

**May 20, 2018
Pentecost Sunday**

St. Leo Catholic Church **St. Martin Catholic Church**
 330 W. 8th Street 125 W. 3rd Street
 Palmyra, NE 68418 Douglas, NE
 (402)780-5535 (Please send mail to St. Leo Church)

www.stleoandstmartin.com Email: stleopalmyra@gmail.com

Fr. Adam Sparling, Pastor

Mass Intentions

May	21	Mon	7:00 am	St. Leo	Rich Carman & Laura Hays
May	22	Tues	7:00 am	St. Leo	Heather Wheatley
May	23	Wed	No	Mass	
May	24	Thur	No	Mass	Kevin Lundy Bday (Fr. S away)
May	25	Fri	No	Mass	Dan & Mildred Wheatley (Fr. S away)
May	26	Sat	4:00 pm	St. Leo	Swanda Thanksgiving Intention
May	27	Sun	8:30 am	St. Martin	Liv & Dec Members of St. Martin's
May	27	Sun	11:00 am	St. Leo	For the People of our Parishes

OUR TITHE TO THE LORD

May 13, 2018

	Adult	Youth	Plate
St. Leo	\$ 1,151	\$ 0	\$ 17
St. Martin	\$ 225	\$ 13	\$ 21

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

➤ **Fr. Sparling will be away the evening of the 22nd until the 30th for the priestly ordination of Deacon Angelus Montgomery, CFR (Rusty Montgomery) for emergencies please contact St. Paulinus or St. Mary's in Nebraska City. Please also pray for the young men being ordained to the priesthood and diaconate at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ next weekend! Please also note that Father will be gone for his required diocesan retreat beginning the evening of the 3rd until the 7th. An annual diocesan retreat is required of all of us priests even though I made an extra retreat last month.**

➤ **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

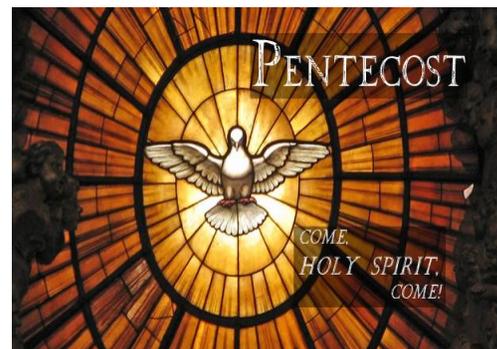
➤ **Introduction to Deliverance** Have you ever wondered...exactly, what IS deliverance and how does it fit into our Catholic Faith? The Diocesan Office of Evangelization will be hosting an evening consisting of four 20 minute talks. This is open to ALL: laity, religious, clergy, members of the Christian 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/reviveink>

➤ **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!

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 this weekend. You can call the rectory or email the parish office. Those interested parties will then be placed on a ballot the weekend of June 2nd and 3rd and the top 2 members with the most votes will be elected. The 3rd 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.

Come Holy Spirit Come! Spring is an exciting time of year with the blooming flowers and trees and the nice cool and warm weather. We celebrate Easter, the Ascension and now Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles as the Lord promised. Spring is also the season for ordinations another great sign of the Holy Spirit at work. Our diocese is blessed to be ordaining two more men to the priesthood this coming Saturday at 11am at the Cathedral; Deacons Doug Daro and Luke Fleck. The previous evening on Friday at 7pm the Bishop will also ordain 3 men to the transitional diaconate; Tony Bedient, Carson Kain, and Allan Phan. Please join me in praying for these men in addition to one of my best friends Brother Angelus Montgomery, CFR who will also be ordained a priest next Saturday where Fr. Ventre, Fr. Clinch and I will have the privilege to concelebrate his ordination mass with Cardinal Dolan at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City.

May 25th marks my 5th Anniversary being ordained a Priest of Jesus Christ and that same day a year prior I entered the clerical state by being ordained a deacon. The years have gone by so quickly and I have been blessed in so many ways. I look forward to the years to come! Thank you for all of your continued love and support.

The Holy Spirit is very much among us! Be assured as always you will very much be in my prayers!
God Love You! ~Fr. Sparling