

April 21, 2019
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection

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Mass Intentions

Apr	22	Mon	No	Mass	
Apr	23	Tues	No	Mass	Nora Ragon (will be offered by Fr.)
Apr	24	Wed	8:00 am	St. Martin	Milazzo Family
Apr	25	Thur	8:00 am	St. Leo	Aaron Wheatley Family
Apr	26	Fri	8:00 am	St. Leo	Special Intention
Apr	27	Sat	4:00 pm	St. Leo	+Jim McHugh
Apr	28	Sun	8:30 am	St. Martin	People of our parishes
Apr	28	Sun	11:00 am	St. Leo	For those preparing for Confirmation

YOUR RESPONSE TO THE LORDS BLESSINGS

April 14, 2019

	Adult	Youth	Plate
St. Leo	\$ 2,285	\$ 0	\$41.60
St. Martin	\$ 365.60	\$ 2	\$5

Amount needed to balance 2018-2019 budgets:

St. Leo: \$5,498/month or \$1,271/week

St. Martin: \$3,852/month or \$893/week

“God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work.” 2 Corinthians 9:8

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

Adoration:

Sundays prior

to 11:00 am

Mass

CALENDAR ITEMS

- **Next Sunday, April 28th**, there will be a Eucharistic Adoration at St. Martin from after Mass with Benediction and reposition at 1pm **HOWEVER** adoration without exposition will be available until 3pm with Divine Mercy Chaplet. On this day and hour the Lord relayed to St. Faustina His desire to open the floodgates of heaven to pour out His mercy upon the world. All are invited and encouraged to attend all or part of this beautiful devotion. **There are sign up sheets in the back of Church. Please take some time to adore our Lord and sign up for a time slot.** The St. Martin's Altar Society will provide a cookie reception afterwards. The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday and ends on Divine Mercy Sunday.
- Join Bishop Conley and members of the faithful from throughout the diocese at Haymarket Park for Eucharistic Adoration with Global Living Rosary is **Sunday, May 5th** at 7pm.
- There will be a **Day Long Retreat** for couples experiencing **primary or secondary infertility** held in Lincoln on **May 5th** from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., led by Fr. Tim Danek with other guest speakers. Sign up/more information at: <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/infertility-retreat>
- **HEALING THE WHOLE PERSON** presented by the John Paul II Healing Center Team on **July 11-13, 2019**. This seminar provides the opportunity to learn about and experience the healing power of God in the wholeness of body, soul and spirit. St. Peter Church, in Lincoln. Register at: www.JPIIHealingCenter.org. Early registration is open now and ends on April 29. For scholarships, student and missionary discounts email LincolnHealandEquip@gmail.com.
- **DAY OF EQUIPPING** presented by Bart Schuchts, John Paul II Healing Center, on **July 12, 2019**. This training is designed to equip and prepare you to live more fully into the mission of Christ. During this training you will encounter the Father's love and be inspired to live more fully in God's purpose for your life. St. Peter Church in Lincoln. Register at: www.JPIIHealingCenter.org. Early registration is open now and ends on April 29. For scholarships, student and missionary discounts email LincolnHealandEquip@gmail.com.
- **MAGNIFICAT SPRING PRAYER MEAL** Saturday morning **May 4**, 9:30 a.m., Hillcrest Country Club, 9401 East O Street, Lincoln, NE. Special guest speaker is **Father Michael Voithofer**. "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" (Luke 12:49) is his favorite scripture from which he **began a Ministry in Omaha called Ablaze in 2012**. Father Michael loves his Priesthood and helping people open their lives to the transformative power of the Holy Spirit. He is the Associate Pastor of St Gerald's Catholic Church in Omaha and **Spiritual Advisor of the Omaha Chapter of Magnificat** that began in 2016. Register by sending **\$25** check payable to *Magnificat c/o Tina Colgan, 521 N 56 ST, Lincoln, NE 68504.* (students **\$10**) **Deadline is April 26**. For information call or text Rhonda Litt at 402-525-6396 or call Barb Bechtolt at 402-489-6905.



YOUTH SUMMER RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES:

- **The Steubenville Mid-America Youth Conference** will be **July 12-14**. 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 speakers Fr. Mike Schmitz and Katie Prejean McGrady. For more information or to register go to lincolndiocese.org/pilgrimages/steubenville-youth-conference.
- **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 and rosary fill the evening hours. **Dates are July 14-16 and July 16-18**, cost is \$100. To register, go to lincolndiocese.org/camps/diocesan-canoe-trip.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **MASS INTENTIONS NEEDED!** If you have a family member, friend, fellow parishioner, or petition that could use some prayers please consider having a Mass, the supreme prayer given by our Lord, offered. The suggested donation is \$10 per Mass. Checks should be made payable to: St. Leo Stipend Account.
- **Safeguard your family's purity of heart by texting the word "secure" to the number 66866. You will receive a series of short videos to help you protect your family.**

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- **HUGE Thank you to all those who gave of their time and talent during Holy Week:**
 - Those who prepared the churches for Holy Week and decorated for Easter.
 - The musicians who prepared and provided the music for the different liturgies.
 - The 12 who volunteered to have their feet washed at Holy Thursday.
 - Those who spent some time in prayer and adoration on Holy Thursday night and throughout the Triduum.
 - The servers, lectors, readers and acolytes who helped with the liturgies.
 - Those who worked hard to do some spring cleanup to help make our properties look especially nice for Easter when we have a lot of people come back home or visit.
 - Those who organized the Easter Vigil reception for those who received sacraments.

May our Risen Lord reward you abundantly!

- St. Leo's Altar Society will be saying the rosary before masses during May. If you are available to lead the rosary before any mass during May, please sign the paper located on the table in the back of St. Leo's. Thank you for your willingness to lead the rosary and pray to our Blessed Virgin Mary.
- The time for fulfillment of your Easter Requirement is from the First Sunday of Lent through Trinity Sunday. This means all Catholics are required to go to Confession in this time period and at least once receive Holy Communion as a visible sign of unity. It is hoped, however, that all in a state of grace will receive Holy Communion at every Mass attended throughout the year in addition to making it a practice of a monthly confession or immediately after falling into mortal sin.
- **GREAT RESOURCE FOR LENT! FORMED.org** — programs, eBooks, movies, and talks that will entertain, engage, and inspire them with the beauty and wonder of their faith. FORMED is an on-line Catholic resource treasure trove. The parish pays for an annual subscription for you to use to grow in our beautiful faith. If you have not signed up for it yet, go to www.formed.org -- enter the parish code **KN4A9J** -- enter information required -- create a password -- search through and enjoy the material.
- **E-Tithe!** 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. THANK YOU!
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- **Rice Bowl contributions** can be placed in the collection either in the box itself or if you want to total up your bills and coins and just write a check. If you wish please make sure your name is on it and if you are writing a check please make the check out to your respective parish and indicate on the memo line "Rice Bowl Donation".

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From Father:

We are still in need of Mass intentions! We have received about 10 more Mass offerings but still need more to fill our Mass times. If you have a family member, friend, fellow parishioner, or petition that could use some prayers please consider having a Mass, the supreme prayer given by our Lord, offered.

Please join me in congratulating all those who received Sacraments at the Easter Vigil this year: Harry Petersen, Melissa Donovan, Declan Donovan, Norah Donovan, Patty Beecham, and Jason, Emily, Lillian and Wesley Parolek. From what I can tell from the records this is a record high for bringing people in to the Church for our parish!!! Thank you Jesus! Please take a moment to offer a pray of thanksgiving and congratulate them!

GOD IS GOOD! It is with great joy I bid you all Easter Blessings!! I would like to welcome any visitors with us this weekend or those returning home to celebrate this great Solemnity. No matter where you have come from you are always welcome at St. Leo's and St. Martin's!

Words cannot describe how beautiful and grace filled this Easter Triduum has been. There have been several moments where I worked hard to contain tears of happiness and humility as I celebrated the Triduum rites. Easter reminds us that HOPE must never be lost for as the road may seem dark and lonely, like it was for our Lord in his passion and death, there always lies the light at the end, the light of the Resurrection. Easter is beautiful, blessed and joyful time and it seems the older I get the more I realize how true that is. We are Easter people! Our Lord Jesus Christ has risen from the dead and through his passion, death and resurrection has opened for us the gates to eternal happiness! This is exactly what we celebrate every Sunday and at every Mass. Let us never forget that reality or take it for granted. We gather together as a family to celebrate and worship our Lord receiving the strength to go out into the world and take the Gospel message, the Good News, to all we encounter. Part of my daily prayer is that we come to understand that missionary call more and more each day; reaching out to one another in true stewardship, growing stronger in our relationship with God so that we can give witness to it. That is exactly what it means to live as an Easter people.

A blessed Easter to you all!! God Love You! ~ Fr. Sparling

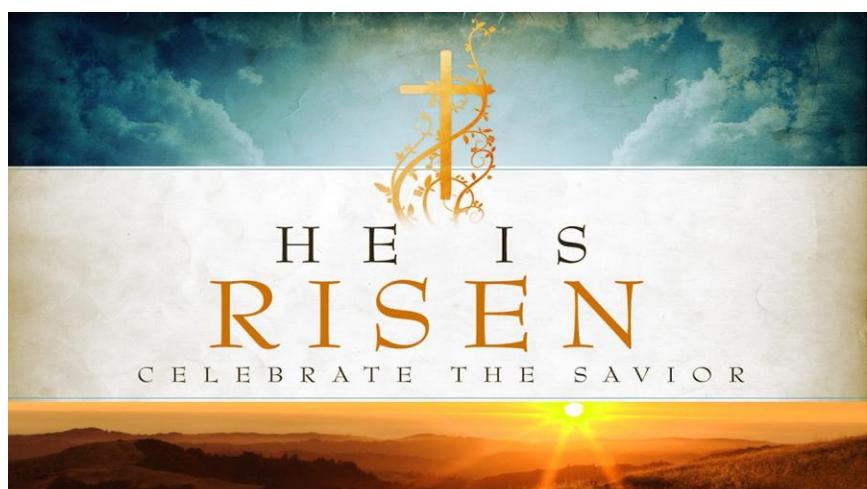
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The Easter flowers beautifying our sanctuaries are provided through donations made in honor or in memory of the following:

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Ken & Deloris Smith

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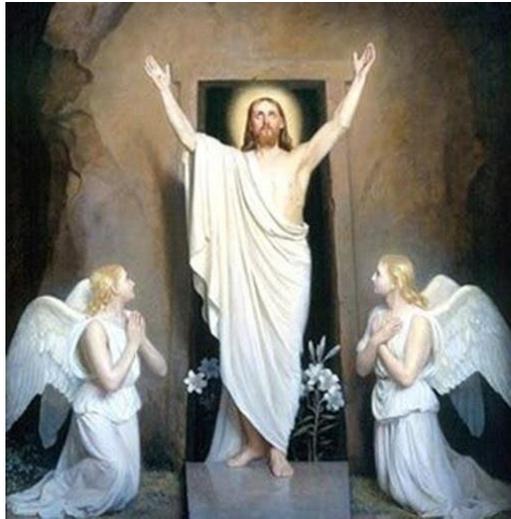
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HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!