

**Second Sunday of Advent
December 6, 2020**

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

**Third Sunday of Advent
December 13: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11
Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28**

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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We serve a merciful and patient God. In His kindness, He warns us that we will be called to make an account one day for the way in which we made use of the gifts God has given us. The most

precious gift God has given us is His own Son, Whose birth we are preparing to celebrate.

St. Peter describes the loving kindness of the Father in our Second Reading today, saying God "is patient with you, not wishing that anyone should perish but that all should come to repentance." Yet, in the same passage we receive this warning: "The Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar... and the earth and everything on it will be found out."

How are we to assimilate these two truths - the merciful love of God and the responsibility that comes with the privilege of living as His disciple? St. Peter tells us we should conduct ourselves "in holiness and devotion." Indeed, this is the goal of our Advent "reset" - to return to living lives focused on Christ, in gratitude for all He has done for us.

In our Gospel passage from Mark, John the Baptist instructs us to "prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." We must make good use of the gift of time we have been given this Advent season. Let's be sure to get to Confession, prioritize a daily reading of Scriptures, and reach out to someone in need with a word of comfort or an act of service. In this way, we will honor both the mercy and justice of our God, and we will be prepared to celebrate the birth of Christ and give account for all His gifts to us.

This is our second week of Rejoice, Advent Meditations with the Holy Family. This week we learn at the feet of Joseph, how he loved Jesus and Mary. *Fr Antony*

MASS INTENTIONS

MON	12/07	5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	ST. THERESA'S † Clete Murphy ST. MICHAEL'S † Mick & Margaret Dolce
TUES	12/08	8:15 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S † Margie Ann Berger SACRED HEART † Ann Nowak
WED	12/09	9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART † Robert Reems Charlton
THU	12/10	5:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S † Dick Herrera
FRI	12/11	8:15 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S † Joseph E Langer/Amelia K Langer
SAT	12/12	5:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S † Mark Reilly
SUN	12/13	7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S † Deceased Valasek Family SACRED HEART PEOPLE OF PARISH ST. THERESA'S † Vic Bodyfield

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.

Catholic Dictionary

Contrition: (n) the repentance of past sins during or after confession "prayers of contrition"

ADVENT PRAYER

Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the-best-version-of-ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter especially those who need it most. Amen



**December 8th
Feast of
Immaculate
Conception of
the Blessed
Virgin Mary**

SM FALL AUCTION IS ONLINE: Please go to:

bigirongives.com to browse items and to place your bid. For those who would like to have assistance with bidding, please come to the Parish Center December 6th from 4:00-6:00 pm (K of C Soup Supper). We will have assistance available. Bidding will be open until December 13th. Closing of bids will be staggered. Assistance will also be available on Dec. 13th by appointment only. Raffle tickets can be purchased or dropped off during the Knights of Columbus Soup Supper. Raffle Drawings will be December 13th. Call Stacey at 402-741-0577 for questions or appointments. Thanks for your support and cooperation as we continue to work through this new process.

Mass Intentions

needed for
St. Theresa's.
Please send to
PO Box 310,
Spalding or put
in collection
basket. Thanks.


SM/SH -PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY...do you know someone in the community (any denomination :) who we could wrap in prayer and offer comfort & solace with a beautiful handmade prayer shawl? Many blessings are prayed into every stitch. Please contact Kate Connelly (308-223-9034) or Denise at the parish office.



PARISH MEETINGS

SH Parish Council: Dec. 8 @ 8:00pm following Mass
ST Altar Society: Dec 13 after Mass

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


ST. MICHAEL'S	SACRED HEART	ST. THERESA'S																																										
<p>LECTOR Dec. 7: Sarah Seamann Dec. 8: SA/TBD Dec. 12 : Savannah Short Dec. 13 : Therese Cockerill</p> <p>EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS HOSPITALITY MINISTERS ALTAR SERVERS MUSIC MINISTRY</p> <p>COLLECTION COUNTERS Dec. 13: Elva Mahony</p> <p>CDA Rosary Second Sunday of the month at 10:00 a.m. Dec. 13 </p>	<p>LECTOR</p> <p>EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS HOSPITALITY MINISTERS ALTAR SERVERS MUSIC MINISTRY ROSARY ELEVETTE</p> <p>SACRISTAN Dec. 8: Cathy Hansen Dec. 13: Mary Ann McQuillan</p> <p>DISINFECTING TEAM Dec. 8 & 13: Louie Bauer, Tom Donovan</p> <p>COLLECTION COUNTERS</p> <p>CARE HOME /HOMEBOUND COMMUNION</p>	<p>LECTOR Dec. 7: Mark Smith</p> <p>EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS HOSPITALITY MINISTERS ALTAR SERVERS</p> <p>CHURCH CLEANING Dec. : All the Women of St. Theresa's</p> <p>PRAYER CHAIN Call: Helen Plugge, Sue Patrick</p> <p>Rosary for Vocations—Sundays 10:30 a.m. prior to Mass.</p>																																										
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SM ADVENT PEACE TREE: Due to the COVID virus, some parishioners view Mass at home. We want everyone to join in & place your own prayer on the Advent "PEACE TREE". So, after the weekend Masses, there will be a basket with **BLANK** prayer cards at the Main and West entrances of church. If you cannot pick a prayer card up, have a family member/friend do so. *Fill it out and return it by placing it in the Collection basket in FRONT of the ALTAR.* Your "prayers" will be placed on the tree.
H O P E. Be Watchfull Be Alert!


SH PASTORAL COUNCIL—Please pray for the following individuals who are nominees for SH Pastoral Council: Rhonni Benson, Mary Ann McQuillan, Paige Wood, DW Holley, Jason McIntyre, Mike Wood.

A gift to U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking (USCSAHT) can make a difference in our efforts to confront the Human Trafficking pandemic. U.S. Catholic Sisters against Human Trafficking is a 501 © (3) organization (sistersagainstrafficking.org), 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131.


HAITI UPDATE: Once again, we will be sponsoring children for school meals. If you would like to update your sponsorship, it is \$200 per child, per school year. Thank you.

SM Religious Education UPDATE: No classes until January 13 due to Covid. 

	 SA HAPPENINGS
Mon Dec 7	Pearl Harbor Day
Tues Dec 8	Immaculate Conception; 8:15 All School Mass; JV TBA, 6:00(GV), 7:30(BV)BB at Home vs. Stuart
Wed Dec 9	State One-Act Play Contest; 1:00 Grades PK-8 Early School Dismissal
Thur Dec 10	
Fri Dec 11	JV TBA, 6:00(GV), 7:30(BV)BB at O'Neill St. Mary's
Sat Dec 12	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe; JV TBA, 5:00(GV), 6:30(BV)bb at Cedar Bluffs

Knights of Columbus SOUP SUPPER: Sunday, December 6th, 4-6:00pm at the Parish Center. Menu consists of soup choice (chili or chicken noodle), grilled cheese sandwich & a Christmas cookie for \$8.00. **Food will be carry out or Spalding delivery only.** Place your order **after 3pm Sunday** by calling Don Pritchard @ 402-613-3439 or Tim Pfeifer 308-750-1475. All proceeds and donations to St. Michael's Church general fund. Fall auction items will be on display during the soup supper for browsing. We ask you to please eat your meal at home & wear your masks. 

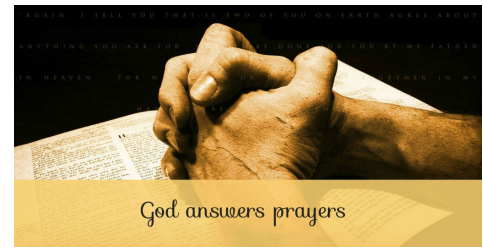


CHURCH ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTIONS:  Due to COVID-19, you may send in your church contributions to the office weekly or monthly. St. Michael's & St. Theresa's may be sent to **PO Box 310**, Spalding. Sacred Heart may be sent to **PO Box 99**, Greeley. Automatic withdrawal (ACH) from your bank account can 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.

SM/St. Anne's
December Church Cleaning: Circle of Trust
Side B : prefect Arlene Molczyk
Rotation: Peace, Faith, Hope
Dec. MEN'S CLUB: Team 8: Tim Pfeifer, Bill Thome

Reminder 2nd Week of Advent - Rejoice, Advent Meditations w/ the Holy Family, Sun., Dec 13th, 7pm, go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hr7f8gqJVRQ>

Please help us extend a note of love and gratitude this Advent season to our local seminarians, Religious Sisters, and men in our Diaconate program. It could be a word of encouragement, prayers for continued discernment as they pursue their studies, or just a "thinking of you" note. Thank them for their example of true witnesses of faith.



Religious Sisters:

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## OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God,  
may no earthly tasks hinder us  
who set out in haste to meet your Son.  
Rather, may our learning of heavenly wisdom  
grant us admittance to his company.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity  
of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Lighting of the Candles:** Light the first and second violet candles.

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 1:39-42

In those days Mary arose  
and went with haste into the hill country,  
to a city of Judah, and she entered the house  
of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.  
And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary,  
the child leaped in her womb;  
and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit  
and she exclaimed with a loud cry,  
“Blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb!”

## CLOSING PRAYER

Heavenly Father,  
you prepared your people for the promised Messiah,  
your Son, through the teaching of Saint John the Baptist.  
Give us the grace to hear his message of prayer and repentance,  
so that we might open our hearts and minds  
and so prepare ourselves to receive your Son once again.  
Help us to turn away from sin and all that keeps us from your Son  
and his message of love.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you forever and ever. Amen.

**Song:** Sing the first three verses of “O Come, O Come Emmanuel.”