

April 8, 2018
Divine Mercy Sunday

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

Mass Intentions

Apr	9	Mon	7:00 am	St. Leo	Poor Souls
Apr	10	Tues	7:00 am	St. Leo	Lynette Gilligan B-day
Apr	11	Wed	7:00 am	St. Martin	Dennis Carpenter
Apr	12	Thur	7:00 am	St. Leo	+Loren Genuchi (Anniversary)
Apr	13	Fri	7:00 am	St. Leo	+Shirley Malone
Apr	14	Sat	4:00 pm	St. Martin	+Larry McAuliffe
Apr	15	Sun	8:30 am	St. Leo	For the People of Our Parishes
Apr	15	Sun	11:00 am	St. Leo	Liv & Dec Members of St. Leo's

Divine Mercy Sunday is a very special Sunday when the Divine Floodgates from Heaven are wide-opened and Jesus offers us the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment to any soul, who goes to Confession and receives Him in Holy Communion, on that day.

CALENDAR ITEMS

- *****This weekend there is Eucharistic Adoration at St. Martin from after Mass until 3 p.m. 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.**
- **Next Sunday April 15 at the 11am Mass Rhi Tramp, Annalyn Beach and Lillie Whyman will be receiving their First Communion. Please consider coming to join in congratulating them on this exceptional celebration!**
- **St. Leo's Knights of Columbus Roundtable** will be meeting April 15, 2018 following the 11:00am Mass. They will also be leading the rosary before Mass beginning at 10:30am. All men 18 years and older are invited and encouraged to join the Knights of Columbus which greatly supports the Church and the surrounding community. Those interested in joining please contact Chad Hartwick at 402-432-1480.
- **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**

OUR TITHE TO THE LORD

April 1, 2018

	Adult	Youth	Plate
St. Leo	\$ 912	\$ 0	\$88
St. Martin	\$720	\$ 10	\$ 0

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

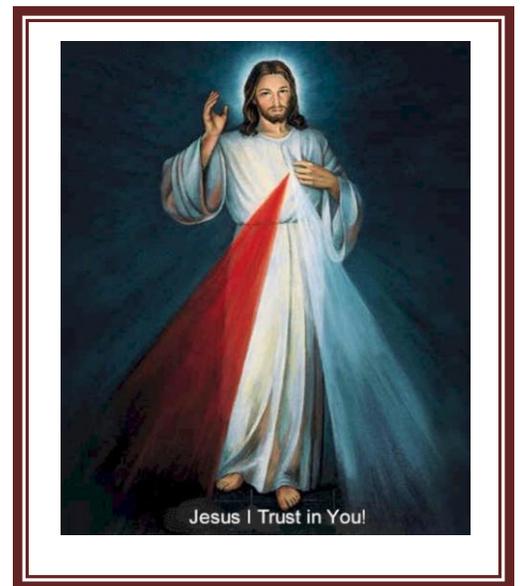
Confessions:

Saturdays 3:30 PM-3:45 PM

Sundays 8:00 AM-8:15 AM &

10:30 AM-10:45 AM

Any time by appointment



- **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>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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.
- **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:

The feast of Divine Mercy, or Divine Mercy Sunday, is observed on the octave of Easter and celebrates the fullness of Christ's Resurrection.

St. Faustina's diary details Christ revelations, largely focusing on a message of mercy. She wrote that she first saw a vision of Jesus on Feb. 22, 1931. He had rays of mercy streaming from His heart. Christ told her to have an image painted to represent the vision and to write below it, "Jesus, I trust in you!" St. Faustina died of tuberculosis in 1938 at age 33. St. John Paul II canonized her in 2000 and declared Divine Mercy Sunday a worldwide feast day. Two years later, he instituted a plenary indulgence for those who participate in the devotion. St. John Paul II was canonized on the feast of Divine Mercy in 2014.

To receive the graces of the plenary indulgence on Divine Mercy Sunday, along with the usual conditions (sacramental confession, holy Communion, and prayers for the intentions of the pope), the faithful, while in a state of grace and detached from venial sin, are asked to take part in the prayers and devotions the Second Sunday of Easter held in honor of Divine Mercy in any church or chapel, or else they should recite the Our Father and Creed before the Blessed Sacrament adding a devotional prayer to the merciful Lord.

Lastly, with the financial quarter ending on the 31st of March I wanted to give you an update. So attached to this week's bulletin is a financial report for both parishes. As always, if you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

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

God love you,
Fr. Sparling