

Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time
July 16, 2023

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

SUNDAY SCRIPTURES
July 23: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
 Psalm 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16
 Romans 8:26-27
Matthew 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The parable of the Sower

Friends, Jesus uses parables which are very special kinds of stories; they are fictitious stories describing real life situations. Every parable therefore invites the listener to pass a judgment on the situation described in the story, which is in fact one's own situation.

Through this Sunday's parable of the Sower, Jesus invites us to consider our life and see how we accept the seed (God's Word) each day of our life. If our hearts are open and if we treasure it in our hearts and are willing to do everything required for His Word to transform us, then our life will bear fruits, fruits of love and goodness. The seed grows where there is openness to the word (faith), trust in its power (hope), and a readiness to go out of oneself (love).

Are we open to God's Word which has the power to transform us? Do we treasure it in our hearts and are our actions always guided by the Word of God?

Matthew also wrestles with the failure of the words of Jesus to produce the desired effect in the disciples. Maybe even our very favorite seed, our best, most self-sacrificing good deed, our smartest remark, our greatest insight, will end up on the path, or even fall among thorns. But that is not ours to control; it is not ours to worry about. This means that in imitation of Jesus, we do not focus on the result of our action. We focus solely on the action that we must perform and leave the harvest to the Lord of the Harvest. Wish you all a wonderful weekend.

God bless you, Fr. Lawrence

Preach the Gospel at all times! Use words if necessary!" – (St. Francis of Assisi)

MASS INTENTIONS

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| SAT | 07/15 | 7:00 p.m. | ST. MICHAEL'S | † Jim Reilly |
| SUN | 07/16 | 7:00 a.m. | ST. MICHAEL'S | † Margaret & Lewis Berger, Diane Nickolite |
| | | 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. | SACRED HEART ST. THERESA'S | PEOPLE OF PARISH Matt & Linda Glaser & family |
| TUE | 07/18 | 9:00 a.m. | SACRED HEART | † Jim & Pat O'Connor |
| WED | 07/19 | 10:00 a.m. | ASSISTED LIVING | † Joseph Wrede |
| THU | 07/20 | 5:00 p.m. | ST. CATHARINE'S | † Roland & Maude Vrba, Joan Nordhues |
| FRI | 07/21 | 8:15 a.m. | ST. CATHARINE'S | Sr. John Marion, Sr. Mary Citali, Sr. Bernadette Rose |
| SAT | 07/22 | 7:00 p.m. | ST. MICHAEL'S | Paula & Travis Heinz |
| SUN | 07/23 | 7:00 a.m. | ST. MICHAEL'S | † John & Rose Koenig |
| | | 9:00 a.m. | SACRED HEART | PEOPLE OF PARISH |
| | | 11:00 a.m. | ST THERESA'S | † Barb Anderson |

COMMUNION SERVICES

SM at 8:00 a.m.
SH at 9:00 a.m.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention of the Month: For a Eucharistic life. We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

- **Tuesdays, 12:00 noon. Please email information to both SM & SH.**
- **Email addresses on front of bulletin.**
- **SM July office hours are Mon-Thurs 8:00-1:00**

REST IN PEACE Our condolences and prayers to the families of Lynda Diessner who was buried from St. Michael's and Patricia Swanson buried from Sacred Heart. Please keep them in your prayers.

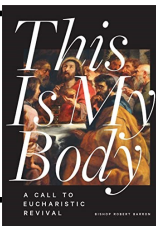


Council of Catholic Women Annual Province Meeting is Monday, July 17, at Blessed Sacrament Church, Grand Island — 8:15-3:00. Registration is \$20. Contact Sharon Swett— 308-201-0139.


SM ADORATION—Please consider signing up for an hour of Adoration at the Dominican Center for St. Michael's. It starts at 8:30 Wednesday morning after Communion Service and ends at 5:00 Thursday afternoon before Mass. Most of the hours have one person, if we could get two people for each hour, they could switch off, each could take 30 minutes, or they could both spend an hour with Jesus. The sign up sheet is in the back of Church on the right side. Thank you.





Please join us to contemplate Jesus in the Eucharist as we study Bishop Barron's *This is My Body*. We will meet Sundays after Mass at the Parish Center in Greeley. For more info, please contact Cathy Hansen —308 219-0270.



PARISH MEETINGS
SM CDA-Thursday, July 20, 7pm

| EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION | WEEKLY | MONTHLY |
|--------------------------------|---|---|
| St. Michael's Dominican Center | Wednesday, 8:30 am to Thurs 4:45pm | First Friday, 24 hr, 9:00 a.m. |
| Sacred Heart Chapel | -  | First Tuesday, 24 hr, 9:00 a.m. |
| St. Theresa's | - | Last Sunday of month for Vocations, 10 a.m. |

| ST. MICHAEL'S | SACRED HEART | ST. THERESA'S | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| <p>LECTOR July 22: Don Pritchard July 23: Therese Cockerill</p> <p>EMHC July 22: Rich Rist, Sarah Seamann, Dean & Carol Seamann July 23: Dan Bauer, Stacey Bauer</p> <p>HOSPITALITY MINISTERS July 22: Ed & Mandy McCarthy, Aprill Murphy, Volunteer Gift Bearer: Gregory Glaser & Family July 23: Tom Asche, Joe Seamann, Volunteer</p> <p>ALTAR SERVERS July 22: Elizabeth & Elora Glaser, Destin Keber July 23: Landyn & Khyler Carraher, Lauren Webb</p> <p>MUSIC MINISTRY SM CDA Rosary, Thursdays, before Mass, 4:30 in the chapel. </p> | <p>LECTOR July 23: Larry Wood</p> <p>EMHC July 23: Susie Lammers, Piper Shepard</p> <p>HOSPITALITY MINISTERS July 23: Scott & Paige Wood</p> <p>ALTAR SERVERS July 23: Taylor McIntyre, Collins Holley, Wren Nekoliczak</p> <p>MUSIC MINISTRY July 23: Mary Bauer, Paula Thompson</p> <p>ROSARY July 23: Annette Ackman</p> <p>SACRISTAN July 23: Patty Harris</p> <p>COLLECTION COUNTERS July 23: Tom & Jackie</p> <p>ASSISTED LIVING July 23: Susie Lammers</p> | <p>LECTOR July 23: Julie Landgren</p> <p>EMHC July 23: Helen Plugge, Judy Ita</p> <p>HOSPITALITY MINISTERS July 23: Jake & Shelby Kasselder</p> <p>CHURCH CLEANING July: Sue Patrick, Leslie Scott, Shelby Kasselder</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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“But blessed are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear. I tell you the truth, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, but they didn't see it. And they longed to hear what you hear, but they didn't hear it.” Matthew 13:16-17

Vatican International Exhibition Eucharistic Miracles of the World Coming to St. Theresa's, Ericson, July 28-August 2. See bulletin insert.



The School Sisters of Christ the King joyfully invite you to participate in the Mass within which Sister John Marion Feldner, C.K., daughter of Barry and Susan Feldner, professes perpetual vows and is consecrated to God. Saturday, August 5th, 2:00 p.m., at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ, Lincoln, Ne. She is the granddaughter of Paul & Joan Diessner.


The Nebraska Catholic Conference worked diligently for the passage of LB753, known as the Opportunity Scholarships Act, which was signed into law earlier this Spring. With it, Nebraska became the 49th state to enact some form of school choice plan. Now, opponents of school choice in our state are mounting a petition drive to obtain a ballot referendum seeking to overturn LB753. Unfortunately, their information is, at best, misleading. Bishop Hanefeldt is inviting us to respectfully decline to sign this petition.

Furthermore, if you have already signed this petition and wish to withdraw your signature, go to www.keepkidsfirstnebraska.com, scroll down to the last of the frequently asked questions where you can print off the “Affidavit for Removal of Name from Petition.” School choice is better for everyone. LB753, signed into law by Governor Pillen, is a step in the right direction.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land— Come live, feel, and experience the unforgettable life and journey of Jesus Christ. Join us, in February 18-29, 2024, with Fr Antony Thekkekara and Camil Saadi, for a tour filled with life enriching and faith illuminating events. More information will be available in the back of the church. To book or for more details call Camil at 308-293-6162.

SM/St. Anne
July Church Cleaning: Circle of Peace
Side A: Linda Bauer -Prefect
Rotation: Hope, Joy, Trust
July Men's Club Team # 7: John Bernt, Gary Miller

The Diocese has a You Tube channel? Check out: [https://www.youtube.com/@dioceseofgrandisland7697!](https://www.youtube.com/@dioceseofgrandisland7697)

LUCKY DAY CALENDAR LOTTERY WINNER
Our Sunday, July 16 winner \$250 is Mike Glaser of Spalding, NE 



COMING TO

St. Theresa's Catholic Church
Ericson Nebraska

The display is available to view:

Viewing time

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| Fri., July 28 | 5:00 PM– 8:00 PM |
| Sat., July 29 | 9:00 AM—4:00 PM |
| Sun., July 30 | 12:00 PM—4:00 PM |
| Mon., July 31 | 5:00 PM—8:00 PM |
| Tue., August 1 | 5:00 PM—8:00 PM |
| Wed., August 2 | 5:00 PM—8:00 PM |



Display is FREE to view.

Parish Contact: Sharon Swett 308-201-0139
sharon.swett@gmail.com

The exhibit features 39 beautiful panels that highlight some of the most powerful Eucharistic miracles of the world. The panels feature both graphic and written depictions of the miracles.



Display on loan from Spirit Catholic Radio
spiritcatholicradio.com/miracles

Display is open to the public unless otherwise noted above.

Eucharistic Miracles