

Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

July 26, 2020

St. Michael's, Spalding—St. Theresa's, Ericson—Sacred Heart, Greeley

Sunday Scriptures
August 2 Isaiah 55:1-3
 Psalm 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18
 Romans 8:35, 37-39
Matthew 14: 13-21

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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In our Gospel passage from Matthew today, Jesus employs three parables to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. In the first parable, our Lord reminds us that living for Him and for His kingdom will be costly. The deep joy that comes in following Him makes the "price" entailed worth it. Jesus says, "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." Next, He says the kingdom of heaven is "like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all he has and buys it."

In each of these stories, the kingdom of heaven is somewhat "hidden." We must intentionally search for it amidst the noise of the world that bombards us. Yet, our Lord reminds us that His Kingdom is meant for everyone and He wants us to find it! He says, "It is like a net thrown into the sea which collects fish of every kind."

Jesus concludes His teaching with a rather ominous image, reminding us that every "fish" will also be judged as good or bad. "The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace." This is a description that is difficult to forget. Clearly Jesus wants to get our attention.

So, let us pray for the wisdom to recognize the kingdom of heaven in our midst and intensify our efforts to pursue it starting right now. There is no time to lose, and we will obtain the immeasurable joy that only comes when we live as disciples of Jesus.
Fr. Antony

MASS INTENTIONS

TUE	07/28	8:30 a.m.	SACRED HEART	No Mass
WED	07/29	8:30 a.m.	SACRED HEART	† Dolores Harrahill
THU	07/30	5:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	† Jim, Dorothy & Deb Stomp
FRI	07/31	8:15 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	† Addisyn Pfeifer
SAT	08/01	7:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	† Jay & Veronica Ray
SUN	08/02	7:00 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	Terry McDaniel
		9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART	PEOPLE OF PARISH
		11:00a.m.	ST. THERESA'S	† Pauline Mailander

COMMUNION SERVICES

SM at 8:00 a.m.

ST at 8:00 a.m. Thursdays
 with Rosary to follow.

Catholic Dictionary:

Stole fees - Offerings made to priests who administer the sacraments, or perform other rites of the Church

Fr. Don Larmore's funeral is Tuesday, July 28, at 2 pm at Blessed Sacrament Church, Grand Island. Please keep Fr. Don in your prayers.



SM CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS will pray the rosary every Wednesday afternoon at 2 p.m. in SM Church. **Please join us. It is open to everyone.**



SH, SM, ST— please follow the standards of the state guidance for social distancing and sanitizing. Please be prepared to wear a mask in church.

THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS WILL NOT YET BE IN EFFECT. Those who are now sick and anyone whose health is compromised should not come to church. Holy Communion may be distributed only under the form of consecrated hosts.

Wash your hands
 and say a Prayer.
 Germs and Jesus
 is everywhere.



**YOU ARE INVITED TO A
 65TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION AND
 94TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FOR
 FR. JAMES MURPHY**




Join us for a
 Mass of Celebration
 August 8, 2020—5pm
 St. Michael's Church
 Spalding, Nebraska

Supper to follow

RSVP to Families in Faith by July 25
 PO Box 310
 Spalding, Nebraska 68665
 or
 office@families-infaith.com
 308-497-2662

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION	WEEKLY	MONTHLY
St. Michael's	Wednesday 12:30-1:30 p.m.	First Friday, Aug. 7 , 24-hr , beginning at 9:00 a.m.
Sacred Heart	Due to COVID-19 Adoration is suspended until further notice. You will be notified when Adoration begins again.	
St. Theresa's	Due to COVID-19 Adoration is suspended until further notice. You will be notified when Adoration begins again.	

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LECTOR Aug 1: Sarah Seamann Aug 2: Therese Cockerill EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS HOSPITALITY MINISTERS ALTAR SERVERS MUSIC MINISTRY COLLECTION COUNTERS CDA Rosary Second Sunday of the month at 10:00 a.m. 	LECTOR EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS HOSPITALITY MINISTERS ALTAR SERVERS MUSIC MINISTRY ROSARY ELEVETTE SACRISTAN Aug 2: Cathy Hansen COLLECTION COUNTERS CARE HOME /HOMEBOUND COMMUNION	LECTOR EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS HOSPITALITY MINISTERS ALTAR SERVERS CHURCH CLEANING July: Sue Patrick, Nancy Swett, Yvonne Bodyfield PRAYER CHAIN Call: Helen Plugge, Sue Patrick Rosary for Vocations—Sundays 10:30 a.m. prior to Mass.																																				
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An Act of Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

GREELEY COUNTY FAIR STAND

S.A.V.E (Spalding Academy Volunteer Efforts) has the opportunity to operate the Fair Stand during the Greeley County Fair this year, August 10-12. Anyone who would like to volunteer their time and talent of helping in the stand — or treasure by donating some hamburger would be greatly welcomed and appreciated. Please contact Tammy Diessner 308-223-9047 for more info or if you can help them out. Thank you.



CATHOLIC TV MASS for shut-ins, sponsored by Knights of Columbus Councils of Central NE, Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on Channel 4/5, KSNB-TV in Hastings.

LECTORS/HOSPITALITY

MINISTERS. If you are comfortable to read or greet again at this time, please come forward or call the office. Thank you.

SM/St. Anne's
July Church Cleaning: Circle of Hope
Side A: — Kate Connelly, prefect.
Rotation: Trust, Peace, Faith
July MEN'S CLUB: Team 3:
 Denny Bernt, Jim (CJ) Glesinger

FROM THE VOCATION OFFICE of Rev. Neal Hock—"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior." Luke 1:46-47
 Conception Seminary College accepted our 3 applicants into seminary formation for the 20/21 formation year! We now officially have 8 young men in formation toward the priesthood of Jesus Christ for the diocese!

New Seminarians: Logan Douglas, Sidney, NE, Pre-theology I
 Sam Ogden, Grand Island, NE, Pre-theology I
 Kaelob Marx, Hay Springs, NE, College II

Returning Seminarians: Chas Canfield, Grand Island, NE, Theology II, Kenrick-Glennon
 John Rohweder, Grand Island, NE, Pre-theology II, Kenrick-Glennon
 Noah Huddleston, Kearney, NE, College III, Conception
 Liam Murphy, Kearney, NE, College III, Conception
 Adam Bauer, St. Paul, NE, College II, Conception

The fruits of our fidelity to the Lord of the Harvest are present to us today. In these days of prosperity, let us always keep in mind the drought so that we continue to faithfully pray, sacrifice and invite! God bless you all.

Please remember to pray for all seminarians as they continue to prepare for the holy vocation of the priesthood. "It was not you who chose me, but I who choose you"...
 John 15:16

CHURCH ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTIONS:



Due to COVID-19, you may send in your church contributions to the office weekly or monthly. St. Michael's & St. Theresa's may be sent to **PO Box 310**, Spalding. Sacred Heart may be sent to **PO Box 99**, Greeley. Automatic withdrawal (ACH) from your bank account can be set up for St. Michael's, St. Theresa's or Sacred Heart. Contact the parish for details. **NEW:** Give online with WeShare. Go to our parish website: www.families-infaith.com. Go to the home page and click on the link.