can begin by extending mercy to ourselves, sometimes a hard place to start. Perhaps we’ve been neglecting the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This is the perfect time to return. Maybe there is a family rift or torn relationship that needs healing. Pope Francis especially beckons us towards those who live on the margins of society: We must challenge ourselves to reach out beyond our comfort zone. The Pope challenges us. Peace within ourselves and with our neighbor will flow from the actions we choose to take.*

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

~ Fr. Sparling

#### **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!!!!