

May 6, 2018
6th Sunday of Easter

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Fr. Adam Sparling, Pastor

Mass Intentions

May	7	Mon	7:00 am	St. Leo	Nick Lempka
May	8	Tues	7:00 am	St. Leo	Forrest Nisley
May	9	Wed	6:00 pm	St. Martin	Vigil: +Judy Sramcik
May	10	Thur	6:00 pm	St. Leo	HOLY DAY: Marvin Chambers
May	11	Fri	7:00 am	St. Leo	Good Health
May	12	Sat	4:00 pm	St. Martin	Bertha & (+)Bourke Malone
May	13	Sun	8:30 am	St. Leo	Liv & Dec. Mothers & Gmas
May	13	Sun	11:00 am	St. Leo	For the People of our Parishes

OUR TITHE TO THE LORD

April 29, 2018

	Adult	Youth	Plate
St. Leo	\$ 775	\$ 0	\$ 9
St. Martin	\$ 360	\$ 24	\$ 12

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

- **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION** – This Thursday we celebrate Ascension Thursday which is a Holy Day of Obligation. Please look above for Mass times and locations.
- **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!
- **SPRING PLATTSMOUTH DEANERY MEETING: ATTENTION ALL LADIES OF ST LEO'S PARISH, PALMYRA, AND ST MARTIN'S PARISH, DOUGLAS (INCLUDED IN THE PLATTSMOUTH DEANERY - LINCOLN DIOCESE COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN);** A Spring Plattsouth Deanery meeting will be held at **ST MARY'S CHURCH HALL, 500 W G STREET, ELMWOOD NE**, on **WEDNESDAY, MAY 16TH, 7PM - 8PM**. All are invited to attend. Be informed of projects the Deanery supports on the Diocesan level with the blessings of Bishop Conley. Learn how we can follow the motto of new LDCCW President, Kay Wessel, "Do Small Things with Great Love". For more information, contact Cheryl Wirth, Plattsouth Deanery President @ 402-874-0597.
- **Blue Mass** -- The annual "Blue Mass" will be held at St. Mary Church in Lincoln at **9:45 a.m. May 17**. Hosted by the Lincoln 4th Degree Knights of Columbus, this Mass is held in honor of all active, deceased and retired law enforcement, fire and rescue, and corrections personnel. All are invited to come and pray for the individuals who do so much to keep everyone safe.
- **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 <https://encounterministries.us/>. 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.lincolndioocese.org/events
- **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 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 John XXIII Diocesan Center-3700 Sheridan Blvd.-Lincoln on **Thursday, July 5th, 7-8:30pm**. Questions? Contact Matt at matthew-simmons@cdolinc.net or call 402-805-9668.

- 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. They fill up fast!

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 E-Tithe!** With this new service St. Leo's 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. 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.
- **Mass intentions needed...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:

I want to give big 'Thank You' to all of our CCD teachers and parents who helped make this past year run so smoothly! I couldn't do it without you!

Thank you to those who have contributed to the Charity and Stewardship Appeal already. Your generosity directly benefits so many people throughout the diocese in addition to helping our parishes. If you haven't had a chance yet to fill out your pledge card and make a contribution please take a moment to do so. May God reward you hundred-fold for your bigheartedness!

This upcoming week we celebrate Ascension Thursday. Please make sure to check the schedule above for Mass times. The Ascension is a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics.

Lastly, as summer approaches please feel free to forward me your little league & summer softball, etc. schedules...you never I could show up to cheer!

**May the Risen and Merciful Lord Jesus Christ continue to richly bless you and your family!
God love you, Fr. Sparling**