

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 19, 2023

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

SUNDAY SCRIPTURES
March 26: Ezekiel 37:12-14
 Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
 Romans 8:8-11
 John 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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1 Sam 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

Today's readings on this fourth Sunday of Lent are filled with contrasting images - God's vision versus human vision, the light of Christ versus the darkness of sin, spiritual blindness versus spiritual sightedness. Embracing a discipleship way of life can free us from spiritual blindness, allow us to see as God sees, and help us to reflect the light of Christ's love in the way we live our daily lives.

Our Second Reading from Ephesians, begins, "...You were once in darkness but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light." Because of our Baptism, we have the "light" of the Blessed Trinity dwelling within us. In the difficulties and messiness of daily life, it's easy to forget this glorious truth about ourselves. It can also be difficult to determine whether we truly are living in a way that reflects Christ's light. The discipleship way of life, with its emphasis on the rightly ordered use of the gifts of time, talent, and treasure, gives us a guide we can consult on a daily basis to help ensure that we really are living as "children of the light."

In our Gospel passage from John, Christ restores sight to a man born blind. The man says that Christ "opened my eyes." These Lenten days are an excellent time for us to ask Jesus to open our eyes, too. Let us ask Him to show us where we may be suffering from spiritual blindness, perhaps even in subtle ways in our use - or misuse - of time, talent, and treasure that God has given us.

As we continue on our Lenten journey, let's intensify our efforts in any area of our life where we have become a little blinded so that by Easter, we are truly living as children of the light. May God bless you in all your efforts to be witnesses of the light of Christ in our lives, and in the life of our families!

Fr. Antony

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT	03/18	5:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	† Jim Kleffner Jr
SUN	03/19	7:00 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	† Rose Koenig
		9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART	† Jim & Pat O'Connor
		11:00 a.m.	ST. THERESA'S	PEOPLE OF PARISH
TUE	03/21	9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART	† Joe & Ethel Happ
WED	03/22	10:00 a.m.	ASSISTED LIVING	† Margie Kelly
THU	03/23	5:00 p.m.	ST. CATHARINE'S	† Jim Reilly
FRI	03/24	8:15 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	Larry Diessner
		4:30 p.m.	SACRED HEART	† Pat, Mickey, Tony Scott
SAT	03/25	5:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	† Deceased Valasek Family
SUN	03/26	7:00 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	PEOPLE OF PARISH
		9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART	Sr. Mary Citlali Glaser
		11:00 a.m.	ST THERESA'S	† Francis & Mildred Fritz

COMMUNION SERVICES

SM at 8:00 a.m.

SH at 9:00 a.m.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention of the Month: For victims of abuse. We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

FRIDAYS OF LENT

Sacred Heart— 5PM

St. Michael's—7PM



**The Annunciation
Of The Lord
March 25**



Fourth Week of Lent: Return to Me with Weeping and Mourning: This week, choose a psalm of lament from the Bible and pray it while considering a memory or experience of suffering in which you need God's Presence and healing.

SACRED HEART 40 HOUR ADORATION: Friday, March 24, Mass at 4:30 p.m., Adoration 5:00 p.m. until Sunday, March 26, 9 a.m.

ST. MICHAEL'S 40 HOUR ADORATION:

Sunday, April 2 after 7:00 a.m. Mass until Monday, April 3 midnight.



Lenten Brown Bag Talk this Wednesday, March 22, 12:00-1:00 pm at Cathedral Square in Grand Island.

Speaker: Mike Kube, Diocesan Pro-Life Director & Paige Brown, Nebraska Catholic Conf. Topic: "Called to Be an Advocate"

The National Eucharistic Revival calls us to be a Eucharistic people. Join other members of the diocese June 10, 2023, for the **Diocesan Eucharistic Congress** being held in North Platte. This event is free to all members of the Grand Island Diocese age 15+. It is an all-day event with lunch provided. Information and registration can be found at gidiocese.org/eucharistic-revival



PARISH MEETINGS

School Board: Monday, March 20, 7pm

Communal Reconciliation

Sacred Heart, Wednesday, March 22, 7pm



St. Theresa's, Sunday, March 19 following Mass

St. Michael's, Sunday, March 19, 7pm



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION	WEEKLY	MONTHLY
St. Michael's Dominican Center	Wednesday, 8:30 am to 8:00 pm	40 hrs begins April 2; No 24hr First Friday, April 7
Sacred Heart Chapel	-	First Tuesday, April 4 9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
St. Theresa's	-	Last Sunday of month for Vocations, 10 a.m.



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"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." 1Samuel 16:7


St. Anne's Prefects 2023: Trust A: Sharyn Dozler, Trust B: Maureen Seamann. Peace A: Linda Bauer, Peace B: Cindy (Ron) Glaser. Faith A: Monica Carraher, Faith B: Amy McKay. Hope A: Cheryl Ray, Hope B: Mandy McCarthy & Jeanie Seier; Joy A: Trish Glaser, Joy B: Tami Keber & Sara Mahony.


SM Pastoral Council Summary of March 7: SM has met their Diocesan Appeal goal. Communications continue with the priest from St. Raphael's (Haiti). Work on the east gutters & main entrance steps on hold until the frost is out of the ground. Parish center flooring is being tested before work can continue. It is planned the cedar trees will be removed by Don Langer, with help from the K of C. Fr. Antony would like people to consider sponsoring replacement trees. They will be marked with a memorial plaque. CEC weekend was attended by 3 women from our parish, (4 from our Families in Faith).

St. Theresa's Pastoral Council Summary of March 8: Church lighting is complete with no outstanding bills. Fr. Antony covered the Canon Law Can. 536 51-52. We all received a handout. Bylaws for parish hall rental donations were given to Fr. Antony to keep on file.

SM/St. Anne
March Church Cleaning: Circle of Joy
Side A: Trish Glaser, Prefect
Rotation: Faith, Hope, Joy
March Men's Club Team # 3: Dan Mailander

My Lucky Day
Calendar Lottery—
 Buy your tickets now until March 25th! First Drawing starts Easter, April 9th. Tickets: \$80.00 each or 2 for \$150. Sponsored by SAVE.

	SA HAPPENINGS
Mon Mar 20	7:00 pm School Board Meeting
Tue Mar 21	12:30 Loup Basin SMILES Program for Grades PK-6
Wed Mar 22	8:00 Conference Music at Central Valley; NECC Scholastic Day
Thur. Mar 23	ESU Quiz Bowl for Grades 9-12; 8:30-11:30 Kindergarten Roundup
Fri. Mar 24	8:15 All School Mass (2)
Sat. Mar 25	Solemnity of the Annunciation; Grades 6-8 Quiz Bowl at David City; Prom

Knights of Columbus Fish Fries 5:30pm—7:00pm 
 SM—Parish Center, March 31
 ST—Parish hall, Ericson March 24
 SH—Church Basement (every Friday except Good Friday)



Lenten Gatherings in Spalding:
If you've ever thought the Mass is boring or heard those words from your kids here is a program to help!

When: Friday evening following 7pm Stations of the Cross (approximately 7:30pm)
 Feb 24th to Mar. 31st
Where: St. Michael's Church Basement
What: Gathering to watch and discuss the DVD series:
ALTARATION: The Mystery of the Mass Revealed!