

Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

October 2, 2022

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

SUNDAY SCRIPTURES
October 9: 2 Kings 5:14-17
 Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4
 2 Timothy 2:8-13
Luke 17:11-19

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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HAB 1:2-3; 2:2-2-4; PS 95:1-2, 6-9; 2 TM 1:6-8, 13-14; LK 17:5-10

Our readings today show us that living a discipleship way of life, that is, a life focused on serving

God and His Kingdom, is not easy. They also show us that our lives belong to God, not to us and that God will indeed bring about the fulfillment of His kingdom. We just need to have faith that He can do it and commit to our small part in His grand design. This is both our privilege and responsibility as disciples of Christ.

Jesus makes this privilege and responsibility clear in today's Gospel passage from Luke. When the apostles ask the Lord to increase their faith, He tells them that even a mustard seed-sized faith is all that is needed to move mountains (because it is God who does the heavy lifting). We need only take the tiniest step forward, and He will do the rest.

Living our lives in God's service is also very much our responsibility, as Jesus explains through the parable of the unprofitable servant later in this passage. Our Lord describes a scene in which a servant has just come in from tending to the master's affairs and asks whether it would be reasonable for the master to begin waiting on his servant. Of course, it would not be reasonable! The servant would be expected to continue to serve his master until he has completed the work the master has given him that day. Jesus says we should have this same attitude before God.

The time, talents, and treasure entrusted to us are all God's. Our very lives belong to Him. Whatever we do on God's behalf with our lives and our gifts is simply our God-given responsibility. The discipleship way of life makes our life as a privilege and responsibility of serving Christ and His kingdom a reality. May God bless you in all your efforts to make this, a way of life, a reality for all of us! *Fr. Antony*

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT	10/01	7:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	† Carl & Betty Hitchler
SUN	10/02	7:00 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	PEOPLE OF PARISH
		9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART	† Pat Scott
		11:00 a.m.	ST. THERESA'S	† Leona Divis
TUE	10/04	9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART	† Deceased Birkby Family
WED	10/05	10:00 a.m.	ASSISTED LIVING	† Fr. Walt Phelan
THU	10/06	5:00 p.m.	ST. CATHARINE'S	† Ed & Margie Berger
FRI	10/07	8:15 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	† Leona Schmidt All School Mass
SAT	10/08	7:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	Elijah Heinz
SUN	10/09	7:00 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	† Jim Reilly
		9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART	† Theresa Roggenkamp
		11:00 a.m.	ST. THERESA'S	PEOPLE OF PARISH

COMMUNION SERVICES

SM at 8:00 a.m.

SH at 9:00 a.m.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention of the Month:

For the Church open to everyone. We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

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 call the Parish Office 497-2662.

WE WELCOME INTO THE CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN FAITH,

Tate Ambrose Glaser, son of Mike & Haley Glaser, baptized Sept 24th at St. Michael's.



St. Michael's 41st Annual Fall Auction, Sunday, Nov. 6th.

Mass will be held 10:30am with a delicious St. Anne's roast beef dinner from 11-1 pm. If you have an item or donations for the auction please drop off at the Dominican Center or contact Sharon Roach 497-2151, Deb Pfeifer 497-2793, or Stacey Bauer 402-741-0577. Thank you to those who gave us Christmas tree donations!

This year the *Country Store* will be a new addition. Please bring your canned goods, jelly, meat, unique handmade items, or stocking stuffers for our *Country Store*.



SM: COFFEE/ROLLS

following Sunday morning Mass in the church basement.



PARISH MEETINGS

SM/ST KofC: Tuesday, October 4 at 8pm

School Board: Monday, October 10, 8pm

SH Pastoral Council: Wed, October 12, 8pm

SM Cemetery Board: Tuesday, Oct 18, 7pm

Be Filled with Christ's Spirit ~ Be Renewed

Don't Forget to Turn in Your Commitment Card



We're still in the midst of our annual Stewardship Renewal.

If you haven't returned your Commitment Card please complete at <http://sgiz.mobi/s3/Families-In-Faith>. It is NOT too late.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Tuesdays 1:00 pm.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION	WEEKLY	MONTHLY
St. Michael's Dominican Center	Wed. 12:30 p.m. to Thurs. 4:45 p.m.	First Friday, Oct. 7, 24 hr, 9:00 a.m.
Sacred Heart Chapel	-	First Tuesday, Oct. 4, 24 hr, 9:00 a.m.
St. Theresa's	-	Last Sunday of month for Vocations, 10 a.m.

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<p>LECTOR Oct 8: Don Pritchard Oct 9: Sarah Seamann</p> <p>EMHC Oct 8: Rich Rist, Shelly Houtby, Carol & Dean Seamann Oct 9: Katy & Ryan Seamann</p> <p>HOSPITALITY MINISTERS Oct 8: Chuck & Veronica Miller Dean Seamann, Cheryl Ray Oct 9: Sharon Bauer, Dan Bauer, Dan Mailander</p> <p>ALTAR SERVERS Oct 8: Colton & Haden Bernt, Caidyn & Landyn Carraher Oct 9: Addyson & Brynn Seamann</p> <p>MUSIC MINISTRY Oct 8: Linda Oct 9: Volunteer</p> <p>COLLECTION COUNTERS Oct 9: Tammy Diessner</p> <p>SM CDA Rosary Thursdays, before Mass, 4:30 in the chapel.</p> 	<p>LECTOR Oct 9: Tom Nekoliczak</p> <p>EMHC Oct 9: Jacki Nekoliczak, Jami Dutcher, Tom Donovan</p> <p>HOSPITALITY MINISTERS Oct 9: DW Holley family</p> <p>ALTAR SERVERS Oct 9: Natalie Poss, Zevan Wolf, Max Foltz</p> <p>MUSIC MINISTRY</p> <p>ROSARY Oct 9: Mick Foster</p> <p>SACRISTAN Oct 9: Mary Ann McQuillan</p> <p>COLLECTION COUNTERS Oct 9: Rhonni and DW</p> <p>ASSISTED LIVING Oct 9: Susie Lammers</p>	<p>LECTOR Oct 9: Youth Ministry, Julie Landgren</p> <p>EMHC Oct 9: Paul Nordhues, Judy Ita, Jenna Landgren</p> <p>HOSPITALITY MINISTERS Oct 9: Youth Ministry</p> <p>ALTAR SERVERS</p> <p>CHURCH CLEANING October: Sherry Smith, Sandy Miller, Ranotta Nordhues</p> <p>PRAYER CHAIN Call: Helen Plugge, Sue Patrick</p> <p>ROSARY For Vocations—Sundays 10:00 a.m. prior to Mass. Thursday morning Communion Service 9:00 a.m. followed by Rosary and Adoration.</p> 																																										
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"For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control." 2 Timothy 1:7
 Many of us compartmentalize our Faith, we bring it out only when we attend Mass or when we attend a parish event. Being a good steward requires discipline and striving to put God first in everything - all the time. The next time you are at a neighborhood party or at work or out shopping, would your words and actions signal to others that you are a good and faithful servant of our Lord?

SM RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:
 Glow in the Dark Rosary,
 October 5th @ 7pm, at the Football Field.
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**SA STUDENTS** will be hosting the Living Rosary October 9th, 3pm at St. Michael's.



**Mobile Food Pantry Oct. 8th.**  
 10am-11:30pm  
 Or until food gone.  
 St. Mark's Lutheran Church,  
 1306 Howard Ave.  
 St. Paul.  
 Remain in your vehicles, pull up on the South side of St. Mark's.



**St. Anne's Fall Auction Nov. 6 Circle Duties:**  
 Cook: Peace A, Serve: Peace B, Serve: Joy A, Clean Up: Joy B, Bake Sale: Faith A, Serve Pies: Faith B  
**NOTE:** Each St. Anne member is asked to bring an item for the bake sale or \$10.00 donation.

**SM-SCRIP** will be available for purchase after Saturday evening Mass, October 8th.



**SM/St. Anne**  
**October Church Cleaning:** Circle of Peace  
**Side B:** Stephanie Thome & Katrina Glaser Prefects  
**Rotation:** Joy, Trust, Peace  
**Oct. Men's Club Team # 6:** Ed Bauer, Troy Kleffner

|             | SA HAPPENINGS                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mon Oct 3   | NO School-Diocesan Teach In Service; 4:00 JH Riverside VB at NE Christian; 5:00 JH Riverside FB at NE Christian; 5:30 JV Riverside VB at NE Christian; 6:00 JV Riverside FB at NE Christian; 5:30 Riverside VB TRI at Cedar Rapids |
| Tue Oct 4   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Wed. Oct 5  | Feast of St. Faustina; National Be Nice Day; 2:00 JH Riverside VB at EPPJ; 3:30-5:30 Lego League at SA Science Room                                                                                                                |
| Thur. Oct 6 | 8:00am Class Confessions; 5:00 Riverside VB TRI at Twin Loup (Sargent)                                                                                                                                                             |
| Fri. Oct 7  | Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary; 8:15 All School Mass; 10:00-12:00 Sentinel Mfg Day for Grades 11 & 12; 2:00 JH & HS Conference Cross Country at Fullerton; 7:00 Riverside FB vs. Pleasanton at Cedar Rapids                       |
| Sat. Oct 8  | 9:00 JH Riverside VB Tournament at CR; 10:00 Riverside VB Tourn at Merna                                                                                                                                                           |

**WANTED: Candy for the SM Fall Auction!** It is time to dig out your favorite recipe! We would love your homemade candy donations for our Fall Auction candy sale.

## PARISH NURSES' NOTES

### National Backpack Awareness

Greybill.org

Think the books and school supplies that your child is carrying in a backpack slung haphazardly across one shoulder are harmless? Think again!

Heavy loads carried by millions of students across the U.S. can cause low back pain that often lasts through adulthood. According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in 2010 nearly 28,000 strains, sprains, dislocations, and fractures from backpacks were treated in hospital emergency rooms, physicians' offices, and clinics. "A child wearing a backpack incorrectly or that is too heavy can be contributing risk factors for discomfort, fatigue, muscle soreness, and musculoskeletal pain especially in the lower back," says Karen Jacobs, EdD, OTR/L, CPE.

**Backpack Facts:** More than 79 million students in the United States carry school backpacks. More than 2,000 backpack-related injuries were treated at hospital emergency rooms, doctor's offices, and clinics in 2007. About 55% of students carry a backpack that is heavier than the recommended guideline of 10% of the student's total body weight.

In a study on the effect of backpack education on student behavior and health, nearly eight out of ten middle school students who changed how they loaded and wore their backpacks reported less pain and strain in their backs, necks, and shoulders.

The way backpacks are worn affects your child's health. Here are some tips to help your child avoid backpack related health issues and injuries:

Always select a backpack that is the correct size for your child. Make sure the height of the backpack extends from approximately 2 inches below the shoulder blades to waist level, or slightly above the waist. Shoulder straps should be well padded.

Distribute weight evenly. Load heaviest items closest to the child's back and balance materials so the child can easily stand up straight.

The backpack should always be worn on both shoulders so the weight is evenly distributed

Once packed, the backpack should weigh no more than 10% of your child's body weight. If it weighs more, determine what supplies can stay at home or at school each day to lessen the load. If the backpack is still too heavy for the child, consider a book bag on wheels.

Joan, Jeanette, Kaye

*Proverbs 9:10. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.*



St Joseph's Catholic Church  
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SCRIPTURE REFLECTION



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