

**May 19, 2019**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

<b>St. Leo Catholic Church</b> 330 W. 8 <sup>th</sup> Street Palmyra, NE 68418 (402) 780-5535 Emergency Calls Only: (402) 202-7685	<b>St. Martin Catholic Church</b> 125 W. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street Douglas, NE (Please send mail to St. Leo Church)
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**Fr. Adam Sparling, Pastor**

**Mass Intentions**

May	20	Mon	8:00 am	St. Leo	Teresa Hansen (Beach)
May	21	Tues	8:00 am	St. Leo	R. Carman & L. Hays 36 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.
May	22	Wed	8:00 am	St. Martin	+Art & Marie Hoffman
May	23	Thur	8:00 am	St. Leo	Richard Lechner (Beach)
May	24	Fri	8:00 am	St. Leo	Gabe Eisenbarth (Connelly)
May	25	Sat	4:00 pm	St. Leo	+Bertha Malone (Griswold)
May	26	Sun	8:30 am	St. Martin	St. Martin Parish (Griswold)
May	26	Sun	11:00 am	St. Leo	The people of our parishes

**YOUR RESPONSE TO THE LORDS BLESSINGS**

May 12, 2019

	<b>Adult</b>	<b>Youth</b>	<b>Plate</b>
<b>St. Leo</b>	\$745.50	\$ 3	\$45
<b>St. Martin</b>	\$ 454.50	\$ 3	\$20

**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:**

<b>1st, 3rd &amp; 5th</b> (Odd Sundays) Saturday 4 PM at St. Martin 8:30 AM at St Leo Palmyra 11:00 AM at St Leo Palmyra	<b>2nd &amp; 4th</b> (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  
\*Any time by appointment

**Adoration:**

Sundays prior  
to 11:00 am  
Mass

**CALENDAR ITEMS**

- **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Come and Experience** - on **Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:greg@janetandgreg.com) or visit [www.cgsusa.org](http://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](http://www.JPIIHealingCenter.org). Early registration is open now and ends on April 29. For scholarships, student and missionary discounts email [LincolnHealandEquip@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.JPIIHealingCenter.org). Early registration is open now and ends on April 29. For scholarships, student and missionary discounts email [LincolnHealandEquip@gmail.com](mailto: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/pilgrimimages/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 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> (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](mailto: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](http://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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- 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:

Next weekend is an exciting weekend for the diocese as we celebrate the ordination of 6 new men to the transitional diaconate Friday evening and 4 men will be ordained to the priesthood of Jesus Christ Saturday morning. Please keep them in your prayers this week! As along with many priests of the diocese I will be celebrating the anniversary of my ordination on the 25<sup>th</sup>. I can’t believe how time has flown by as this will be my 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Let us continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life for our diocese and throughout the Universal Church. It is evident that our prayers for priestly vocations are heard by the Lord!! Keep up the prayers!

As summer vacation has already started for some please feel free to forward me your little league & summer softball, etc. schedules...you never know I could show up to cheer!

If you have not had a chance to fill out your pledge card for this year’s Charity and Stewardship Appeal please do so! Your generosity not only helps various ministries throughout the diocese but very much helps the parish too!

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

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/diocese/charity-and-stewardship-appeal>

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

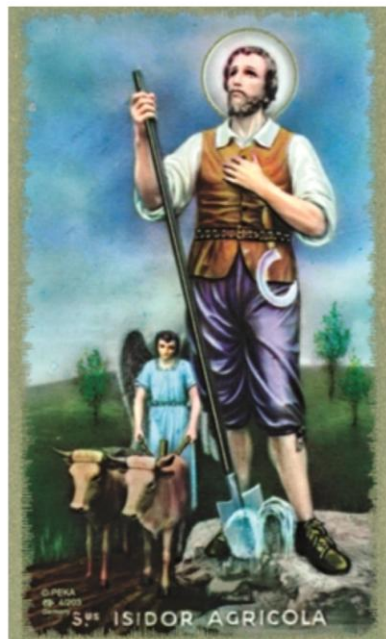
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### ST. ISIDORE

Feast Day: May 15th  
Patron of Farmers & Gardeners

Dear Isidore, you know how common it is to cultivate the land, for you were employed as a farm laborer for the greater part of your life. In your toils, you were blessed to receive God’s help through Angels in the fields.

Great Saint, help all farmers and gardeners spiritually to see the wonders God has strewn on this earth. Encourage them in their labors and help them to feed numerous people.

Amen