

Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time *September 20, 2020*

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

Sunday Scriptures
September 27: Ezekiel 18:25-28
 Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
 Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5
Matthew 21:28-32

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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Though we can never fully grasp the infinite perfection of God and His ways, a basic knowledge of Scripture reveals that God's logic often differs from worldly logic. Our first reading, from Isaiah,


reminds us that God often thinks bigger than we do. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts." As His followers we must strive as best we can to think as God does, using our time (and our talents and treasure, too) with eternity in mind.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus offers us a glimpse of the "Godly logic" of the Father through a parable of a landowner hiring workers for his vineyard. Some workers are called early in the day, others not until very late. Yet the landowner pays them all a full day's wage. This angered the laborers who had worked longest. Those laborers were relying on human logic and human calculations. They were not thinking as God does.

This can happen to us Christian stewards as well. We can grumble and complain (at least internally) when we compare ourselves to others and sense that not everyone is contributing as much as we are to the parish, the neighborhood, within our family and so on. At those moments, we need to think bigger! Let's not be narrow minded! Jesus is our judge!

We must remember that it is a great privilege to have been called by the Father to work in His vineyard. Living the stewardship way of life brings us meaning, depth and purpose. Let's embrace this Godly thinking and thank Him for calling us to this way of life. *Fr. Antony*

MASS INTENTIONS

TUE	09/22	8:30 a.m.	SACRED HEART	+ John Doyle	
WED	09/23	8:30 a.m.	SACRED HEART	+ Fritz Foltz	
THU	09/24	8:00 a.m. 2:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	ST. THERESA'S SACRED HEART ST. MICHAEL'S	+ Clete Murphy + Bonnie Gilpin + Frank Berger	
FRI	09/25	8:15 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	+ Rich & Pete Bauer	
SAT	09/26	7:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	+ Wally Valasek	
SUN	09/27	7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S SACRED HEART ST. THERESA'S	+ Jim, Dorothy & Deb Stromp + Pat Scott PEOPLE OF PARISH	

COMMUNION SERVICES

SM at 8:00 a.m.
SH at 8:30 a.m. weekdays
 when a Mass is not scheduled.
ST at 8:00 a.m. Thursdays
 with Rosary to follow.

Catholic Dictionary

Sodality (n) A confraternity or association, especially a Roman Catholic religious guild or brotherhood, for charity or a religious purpose

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER & FASTING

THURSDAY, SEPT. 24, 2020...For God's mercy on our land and the healing & conversion of our hearts, Learn more, go to: actsxxix.org/national-day-prayer-fasting
Please see our Mass schedule above.

Adoration as follows— Sign up sheets at church.

St. Theresa's: 8:30-9:00 a.m. Common Adoration

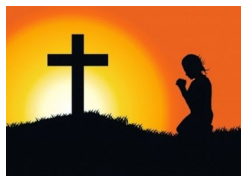
Adoration to follow 9:00 a.m-4:00 p.m. Chaplet 3:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart Church: 3:00-4:00 p.m. Common Adoration
 Adoration 4 p.m.-11 p.m.; Chaplet 3:00 p.m.

St. Michael's Church: Adoration 9:00am-5:00pm with
 Benediction at 4:45 p.m. Chaplet 3:00 p.m.

NEED IDEAS for National Day of Prayer & Fasting as a family or individual?

- *Pray a rosary
- *Fast from TV
- *Fast from Coffee/Soda
- *Pray together as a family
- *Fast from whining :)
- *Kneel before a crucifix & pray
- *Fast from Facebook
- *Fast from sweets/candy
- *Pray 9 Memorares for your intentions + 1 more in thanksgiving
- *Sign up for 1 hour of Adoration



INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC

or learning more about the Catholic faith? Or do you know someone who might be interested? Please contact Fr. Antony, Patty Harris or Deb Eschliman. More info to follow.

AS THE NEXT STEP IN THEIR FORMATION

for permanent diaconate, Paul Nordhues and Ron Glaser were installed in the ministry of lector by Bishop Joseph Hanefeldt on Saturday, Sept. 12, at St. Pat's in North Platte. Please continue to pray for them throughout their formation.



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.	
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ST. MICHAEL'S	SACRED HEART	ST. THERESA'S
LECTOR Sept 26: Ed McCarthy Sept 27: Dan Mailander EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS HOSPITALITY MINISTERS ALTAR SERVERS MUSIC MINISTRY COLLECTION COUNTERS Sept. 27: Brian McManaman 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 Sept 27: Patty Harris DISINFECTING TEAM Sept 27: Pat & Shelly Donovan COLLECTION COUNTERS CARE HOME /HOMEBOUND COMMUNION	LECTOR EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS HOSPITALITY MINISTERS ALTAR SERVERS CHURCH CLEANING September: Jean Nordhues, Jerilee Wright, Jennifer Wright PRAYER CHAIN Call: Helen Plugge, Sue Patrick Rosary for Vocations—Sundays 10:30 a.m. prior to Mass.
THE LORD'S PORTION Sept 13 Envelopes \$2820 ACH/online \$ 50 Plate \$ 96 Children's \$ 0 Total July 1st to date <u>\$36,156</u>	THE LORD'S PORTION Sept 13 Envelopes \$ 1,665 ACH/online \$ 15 Plate \$ 250 Children's \$ 0 Total July 1st to date <u>\$18,889</u>	THE LORD'S PORTION Sept 6 Envelopes \$ 715 Plate \$ 144 Children's \$ 0 Total July 1st to date <u>\$ 6,230</u>

SM PARISH COUNCIL MTG SUMMARY– SEPT 10, 2020

Members present: Fr. Antony, Joe Seamann, Brian McManaman, Denny Bauer, Peg Zwiener, Carol Seamann, Tammy Diessner, Elva Mahony. Discussion: Haiti church and school are still closed; Parish center campaign updated info will be sent to Diocesan Catholic Extension in order to proceed with the grant application. New information about diocesan appeal will be presented in October. Stewardship signup will be Oct. 17-18 weekend. Gutter repair and cement work are still being discussed. Church sanitizing will continue. Confirmation is scheduled for Oct. 24. Next meeting will be held Oct. 22 @ 8pm.



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. Sept 21	4:00 JH FB v. Humphrey/LHF; Feast of St. Matthew
Tues. Sept 22	5:00 VB Quadrangular @ Bartlett
Wed. Sept 23	8:30 ASVAB Testing-grades 10 & 11; JH VB vs High Plains @ Home
Thur. Sept 24	National Day of Prayer
Fri. Sept 25	8:15 All School Mass

John Paul II Healing Center presents **UNDONE**, Freedom for the Feminine Heart, Sept 24-26, at St. Peter Catholic Parish, Lincoln NE. Immerse yourself in a three-day conference of truth & transformation as the knots of Eve, in us, are undone by Mary's example of radical receptivity. Through a series of talks, teachings and prayer experiences, you will be invited to become Undone in God's presence while deeply receiving the truth of your authentic identity. Register online at www.JPIIHealingCenter.org. For questions or info email Annette Wemhoff: JPIIRetreatLincolnNE@gmail.com



Note: Priesthood Sunday is next weekend Sept. 27



Note: No Junk Jaunt Sale this year at St. Theresa's in Ericson.



PARISH MEETINGS
SH CDA: Sunday, Sept 20, after Mass in church basement.

SM RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes began Wed., Sept 16. Grades 1st thru 6th grade will meet from 4-5pm. Classes 7th-12th grade will meet at 7pm.

SH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes will begin Wed., Sept 23rd. Grades 1 thru 6 from 4:30-5:30pm. Grades 7-12 will be held 7-8pm.



SM/St. Anne's
Sept. Church Cleaning: Circle of Joy
Side A: prefect Ann Bernt
Rotation: Trust, Peace, Faith
Sept. MEN'S CLUB: Team 5: Dennis Bauer, Leon Seier

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.



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