

**September 8, 2019**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**St. Leo Catholic Church**      **St. Martin Catholic Church**  
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**Fr. Adam Sparling, Pastor**

**Mass Intentions**

Sept	9	Mon	9:00 am	St. Leo	+Marie Dorcey (Howie)
Sept	10	Tues	No	Mass	
Sept	11	Wed	7:00 pm	St. Martin	Noah & Dani Lempka (Ragon)
Sept	12	Thur	8:00 am	St. Leo	Dec. in St. Mary's Cem & Cem. Association
Sept	13	Fri	8:00 am	St. Leo	+John Bals (Stuchlik)
Sept	14	Sat	4:00 pm	St. Martin	+Larry Moller
Sept	15	Sun	8:30 am	St. Leo	The people of our parishes
Sept	15	Sun	11:00 am	St. Leo	+Nick Lempka (Nisley)

**Your Response to the Lords Generosity:**  
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	Adult	Youth	Plate
St. Leo	\$595	\$ 0	\$19
St. Martin	\$431.80	\$ 151.68	\$1

**Amount needed to reach 2019/20 budget projections:**

**St. Leo: \$6,895/month or \$1,580/week**

**St. Martin: \$3,932/month or \$902/week**

(Numbers are periodically updated throughout the year to give general idea of what we need to reach our goals. Thus may not be an entire 12 month period)

*"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

**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**

➤ **Introduction to Deliverance** - 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 **St Leo Church Hall on September 11 at 7p.m.** Questions? Contact Annette at [annette-wemhoff@cdolinc.net](mailto:annette-wemhoff@cdolinc.net) or call 402-473-0615.

➤ **UNBOUND Conference:** Participants will learn about Unbound through live presentations and videos and how it teaches 5 simple "keys" to break the chains of emotional, spiritual and mental bondage and unlock the doors to freedom. Join us at **St Leo Church Hall, Palmyra, NE, Friday, October 18, 6-9pm & Saturday, October 19, 8am-5pm.** The event is **FREE** but registration is required. Please register by going to: [lincolndiocese.org/unbound](http://lincolndiocese.org/unbound)

➤ **Pro-Life Banquet and Conference** - The Nebraska Catholic Bishops invite you to join pro-life leaders across the state for the annual Bishops' Pro-Life Banquet and Conference: "Abound in Hope," this September 20-21. The Banquet on **Friday, September 20** will feature keynote speaker Greg Schleppebach, former executive director of the Nebraska Catholic Conference and current associate director for the Pro-Life Secretariat at the USCCB, who will help us celebrate 50 years of work on behalf of life by the Nebraska Catholic Conference and look ahead to the hard work still to come. The Conference on **Saturday, September 21** will feature many "reasons for hope": in health care, community life, ecumenical partnerships, and pro-life political advocacy. Visit <https://necatholic.org/> or call 402.477.7517 for more information and to register.

➤ **Servant Workshop:** A 3 part series will be given by Matt Simmons, Director of Evangelization; Spiritual Formation, this fall on **Sept. 9th, Oct. 7th & Nov. 4th, 2019** at John XXIII Diocesan Center from 6:30-8:30pm. The workshop is intended for anyone involved in apostolic work, i.e., St. Vincent de Paul society, Catholic school teachers, CCD teachers, Marriage Encounter, etc. and is designed to help you manifest Jesus more fully as you serve the people of God. The workshop is **FREE** and registration is kindly requested. For topic details and to register please visit <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/03-oe-servant-workshop-fall-2019> . Questions? Call 402-473-0615 or email [Annette-Wemhoff@cdolinc.net](mailto:Annette-Wemhoff@cdolinc.net)

➤ **FATHER/SON PROGRAM** "In His Image" for boys age 10-14 and their father will be held Sunday, **September 22, 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


**Questions to Address my Soul**

- Where am I at spiritually in my life?
- Am I (and by extension my spouse or children) in an active relationship with Christ and his Church?
- Do I practice mercy and forgiveness from my heart?
- Do I make the attempt to increase my knowledge of the faith and spiritual matters?
- Do I love my neighbor (that includes those difficult people in our life) as myself?
- Do I understand the concept of "Stewardship" and live by it?
- Do I pray?
- Do I live hungry for the Mass and with the Eucharist as the center of my life?
- Am I living contrary to the teachings and life of Christ?
- Do I humbly visit Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation regularly to confess my sins and failures?
- Do I want to get to heaven?

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](mailto:naturalfamilyplanning@cdolinc.net)

- **Menopause Information Session.** October 1, 2019, Michele Chambers, CFCP, will be speaking about the health, hormonal, and charting implications of menopause. Event is free, pre-registration requested at <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/menopause> Questions? Call NFP Office- 402-473-0630.
- **A Single Ladies Introductory Session** is being held **October 6, 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. Please preregister at <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/singleladies> Questions? Call NFP Office- 402-473-0630.
- **Love & Responsibility Series:** Join us for a free four part lecture series exploring the practical, unifying relationship implications of John Paul II's teaching "Love and Responsibility." First talk is **October 22nd at 7 p.m.** at the UNL Newman Center. Event is geared toward married and engaged couples, but anyone is welcome to attend. More information on the Family Life Office webpage. Questions? Call NFP Office- 402-473-0630.
- **MOTHER/DAUGHTER PROGRAM** "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made" for girls age 9-13 and their mothers will be held Saturday, **October 26th, 2019** from 9 a.m. to noon 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](mailto:jmdavis17@gmail.com)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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.
- **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>
- **Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House** in Waverly announces its new schedule of 2019-2020 retreats. To see the full schedule of upcoming retreats and themes, or visit [www.goodcounselretreat.com](http://www.goodcounselretreat.com).
- **MASS INTENTIONS NEEDED!** Looking for the perfect gift? There is no greater gift than the Mass with its infinite graces. If you have a family member, friend, fellow parishioner, or a specific intention (i.e., in thanksgiving or for a special need) 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.
  - ❖ 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.
- **Check it out! 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.

#### **From Father:**

**Thank you for those who have sent in Mass requests. We are still very much in need of Mass intentions so please continue to prayerfully consider having a Mass offered for a particular intention or person(s) (living or deceased). I will continue to pray that the faithful not let those graces pass by. Please see above for more information.**

**As noted above this Wednesday we are hosting an Introductory to Deliverance session in our parish as a bit of a preparation for next month's Unbound Conference that we are hosting. One is not needed for the other of course but this is a great opportunity for our parish that I hope you take advantage of and make a priority of in your calendar. You won't regret it!!**

**Have a blessed and safe Labor Day weekend! God Love You! ~ Fr. Sparling**