

**May 13, 2018**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
*Happy Mother's Day!!*

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

**Mass Intentions**

May	14	Mon	7:00 am	St. Leo	Good Health Intention
May	15	Tues	7:00 am	St. Leo	Sandy Smith
May	16	Wed	7:00 am	St. Martin	+Linda Norval
May	17	Thur	7:00 am	St. Leo	Leo Dunn
May	18	Fri	7:00 am	St. Leo	In Thanksgiving (Swanda's)
May	19	Sat	4:00 pm	St. Martin	+Jim Condon
May	20	Sun	8:30 am	St. Leo	Increase in Military Chaplains
May	20	Sun	11:00 am	St. Leo	For the People of our Parishes

**OUR TITHE TO THE LORD**

May 6, 2018

	Adult	Youth	Plate
St. Leo	\$ 696	\$ 0	\$ 56
St. Martin	\$ 955	\$ 10.80	\$ 11

**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**

- **Charity and Stewardship Appeal (CSA) – If you haven't made your gift yet please do so as we haven't reached our goal!** 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 your 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!
- **Knights of Columbus – Meeting next Sunday (20<sup>th</sup>) following the 11am Mass. Knights will lead rosary before Mass beginning at 10:30am.**
- **St. Martin Altar Society Meeting – this Tuesday, May 15 beginning at 7pm.**
- **Good Samaritan Center at Syracuse will be hosting a thank you to all volunteers on Wednesday, May 16, from 2pm-4pm in the Activities Room. Refreshments and light lunch will be served.**
- **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 Plattsmouth 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, Plattsmouth 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.** on **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.lincolndiocese.org/events](http://www.lincolndiocese.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](mailto: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 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> (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!):

- **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](http://www.lincolndiocese.org/retreats/tec).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Parish/Finance Council Elections – St. Leo's needs to elect 2 new members for the parish council to replace Marv and Margie Swanda who have served the parish for the past few years and need to step down as Marv continues to recover. Jane Malone, the pastor appointed member, will also be stepping down from parish council as she prepares to take over as Altar Society President next year and has also served the last few years. Please join me in thanking all three of them for their service to our parish! Here is some information as to what a parish/finance council is:**
  - A parish council, as defined by Canon Law (Church Law), is a consultative body of the parish that serves to advise the pastor about parish issues. The Parish Pastoral Council serves as a consultative body, pastoral in nature, because it strives to discern the movement of the Holy Spirit among God's people in the parish. A Parish Pastoral Council gives its help to the pastor in fostering pastoral activity; it investigates, under the authority of the pastor, all those things which pertain to pastoral works to ponder them, and to propose practical conclusions about them. It is essential that Council meetings occur in the context of prayer and openness to the Holy Spirit, so that at all times the common good will prevail. Specifically, the Parish Council's Purpose is to enhance the process of: pastoral planning, developing pastoral programs, improving pastoral services, evaluating the pastoral effectiveness of various programs and services. Although the Council is not a body which makes binding decisions, the recommendations of the Pastoral Council are to be taken seriously when grounded in prayer, discernment and communal wisdom. The pastor presides over the Parish Pastoral Council and is responsible for the final approval of Council recommendations concerning pastoral planning, programs, and services for the parish, as well as for their implementation.
  - The Finance Council is also defined by Canon law and works closely with the pastor, who is accountable to the diocesan bishop for the administration and stewardship of the temporal goods of the parish. The pastor, according to Canon Law, has among his responsibilities, the responsibility for parish financial and temporal management. The Parish Finance Council is a consultative body that assists the pastor in meeting these obligations. While the Parish Finance Council does not have decision making authority, consultation is at the heart of the decision-making process – sharing information, listening, contributing to the discussion, and promoting consensus.
  - **If you are a St. Leo parishioner and interested in serving on the parish/finance council please contact Fr. Sparling by Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Those interested parties will then be placed on a ballot the weekend of June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and the top 2 members with the most votes will be elected. The 3<sup>rd</sup> member of the council will be appointed by the pastor.**
    - Serving on the council is a ministry to the whole parish. When considering membership on the council, the following criteria should be kept in mind. **Potential candidates should be: of proven faith, with sound morals, demonstrating the gifts of wisdom and prudence, willing to commit their time, talent and wisdom in a consultative and collaborative manner. Council members should have the ability to study and reflect prayerfully, and to recognize and respect the viewpoints of others.** Official Church documents state that the Pastoral Councils are to represent the people of God, but not in the legal sense. Rather, council members are representative in that they are a witness or a sign of the whole community.
- **Plan Ahead: St. Leo and St. Martin "Stock the Shelves" of the Western Otoe County Food Pantry for the Month of June** Now is the time to plan ahead to purchase extra items for the food pantry collection that will begin in June. The hungry in our community depend on the Food Pantry to help them stretch their tight food budgets. Thank you for your support! Questions? Call Janet McDonald or Maureen Carpenter.
- **NEW E-Tithe! Sign up today!** 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! No better way to show mom you love her than to have a Mass offered for your Mom (living or deceased)!** 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.

### *Happy Mother's Day to all Mother's!!*

What a wonderful day it is to celebrate the gift of our Mother's. Let us not forget our Blessed Mother for the many graces and blessings she brings to us! Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us who have recourse to thee!!

Over the last two weekends St. Martin's has celebrated the baptism of two new little ones: Lillian Hyde (daughter of Erin and Rob Hyde) and Ezekiel Bausch (Son of Emily & Charles Bausch). But wait we aren't done yet! Brooks Beach will be baptized the first weekend of June! Please join me in congratulating them and thanking God for the gift of life!

As summer quickly approaches please feel free to forward me your little league & summer softball, etc. schedules...you never know I could show up to cheer! God love you, Fr. Sparling

