

April 15, 2018
3rd Sunday of Easter

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Fr. Adam Sparling, Pastor

Mass Intentions

Apr	16	Mon	7:00 am	St. Leo	Mary Lois Rawe
Apr	17	Tues	No	Mass	
Apr	18	Wed	No	Mass	
Apr	19	Thur	No	Mass	
Apr	20	Fri	No	Mass	
Apr	21	Sat	4:00 pm	St. Leo	Bill Hauptman (Birthday)
Apr	22	Sun	8:30 am	St. Martin	+Roland Hauptman Jr.
Apr	22	Sun	11:00 am	St. Leo	For the People of Our Parishes

OUR TITHE TO THE LORD

April 8, 2018

	Adult	Youth	Plate
St. Leo	\$ 1776	\$ 0	\$37
St. Martin	\$1425	\$ 3	\$20

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

- Mass will be offered at St. Luke Czech Shrine in Loma on April 22, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. The Ostry Family Singers will provide the music.
- **Charity and Stewardship Appeal (CSA)** – Coming in a few weeks the diocese begins our annual appeal to help support diocesan institutions, agencies and other beneficiaries. St. Leo's goal for this year is \$4,390 and St. Martin's goal is \$2,510. All pledges collected over the parish goals directly benefit the parish and are returned to the parish. Both parishes are schedule to receive 80% of their goals back on a quarterly basis. It doesn't appear to have been a problem but any shortfall of our goal will have to be paid out of our general operating budget. Please be as generous as you can in supporting the diocese and our parish (remember 80% comes back to us!). Please stop to fill out your pledge card as soon as possible! Thank you for your continued generosity!
- **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. 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
- **For Men & Women seeking healing from Divorce:** The **Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide** was created to bring hope and healing to divorced and separated Catholics. This 12 week program will be leader facilitated & features 30-minute DVD segments that cover topics of shock, denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, kids, annulment, and much more. The next session will begin **June 4, 2018** and is held at John XXIII Diocesan Center, Lincoln, NE from 7-9pm. Classes are kept small. Cost is \$50. Register by calling the Family Life Office at, 402-473-0620, or catholicflo@cdolinc.net
- 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>

- **Cor Jesu Rex** – A week-long catechetical program for **grades 1-8** will take place **June 11-18** at St. Paulinus in Syracuse. To register please contact St. Paulinus to get a registration form or contact Linda Bennier for info.
 - Due to low attendance last summer in our Totus Tuus program this as a great option to send your students for summer catechetical instruction.

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. 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 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

- **NEW!** After being asked by several parishioners at St. Leo's I am happy to announce we are now set up for St. Leo's parishioners to do online giving. With this new service you 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. If you currently use "Bill pay" or any other method to tithe I might suggest you use this method as it is quick, easy and is automatically recorded in your giving report.
- **Out of Mass intentions!** We currently only have a few Mass intentions remaining (besides those few scheduled for the future). 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.
- The Education Technology office for the Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Lincoln has an opening for a part-time student intern. Applicants must be college students not graduating before May, 2020. For more information, see <http://www.lincolndiocese.org/employment>. To apply, send a letter of intent and resume by April 26, 2018 to jobs@cdolinc.net. No calls, please.

From the Pastor:

As I mentioned at Mass this weekend, I recently asked the Bishop to have the opportunity to make an extended retreat and this past week he contacted me about an opportunity to do so, which I willingly accepted. Thus, I will be away for the next few weeks on retreat. In the meantime, Fr. Rand has been asked to attend to the general needs of our parishes while I am away. Although this opportunity arose suddenly I am happy to have the opportunity for some extended prayer and learning.

I ask that you join me in congratulating Rhi Tramp, Annalyn Beach and Lillie Whyman who receive their First Communion this weekend. Thank you to the Altar Society and all who helped make their special day that much more special! Special thanks to Linda Bennier and Kim Hartwick who have prepared them well as their CCD teachers.

Please be assured of my prayers while I am on retreat and I kindly ask you to keep me in yours. As always I am thankful for all you do!

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

**God love you,
Fr. Sparling**

DEAR ST. LEO'S PARISHIONERS,

I have something exciting I want to share with all of you. In an effort to be faithful stewards with what God has entrusted us with, I want to tell you about a new service we are using to help with our calling of being generous believers.

In 2 Corinthians Paul demonstrates the call of stewardship to the Church in support of Macedonian believers. He says these words:

“The person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously. Each person should do as he has decided in his heart—not out of regret or out of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make every grace overflow in you, so that in every way, always having everything you need, you may excel in every good work.” -2 Corinthians 9:6-8 (HCSB)

As of this week, we now offer online giving for St. Leo's. The hope and prayer is that offering online giving will allow us to accomplish a couple of things.

First, it will provide the flexibility for you to give how you want to, regardless of day or time. You'll be able to give your tithes and offerings in several different ways. We have added a 'Give Now' button on the home page of our website where you can give. Part of the flexibility we are giving you is the payment method you use to give. Of course, you'll still be able to give via a check, even through our online giving platform. You can also give with a credit or debit card.

Second, it will help all of us better develop a habit of giving regularly. Online giving is going to help us be better stewards by affording you the opportunity to give on a regular basis. You will be able to set up recurring tithes and offerings. How many of you pay bills online? This is much the same, but it's not just paying a bill. It's being obedient to God and fulfilling what He calls us to do.

I encourage you to visit our website (or go to <http://giving.parishsoft.com/stleo>) later today or sometime this week. Pray about how God is calling you to give and be a faithful and obedient steward in our mission of making disciples. Giving is truly a worship experience, and online giving can enrich that experience. Without it, we may miss out on an incredible way of becoming more like Christ, both as individuals and as members of His Church.

I love our parish. I love our people. I love the Body of Christ that our church represents. And I love the opportunity to be faithful in our tithes and offerings to Him. As Paul reminds us, God loves a cheerful giver.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Fr. Sparling