

# Thirteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

July 2, 2023

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

## SUNDAY SCRIPTURES

July 9: Zechariah 9:9-10

Psalm 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14

Romans 8:9, 11-13

Matthew 11:25-30

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16; Ps 89:2-3, 16-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

Today's readings take us back to some basics of discipleship way of life. Our First Reading, from 2 Kings, shows us the necessity and power of hospitality. It recounts the story of a woman who showed loving hospitality to a visitor, inviting him to dinner with her family and arranging a room for him in their home so that he would have a comfortable place to stay during his travels through her town. She reached out to the man in a simple and practical manner to make him feel welcome and was rewarded in an extraordinary way.

In our Second Reading, from the Letter to the Romans, St. Paul reminds us of the power of our Baptism and how this sacrament makes us disciples. What does that mean for us here and now? St. Paul tells us very clearly: "You must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus." We must live for Christ! Nothing less will do.

Our Lord proclaims this same instruction in a rather shocking way in our Gospel passage from Matthew: "Whoever finds his life [by living for oneself] will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." But how do we lose our life? Precisely through loving actions towards others, loving them as if they were Christ. "Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple... he will surely not lose his reward."

This is my last weekend with you. I would like to thank all of you for the past eight short years. It was an honor for me to serve you. I leave with a lot of good friends and great memories.

From July 1, you have a new pastor Rev. Lawrence Vadakkan. He is very enthusiastic in serving the people, in and around Spalding, Greeley and Ericson. Let us wish him all the best and keep him in our prayers.... Thank you again for all your help and support for the past eight years!

Fr. Antony

### MASS INTENTIONS

SAT	07/01	5:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S/City Park	Pete (+) & Kitty Carlin
SUN	07/02	7:00 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	PEOPLE OF PARISH
		9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART	Orren Wood Jr family
		11:00 a.m.	ST. THERESA'S	Maggie & Rob Smith
TUE	07/04	9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART	† Jim & Elizabeth Scott
WED	07/05	10:00 a.m.	ASSISTED LIVING	† Joe Nekoliczak
THU	07/06	5:00 p.m.	ST. CATHARINE'S	† Rose Mary Haggerty
FRI	07/07	8:15 a.m.	ST. CATHARINE'S	† Jim & Sally Walsh
SAT	07/08	7:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	† Rosemary & Kealy Seaman
SUN	07/09	7:00 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	PEOPLE OF PARISH
		9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART	† Syl Gloss
		11:00 a.m.	ST THERESA'S	Deacon Paul Nordhues

### 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.**



**On this Independence Day** I am reminded of all those who have sacrificed for my freedom, following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ. Let me not take my freedom, both physical and spiritual, for granted. May I always remember that my freedom was purchased with a very high price. My freedom cost others their very lives. Lord, today, bless those who have served and continue to give their lives for my freedom. With favor and bounty meet their needs and watch over their families. Help me to live my life in a way that glorifies you, Lord. Give me the strength to be a blessing in someone else's life today, and grant me the opportunity to lead others into the freedom that can be found in knowing Christ. Amen

**SM July**  
 office hours  
 are Monday-  
Thurs: 8-1.  
 Office will be  
 closed  
 Tuesday,  
 July 4th.

**REST IN PEACE** Our condolences and prayers to the family of Cheryle Zahm who was buried from Sacred Heart. Please keep them in your prayers.





Happy Birthday  
 July 9th to our  
 Deacon Paul  
 Nordhues!  
 May God bless  
 you  
 today  
 and  
 always.



### PARISH MEETINGS

**ST Altar Society:** Sunday, July 9, after Mass  
**Finance Council:** Tuesday: July 11, 8pm  
**SH Pastoral Council:** Wednesday, July 12, 7pm  
**SM Pastoral Council:** Thursday, July 13, 8pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION	WEEKLY	MONTHLY
St. Michael's Dominican Center	Wednesday, 8:30 am to Thurs 4:45pm	First Friday, <b>July 7</b> , 24 hr, 9:00 a.m.
Sacred Heart Chapel	-	<b>Tuesday, July 11</b> , 24 hr, 9:00 a.m.
St. Theresa's	-	Last Sunday of month for Vocations, 10 a.m.

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<p><b>LECTOR</b></p> <p>July 8: Sharon Seaman July 9: Jean Herrera</p> <p><b>EMHC</b></p> <p>July 8: Holly Carraher, Keri Carraher, Ed &amp; Mandy McCarthy July 9: Jeremiah Seamann, Joe Seamann</p> <p><b>HOSPITALITY MINISTERS</b></p> <p>July 8: Dean Seamann, Cheryl Ray, Marlynn &amp; Jerry Scheef Gift Bearer: Aliya Glaser &amp; family July 9: Sharon Bauer, Dan Bauer, Dan Mailander</p> <p><b>ALTAR SERVERS</b></p> <p>July 8: Trevor &amp; Maycee Carraher, Stetson McManaman, Haylee Peregrine-Ray July 9: Brooklyn, Belle, Brynlee Weltruski, Camryn Carraher</p> <p><b>MUSIC MINISTRY</b></p> <p>July 8: Kelli</p> <div><div>SM CDA Rosary , Thursdays, before Mass, 4:30 in the chapel.</div></div>	<p><b>LECTOR</b></p> <p>July 9: DW Holley</p> <p><b>EMHC</b></p> <p>July 9: Tom Nekoliczak, Taya Engel</p> <p><b>HOSPITALITY MINISTERS</b></p> <p>July 9: Shawn O'Connor family</p> <p><b>ALTAR SERVERS</b></p> <p>July 9: Mia Butcher, Krestyn Cargill, Hadlee Buettner</p> <p><b>MUSIC MINISTRY</b></p> <p><b>ROSARY</b></p> <p>July 9: Mick Foster</p> <p><b>SACRISTAN</b></p> <p>July 9: Mary Ann McQuillan</p> <p><b>COLLECTION COUNTERS</b></p> <p>July 9: Rhonni &amp; DW</p> <p><b>ASSISTED LIVING</b></p> <p>July 9: Tom Donovan</p>	<p><b>LECTOR</b></p> <p>July 9: Audrey Miller</p> <p><b>EMHC</b></p> <p>July 9: Sandy Miller, Julie Landgren</p> <p><b>HOSPITALITY MINISTERS</b></p> <p>July 9: Youth Ministry</p> <p><b>CHURCH CLEANING</b></p> <p>July: Sue Patrick, Leslie Scott, Shelby Kasselder</p> <p><b>PRAYER CHAIN</b></p> <p>Call: Helen Plugge, Sue Patrick</p> <p><b>ROSARY</b></p> <p>For Vocations—Sundays 10:00 a.m. prior to Mass.</p> <p>Thursday morning Communion Service 9:00 a.m. followed by Rosary and Adoration.</p> 																																																								
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**"Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the One who sent me..." Matthew 10:40**

#### PRAYERS FOR BISHOP HANEFELDT

The National Council of Catholic Women are praying nationally for Bishop Hanefeldt on July 8. Please join us in praying for our Bishop that day. If you'd like to see the list of Bishops being prayed for each day, go to [championshrine.org/shepherd-project](http://championshrine.org/shepherd-project).



**THANK YOU ...to previous officers of St. Anne's Altar Society:** Aprill Murphy, Keri Carraher, Julie Carraher, Carol Seamann, Nancy Carraher & Rose Buhlmann. Thanks for all your hard work, dedication & service. We appreciate all you have done!

**SM-SCRIP** will be available for purchase after Mass Saturday, July 8.



A warm **WELCOME FR. LAWRENCE VADAKKAN** to our Families in Faith. We look forward to supporting you in your ministry with our prayers and many good wishes. May the Holy Spirit guide you and sustain you as you serve our parishes.

#### 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.

#### Monthly Pray for Mental Health

The Eucharist offers those of us with mental health challenges a place of belonging and love. This month the Pope prays for a Eucharistic life. Mental health challenges can make us feel alone and fragile. The Holy Father has said that "In the Eucharist fragility is strength". We pray that by placing the Eucharist at the heart of our lives those of us who live with mental health challenges will find strength in the broken bread of the Eucharist, "the strength of the love that is split apart so as to join us in unity."

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**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>!

#### LUCKY DAY CALENDAR LOTTERY WINNER

Our Sunday, July 2 winner \$250 is Linda Bauer of Spalding, and July 4 special day winner of \$50 is Tom Donovan of Greeley.



# Save the Date, Pre-register and Join Us

Province of Omaha  
Council of Catholic Women  
**Annual Province Meeting**

**Monday, July 17, 2023**

For Women of Omaha, Lincoln and Grand Island Dioceses



**Blessed Sacrament Church**  
**518 W State Street, Grand Island, NE**

Note: If you are approaching the church from the West (Hwy 281) there is construction work on State Street at the intersection just west of the church. Recommend you go north of State Street on Hwy 281 to Capitol Ave, right on Capitol Ave, right on N Wheeler, right on 18<sup>th</sup> Street. Stay to the right at the intersection of 18<sup>th</sup> Street and N Whalen and you will be on the north side of the church complex.

**Registration and Coffee 8:15 a.m.**  
**Dismissal 3:00 p.m.**

**Speaker: Father Allan Phan, Assistant Pastor, Sacred Heart  
Church  
Crete, NE**

**Pre-registration required.** Please complete the following and mail, with your payment (**before Thursday, July 13**), to:  
Sharon Swett, 829 W. Depot St, Ericson, NE 69637

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Name Phone

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Address City State Zip

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration \$20 (includes Continental breakfast and lunch) Make checks payable to: GIDCCW

Dietary Restriction? \_\_\_\_\_

If you have questions, please contact Province Director Kay Wessel at 402-817-8842