

April 1, 2018
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection

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Fr. Adam Sparling, Pastor

Mass Intentions

Apr	2	Mon	8:00 am	St. Leo	Aaron & Jerrica Wheatley (Anniversary)
Apr	3	Tues	8:00 am	St. Leo	+Shirley Malone
Apr	4	Wed	7:00 am	St. Martin	+Larry McAuliffe
Apr	5	Thur	7:00 am	St. Leo	Poor Souls
Apr	6	Fri	7:00 am	St. Leo	Grace Lundy (Bday)
Apr	7	Sat	4:00 pm	St. Leo	Larry & Gayle Royal
Apr	8	Sun	8:30 am	St. Martin	For the People of Our Parishes
Apr	8	Sun	11:00 am	St. Leo	+Helen Royal

OUR TITHE TO THE LORD

March 18 & 25, 2018 (combined)

	Adult	Youth	Plate
St. Leo	\$ 3231	\$ 0	\$165
St. Martin	\$1200	\$ 1.90	\$78

Amount needed to balance annual budget:

St. Leo: \$1,185/week or \$5,133/month

St. Martin: \$1,002/week or \$4,342/month

**Our Lord has blessed all of us and He instructs us to tithe 10% of our time, 10 % of our talents and 10% of our monetary blessings.

Everyone, no matter age, is called to respond generously to the blessings He gives! 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

CALENDAR ITEMS

➤ On **April 6-8** Father Christopher Kubat will present a weekend retreat for Men and Women on “**Divine Mercy**” at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House near Waverly. Come draw closer to St. Faustina and, with her, be immersed in the bountiful ocean of God's mercy. Find out how you can access, obtain, and cooperate with the gift of Divine Mercy that only God can give. Register by going to the website <http://www.goodcounselretreat.com/retreat/schedule/> or by *calling 402-786-2705 or emailing goodcounsel@cdolinc.net or Al-Zach@cdolinc.net*

➤ *****On Divine Mercy Sunday, April 8th, there will be a Eucharistic Adoration at St. Martin from after Mass until 3 p.m. On this day and hour the Lord relayed to St. Faustina His desire to open the floodgates of heaven to pour out His mercy upon the world. All are invited and encouraged to attend all or part of this beautiful devotion. There are sign up sheets in the back of Church. Please take some time to adore our Lord and sign up for a time slot. The St. Martin's Altar Society will provide a cookie reception afterwards. The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday and ends on Divine Mercy Sunday.**

➤ *****FORMED.ORG TRAINING CONFERENCE WITH THE AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE!** FORMED.ORG is being used by parishes all over the world to engage Catholics and non-Catholics like never before. Leaders from the Augustine Institute will be conducting special trainings in the Diocese of Lincoln to teach leaders from parishes how to make the most of FORMED for evangelization and faith formation. There will be two trainings on Saturday, April 14th. The first is from 8:30 – 11:30 AM at John XXIII Diocesan Center in Lincoln. The second training is from 1:30 – 4:30 PM at St. Michael Parish Hall in Hastings. The training is **FREE**, and only one of them needs to be attended. You can register by going to www.lincolndiocese.org/events or by calling (402) 473-0615.

➤ **FATHER/SON PROGRAM** “In His Image” for boys age 10-14 and their father will be held **Sunday, April 15, 2018** from 1:30-4 p.m. at John XXIII Diocesan Center, Lincoln. 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> Questions, please call the NFP Offices 402-473-0630 or email jennifer-svagera@cdolinc.net

➤ **April 20-22** with Fr. Holdren on “Deepening Your Prayer Life” – for Men and Women. Register by going to the website <http://www.goodcounselretreat.com/retreat/schedule/> or by *calling 402-786-2705 or emailing goodcounsel@cdolinc.net or Al-Zach@cdolinc.net*

➤ **Encounter School of Healing** - Encounter Ministries is offering a conference on Jesus' gift and power of healing on **June 1-2**. The goal of this conference is to teach and activate Catholics to be effective ministers of Jesus' healing in the world. The event will be led by Fr. Mathias Thelen of Encounter Ministries and pastor of St. Patrick's Church in Brighton, MI. For more information and to register please visit www.lincolndiocese.org/event . This event is being sponsored by the Office of Evangelization and the Lincoln Equipping Team for Prayer and Healing.

- **Healing Service** - All are invited to Encounter Ministry's healing service on June 2, 2018 at 6:30pm at St. Peter Church, 4500 Duxhall Dr., Lincoln led by Fr. Mathias Thelen. There is no cost or registration for this event and it is open to anyone who would like to attend. For more information please visit www.lincolndiocese.org/events .

➤ It's with great excitement to announce to you the first annual **Diocese of Lincoln Young Adult Conference – REVIVE** (Ages 22-40). It will take place **July 13-14, 2018** at the Newman Center. We are hoping to get this promoted starting this Easter weekend to reach the young adults that may only frequent Mass on major feasts. For registration and more info visit: <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/revivelnk>

Upcoming Opportunities for High Schoolers (HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!):

- **TEC (Teens Encounter Christ)** is a weekend experience for high school juniors and seniors on a Catholic journey of faith, which emphasizes the relationship of Jesus in your life. During TEC you experience:
- a chance to meet other high school seniors and juniors . . .
 - a time to reflect on your life through the eyes of Jesus . . .

- an opportunity for prayer and sharing with others . . .
- a God you can believe in, encountering Christ risen and alive!

The weekend begins in the morning at 10:00 a.m. and concludes on the final day at about 4:00 p.m. You will need to be there the entire time. The next TEC will be at Camp Kateri in McCool Junction from April 14-16. The final TEC of the school year will be June 9-11 at David City Aquinas. To register, go to <http://www.lincolndiocese.org/retreats/tec>

- **The Steubenville Mid-America Youth Conference** will be **July 13-15**. There is an exciting lineup of speakers, musicians and presenters, to challenge Catholic youth to stand firm in their faith, to rely upon the awesome power of Jesus Christ as their guide, friend and Savior, and to show them that faith to the world. For more information or to, register today at www.lincolndiocese.org/pilgrimages/steubenville-youth-conference .
- **The Diocesan Canoe Trips are coming up!** This three-day outdoor adventure includes daily Mass, confessions, talks, private reflection time, and other opportunities for youth to grow in their relationship with Christ. A Campfire, skits and rosary fill the evening hours. Dates are **July 8-10** and **July 10-12**, cost is \$100. To register, go to <http://www.lincolndiocese.org/camps/diocesan-canoe-trip>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *****Thank you to all those who gave of their time and talent during Holy Week:**
 - ✓ **Those who prepared the churches for Holy Week and decorated for Easter.**
 - ✓ **The musicians who prepared the music for the different liturgies.**
 - ✓ **The 12 who volunteered to have their feet washed at Holy Thursday.**
 - ✓ **Those who spent some time in prayer and adoration on Holy Thursday night and throughout the Triduum.**
 - ✓ **The server, lectors, reader and acolytes who helped serve the liturgies.**

May our Risen Lord reward you abundantly!
- **Mass intentions needed:** If you would like a Mass offered for a particular intention, living or deceased person the suggested Mass stipend is \$10. Please put in envelope marked "Mass Intention" and place in basket. All checks can be made to "St. Leo Stipend Account." If you have a specific date or location please make notation and I will do the best I can to honor that request.
- *****Rice Bowl contributions** can be placed in the collection either in the box itself, in a zip lock bag or if you want to total up your bills and coins and just write a check. If you wish please make sure your name is on it and if you are writing a check please make the check out to your respective parish.
- The time for fulfillment of your **Easter Duty** is from the First Sunday of Lent through Trinity Sunday. This means all Catholics should receive Holy Communion at least once in this period as a visible sign of unity. If one has knowledge of a mortal sin they must first avail themselves of Confession before receiving Communion. It is hoped however that all in a state of grace will receive Holy Communion at every Mass attended throughout the year.
- **Parish Needs Wish List:** Your help in donating to these things will help defray the cost of the parish purchasing the following needs:
 - Large Bulletin boards, Reams of colored paper, General classroom supplies, Financial gifts to be put toward updating technology such as: Tv's or projectors and dvd players in classrooms, upgrading Divine Mercy Hall tv to larger screen or projector, wifi coverage for social hall, printer ink, laptop computers or tablets for teachers to use to communicate with tv or projector in classrooms, classroom speakers.

From the Pastor:

GOD IS GOOD! It is with great joy I bid you all Easter Blessings!! I would like to welcome any visitors with us this weekend or those returning home to celebrate this great Solemnity. No matter where you have come from you are always welcome at St. Leo's and St. Martin's!

Words cannot describe how beautiful and grace filled this Easter Triduum has been. There have been several moments where I worked hard to contain tears of happiness and humility as I celebrated the Triduum rites for the first time as a Pastor. Easter reminds us that HOPE must never be lost for as the road may seem dark and lonely, like it was for our Lord in his passion and death, there always lies the light at the end, the light of the Resurrection. Easter is always such a blessed and joyful time and it seems the older I get the more I realize how true that is. We are Easter people! Our Lord Jesus Christ has risen from the dead and through his passion, death and resurrection has opened for us the gates to eternal happiness! This is exactly what we celebrate every Sunday and at every Mass. Let us never forget that reality or take it for granted. We gather together as a family to celebrate and worship our Lord receiving the strength to go out into the world and take the Gospel message, the Good News, to all we encounter. Part of my daily prayer is that we come to understand that missionary call more and more each day; reaching out to one another in true stewardship, growing stronger in our relationship with God so that we can give witness to it. That is exactly what it means to live as an Easter people.

Lastly, I ask you to pray for the happy repose of the soul of Fr. Mel Rempe who passed away this week. Funeral arrangements: (1) Tue, April 10 Rosary at Price Funeral Home in Superior at 7pm; (2) Funeral Mass with the Bishop Wednesday, April 11 at 11am at Cathedral in Lincoln. I pray Fr Mel gets to celebrate the Resurrection in Heaven!

May the risen Lord Jesus Christ continue to richly bless you and your family!

**God love you,
Fr. Sparling**



Easter Flowers

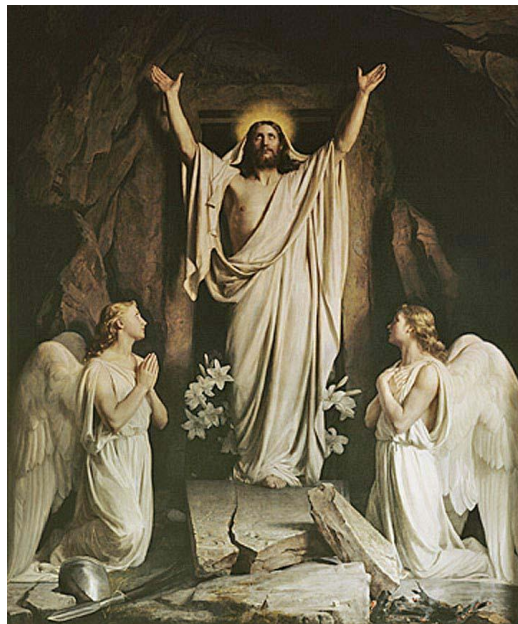
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HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!