

# Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

July 23, 2023

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

## SUNDAY SCRIPTURES

July 30: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Psalms 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130

Romans 8:28-30

Matthew 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

#### Size Doesn't Matter!

Friends, Have you ever been told that you are too small to do certain things? I can remember that when I was ten or eleven I wanted to ride roller coasters but the attendant said I was too small and needed to grow a little bit more before I could ride it. It really made me sad because I wanted to ride that roller coaster, then and there.

Look at the story Jesus has told us about the mustard seed which is one of the smallest of all the seeds in the world. They may look really small but they grow into a very large plant. Jesus teaches us three important lessons from this parable: 1. Size doesn't matter to God. You will never be too small for God and, as a matter of fact, you're just the right size for God to use you right now. God is more concerned with what you're becoming, not with what size you are now. 2. God wants you to grow.

There is one way that God works in every person's life. Do you know what it is? God always starts small and builds from there with your collaboration. 3. There is nothing beyond your ability. Even though you might be small; God can still do great things through you. David wasn't much older or larger but God used him to defeat a giant, Goliath.

With God in our lives, there is nothing that is impossible. A human life, beginning with an infinitesimally small cell, has potential for greatness and goodness. So, the next time you feel like you're too small to do anything big or important, remember the mustard seed and know that you're just the right size for God.

What we are is God's gift to us and what we become, with guidance of God, is our gift to God.

God bless you, Fr. Lawrence

### MASS INTENTIONS

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
TUE	07/25	9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART	† Tom Harvey
WED	07/26	10:00 a.m.	ASSISTED LIVING	† Margaret Kelly
THU	07/27	5:00 p.m.	ST. CATHARINE'S	† Nancy McGowen
FRI	07/28	8:15 a.m.	ST. CATHARINE'S	† John Scheef
SAT	07/29	7:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	† Bud Keber
SUN	07/30	7:00 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	† Harry Pritchard
		9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART	† Dolores Harrahill
		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 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**

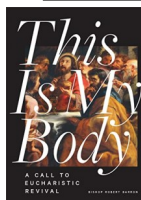
**REST IN PEACE** Our condolences and prayers to the family of Rebecca (Lee) Freeman buried in St. Michael's Cemetery. Please keep them in your prayers.



**"THE SOUND OF FREEDOM"** movie will be showing at the theatre in Albion July 28, 29, & 30. It is not graphic and would be good for teens and adults to see and be aware of what is going on in our own backyard. Starts time—7:30 pm all 3 nights, Adults \$4, Kids \$3.

**REMINDER: SH Altar Society Dues** of \$100 can be put in the collection basket or sent to First National Bank.


**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**—Rescheduled to Thursday, July 27, 7pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION	WEEKLY	MONTHLY
St. Michael's Dominican Center	Wednesday, 8:30 am to Thurs 4:45pm	First Friday, Aug. 4, 24 hr, 9:00 a.m.
Sacred Heart Chapel	- 	First Tuesday, Aug. 1, 24 hr, 9:00 a.m.
St. Theresa's	-	Last Sunday of month for Vocations, 10 a.m.

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"The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared.... Matthew 13:24-30

**SM Parish Council Meeting July 13, 2023.** All 18 trees have been removed from the Church and surrounding area. \$10,000 was sent to St. Raphael's in Haiti. Two teachers are planning to come to our area to learn English. At this time, communication is poor with no English speaking people. Fr. Antony has offered to continue to work with our Haiti mission. The Parish Center flooring will be replaced. The Church's west sidewalk still needs to have some work done. Drainage and safety are main concerns. A Ten Commandments monument will be sponsored by the parish family. There are some issues with the stained glass windows, the contractor has been contacted. There is some cracking in the south and west Church walls and steeple shutters need to be examined.

#### 2023 GREELEY CO. FAIR STAND SCHEDULE:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	
Hope A	Faith B	Peace A	10:30-2:30
Hope B	Trust A	Peace B	2:30-6:30
Faith A	Trust B	Joy A	6:30-10:30

Cleaning the stand before and after the fair: Joy B  
\*Contact Sharon Seamann 308-750-4667 for a list of helpers available. Recommended pay is \$10/hour.



**REMINDER:** Pick up your volunteer signup sheet, for the Irish Festival, from Mickey Smyth 308-223-0084. Festival date is Sept. 16.



#### Vatican International Exhibition Eucharistic Miracles of the World is coming to St. Theresa's, Ericson.

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

#### 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. To book or for more details call Camil at 308-293-6162.

**St. Anne'** is asking for 200 lbs of hamburger donated for the BBQ for the fair stand. Contact Sharon Seamann. 308-750-4667



**SM/St. Anne**  
**July Church Cleaning:** Circle of Peace  
**Side A:** Linda Bauer -Prefect  
**Rotation:** Trust, Peace, Faith  
**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 23 winner \$250 is Mark Glesinger of Alliance, NE



## **Families in Faith**

### **Let's Get to know Fr. Lawrence**

1. When is your birthday? 10-02-1960
2. Where did you grow up? Chennai, India
3. How many siblings do you have? 6
4. What was your favorite book as a child? Cross and the Switchblade
5. Who taught you your faith? My parents
6. Who is your favorite saint(s)? St Lawrence (Deacon) Aug. 10th
7. At what age did you start discerning priesthood? Between 18 and 24
8. What attracted you to the priesthood? Community Life of Salesians
9. When is your ordination anniversary? December 31, 1990
10. What is your favorite hobby? Road trips, Reading, Movies
11. What is your favorite church hymn? One Day at a Time
12. What is your favorite food?  
Biryani (something close to Spanish Payalla)
13. What three words would you use to describe yourself?  
Man loves Jesus
14. What type of music do you like to listen to?  
Country Gospel music
15. What is your favorite movie?  
Raiders of the Lost Ark (Harrison Ford)
16. What are some of your favorite books? Spiritual Books
17. What part of the country do you enjoy most when you vacation? No  
vacation, change of occupation is my vacation, ex: enjoying my presence in Spalding, Greeley,  
Ericson ??
18. How tall are you? 5'10"
19. What is a fun fact that people might not know about you?  
I am a bathroom singer.