

May 12, 2019
4th Sunday of Easter

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Fr. Adam Sparling, Pastor

Mass Intentions

May	13	Mon	8:00 am	St. Leo	Joseph Harrison (Connelly)
May	14	Tues	No	Mass	
May	15	Wed	8:00 am	St. Martin	+Tara Smith Stark (Smith)
May	16	Thur	8:00 am	St. Leo	Connelly Family (Griswold)
May	17	Fri	8:00 am	St. Leo	The unborn (Griswold)
May	18	Sat	4:00 pm	St. Martin	Priests (Griswold)
May	19	Sun	8:30 am	St. Leo	+Wilma Hochstein (McDonald)
May	19	Sun	11:00 am	St. Leo	The people of our parishes

YOUR RESPONSE TO THE LORDS BLESSINGS

May 5, 2019

	Adult	Youth	Plate
St. Leo	\$ 1,101.50	\$ 0	\$46.25
St. Martin	\$ 250	\$ 13.52	\$17.16

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
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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

Blessed Mother's Day to all Moms!

**What a wonderful day it is to celebrate the gift of our Mother's and all they have done and do for us. Let us not forget our Blessed Mother for the many graces and blessings she brings to us!
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Pray for us who have recourse to thee!!**

CALENDAR ITEMS

- **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Come and Experience** - on **Sunday, May 19th** from **2-3 p.m.** at Blessed Sacrament School. Adults are invited to encounter the special place (called the atrium) prepared for children, and learn more about this amazing catechism program for children ages 3 - 6. Contact Janet Harrison at 402-781-2633 with questions.
- **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 1 Training Course** – at Blessed Sacrament Parish this **Summer July 31, August 1-3 & August 7-10, 2019** Part 1, Part 2 will be in 2020. Sessions are from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Registration is \$600 for the entire level 1 training. To register contact Janet Harrison at 402-781-2633 or at greg@janetandgreg.com or visit www.cgsusa.org.
- **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 <https://www.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 <https://www.lincolndiocese.org/camps/diocesan-canoe-trip>
- **Totus Tuus** – A week-long catechetical program for grades 1-8 (during the day) and 9th-12th (evenings) **July 14-19** at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Lincoln. Please visit <https://www.stmichaellincoln.org/totus-tuus.html> for registration information. (Due to low attendance the past few years we have asked to combine with the St. Michael's group)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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 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.
- **Strategic Plan Update:** During the Strategic Planning process we are interested in creating a logo for St. Leo and St. Martin and we would like your help! The logo would possibly be a shield with an icon for each patron saint. Our Strategic Planning consultant, Eva Fujan, has worked with many churches to design logo's for their parishes and schools. We have included a few designs as examples. If you have ideas, pictures or icons that you would like to share, please forward them to Father Sparling or to Eva Fujan at eva-fujan@cdolinc.net. The next Strategic Plan Open Forum is scheduled for June 10th at 7:30pm in Divine Mercy Hall. We hope to see you there!
- **Check it out! 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>
- St. Leo and St. Martin Parishes now have a Facebook page. Please ‘Like’ and follow as another means of staying up to date with announcements and information.



From Father:

Please join me in not only thanking our Mothers this weekend but also congratulating our graduates from Palmyra High School: Zach Hartwick and Macy Reynolds! We are so proud of you and are excited for your future. May God richly bless your future endeavors! Come home to visit us often!



This last week we concluded our CCD year and I want to thank all of our teachers who volunteered to catechize our kiddos. Please join me in thanking: Janet Harrison, Kim Hartwick, Linda Bennier, Karen Bohaty, Jen Whyman, and Chris & Rosanna Connelly for the giving of themselves in service to our parish. After several years of teaching our High School group Chris & Rosanna are ‘retiring’ from teaching. We are thus looking for a volunteer (or volunteers) to teach our High School group this coming year. Please contact me if you are interested in serving the parish as a CCD Teacher.

St. Leo’s welcomes newly registered parishioner Elizabeth Todsén who is 24 years old and is a Legislative Assistant. We are so happy and blessed to welcome her to the parish family!

Last weekend began our annual diocesan Charity and Stewardship Appeal (CSA). The theme for this year is “Cast your Net.” As a Diocese, we are called to cast the net of evangelization, of outreach to the suffering, and of Catholic education. The Charity and Stewardship Appeal is an important way of participating in this work, since it aids a wide number of ministries such as the Evangelization office, Family Life Office, Youth Ministry, Hospital Ministry, Prison Ministry, Nursing Home Ministry, Newman Center, Hispanic Ministry, the Tribunal, Catholic Social Services and especially, our Catholic Schools. Last year, more than 75% of Charity and Stewardship funds went directly to support our schools and parishes including our own!

Our parish goals remain the same this year also. They are as follows:

St. Leo: \$4,450 – projected *minimum* rebate coming back to parish when reaching this goal is \$3,560

St. Martin: \$2,740 – projected *minimum* rebate coming back to parish when reaching this goal is \$2,192

The goals are based on an average of the last three years of Sundays and Holy Days offertory plus CSA rebates. **Just a reminder that we must hit our assessment of the goal or it will have to come out of our general operating budget.** We have never had a year we were even close to that ever happening but in full transparency I give you that information. We have always gone above and beyond our goal! Let us joyfully cast our nets with trust that like all stewardship what we give back to the Lord He rewards! If you have any questions please feel free to ask Fr. Sparling or our parish CSA coordinators Duane Bremer (St. Leo) and Dan Smith (St. Martin).

To donate online or for more information please visit:

<https://www.lincolndiocese.org/diocesan/charity-and-stewardship-appeal>

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

The Loveliest
masterpiece of
the heart of God
is the Love
of a mother.



— ST. THERESA OF LISIEUX