

**May 27, 2018
Trinity Sunday**

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Fr. Adam Sparling, Pastor

Mass Intentions

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| May | 28 | Mon | No | Mass | |
| May | 29 | Tues | No | Mass | |
| May | 30 | Wed | No | Mass | |
| May | 31 | Thur | 7:00 am | St. Leo | John Swanda (Swanda) |
| June | 1 | Fri | 7:00 am | St. Leo | Mary Swanda (Swanda) |
| June | 2 | Sat | 4:00 pm | St. Martin | Peggy Weber (Carpenter) |
| June | 3 | Sun | 8:30 am | St. Leo | Liv & Dec St. Leo Parishioners |
| June | 3 | Sun | 11:00 am | St. Leo | For the People of our Parishes |

OUR TITHE TO THE LORD

May 20, 2018

| | Adult | Youth | Plate |
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| St. Leo | \$ 1386 | \$ 0 | \$ 19 |
| St. Martin | \$ 590 | \$ 0 | \$ 15 |

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:

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| 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

- **Reminder: Fr. Sparling will be away until the 30th for the priestly ordination of Deacon Angelus Montgomery, CFR for emergencies please contact St. Paulinus in Syracuse or St. Mary's in Nebraska City.**
 - **Correction: I will NOT be gone on retreat the evening of the 3rd through the 7th for our required annual diocesan retreat as I mentioned in last week's bulletin. Instead, I am scheduled for the August retreat. Sorry for the misinformation!**
- The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) will be celebrated next weekend **June 2nd & 3rd**. Traditionally in the Church there is a **Corpus Christi procession** highlighting Jesus True Presence in the Eucharist. This year we will have the procession immediately following the Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass on 3rd which will be at St. Leo with a small procession following Mass. Please plan to join us in adoring our Eucharistic Lord. We could use volunteers to help coordinate this event! Please contact Fr. Sparling if you can help.
- **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/revivelink>
- **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

- **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.
- **St. Leo Altar Society is looking for someone to volunteer to serve rolls on Aug. 5th, Sept. 2nd and Nov. 4th.** This consists of providing 4 dozen donuts on your own or if you have two people on the same day 2 dozen per person. This is for the first Sunday of the month. You would also be responsible to make coffee and a drink and clean up afterwards. Thanks for your support of the Altar Society. Please contact Gayle Royal to volunteer.
- **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.
- **STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE?** – Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relation-ship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information call 1-888-317-5654 or www.helpourmarriage.org on the web.

- **NEW E-Tithe! Sign up today!** With this new service 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.

From the Pastor:

This weekend we celebrate the mystery of the Trinity. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches this in paragraph 237:

"The Trinity is a mystery of faith in the strict sense, one of the 'mysteries that are hidden in God, which can never be known unless they are revealed by God'. [Dei Filius 4: DS 3015.] To be sure, God has left traces of his Trinitarian being in his work of creation and in his Revelation throughout the Old Testament. But his inmost Being as Holy Trinity is a mystery that is inaccessible to reason alone or even to Israel's faith before the Incarnation of God's Son and the sending of the Holy Spirit."

As most mysteries of our faith there is richness in this revelation but still one that we can struggle with. Thus, it is a matter of faith and an act of faith to believe in the Trinity. Trying to fully grasp that God is One but also 3 persons can cause a headache because we only understand what it is to be one person. Our intellect is limited and as such we can't fully grasp this and thus we call it a 'mystery'. Great intellects and saints have struggled and wrote beautiful teachings on the Trinity such as Augustine, Ignatius, Justin Martyr, Irenaeus, Origen, Thomas Aquinas. These are just a few but they have written great works that I would recommend you look into and take into your spiritual reading. There is nothing wrong in struggling through matters of the faith the only thing you could do wrong is simply not ask questions and seek further understanding.

On behalf of the Bishop and myself THANK YOU to all who have given to the 2018 Charity and Stewardship Appeal. I am proud to report that both parishes have reached their goal in pledges or paid donations which mean 80% of all collected donations will be returned to us! There is still plenty of time to make a contribution that benefits not only the diocese but also our parishes as well. If you have not yet made a pledge please do so. How awesome would it be for us to have 80, 90 or even 100% participation! I know we can do it!

Next weekend St. Leo's will have parish/finance council elections. Please take some time this week to pray over the following candidates that desire to serve the parish: Chad Hartwick, Darren Donovan, Chris Beeck, Larry Royal, and Janel Callahan. If you will be out of town next weekend and would like to cast your vote please contact Fr. Sparling.

May God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit continue to richly bless you and your family!
God Love You! ~Fr. Sparling