

April 28, 2019
2nd Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday

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Fr. Adam Sparling, Pastor

Mass Intentions

Apr	29	Mon	8:00 am	St. Leo	Arnold Bremer
Apr	30	Tues	No	Mass	
May	1	Wed	8:00 am	St. Martin	+Jerry Smith
May	2	Thur	8:00 am	St. Leo	Helen Bremer
May	3	Fri	8:00 am	St. Leo	Gerald Bremer
May	4	Sat	4:00 pm	St. Martin	Clayton & Jean Heinrich (Hoffman)
May	5	Sun	8:30 am	St. Leo	Mike & Joan Stuchlik (30 th Anniv)
May	5	Sun	11:00 am	St. Leo	The people of our parishes

YOUR RESPONSE TO THE LORDS BLESSINGS

April 21, 2019

	Adult	Youth	Plate
St. Leo	\$ 340	\$ 0	\$18.20
St. Martin	\$ 540.60	\$ 0	\$15

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) Saturday 4 PM at St. Martin
 8:30 AM at St Leo Palmyra
 11:00 AM at St Leo Palmyra

2nd & 4th (Even Sundays) Saturday 4 PM at St. Leo
 8:30 AM St Martin Douglas
 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

Adoration:

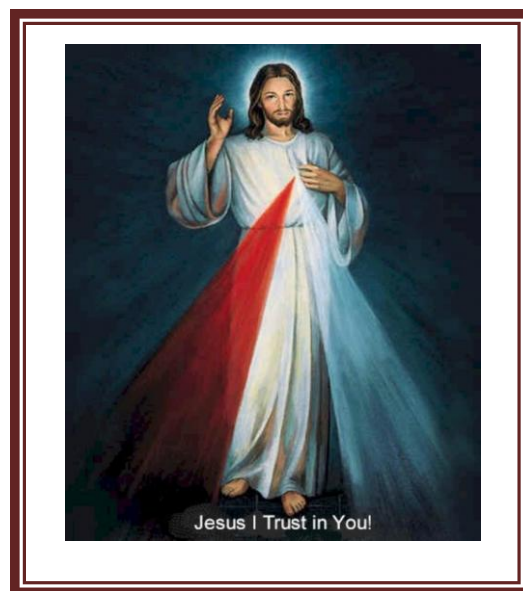
Sundays prior to 11:00 am
 Mass

*Any time by appointment

Divine Mercy Sunday is a very special Sunday when the Divine Floodgates from Heaven are wide-opened and Jesus offers us the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment to any soul, who goes to Confession and receives Him in Holy Communion, on that day.

CALENDAR ITEMS

- **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.
- **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>
- **In Quiet & Trust Your Strength Lies** with Janette Howe founder of Seven Sisters **May 10-11**. 402-786-2705. This is the last scheduled retreat this season – this would be a great one to attend!
- **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.



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.**
- 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.
- **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!
- **Attention Amazon users!** If you do please consider using AmazonSmile for your purchases! If you do and select St. Leo Catholic Church of Palmyra as your charitable organization a portion of your purchases will be given back to the parish Religious Education Program. Or go to: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/47-0537439>
- FYI - Last Quarter Financials ending March 31st have been posted online under the bulletins tab.



From Father:

This week we have another exciting weekend of Sacraments. This weekend we are happy for Braxton Tramp to receive his first communion at the 11am Mass. We also have 15 of our kiddos receiving confirmation this Wednesday! I welcome all of our parishioners to attend this joyful parish celebration! As you might be aware we do confirmation in our parishes every three years so it really is a big parish celebration. I want to thank the great many people who are working to help make this celebration happen. I especially want to thank Sr. Mary Kansier, MS who has prepared the students the last two years for this day during CCD class. I also want to thank the ladies of the Altar Societies who have helped with the dinner and receptions.

Holy Day Collections Report:

Holy Thursday: St. Leo's: \$151	St. Martin's \$20
Good Friday: St. Leo's: 50	St. Martin's: \$39

The feast of Divine Mercy, or Divine Mercy Sunday, is observed on the octave of Easter and celebrates the fullness of Christ's Resurrection.

St. Faustina's diary details Christ revelations, largely focusing on a message of mercy. She wrote that she first saw a vision of Jesus on Feb. 22, 1931. He had rays of mercy streaming from His heart. Christ told her to have an image painted to represent the vision and to write below it, "Jesus, I trust in you!" St. Faustina died of tuberculosis in 1938 at age 33. St. John Paul II canonized her in 2000 and declared Divine Mercy Sunday a worldwide feast day. Two years later, he instituted a plenary indulgence for those who participate in the devotion. St. John Paul II was canonized on the feast of Divine Mercy in 2014.

To receive the graces of the plenary indulgence on Divine Mercy Sunday, along with the usual conditions (sacramental confession, holy Communion, and prayers for the intentions of the pope), the faithful, while in a state of grace and detached from venial sin, are asked to take part in the prayers and devotions the Second Sunday of Easter held in honor of Divine Mercy in any church or chapel, or else they should recite the Our Father and Creed before the Blessed Sacrament adding a devotional prayer to the merciful Lord.

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

