

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 20, 2023

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

SUNDAY SCRIPTURES
August 27: Isaiah 22:19-23
Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8
Romans 11:33-36
Matthew 16:13-20

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Friends of Families in Faith:

Last Sunday, we all reflected on two great people in the Bible, the great prophet Elijah, and the head of the apostles, St. Peter; how they began their spiritual journey and eventually came to understand who our God was.

This Sunday, the Canaanite woman, in her personal choice, began her spiritual journey and overcame all obstacles with her tremendous faith and courageous act: "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." No woman would ask men anything in public. It was highly against the culture of Jesus' time. In her case it was much more strongly felt because she happened to be a Canaanite. Nevertheless, she went ahead walking over the troubled waters. She even met with an obstacle from Jesus, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." Her faith was severely tested by seemingly harsh words of Jesus. It is hard to face good people, turning us down - Isn't it?

Nothing could shake her faith. She continued the journey with unshakable faith and courage – a lesson to be learned by all of us. She did not react. Rather she, humbling herself, responded courageously, "Please Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." What an amazing faith, courage, and humility! It changed even the Lord of the universe. Jesus said, "**O woman, great is your faith!** Let it be done for you as you wish".

We have the power to change everything. What we need is: faith, courage, and humility. Do we have them? Are we Christians, ghetto minded? Do we have the perseverance of faith like the Canaanite woman? *Fr. Lawrence*

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT	08/19	7:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	†	Bill & Cheri Pfeifer
SUN	08/20	7:00 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	†	Dott & EJ Pfeifer
		9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART	†	Jim & Elizabeth Scott family
		11:00 a.m.	ST. THERESA'S		PEOPLE OF PARISH
TUE	08/22	9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART	†	Jim & Pat O'Connor
WED	08/23	10:00 a.m.	ASSISTED LIVING	†	Lorraine Gilroy, Ed, Mary, & Chuck McFadden
THU	08/24	5:00 p.m.	ST. CATHARINE'S	†	Stan Taluski
FRI	08/25	8:15 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	†	Darlene Pfeifer --All School Mass
SAT	08/26	5:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	†	Jim & Sally Walsh
SUN	08/27	7:00 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S		PEOPLE OF PARISH
		9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART	†	Jim & Dee Larchick
		11:00 a.m.	ST THERESA'S		Anna & Michael Smith

COMMUNION SERVICES

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

Holy Father's Prayer Intention of the Month: For World Youth Day. We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Tuesdays, 12:00 noon. Please email information to both SM and SH. Email addresses on front of bulletin.

REST IN PEACE Our condolences and prayers to the family of Tom Fox who was buried at St. Michael's Cemetery this past week.



CONGRATULATIONS to Sam & Megan (Berger) Polk married August 12 at St Michael's.



INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC or learning more about our Catholic church? Are you curious what is involved in becoming a Catholic? Maybe you know someone who has expressed an interest in our Catholic Faith? We extend an invitation to come and see. Please contact Fr. Lawrence, Patty Harris 308-380-0402 or call the Parish Office 497-2662.

Good luck to all our students, teachers & staff returning to school. Have a great year!

SH ALTAR SOCIETY MEMBERS

Please pick up your community birthday/anniversary calendars Sunday, August 20th, following Mass in the church basement. \$30 will be asked from each member/family. Circle Leaders: Please come help distribute the calendars.



PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Wednesday, August 30 and Thurs., August 31 due to Stewardship Conference. Bulletin will be printed Tuesday, Aug. 29th.

SA Booster Kick-Off, Saturday evening Aug. 26th, **Mass 5pm** at St. Michael's. Dinner 6pm at the Parish Center. Auction to follow. *Boosting Catholic Education.*

PARISH MEETINGS
SM Music Ministry: Thursday, Aug 24, 7:30pm



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION	WEEKLY	MONTHLY
St. Michael's Dominican Center	Wednesday, 8:30 am to Thurs 4:45pm	First Friday, Sept 1, 24 hr, 9:00 a.m.
Sacred Heart Chapel	-	First Tuesday, Sept 5, 24 hr, 9:00 a.m.
St. Theresa's	-	Last Sunday of month for Vocations, 10 a.m.

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"For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable."-Romans 11:29

GREELEY ASSISTED LIVING OPEN HOUSE,
Sunday, August 27, Serving Roast Beef sandwiches with dessert, 11am-2pm. Free Will Donation. Prize Drawings: 10 free noon meals M-F & gift basket.




SURROUNDED IN PRAYER, the online prayer group that prays weekly for the Central Valley Public School, will be starting Aug 20. Sign up for weekly emails that lists the prayer intention for the week plus the names of the students, faculty, staff, administrators, or school board members that are being prayed for by name that week. Pray at home at whatever time works for you. Contact Vicki Harvey at vharvey@centercable.tv to receive these emails throughout the school year. If you don't have email and still want to pray for the school, please call Vicki at 308-428-3098 and she will mail the information to you.



Theology on Tap will resume September 10 at Kinkaid's in Grand Island for young adults in their 20's & 30's. Evenings begin first Sunday of each month at 6:30pm for socializing with talks scheduled at 7pm. Join us for conversation, food, and friendship.

SM/St. Anne
August Church Cleaning: Circle of Peace
Side B: Mrs. Ron Glaser -Prefect
Rotation: Trust, Peace, Faith
August Men's Club Team #8: Tim Pfeifer, Bill Thome

	SA HAPPENINGS
Mon Aug 21	5:00 Riverside HS VB Jamboree at Summerland
Tue Aug 22	
Wed Aug 23	Feast of St. Rose of Lima; ASVAB Testing for Grades 10, 11, 12.
Thur. Aug 24	Feast of St. Bartholomew; 9:30 Riverside HS Cross Country at St Paul; Time TBA Riverside JH Cross Country at Burwell
Fri. Aug 25	8:15 All School Mass (12); 7:00 Riverside HS FB vs Stanton at Cedar Rapids
Sat. Aug 26	SA Booster Kick-Off

CHURCH ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTIONS may be sent to the office weekly or monthly. St. Michael's & St. Theresa's may be sent to **PO Box 310**, Spalding. Sacred Heart may be sent to **PO Box 99**, Greeley. Automatic withdrawal (ACH) from your bank account can be set up for SM, ST, or SH. Contact the parish for details.



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



LUCKY DAY CALENDAR LOTTERY WINNER
Our Sunday, August 20 winner of \$250 is Cheryl Ray & Starla Stevens of Spalding. Congratulations!

