

Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

August 16, 2020

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

Sunday Scriptures
August 23 Isaiah 22: 19-23
 Psalm 138:1-2,2-3,6,8
 Romans 11: 33-36
Matthew 16: 13-20

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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Our Gospel today, from Matthew, reminds us to trust in God even when it seems He is not answering our prayers. God wants to lead us to the joy of heaven to spend eternity with Him. For that, we must be strong in faith and live our lives as an act of love and gratitude to Him. In other words, we must allow Him to transform us into saints. Being a disciple of Jesus Christ, this is what life is meant to do. Sometimes, that will feel painful to us. Often, it will be challenging.

Jesus certainly challenged the Canaanite woman in today's Gospel passage from Matthew. She called out to Him on behalf of her daughter, who was being tormented by a demon. What did Jesus do in reply to this mother's desperate plea? Nothing. He "did not say a word in answer to her." Undeterred, the woman continues to call out to Him, yet He still does not give her what she asks for. Instead, He continues to challenge her faith.

And she rises to the challenge to such an impressive degree that Jesus exclaims, "O woman (term of deep respect in that day), great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." Imagine hearing those words proclaimed over us by God! Truly there could be no higher honor than hearing our Lord say that to us. So, we must accept the difficulties that come with the stewardship way of life. Some days will be a true challenge to our trust in God. Those are the days when God is making saints of us. Let's embrace the hard days during these pandemic times. The deep joy that eventually comes, the eternal reward God promises, will be so worth it. *Fr. Antony*

MASS INTENTIONS

TUE	08/18	8:30 a.m.	SACRED HEART	† Joe & Ethel Happ, Marilyn Happ
WED	08/19	8:30 a.m.	SACRED HEART	† Bonnie Gilpin
THU	08/20	5:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	† Jerry Carraher
FRI	08/21	8:15 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	† John Whalen Family
SAT	08/22	7:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	† Pauline Haggerty
SUN	08/23	7:00 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	† John Molczyk
		9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART	† Robert & Marie Marco
		11:00a.m.	ST. THERESA'S	PEOPLE OF PARISH

COMMUNION SERVICES

SM at 8:00 a.m.

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

Catholic Dictionary :

dogma (n).—A dogma of the Catholic Church is defined as "a truth revealed by God, which the magisterium of the Church declared as binding."

REST IN PEACE Our condolences and prayers to the family of Jerome Warner of Sacred Heart. Please keep them in your prayers.



MASSSES will continue to be live streamed. The link is:
www.facebook.com/FamiliesInFaithCatholic

Have you looked at our diocesan website lately? There are many great resources to share. Go to:

<https://gidiocese.org/>



THANK YOU



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.**

THANK YOU ...A sincere and heartfelt thank you to all for the beautiful Mass celebration & reception dinner for my 65th ordination anniversary & birthday. I appreciate everything -the cards, gifts, prayers, polka music, all who helped prepare for the celebration, those who came near and far. May God Bless you all.
Fr. Murphy

PARISH MEETINGS

Parish Nursing: Wed., August 19, 7p.m. @ DC
Finance Council: Thursday, August 20, 7 p.m.
SM Pastoral Council: Thursday, August 20, 8 p.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION	WEEKLY	MONTHLY
St. Michael's	Wednesday 12:30-1:30 p.m.	First Friday, 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.	

ST. MICHAEL'S	SACRED HEART	ST. THERESA'S
LECTOR Aug 22: Sarah Seamann Aug 23: Therese Cockerill EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS HOSPITALITY MINISTERS ALTAR SERVERS MUSIC MINISTRY COLLECTION COUNTERS Aug. 23: Elva Mahony 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 23: Patty Harris DISINFECTING TEAM Aug 23: Pat & Shelly Donovan COLLECTION COUNTERS CARE HOME /HOMEBOUND COMMUNION	LECTOR EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS HOSPITALITY MINISTERS ALTAR SERVERS CHURCH CLEANING August: Maggie Smith, Angela Smith, Paula Heinz PRAYER CHAIN Call: Helen Plugge, Sue Patrick Rosary for Vocations—Sundays 10:30 a.m. prior to Mass.
THE LORD'S PORTION Aug 9 Envelopes \$ 2,555 ACH/online \$ 50 Plate \$ 113 Children's \$ 0 Total July 1st to date <u>\$19,516</u>	THE LORD'S PORTION Aug 9 Envelopes \$ 2,445 ACH/online \$ 180 Plate \$ 0 Children's \$ 0 Total July 1st to date <u>\$10,141</u>	THE LORD'S PORTION Aug 9 Envelopes \$ 240 Plate \$ 50 Children's \$ 0 Total July 1st to date <u>\$2,650</u>

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

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Good luck to all the students returning back to school this week. Have a great school year!



WANTED: SA Alumni history books, *First edition 1906-1992*. If you have an extra one or two please contact the parish office 308-497-2662. Thanks.



The Grand Island diocese has decided there will not be Catholic Masses held at the Nebraska State Fair this year.



SH—SURROUNDED IN PRAYER

will begin praying for the local school the week of Aug. 16. We will be praying individually at home during this school year. Vicki Harvey will send out each week's prayer intention and the list of who we are praying for each week. If you would like to receive these emails please send your email address to : vharvey@centercable.tv or call 308-428-3098 to give her your email address.

SCHOLARSHIP

SA SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Full or partial scholarships are available to anyone who would like to attend Spalding Academy and needs assistance with tuition. Those who qualify will receive assistance from these funds as long as they last. For more info or to apply, contact Fr. Antony 497-2662. To contribute to the Scholarship Fund please send your tax-deductible contribution to: Spalding Academy, PO Box 310, Spalding NE 68665

SM/St. Anne's

August Church Cleaning: Circle of Hope

Side B: prefects Shannon Thome & Elva Mahony

Rotation: Trust, Peace, Faith

August MEN'S CLUB: Team 4:

Jeff Carraher, Boots Seamann

Let us pray for seminarians, that they may listen to the voice of the Lord and follow it with courage and joy.

...Pope Francis



SA HAPPENINGS

Mon. Aug 17	Teacher In-Service
Tues. Aug 18	Teacher In-Service
Wed. Aug 19	Teacher In-Service
Thur. Aug 20	8:00-1:30 First Day of School
Fri. Aug 21	8:15 All School Mass

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.