

May 26, 2019
6th Sunday of Easter

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Fr. Adam Sparling, Pastor

Mass Intentions

May	27	Mon	See	below	
May	28	Tues	No	Mass	
May	29	Wed	6:00 pm	St. Martin	Matthew Potts (Carman/Hays)
May	30	Thur	6:00 pm	St. Leo	Tristan Bleisch (Connelly)
May	31	Fri	8:00 am	St. Leo	Eric Pollack (Connelly)
June	1	Sat	4:00 pm	St. Martin	Grimes Family (Griswold)
June	2	Sun	8:30 am	St. Leo	Matthew Rawe
June	2	Sun	11:00 am	St. Leo	The people of our parishes

YOUR RESPONSE TO THE LORDS BLESSINGS

May 19, 2019

	Adult	Youth	Plate
St. Leo	\$785	\$ 3	\$54.01
St. Martin	\$ 535	\$ 0	\$24

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
 *Any time by appointment

Adoration:

Sundays prior
 to 11:00 am
 Mass

CALENDAR ITEMS

- **Memorial Day Masses** – To honor our deceased we will be having a Memorial Day Mass at St. Martin Cemetery at 8:30am and a Mass at St. Leo Cemetery at 9:30am. Please come to pray! Bring your own chair if you would please.
- **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION** – This Thursday we celebrate Ascension Thursday which is a Holy Day of Obligation. Please look above for Mass times and locations.
- **Strategic Plan Open Forum:** We would like to invite you to attend an Open Forum to review the Strategic Plan and Implementation Projects. The Open Forum will be held on **June 10th at 7:30pm** in Divine Mercy Hall. ***Please plan to attend to give your input and to get an update on spiritual, financial, facilities, communications and community involvement projects, including an update on potential renovation and/or building projects under consideration.***
- **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.
- The ***Benedict XVI Diocesan School of Catechesis*** is for Catholics wanting to strengthen their intellectual and spiritual formation to empower their evangelical mission in the world. It covers the *Creed*, the *Sacraments*, the *Commandments*, and *Prayer* (Year I) as well as *Salvation History*, *Church History*, *Faith and Reason*, and *Spirituality* (Year II). The time commitment is one Saturday a month from September to April for two years. The cost is \$100 per semester, however, those who teach CCD, God-teen/CYO, or in Catholic schools would receive a 25% discount. For more information go to www.lincolndiocese.org/bxvi or call 402-473-0631.
- **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.
- Spirit Catholic Radio (Spirit 102.7 - FM) presents ***Treasures of the Church***—a relics exposition and healing ministry—at **St. Michael Catholic Church and St. John the Apostle, Lincoln, Ne**. More than 150 sacred relics will be on display--some believed to be as old as 2,000 years. Among the treasures are relics of St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Faustina. In addition, there will be a piece of a veil believe to have belonged to Our Lady and one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. Presented by Fr. Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross. Attendees are encouraged to bring their articles of



devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members which may be touched to the reliquaries as a means of intercessory prayer. The ministry has had reports of healing among a number of visitors to the exposition. More details can be found at spiritcatholicradio.com/treasures. The event is FREE and open to the public.

SUMMER YOUTH RETREAT OPPORTUNITY:

- **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!** 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:** The Strategic Plan and Implementation Projects are being finalized, with the help of a group of gracious volunteers from both parishes. We would like to get your input on potential logo's for the parishes that will be used in conjunction with introduction of the Strategic Plan. There are three versions of the logo's under consideration, which are attached to the bulletin and posted on the website. Please send your preference and comments to Fr. Sparling before June 1st.
- **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>
- **Plan Ahead: St. Leo and St. Martin "Stock the Shelves" of the Western Otoe County Food Pantry for the Month of June.** Now is the time to plan ahead to purchase extra items for the food pantry collection that will begin in June. The hungry in our community depend on the Food Pantry to help them stretch their tight food budgets. Please join me in thanking Janet McDonald for her 6 years of volunteer service in coordinating this for St. Leo's! We are pleased to have a new volunteer representative for St. Leo's; Valerie Donovan. Thank you Valerie and Thank you all for your support! Questions? Contact Valerie Donovan or Maureen Carpenter.



From Father:

As we celebrate Memorial weekend we honor all of our service men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice to protect our nation and our freedoms, we honor all of our first responders, and we remember all of our loved ones. Please join me at our memorial Masses at our cemeteries listed above.

Memorial weekend has long served as a weekend we celebrate the joy in our diocese of ordinations. This year we have the joy of receiving 5 men ordained to the transitional diaconate and 4 men to the priesthood of Jesus Christ! Please join me in praying for our newly ordained. May 25th also is the anniversary of both my diaconate and priestly ordination. This year I celebrate 6 years being ordained a priest and I am so thankful for the amazing gift of my vocation to sacred ministry. Not a day goes by that I don't thank God for His calling me to serve Him in this way. It is truly humbling to bring His Grace and Sacraments to the people of God, especially YOU! I am thankful He sent me here to be with you as your Pastor and I look forward to our future together. Thank you!

Our Knights of Columbus Roundtable is sponsoring the 2018-2019 Marian Icon which presents the 18th Marian image at St. Leo's. The icon that is at St. Leo's is of Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians. Since its inception in 1979, the Knights of Columbus' Marian Prayer Program has held more than 166,900 local council and parish prayer services with some 20 million participants. This year, the prayer is intended to raise awareness of the plight of Christians persecuted for their faith and to stand in prayerful solidarity with them. The icon will be at St. Leo's until June 1st. Please consider stopping in to spend some time in prayer for persecuted Christians.

Fr. Sparling will be away from June 2nd through the 7th. It was determined that with Father gone this would be a good time to do the needed demolition for the remodel that will be done to the Rectory. Volunteers are needed to help! There is a signup sheet in the back of Church for people to sign up to help and more information will be provided to you. Many hands makes for quick work throughout the whole remodeling project. As has been mentioned before Dan Ragon has been selected as the General Contractor which he is volunteering to do to help coordinate the project. In order to keep our costs low it is imperative that we have parishioners involved in completing much of the work.

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!



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