

April 29, 2018
5th Sunday of Easter

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OUR TITHE TO THE LORD

April 22, 2018

	Adult	Youth	Plate
St. Leo	\$ 736	\$ 0	\$ 74.44
St. Martin	\$ 420	\$ 0	\$ 28

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!

Mass Intentions

Apr	30	Mon	7:00 am	St. Leo	Poor Souls
May	1	Tues	7:00 am	St. Leo	Poor Souls
May	2	Wed	5:45 pm	St. Leo	Nora Ragon (Birthday)
May	3	Thur	7:00 am	St. Leo	Rich Carman & Laura Hays
May	4	Fri	7:00 am	St. Leo	Fr. Bernardo (Birthday)
May	5	Sat	4:00 pm	St. Martin	Henry Hussey
May	6	Sun	8:30 am	St. Leo	Liv & Dec Members of St. Leo's
May	6	Sun	11:00 am	St. Leo	For the People of our Parishes

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

- **This Weekend** - Bishop James Conley is inviting your family to the HuskerCatholic Candle-lit Rosary on Sunday, April 29th @ 8:00 pm. Join thousands of others in surrounding the University of Nebraska Lincoln campus to pray the Rosary for peace. There is a designated location for Palmyra/Douglas so hope we can get a good turnout from our parishes. See details on the flyer relative to arrival time, parking, using phones as "candles", radios, etc.
- **This Wednesday we will have our end of the year Mass for CCD with a potluck dinner to follow. All are invited to attend for fun, food and fellowship!**
- **Charity and Stewardship Appeal (CSA)** – Last weekend the diocese began our annual appeal to help support diocesan institutions, agencies and other beneficiaries. **If you haven't filled out your pledge card please do so!** 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. Please be as generous as you can in supporting the diocese and our parish (remember 80% comes back to us!). Thank you for your continued generosity!
 - Thank you to Duane Bremer who is organizing St. Leo's pledges and Dan & Cindy Smith who are organizing St. Martin's pledges!
- **Next Sunday** - St. Leo's will celebrate May Crowning at the 11:00 Mass. McKenna Callahan will crown Mary and lead the prayers. Flowers will be provided for all children who want to process in together and give Mary a gift.
- **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
- **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>
- **Every BODY Matters** – Parents and Teachers, do you have a tough time answering your children's questions about their bodies in light of today's culture? Join us to hear international speaker Monica Ashour present stories, statistics, and objectives about good choices that prepare students for healthy, whole, and harmonious lives. The concepts she shares will help you form your children, grades PreK-8, in their identity and dignity as human persons as well as to successfully navigate their way in a culture that creates confusion about the body. Day and evening sessions available **June 20-22** in Lincoln. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/y89afpo8> for more details.
- **Day of Equipping:** This training seminar, presented by Bart Schuchts, will be held July 20-21 at Pius X High School in Lincoln, NE. During this training you will learn the foundations of abiding in Christ, hearing His voice, and becoming empowered to pray for others as Jesus did. If you desire the Holy Spirit operating in your life, this training is for you. Cost is \$70 before May 14, \$80 after. To register, go to <https://jpiihealingcenter.org>. Contact the Office of Evangelization for information on student rates or need based scholarships, 402-473-0615.

Summer Catechetical Opportunities for Youth:

- **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.
- **Totus Tuus** – A week-long catechetical program for grades 1-8 (during the day) and 9th-12th (evenings) will be held the second week of June at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Lincoln. Please contact the St. Michael's parish office for registration information. (Due to low attendance the past few years we have asked to combine with the St. Michael's group)
- **SKY Camp** (Catholic Summer Camp for Youth) is a fun, prayerful, and powerful experience for children going into grades 5-9! Go to <http://www.lincolndiocese.org/camps> to register or for more information. Registration fills up quick so go today!
- **Leadership Camp** is a Catholic boy's summer camp for Altar Servers entering 6th grade through 9th grade in the fall. Go to <http://www.lincolndiocese.org/camps> to register or for more information. Camps are July 8-14 and July 15-21.

Upcoming Opportunities for High Schoolers (HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!):

- **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. Keynote this year is nationally known speaker Jason Evert. For more information or to register go to: lincolndiocese.org/pilgrimages/steubenville-youth-conference .
- **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 next TEC will be **June 9-11 at David City Aquinas**. To register, go to lincolndiocese.org/retreats/tec .
- **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 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.

From the Pastor:

Big thank you to all who helped everything run smoothly while I was away on retreat! It was a great time to spend some time in prayer and reflection.

This past week annual priest assignment changes were announced and I am very pleased to say that I am here to stay for another year! There was an adjustment to my assignment as the Bishop accepted my request to no longer teach which means I will have more time to be here and present to you all. Thanks be to God!

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

**God love you,
Fr. Sparling**