

# *Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time* **October 1, 2023**

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

## **SUNDAY SCRIPTURES**

**October 8:** Isaiah 5:1-7  
 Psalm 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20  
 Philippians 4:6-9  
**Matthew 21:33-43**

### **FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

Dear People of God, As Christian stewards we are called to a high and holy standard - living as Christ's disciples every day and with every person the Lord places in our path.

The parable of this Sunday is the story of two sons whose father instructs them to go out and work in his vineyard one day. While the second son agrees to his father's request, he does not follow through. And he fails to obey the father's will. The first son tells his father, "No." And in the end, he reconsiders and obeys his father.

The first son's honest, less-than-perfect response, is consoling to us Christian stewards. Haven't we all felt this way at times when God's will for us seems to be just too hard? We can be honest with God at these times. He knows our thoughts already, after all. But when we stayed engaged in a real relationship with God, we will receive the grace we need to change our minds and do what God is asking us to do. What matters is that we keep making progress in imitating closely the actions and attitudes of Christ. This is the beauty of the stewardship way of life.

Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes said that the first part of the newspaper he read was the sports section. He wanted to read about people doing something rather than politicians promising something. The Lord challenges us today to question ourselves and find out whether our actions match our words. Do our worship, prayer and church attendance match our action and behavior? God bless us all. *Fr. Lawrence*

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

SAT	09/30	7:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	†	Karl Wlaschin	
SUN	10/01	7:00 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	†	Darlene Pfeifer	
RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY		9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART		Orren Wood Jr family	
		11:00 a.m.	ST THERESA'S		PEOPLE OF PARISH	
		5:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	†	Bob Kleffner	Gr. 9-12
TUE	10/03	9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART	†	Joe & Ethel Happ	
WED	10/04	10:00 a.m.	ASSISTED LIVING	†	Ike Kelly	
THU	10/05	5:00 p.m.	ST. CATHARINE'S	†	Jim & Sally Walsh	
FRI	10/06	8:15 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	†	Vic & Leila Bauer	All School Mass
SAT	10/07	7:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	†	Bill & Kathleen Glesinger	
SUN	10/08	7:00 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	†	Jim Reilly	
		9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART		PEOPLE OF PARISH	
		11:00 a.m.	ST THERESA'S		Travis & Paula Heinz & family	

### **COMMUNION SERVICES**

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

### **Holy Father's Prayer Intention of the Month: For the Synod.**

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

### **BULLETIN DEADLINE**

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

**STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL:** A big thank you to parishioners Matt & Linda Glaser, Sharon Swett, & Jason McIntyre who shared their beautiful witness to stewardship last weekend. Today we will hear from Deacon Paul and Deacon Ron as they will share their experience as a steward and how it impacts their daily life. What can we do to serve in our parish ministries & parish-wide events? Am I taking steps to improve my spiritual life and further study my Catholic Faith? Next Sunday is Commitment Sunday. Don't forget to bring your Commitment Card to Mass next weekend.

### **October 2023—Respect Life Month**

**Living Radical Solidarity** ~ St. John Paul II first defined radical solidarity in this way: "In firmly rejecting 'pro choice', it is necessary to become courageously 'pro woman,' promoting a choice that is truly in favor of women..."



**Happy Birthday to Fr. Lawrence** on Monday, October 2nd! May God's blessings and kindness surround you, on your Birthday and all the days of your life.

### **RCIA Opening Session**

will begin this Sunday, October 1, 2-4pm, in the Dominican Center.



**St. Michael's Confirmation**  
 October 28th, 5pm.



**St. Anne's Altar Society** is currently in search of monetary donations to replace the bedding, pillows, blankets and towel sets at St. Michael's Rectory. If you are able to help or have any questions, please contact St. Anne officers Ann Glaser 308-850-0248 or Nancy Carraher 308-223-9114.

### **PARISH MEETINGS**



**SM/ST KofC:** Tuesday, October 3, 8 pm  
**Finance Council:** Tuesday, October 3, 7 pm  
**Haiti Committee:** Wed., Oct. 4, 8pm@ SH school  
**ST Altar Society:** Sunday, October 8, after Mass  
**School Board:** Monday, Oct. 9, 8pm  
**SH Pastoral Council:** Wed., October 11, 8pm



**St. Therese of Lisieux, pray for us.**

**—Feast day October 1st**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION	WEEKLY	MONTHLY
St. Michael's (Dominican Center)	Thursdays, 6 p.m.—9 p.m.	First Friday, <b>Oct. 6</b> , 24 hr, 9:00 a.m. All other Fridays, 9 a.m.—3 p.m.
Sacred Heart Chapel		First Tuesday, <b>Oct. 3</b> , 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
<b>LECTOR</b> <b>Oct 7:</b> Duane Seamann <b>Oct 8:</b> Therese Cockerill  <b>EMHC</b> <b>Oct 7:</b> Jeanie Seier, Jean Herrera, Holly Carraher, Bill Spelic <b>Oct 8:</b> Stacey Bauer, Sarah Seamann  <b>HOSPITALITY MINISTERS</b> <b>Oct 7:</b> Dean Seamann, Cheryl Ray, Jerry & Marlynn Scheef <b>Oct 8:</b> Sharon Bauer, Dan Mailander, Dan & Vicky Bauer  <b>ALTAR SERVERS</b> <b>Oct 7:</b> BJ Molt family <b>Oct 8:</b> Seamann boys  <b>MUSIC MINISTRY</b> <b>Oct 7 &amp; 8:</b> Matt & Linda  <div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <b>SM CDA Rosary</b> , Thursdays,  before Mass, 4:30 in the chapel. </div> 	<b>LECTOR</b> <b>Oct 8:</b> Cathy Hansen  <b>EMHC</b> <b>Oct 8:</b> Tori Bonge, Teresa Kehler  <b>HOSPITALITY MINISTERS</b> <b>Oct 8:</b> Matt & Angie Pfeifer  <b>ALTAR SERVERS</b> <b>Oct 8:</b> Canon Holley, Collins Holley, Katlyn Oakley  <b>MUSIC MINISTRY</b> <b>Oct 8:</b> Mary Bauer, Paula Thompson  <b>ROSARY</b> <b>Oct 8:</b> Mick Foster  <b>SACRISTAN</b> <b>Oct 8:</b> Mary Ann McQuillan  <b>COLLECTION COUNTERS</b> <b>Oct 8:</b> Rhonni & DW  <b>ASSISTED LIVING</b> <b>Oct 8:</b> Bill Spelic	<b>LECTOR</b> <b>Oct 8:</b> Audrey Miller  <b>EMHC</b> <b>Oct 8:</b> Sandy Miller, Julie Landgren  <b>HOSPITALITY MINISTERS</b> <b>Oct 8:</b> Youth  <b>CHURCH CLEANING</b> <b>October:</b> Sherry Smith, Sandy Miller, Ranotta Nordhues  <b>PRAYER CHAIN</b> <b>Call:</b> Helen Plugge, Sue Patrick  <b>ROSARY</b> <b>For Vocations—Sundays 10:00 a.m.</b> <b>prior to Mass.</b>  <b>Thursday morning Communion Service</b> <b>9:00 a.m. followed by Rosary</b> <b>and Adoration.</b>  <b>Religious Education begins Sunday,</b> <b>October 1, 10:00 a.m. before Mass</b>
THE LORD'S PORTION	THE LORD'S PORTION	THE LORD'S PORTION
<b>September 24</b> Envelopes    \$ 2,095 ACH/online    \$ 75 Plate    \$ 360 Children's    \$ 30 <b>Total</b> July 1st to date <u>\$ 47,219</u>	<b>September 24</b> Envelopes    \$ 1,229 ACH/online    \$ Plate    \$ 543 Children    \$ 32 <b>Total</b> July 1st to date    \$ 31,675	<b>September 17</b> Envelopes    \$ 70 Plate    \$ 408 Children's    \$ 33 <b>Total</b> July 1st to date <u>\$8,022</u>

**SACRED HEART** is in need of 2 stoves to replace the existing ones. If anyone has a gently used stove and are willing to part with it, please let a parish council member know.

**Note from the Parish Office:**  
Please call the parish offices directly for Sacraments of Baptism or Marriage.  
**SH:** 308-428-2855 (Wednesdays)  
**SM/ST:** 308-497-2662 (M-F, until 1)


**FAMILIES IN FAITH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:** Mass on Sunday, October 1st, 5pm, at St. Michael's. Deacon Matt Lonnemann will be addressing the students. Families in Faith high school students are invited, grades 9-12. Please come and hear his message.

**Join the Bishops of Nebraska at the Pro-Life Banquet and Conference** on Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Visit [necatholic.org](http://necatholic.org) to register and learn More!

**SM/St. Anne**  
**October: Church Cleaning:** Circle of Faith  
**Side B:** Amy McKay-Prefect **Rotation:** Faith, Hope, Joy  
**October: Men's Club Team #2:** Gary Langer

Join the SA students for the **Living Rosary, 4pm, next Sunday, October 8**, at St. Michael's Church.  
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SM Religious Ed students will hold their **Glow in the Dark Rosary, October 11th, 7pm** at the Football Field.



|  | SA HAPPENINGS                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| Mon Oct 2                                                                           | No School; Diocesan Teacher in-service; 4:00, 5:00 JH Riverside VB/FB vs. NE Christian at Spalding. 5:30, 6:30 JV Riverside VB/FB vs NE Christian@Spalding. 5:30 HS Riverside VB Triangular @ St. Edward. |
| Tue Oct 3                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Wed Oct 4                                                                           | Feast of St. Francis of Assisi; 2:00 JH Riverside VB vs. EPPJ @ Spalding                                                                                                                                  |
| Thur. Oct 5                                                                         | Envirothon Field Day for Gr.9-12; 2pm JH & HS Confer. Cross Country @ Humphrey; 5pm HS Riverside VB Triangular@Cedar Rapids; 7pm HS Riverside FB@Pleasanton.                                              |
| Fri. Oct 6                                                                          | 8:15 All School Mass; 24hr Adoration <u>in the chapel</u> beginning at 9am.                                                                                                                               |

**October –** The sale in the trafficking business today dwarfs the numbers involved in the slave trade of the past. Billions of dollars are generated today using people as products to be bought and sold in a global market.  
<https://sistersagainsttrafficking.org/>

**SAVE THE DATE** St. Michael's Fall Auction, Sunday, Nov. 5th



**LUCKY DAY CALENDAR LOTTERY WINNER**  
Our Special Day winner of \$50 for St. Michael's Feast Day- Sept. 29th is Katie (Heimbuch) Dvorak. Our Sunday, October 1st winner of \$250 is Maureen Thome of Spalding. Congrats!

