

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time *September 17, 2023*

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

SUNDAY SCRIPTURES
September 24: Isaiah 55:6-9
 Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18
 Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a
Matthew 20:1-16a

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Forgiveness is Foundation of Joy!

Dear Friends of Families in Faith,

Today's readings call us to look inward to the state of our hearts, our thoughts and emotions. Our first reading, from Sirach, addresses the complicated emotion of anger. "Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight... Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the Lord?"

We have all been wounded by others at some point, some perhaps quite deeply. Our emotions are gifts from God. But we must steward them well, rather than allowing them to overcome us. How do we do this? Sirach tells us. "Remember your last days, set enmity aside... Remember the Most High's covenant and overlook faults." We embrace the stewardship mindset - not brooding over hurts, but recalling all the gifts our good God has given us, all the love God continually pours out upon us, and we put our focus and trust in God.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, a debtor is brought before the king, owing such an overwhelming debt that it could not possibly be repaid. Yet, the king is filled with compassion for the servant, forgives the debt and lets him go free.

Doesn't that sound like each of us in relation to the King of Kings? The Father has given us life, and then sent His only Son to die for us to free us from our sin "debts" and make eternal life with Him possible for us. It is impossible for us to repay this debt. All we can do is thank God by giving Him our whole selves, embracing the stewardship way of life!

God bless us all. *Fr. Lawrence*

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT	09/16	7:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	† Joseph P Kaiser
SUN	09/17	7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S SACRED HEART ST THERESA'S	Christine Schieffer † Jim & Pat O'Connor PEOPLE OF PARISH
TUE	09/19	9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART	† Jerry Happ, Marilyn Carper, Rosie Leino
WED	09/20	10:00 a.m.	ASSISTED LIVING	† James Voboril
THU	09/21	5:00 p.m.	ST. CATHARINE'S	† Edward G Walkowiak Sr
FRI	09/22	8:15 a.m.	ST. CATHARINE'S	† Bob Kleffner (School Mass grades 5 thru 8)
SAT	09/23	7:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	† Mick & Margaret Dolce
SUN	09/24	7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S SACRED HEART ST THERESA'S	† Caroline Glaser PEOPLE OF PARISH Angela & Mark Smith

COMMUNION SERVICES

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

Holy Father's Prayer Intention of the Month: For people living on the margins. We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

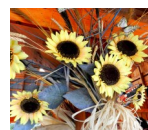
Tuesdays, 12:00 noon. Please email information to both SM and SH. Email addresses on front of bulletin.

Please send in your donations and pledge payments for the current 2022/2023 Appeal to our office soon. Everything received at the Chancery after September 29th or made online after September 30th will be entered for the new appeal.



Join the Bishops of Nebraska at the Pro-Life Banquet and Conference on Oct. 6th and 7th, as we discover how truth is found and lived in a new *Dobbs* era with Catholic Answers Apologist and keynote speaker, Joe Heschmeyer. You'll network with leaders from across the state, find opportunities for involvement in the culture of life, and learn how truth can shape the pro-life movement. Let us lift you up with prayer, arm you with information on breaking pro-life issues, and joyfully celebrate LIFE with you! Free banquet childcare is provided. Visit necatholic.org to register and learn more!

SM Music Jam, today, Sunday, Sept. 17, 5pm. All Welcome.




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.



THANK YOU!! St. Michael's annual Summer Golf Tournament proceeds brought in \$12,908.33. Thank you Scott Glaser for your leadership, all our sponsors, golfers, & all those who contributed to the success in any way.

PARISH MEETINGS

SM CDA: Thursday, September 21, 7pm *in Church Basement*



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION	WEEKLY	MONTHLY
St. Michael's (Dominican Center)	Thursdays, 6 p.m.—9 p.m.	First Friday, 24 hr, 9:00 a.m. All other Fridays, 9 a.m.—3 p.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
LECTOR Sept 23: Ed McCarthy Sept 24: Philip Hanigan EMHC Sept 23: Lee & Tammy Diessner, Joe Seamann, Mandy McCarthy Sept 24: Ryan & Katy Seamann HOSPITALITY MINISTERS Sept 23: Sharon Seamann, Maureen Thome, Maureen Seamann, Sarah Seamann Sept 24: Bill Spelic, Tom Asche, Marilyn Leslie, Joe Seamann ALTAR SERVERS Sept 23: Mike Mahony family Sept 24: Addyson & Brynn Seamann, Avery Molt MUSIC MINISTRY Sept 23: Kelly & Leslie Sept 24: Therese & Denise <div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> SM CDA Rosary, Thursdays, before Mass, 4:30 in the chapel. </div> 	LECTOR Sept 24: Ted Nekoliczak EMHC Sept 24: Tori Bonge, Susie Lammers, Mike Wood HOSPITALITY MINISTERS Sept 24: Scott Wood family ALTAR SERVERS Sept 24: Lincoln Nekoliczak, Lane Foltz, Hadlee Buettner MUSIC MINISTRY Sept 24: Mary Bauer, Patty Harris, Vicki Goodrich ROSARY Sept 24: Chuck Sweeney SACRISTAN Sept 24: Patty Harris COLLECTION COUNTERS Sept 24: Tom & Jackie ASSISTED LIVING Sept 24: Charlotte Murphy	LECTOR Sept 24: Julie Landgren EMHC Sept 24: Helen Plugge, Judy Ita HOSPITALITY MINISTERS Sept 24: Jake & Shelby Kasselder CHURCH CLEANING September: Jean Nordhues, Jerilee Wright, Jennifer Wright PRAYER CHAIN Call: Helen Plugge, Sue Patrick ROSARY For Vocations—Sundays 10:00 a.m. prior to Mass. Thursday morning Communion Service 9:00 a.m. followed by Rosary and Adoration.  Religious Education begins Sunday, October 1, 10:00 a.m. before Mass
THE LORD'S PORTION September 10 Envelopes \$ 2,829 ACH/online \$ 75 Plate \$ 223 Children's \$ 9 Total July 1st to date <u>\$ 43,075</u>	THE LORD'S PORTION September 10 Envelopes \$ 3,864 ACH/online \$ 0 Plate \$ 205 Children \$ 23 Total July 1st to date \$ 27,686	THE LORD'S PORTION September 3 Envelopes \$ 790 Plate \$ 193 Children's \$ 16 Total July 1st to date <u>\$6,728</u>

"For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." – Romans 14:8

SH Religious Ed —Please stop down in the church basement this Sunday, September 17th after Mass to register your child/children for CCD. \$15 per student/\$45.00 family cap. Sacred Heart CCD, Wed., September 20th. Class times: 1st-6th, 4:30-5:30pm; 7th-12th, 7:00-8:00pm. Any questions, contact Mary Wood.

SAVE THE DATE. The GI Deanery DCCW fall meeting will be held Friday Oct. 6 in Shelton Sacred Heart Devine Hall. Registration from 8:30-9. Meeting ends with lunch. Speaker Deb Echo-Hawk; Topic: St. Kateri Habitat Garden, which Fr. Josh Brown will bless. Fr. Brown will speak on the topic "Blessed are you Among Women". Cost \$10.

	SA HAPPENINGS
Mon Sept 18	4:00 Riverside JH VB, 5:00 Riverside JH FB vs. HSF at Spalding
Tue Sept 19	4:30 JH & HS Riverside Cross Country at Palmer
Wed Sept 20	
Thur. Sept 21	Feast of St. Matthew; 4:30 Riverside JH VB at Madison; 5:30 Riverside HS VB TRI at EPPJ
Fri. Sept 22	8:15 School Mass in chapel Gr.5-8; 4:00 Riverside JH & HS Cross Country at Ord; 7:00 Riverside HS FB vs. Arcadia-Loup City at Cedar Rapids

The Way: A Healing Retreat for Female Survivors of Abuse Registration is now open for The Way: A Healing Retreat for Female Survivors of Abuse to be held October 6-8 at Camp Comeca in Cozad, Nebraska. The Diocese of Grand Island Victim Assistance Ministry, in collaboration with the Victim Assistance Ministries in the Archdiocese of Omaha and Diocese of Lincoln, is hosting this 3-day guided meditation and prayer experience for women who have experienced any type of abuse and is seeking healing for their heart, mind, body and soul. The Way Retreat was developed by Sue Stubbs, Director of the Victim Assistance Program in the Archdiocese of Atlanta, who will be the primary facilitator of this retreat. For more information, go to <https://www.gidiocese.org/the-way-retreats>. To request an application email bheidt@gidiocese.org, or call Elizabeth A. Heidt Kozisek, Ph.D. at 308-382-6565 or 308-379-1949 (cell).

"Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist should be like touching Heaven, and that should change the way we live here on earth!"
—Matthew Kelly—

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

SM/St. Anne
September: Church Cleaning: Circle of Faith
Side A: Monica Carraher-Prefect
Rotation: Peace, Faith, Hope
September: Men's Club Team #1: Brian McManaman & LJ Roach

LUCKY DAY CALENDAR LOTTERY WINNER
Our Sunday, September 17th winner of \$250 is Lee Diessner of Spalding. Congratulations!

