

Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

August 2, 2020

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

Sunday Scriptures
August 9 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a
 Psalm 85:9, 10,11-12, 13-14
 Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14: 22-33

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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Today's readings should inspire us to deepen our gratitude to our God, Who loves us with such fierce and tender love. We must make an intentional response every day to return love for Love.

In our Second Reading, from Romans, St. Paul reminds us that nothing and nobody can keep God from loving us. God's nature is to love! No anguish, distress, persecution, famine... and we might add pandemic, economic loss, relationship strife - nothing - can keep our God from His faithful love for us. God has got us in the palm of His hand.

And yet, this reassurance is only the beginning of God's gifts to us. Our Gospel passage from Matthew recounts the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish. This of course, is a foreshadowing of the miraculous gift the Eucharist, which feeds us not with bread but with the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus. Let's look at the opening verses of this passage, for they reveal a little of the tender heart of Jesus for all of us. "His heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick." What generous and compassionate love He shows. The Lord remains with them, ministering to and teaching them well into the evening. The disciples suggest that Jesus should send them away so that they could buy some food. But Jesus will not hear of it. He insists that the disciples feed them right then and there. And then, He provides the miraculous abundance of food out of the few loaves and fishes the disciples could round up.

What a privilege for those disciples to participate in Christ's miraculous plan for His people. This privilege is ours, too, as Disciples of Jesus Christ. So, let us make a grateful response to such amazing love. *Fr. Antony*

MASS INTENTIONS

TUE	08/04	8:30 a.m.	SACRED HEART	No Mass
WED	08/05	8:30 a.m.	SACRED HEART	No Mass
THU	08/06	5:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	† Barbara T. Walkowiak
FRI	08/07	8:15 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	† Mick & Margaret Dolce
SAT	08/08	5:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	† Emil & Mary Patricia Reiter
SUN	08/09	7:00 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	PEOPLE OF PARISH
		9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART	† Pat Scott
		11:00a.m.	ST. THERESA'S	Fr. Jim Murphy

COMMUNION SERVICES

SM at 8:00 a.m.

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

Catholic Dictionary :

- Scala Santa (the Sanctuary of the Holy Stairs in Rome) —a flight of 28 marble steps from the house of Pilate at Jerusalem, which our Savior ascended; they were brought to Rome in 326 by St. Helena, and are frequented by pilgrims, who ascend them on their knees.

**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



NOTICE: Some of our parishioners have been receiving text messages and emails from what appears to be Fr. Antony soliciting favors and money. Please DO NOT respond as this is a scam. This matter has been reported to the Attorney General's office.



God, in His great love for his people, gave us His Ten Commandments. One very important commandment for the abortion issue is "Thou shall not kill".


SM—please sign up for First Friday adoration August. 7th. Sign up sheet at back of church.

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.**



Keep Fr. Antony in your prayers as he will be on retreat this week.

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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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.



THE CLOISTERS ON THE PLATTE

The Stations of the Cross at The Cloisters on the Platte will reopen to the public beginning Monday, Aug. 3. Precautions will be taken to implement social distancing and to sanitize audio equipment and indoor areas to prevent spreading Covid-19. Plan to wear a mask for your shuttle ride and gift shop visit. Visitors are encouraged to donate \$10 or more per person. Location: 23332 Fishery Road, Gretna NE. For more info visit: cloistersontheplatte.com

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.

EWTN Network Channels:
DISH Systems: Channel 261
DIRECT Systems: Channel 370
Daily Mass 7 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.

SM/St. Anne's
August Church Cleaning: Circle of Hope
Side B:
Shannon Thome & Elva Mahony, prefects
Rotation: Trust, Peace, Faith
August MEN'S CLUB: Team 4:
Jeff Carraher, Boots Seamann

Thank You

SH—A big THANK YOU to the four teams of people and other volunteers that have helped over the past couple of months with disinfecting the church after Masses, funerals and weddings. Your hard work and time was greatly appreciated.



MOBILE FOOD PANTRY
St. Mark's Lutheran Church

St. Paul, Ne.—1306 Howard Ave.
Aug. 8, 10:00 am—11:30pm or until food is gone.
REMAIN IN YOUR VEHICLES.

You will pull up on the South side of St. Mark's and receive a box of food and perishables.

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Howard-Greeley County Food Co-op  
Available to any resident of the state.

**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](http://www.families-infaith.com). Go to the home page and click on the link.

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