

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 24, 2023

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

SUNDAY SCRIPTURES

October 1: Ezekiel 18:25-28

Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5

Matthew 21:28-32

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear friends in Families of Faith,
Though we can never fully grasp God's ways, a basic knowledge of Scripture reveals that God's logic often differs from worldly logic. What does this mean for us who call ourselves His disciples and

stewards?

Our first reading, from Isaiah, reminds us that God often thinks bigger than we do. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD." In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus offers us a glimpse of the "Godly logic" of the Father through a parable of a landowner hiring workers for his vineyard. Some workers are called early in the day, others not until very late. Yet the landowner pays them all a full day's wage. This angered the laborers who had worked longest. But those laborers were relying on human logic and human calculations. They were not thinking as God does.

This can happen to us Christian stewards as well. We can grumble and complain (at least internally) when we compare ourselves to others and sense that not everyone is contributing as much as we are to the parish, the neighborhood, within our family and so on. At those moments, we need to think bigger! As His followers we must strive as best we can to think as God does, using our time and our talents and our treasure, with eternity in mind. Living the stewardship way of life brings us meaning, depth and purpose. We must remember that it is a great privilege to have been called by God to work in God's vineyard.

God bless you, Fr. Lawrence

MASS INTENTIONS

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	
TUE	09/26	9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART	†	Dan Dutcher	
WED	09/27	10:00 a.m.	ASSISTED LIVING		Corrine Nekoliczak family	
THU	09/28	5:00 p.m.	ST. CATHARINE'S	†	Rose Mary Haggerty	
FRI	09/29	8:15 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	†	John & Prudie Bernt	All School Mass
SAT	09/30	7:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	†	Karl Wlaschin	
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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.

REST IN PEACE Regina Rohan has gone to her eternal reward. Her funeral was at St. Michael's this past Friday. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.



STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL BEGINS TODAY: This weekend, we kick off our parish Stewardship Renewal. We will hear from parishioners of our Families in Faith who will share what stewardship has meant in his or her life. Reflect on how you are involved at Families in Faith. Soon you will receive the stewardship packet in the mail. Please prayerfully review these materials and discern where God is calling you in the coming year. Commitment Sunday is October 7/8.

RCIA opening session will begin in October. More information to follow. There is still time to join us. Please contact Fr. Lawrence, Patty Harris, or call the Parish Office 497-2662.

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.



PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY, Sept 24th, 2023

is a special day set aside to honor priesthood. Let this be the one day a year when we make it a point to make our priests feel truly appreciated and special. Thank you Fr. Lawrence!

As we approach Respect Life Sunday, October 1st, we invite you to say this prayer every day.


Jesus, Mary and Joseph I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn child that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion. Amen. -Bishop Fulton J Sheen



PARISH MEETINGS

SM/ST KofC: Tuesday, October 3, 8 pm
Finance Council: Tuesday, October 3, 7 pm
ST Altar Society: Sunday, October 8, after Mass
SH Pastoral Council: Wed., October 11, 8pm

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



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION	WEEKLY	MONTHLY
St. Michael's (Dominican Center)	Thursdays, 6 p.m.—9 p.m.	First Friday, Oct. 6 , 24 hr, 9:00 a.m. All other Fridays, 9 a.m.—3 p.m.
Sacred Heart Chapel		First Tuesday, Oct. 3 , 24 hr, 9:00 a.m.
St. Theresa's		Last Sunday of month for Vocations, 10 a.m.

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<p>LECTOR Sept 30: Sarah Seamann Oct 1, 7am: Troy Kleffner;</p> <p>EMHC Sept 30: Bill Spelic, Shelly Houtby, Carol & Dean Seamann Oct 1, 7am: Jeff & Janelle Pritchard</p> <p>HOSPITALITY MINISTERS Sept 30: Aprilli Murphy, Vickie Connelly, Ed & Mandy McCarthy Oct 1, 7am: Joe & Jeremiah Seamann, Kara Reimers, Volunteer</p> <p>ALTAR SERVERS Sept 30: Addie & Autumn Murphy, Larry Diessner Oct 1, 7am: Landyn & Khyler Carraher, Lauren Webb</p> <p>MUSIC MINISTRY Sept 30: Dan & Leslie Oct 1, 7am: Dan Walsh</p> <p>SM CDA Rosary, Thursdays, before Mass, 4:30 in the chapel.</p> 	<p>LECTOR Oct 1: Youth</p> <p>EMHC Oct 1: Mia Butcher, Kendra Cargill</p> <p>HOSPITALITY MINISTERS Oct 1: Youth</p> <p>ALTAR SERVERS Oct 1: Youth</p> <p>MUSIC MINISTRY Oct 1: Youth Choir</p> <p>ROSARY Oct 1: Cathy Hansen</p> <p>SACRISTAN Oct 1: Cathy Hansen</p> <p>COLLECTION COUNTERS Oct 1: Denny & Donna</p> <p>ASSISTED LIVING Oct 1: Matt Pfeifer</p>	<p>LECTOR Oct 1: Joyce Bos</p> <p>EMHC Oct 1: Jenna Landgren, Lori King</p> <p>HOSPITALITY MINISTERS Oct 1: Travis & Jessica Reich</p> <p>CHURCH CLEANING October: Sherry Smith, Sandy Miller, Ranotta Nordhues</p> <p>PRAYER CHAIN Call: Helen Plugge, Sue Patrick</p> <p>ROSARY 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>  <p>Religious Education begins Sunday, October 1, 10:00 a.m. before Mass</p>																																										
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"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last".- Matthew 20:16

SM Pastoral Council Meeting Summary 9-14-23
Diocesan Appeal '23-'24 starts October 1st. Monuments of the Ten Commandments & the Beatitudes for the south/main entrance of church were discussed. Denise Spelic shared her experience attending the Catholic Stewardship Conference Aug. 30/31 in Wichita. Stewardship Commitment Sunday is October 7th & 8th weekend.

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

SAVE THE DATE!! The GI Deanery DCCW fall meeting will be held Friday, Oct. 6, in Shelton Sacred Heart Devine Hall. Registration from 8:30-9:00. Meeting ends with lunch. Cost \$10.

FAMILIES IN FAITH High School Students:
Mass will be celebrated 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. 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. Visit necatholic.org to register and learn more!

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.

SA HAPPENINGS	
Mon Sept 25	Teacher Work Day-No Classes; 4:00 Riverside JH VB at Elba; 5:00 Riverside JH FB vs EPPJ at Spalding
Tue Sept 26	5:30 Riverside HS VB TRI at St. Ed
Wed Sept 27	
Thur. Sept 28	4:00 Riverside JH VB vs. Central Valley at Spalding; 4:00 Riverside JH & HS Cross Country at West Holt
Fri. Sept 29	Feast of Archangels; 8:15 All School Mass (11)

The Arm of St. Jude The Apostle is visiting the US and is coming to the Diocese of Lincoln and Archdiocese of Omaha Sept. 27-30. Visit www.spiritcatholicradio.com/jude for more details.

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:** Faith, Hope, Joy
September: Men's Club Team #1: Brian McManaman & LJ Roach

LUCKY DAY CALENDAR LOTTERY WINNER
Our Sunday, September 24th winner of \$250 is Katie (Heimbuch) Dvorak of Grand Island. Congratulations!

