

Thirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

November 15, 2020

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

Sunday Scriptures

November 22: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
Psalm 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
Matthew 25:31-46

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 15, 2020 A Note from Fr. Jim Golka

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This past week, on November 10, the Vatican finally issued its report of former Cardinal Theodore McCarrick. Pope Francis removed McCarrick from the priesthood in February of 2019 after credible

evidence of sexual abuse. I know these past few months have been difficult and now the McCarrick report feels like another punch in the gut. As a priest and a Catholic, these reports are devastating, painful and also cause for clarification.

Sexual abuse perpetrated by Roman Catholic priests has been headline news for years. But even with so much press attention, there are many commonly accepted myths about this issue. An article written by Thomas G. Plante in Psychology Today in April of 2020 lists "Top 10 Myths About Clergy Abuse in the Catholic Church." I want to simply highlight a couple of these myths.

Myth 1: Sexual abuse is more common among Catholic priests than other groups of men: About 4 percent of Catholic clerics had credible or substantiated accusations of child sexual abuse of minors during the last half of the 20th century. Research data finds the prevalence of clerical abuse among non-Catholic religious communities consistent with the Catholics. If you review insurance claims against Church communities for sexual victimization perpetrated by their clerics, you'll find that there is no difference between Catholic and non-Catholic groups.

Furthermore, a U.S. Department of Education study found that about 6 percent of public schoolteachers had credible or substantiated claims of sexual abuse of minor children under their charge. In other words, there simply is no evidence that Catholic priests sexually abuse children or teens at rates higher than other groups of men, in or outside of religious communities; they may actually abuse at rates lower than the general population of men and of public schoolteachers during similar time periods.

Myth 2: Catholic clerical sexual abuse is still common today: The vast majority of cases of clerical abuse occurred before the mid-1980s. The Church has gone from averaging about 660 new cases of abuse per year during the 1970s to about 1 new case per year since about 2014.

Myth 10: The Church has done nothing to keep children safe and offending priests out of ministry: Since 2002 the Church has been vigilant in forming Safe Environment policies and forming Child Protection offices (such as we have in the Diocese of Grand Island). The fact that credible accusations have been reduced to an average of one new case per year in the United States from levels that were almost 700 times higher several decades ago at least suggests that these best practices are actually working effectively.

I certainly do not downplay the horrors of abuse by someone like Theodore McCarrick. I do think a little perspective can be helpful. I am happy that our Church appears to be making strides to be more transparent, healthy and holy. May God bless us all. Fr. Jim Golka

FYI – Fr. Jim mentioned Top 10 Myths About Clergy Abuse in the Catholic Church. Here is the list of all 10:

Myth 1: Sexual abuse is more common among Catholic priests than other groups of men.

Myth 2: Catholic clerical sexual abuse is still common today.

Myth 3: Most clerical sex offenders victimize hundreds of children.

Myth 4: There have been fewer numbers of reported victims in recent years because it takes decades for them to come forward.

Myth 5: Homosexual men are to blame for the clerical abuse problem.

Myth 6: Mandatory celibacy causes Catholic priests to sexually abuse children.

Myth 7: The lack of female priests in the Catholic Church causes clerical abuse.

Myth 8: All victims are being totally truthful.

Myth 9: Clerical offenders went into the priesthood so that they could abuse children.

Myth 10: The Church has done nothing to keep children safe and offending priests out of ministry.

Fr. Antony

MASS INTENTIONS

TUE	11/17	8:30 a.m.	SACRED HEART	† Jeff Welch
WED	11/18	8:30 a.m.	SACRED HEART	† Fritz Foltz
THU	11/19	5:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	† Ardis Sullivan
FRI	11/20	8:15 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	† Nancy Borchers
SAT	11/21	5:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	† Robbie & Peggy Scheef
SUN	11/22	7:00 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	Aggie & Rich Hinkle
		9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART	† Bert Meyer
		11:00a.m.	ST. THERESA'S	PEOPLE OF PARISH

COMMUNION SERVICES

SM at 8:00 a.m.

SH at 9:00 a.m. weekdays
when a Mass is not scheduled.

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

SM Adoration: Please note new time change for weekly Wednesday adoration, however, November 25th will be 12:30-1:30pm only.

REST IN PEACE Our condolences and prayers to the family of John Bauer buried from St. Michael's this past week. Please keep John in your prayers.



SM Religious Education: No classes until December 2nd due to Covid.




PARISH MEETINGS

ST Pastoral Council: Wed, Nov. 18, 7pm
SM CDA: Thursday, Nov. 19th, 7pm in DC

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

WEEKLY	MONTHLY
St. Michael's	Wed. 12:30 p.m. to Thurs. 4:45 p.m.
Sacred Heart	First Friday 24-hr, beginning at 9:00 a.m.
St. Theresa's	Due to COVID-19 Adoration is suspended until further notice.

ST. MICHAEL'S	SACRED HEART	ST. THERESA'S
LECTOR Nov. 21: Ed McCarthy Nov. 22: Dan Mailander EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS HOSPITALITY MINISTERS ALTAR SERVERS MUSIC MINISTRY COLLECTION COUNTERS Nov. 22: Tammy Diessner 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 Nov. 22: Patty Harris DISINFECTING TEAM Nov. 22: Pat & Shelly Donovan COLLECTION COUNTERS CARE HOME /HOMEBOUND COMMUNION	LECTOR EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS HOSPITALITY MINISTERS ALTAR SERVERS CHURCH CLEANING November: Joyce Bos, Kaye Day, Helen Hall PRAYER CHAIN Call: Helen Plugge, Sue Patrick Rosary for Vocations—Sundays 10:30 a.m. prior to Mass.
THE LORD'S PORTION November 8 Envelopes \$ 2,030 ACH/online \$ 50 Plate \$ 60 Children's \$ 0 Total July 1st to date <u>\$ 60,664</u>	THE LORD'S PORTION November 8 Envelopes \$ 1665 ACH/online \$ 15 Plate \$ 2 Children's \$ 0 Total July 1st to date <u>\$ 35,817</u>	THE LORD'S PORTION November 8 Envelopes \$ n/a Plate \$ Children's \$ 0 Total July 1st to date <u>\$ 17,801</u>

2020 DIOCESAN APPEAL UPDATE

SM: Parish Goal: \$ 17,846
Total Rec'd: \$ 5,935—Current # of Donors: 24
ST: Parish Goal: \$ 5,800
Total Rec'd: \$1,400—Current # of Donors: 9
SH: Parish Goal: \$14,102
Total Rec'd: \$5,865—Current # of Donors: 21



On November 21 (the Memorial of the Presentation of the Virgin Mary in the Temple), the Church will celebrate **World Day of Cloistered Life**, an ecclesial event for all Catholics worldwide to commemorate the hidden lives of contemplative religious in cloisters and monasteries. On this day, the faithful are encouraged to reach out to the cloistered religious in their diocese, through prayer, encouragement, and material support.


Stewardship Commitment Card—If you haven't returned your Commitment Card, it is NOT too late. Please take this opportunity to discern how God is calling you to grow closer to Him this year.


FR. MURPHY ADDRESS
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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.

SM/St. Anne's
Nov. Church Cleaning: Circle of Trust
Side A : prefect Kay Reilly
Rotation: Peace, Faith, Hope
Nov. **MEN'S CLUB:** Team 7 : John Bernt, Gary Miller



SA HAPPENINGS

Mon. Nov 16	Start Highschool BB practice
Tues. Nov 17	Memorial of St. Elizabeth of Hungary; 7:15 am winter sports team photos @ parish center. 8:00am re-takes.
Wed. Nov 18	
Thur. Nov 19	
Fri. Nov 20	8:15 All School Mass

ST MICHAEL'S FALL DRIVE:

Our total to date: \$29,792.22
of Donors: 27

SM FALL AUCTION UPDATE: Tentatively, we plan to have our annual live auction and the raffle drawing on December 6th, beginning at 1:00p.m. We have had some additional donations/items come in, which we do appreciate! There is still time to purchase raffle tickets. Please stop in parish office or see Sharon Roach or Stacy Bauer.



SM New Hours
Office Ministry:
Effective Nov. 2nd, office ministry will be available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8-1pm, and Wednesdays 8-5pm.

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

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.

