

May 5, 2019
3rd Sunday of Easter

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Fr. Adam Sparling, Pastor

Mass Intentions

May	6	Mon	8:00 am	St. Leo	Maxl Gorham
May	7	Tues	No	Mass	
May	8	Wed	7:00 pm	St. Leo	+Jerry Smith (CCD closing Mass)
May	9	Thur	8:00 am	St. Leo	Karen Bremer
May	10	Fri	8:00 am	St. Leo	Flood Victims (Bremer)
May	11	Sat	4:00 pm	St. Leo	Palmyra/Douglas Fire/Ems Personnel
May	12	Sun	8:30 am	St. Martin	Liv & Dec St. Martin Parishioners
May	12	Sun	11:00 am	St. Leo	The people of our parishes

YOUR RESPONSE TO THE LORDS BLESSINGS

April 28, 2019

	Adult	Youth	Plate
St. Leo	\$ 1,882.50	\$ 3	\$38.75
St. Martin	\$ 420	\$ 0	\$34

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

- **THIS WEEKEND! Join Bishop Conley and members of the faithful from throughout the diocese at Haymarket Park for Eucharistic Adoration with Global Living Rosary this 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 9-3:30 p.m., led by Fr. Tim Danek with other guest speakers. Sign up/more information at: <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/infertility-retreat>
- **ATTENTION ALL LADIES OF ST LEO PARISH, PALMYRA, AND ST MARTIN PARISH, DOUGLAS (INCLUDED IN THE PLATTSMOUTH DEANERY - LINCOLN DIOCESE COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN):** A Spring Plattsmouth Deanery meeting will be held at **ST BENEDICT'S SCHOOL HALL, 411 5TH RUE, NEBRASKA CITY, NE, 68410** on **THURSDAY, MAY 9TH, 7PM - 8PM.** All are invited to attend. Discussed will be the efforts the Deanery supports on the Diocesan level, particularly LDCCW President Kay Wessel's 2019-2020 project, "Aiding the Homeless of the Diocese". In addition Fr Jonathan Haschke will be our guest speaker informing us on the subject of the Project Rachel Initiative as well as his participation in the post abortion healing ministry. For more information, contact Cheryl Wirth, @ 402-874-0597
- **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.
- **St. Leo's Altar Society** will be saying the rosary before masses during May. Please sign up on the table in the back of St. Leo's. Thank you for your willingness to lead the rosary and pray through the intercession of our Blessed Virgin Mary.
 - **NOTE:** May 19th Altar Society Meeting is moved to June 2nd.
- **GREAT RESOURCE! 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!
- **VOLUNTEER SOUGHT** - the Western Otoe County Food Pantry is seeking a volunteer(s) to represent St. Leo to replace Janet McDonald. The volunteer will attend quarterly meetings and work with the St. Martin Parish rep., Maureen Carpenter, to conduct food collection by the parishes in June and February of each year. Please contact Janet for more information if you are interested in volunteering.
- **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.
- 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:

Big THANK YOU to all those who helped make Confirmation a special day! All the ladies who worked on the supper and reception, the acolytes, servers, readers, musicians, etc... Thank you! I especially want to thank Sr. Mary Kansier, M.S. who has worked hard to prepare them for their special day. We are so grateful to have a religious sister as part of our catechetical team!



+++Please join me in Congratulating the Colbi and Courtney Ragon family on the baptism of Hudson William this weekend! Welcome to the family Hudson! It is a real blessing to be celebrating all these Sacraments this Easter Season... Thank you Jesus!

This weekend begins 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!

When the Lord first called some of the disciples they were fishing with little success. Yet at Jesus' word their catch was so abundant that they were seized with astonishment. Both here and in every age after his resurrection it is Jesus who gives success to our endeavors, and it is he who calls us to trust him and joyfully cast our nets. This year I confidently ask everyone to cast their nets by giving joyfully to the lord's work, as St. Teresa of Calcutta once said, "Joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls." Today, may we cast our nets!

The 2019 Charity and Stewardship diocesan goal is \$2,136,640. This year the diocesan goal for these ministries and the appeal expenses remains the same at \$695,000 (Which has not increased the past five years). 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/diocese/charity-and-stewardship-appeal>

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