

June 24, 2018
Nativity of St. John the Baptist

St. Leo Catholic Church **St. Martin Catholic Church**
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Mass Intentions

June	25	Mon	8:00 am	St. Leo	Anne Bennier (McDonald)
June	26	Tues	8:00 am	St. Leo	+Bourke & Bertha Malone (Ken Malone)
June	27	Wed	8:00 am	St. Martin	Rosanna Connelly (St. Leo A.S.)
June	28	Thur	8:00 am	St. Leo	Marshall Connelly (McDonald)
June	29	Fri	8:00 am	St. Leo	Arnold Bremer (Bremer)
June	30	Sat	4:00 pm	St. Martin	Clayton & Jean Heinrich (Hoffman)
July	1	Sun	8:30 am	St. Leo	(+) Shirley Malone (McDonald)
July	1	Sun	11:00 am	St. Leo	For the People of our Parishes

OUR TITHE TO THE LORD

June 17, 2018

	Adult	Youth	Plate
St. Leo	\$ 1226	\$ 0	\$ 46
St. Martin	\$ 335	\$ 0	\$ 31

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 income. 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

➤ **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.

➤ **Please consider making daily Mass a part of your daily/weekly routine. Sometimes the hardest part is just setting it as a routine but I assure you it is life changing!**

➤ **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>

➤ **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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

➤ **St. Martin's parish Council results from 29 ballots cast:**

Joe Moeller – 20 Votes
Nicole Regan – 20 Votes
Cindy Smith – 16 Votes

I want to again thank Dan Smith and Ryan Beach for their years of service on the Council. Additionally, I want to thank Cindy Smith for her willingness to serve as well. Thus, St. Martin's Parish/finance council is now: Bob Hoffman, Joe Moeller and Nicole Ragon.

➤ **Western Otoe County Food Pantry Update:** Thank you for your generous response to the Western Otoe County Food Pantry! The Food Pantry is run entirely by volunteers with all food donated by community church members. The pantry provides a one- time visit each month with one grocery bag of food per family member. Your donations make it possible for families to stretch their food budget with that monthly visit. Food donations from our parishes will be collected through the end of June. St. Leo and St. Martin are responsible for food donations again in February, 2019. If you have questions, need more information, or would like a tour of the Food Pantry, please contact Janet McDonald or Maureen Carpenter.

➤ Check out on **FORMED**. Formed is a great free Catholic resource that includes programs to grow deeper in our faith, Bible studies, audios, movies and books. If you have not signed up for it yet, go to www.formed.com -- enter the parish code **KN4A9J** -- enter information required -- create a password -- search through and enjoy the vast material.

- **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 relationship. 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.

➤ **REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

1. Why is the birth story of John the Baptist important in the life of the Christian community? And why do you think we celebrate it with such solemnity on a Sunday?
2. What does your own birth story tell you about who you are and your own unique identity and destiny?
3. God "amazed" Elizabeth and her neighbors and Mary as well. Where has God "amazed" you in your life?

WE REMEMBER AND KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS THE FATHER'S DAY INTENTIONS SUBMITTED BY THE FOLLOWING:

*Dale & Holly Benes Family
Dick & Jane Malone Family
Bob & Sue Kohles Family
Chris & Melissa Beeck Family
+J. Stuart Watton (Watton Family)
+Lawrence Bachmann (Frey Family)*

These donations submitted in the Father's Day Envelope will have Mass(es) offered for the intention in the future.

Note from Father:

A few weeks ago after the sudden passing of Fr. Porada, who had long served as chaplain to BryanLGH Medical Center-West Campus, Bishop Conley asked that I help as Interim Chaplain until he can work out a permanent solution. Due to my previous employment at Bryan West Hospital prior to me entering the seminary and my experience in healthcare and fire/rescue service the Bishop felt I would serve a good candidate to help with the transition and grief of the many people at the hospital affected by his sudden passing. I was deeply humbled by his request and accepted the responsibility. With this new ministry there could be some conflict if I were to be called in for emergency situations that might overlap weekday mass. If that were to happen, although we hope it to be rare, please know that Mass WILL still be offered that day for the intention listed in the bulletin whenever I got back to the parish. We have tried to work out some counter measures to prevent that from happening however I wanted to let you know in case it were to happen. I and the families/patients that would need my attention during that time thank you for your understanding and patience in advance!

June 30th marks the end of our fiscal year. I am happy to say that both parishes have seen a good increase in overall tithing this past year which is awesome and a good trend to continue! From the Lord's words himself your sacrificial giving in thanksgiving for all he has given to you does not go unrewarded!! I simply ask St. Martin parishioners to recall the letter that was sent out last fall asking for your help in giving sacrificially to close the gap of our budget deficit prior to the end of the fiscal year so we do not need to withdraw from our savings account. We unfortunately still have a fairly significant gap to close as you may have noticed in the last financial report published at the end of last quarter. We are very much moving in the right direction with our overall increase this past year and I know we can come together and cover the gap as God has greatly blessed all of us!

I was informed that I forgot to mention it was National Correction Workers week which was the same week as Nurses and Teachers week. Regrettably I had no idea it was a celebration for our Correction workers that week as well and left them out of giving them a 'THANK YOU'. Thus, I want to thank two of our parishioners who serve in our state penitentiary institutions (if there are others please forgive me and let me know!): Chris Connelly and Dick Malone. Please take a moment to thank them for their service as I am sure it is very much a thankless job!

God Love You! ~Fr. Sparling