

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 15, 2023

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

SUNDAY SCRIPTURES
October 22: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
 Psalm 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10
 1Thessalonians 1:1-5b
Matthew 22:15-21

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

God's Sumptuous, Free Banquet

Dear People of God,

| This Sunday's readings talk about the "Hunger for Heaven". Isaiah describes a banquet of "juicy,

rich food and pure choice wine. He says, "God will provide it for all the People. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks of a king, referring to God, who prepares a wedding feast for his son. This is the same feast which John describes at the conclusion of his book of Revelation (19:7). Jesus compares the kingdom of God both here on earth and in heaven to the wedding banquet. **God is life itself**; therefore, God is the food, the drink, the table, and the home. As he celebrates himself in creation, so does he again, at his redemptive works for his people.

Why do we have dinner and banquet? It is not just for filling our stomach and to quench our thirst. Rather, it is for being together, sharing, caring, loving, and feeling more joyful. What does usually a young man do to young girl when he decides to marry her? He asks her, "Are you free this evening to go with me for a dinner?" And the young lady who accepts his invitation is not thinking of filling her stomach. Rather she accepts it as an occasion for her to get to know the man and get acquainted with him. It is simply for both of them a time of exchange of understanding and feeling joyful being together. The taste of food, the dietary quality of it, or even the environment of the restaurant is secondary.

This is what it means when the Bible talks about God preparing a banquet or feast for God's people. As we feel a sense of liberation from all our inhibitions at a party and we feel content and filled at a delicious dinner, so we feel God's redemption. People who are fed by God this way are content and joyful like Paul in the second reading. He says, "I can do all things in God who strengthens me." God's party is a banquet of joy and forgiveness because God would destroy death forever and would wipe away the tears from every face. It is a banquet of rest and peace. It is a life-giving banquet to make us courageous, powerful, wise content, tolerant, patient and fully humane. God bless us all Fr. Lawrence

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT	10/14	7:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	Elijah Heinz
SUN	10/15	7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S SACRED HEART ST THERESA'S	PEOPLE OF PARISH †Lorraine Gilroy, Ed, Mary, Chuck McFadden † Barb Anderson
TUE	10/17	9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART	Communion Service
WED	10/18	10:00 a.m.	ASSISTED LIVING	No Mass
THU	10/19	5:00 p.m.	ST.CATHARINE'S	† Joe & Mary Keber Sr.
FRI	10/20	8:15 a.m.	ST. CATHARINE'S	Frank (†) & Theresa Berger School Mass gr 5-8
SAT	10/21	7:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	Jacob Diessner
SUN	10/22	7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S SACRED HEART ST THERESA'S	†Lewis & Margaret Berger, Diane Nickolite † Tom & Adam Harrahill 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 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.

REST IN PEACE Our condolences and prayers to the families of DeLoris Dugan from Sacred Heart, buried at O'Connor and Sharon Joyce buried at O'Connor Cemetery this past week.



October is Our Lady of the Rosary—
Mary, intercede for us.

PRAYERS for our Seminarian: James Beran, Noah Huddleston, Samuel Ogden, Kaelob Marx, Trevor Fisher, Juan Pablo Ramirez-Estrada and David Hauk. Lord, we thank them for their call to the Priesthood as they boldly follow you with courage and joy.

Catholic Daughter Sunday is celebrated today October 15. Spirituality and service is the heart and soul foundation of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. We pray and thank all our Catholic Daughters for the work they do.



Please join us! **Walk for Life, Wednesday, October 25th**, 4pm in front of St. Michael's Church. Everyone welcome. Bring a poster & Walk for Life.

FALL FESTIVAL GREELEY

ASSISTED LIVING Sunday, Oct. 15, 10:30am to 3:00pm. Food, Silent Auction Baskets, and Vendors. Please join us!!






PARISH MEETINGS

SM CDA: Thursday, October 19, 7pm
Stewardship: Thursday, Oct. 26, 7pm

Pray for Peace
 following Hamas' attack on Israel.




EUCCHARISTIC 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.

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***"My God will fully supply
whatever you need..."***
- **Philippians 4:19**

**Don't forget to turn in your Commitment
Card!** It is not too late. Returning your card
is an important part of being an active
member of Families in Faith.

Due to flooring construction at the parish center, **St. Michael's 42nd
Annual Fall Auction date has been moved to Sunday, Nov. 12th.**
Mass will be held at St. Michael's, 10:30am, with a delicious St. Anne's
Roast beef dinner to follow. If you have items or donations for the
auction, please drop off at the Dominican Center, or contact Stacey Bauer
402-741-0577. Watch for your raffle tickets coming in the mail soon.

 **WANTED: Candy for SM Fall
Auction!!** Do you have Grandma's
favorite recipe? We would love your
homemade candy donations for our
auction. Thank you for your help.

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



What's new? We have 16 new altar cloth coverings
for our Families in Faith three church altars, and for
the chapels at Sacred Heart & the Dominican Center.
They will be used for the various liturgical seasons. If
you would like to purchase one in memory of a loved
one, please contact the church offices for pricing /
info. A label will be designed to attach on the
backside of the altar covering with your loved ones
name.

SM/St. Anne
October: Church Cleaning: Circle of Faith
Side B: Amy McKay-Prefect **Rotation:** Faith, Hope, Joy
October: Men's Club Team #1: Gary Langer

SH CDA
Rolls and
coffee Sunday,
Oct 22 after
Mass.



	SA HAPPENINGS
Mon Oct 16	Feast of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque; SHARP Test (Grades 8, 10, 12)
Tue Oct 17	10:30 Senior Signing Day
Wed Oct 18	Feast of St. Luke; Seniors attend NECC; End of 1st Quarter; Gr 5 & 6 Field Trip to Hastings Museum.
Thur. Oct 19	Adoration; Football Playoffs
Fri. Oct 20	8:15 Grades 5-8 Mass (5); Adoration at Dominican Center; Comedy Event 7pm. State Cross Country Meet at Kearney

St. Anne's Fall Auction Nov. 12th Circle Duties:
Cook: Hope B, Serve: Hope A and Trust B; These
3 circles above are asked to bring a cake/dessert.
Clean-up: Trust A; Bake Sale: Peace B; Pies:
Peace A; All Altar Society ladies are asked to
bring a baked item or \$15.00.



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.

LUCKY DAY CALENDAR LOTTERY WINNER
Our Sunday, October 15th winner of \$250 is
Mark Nordhues of Bartlett. Congratulations!!



Parish Nurse's Notes

Proper Handwashing

CDC.gov

With the cold and flu season fast approaching, a simple way to protect yourself, and your family is with proper handwashing.

How do Germs Spread? Germs can spread from person to person or from surfaces to people when you: Touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands, prepare or eat food, and drinks with unwashed hands, touch surfaces or objects that have germs on them, blow your nose, cough, or sneeze into hands and then touch other people's hands or common objects. Washing hands can keep you healthy and prevent the spread of respiratory and diarrheal infections.

Times to Wash Hands ~ You can help yourself and your loved ones stay healthy by washing your hands often, especially during these key times when you are likely to get and spread germs: Before, during, and after preparing food, Before and after eating food, Before and after caring for someone at home who is sick with vomiting or diarrhea, Before and after treating a cut or wound, After using the toilet, After changing diapers or cleaning up a child who has used the toilet, After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing, After touching an animal, animal feed, or animal waste, After handling pet food or pet treats & After touching garbage.

Follow Five Steps to Wash Your Hands the Right Way

Wet your hands with clean, running water (warm or cold), turn off the tap, and apply soap. Lather your hands by rubbing them together with the soap. Lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails.

Scrub your hands for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the "Happy Birthday" song from beginning to end twice.

Rinse your hands well under clean, running water. Dry your hands using a clean towel or an air dryer.

Use Hand Sanitizer When You Can't Use Soap and Water ~

If soap and water are not readily available, you can use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

Apply the gel product to the palm of one hand. Cover all surfaces of hands.

Rub your hands and fingers together until they are dry. This should take around 20 seconds.

Isaiah 1:16: *Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean, Remove the evil of your deeds form my sight.*

Laughter is the best medicine! Comedy Event

FRI OCT 20TH, 2023
7PM-9PM
SPALDING AUDITORIUM

\$25/ticket

Snacks & Refreshment provided

Cash Bar (pending liquor license approval)

Free Childcare available (6:45-9)

Check out FB for event updates

Sponsored by S.A.V.E.

Call or text Kali Esch 307-689-0523

for tickets or childcare needs.

**Purchase by Oct 13th for a free drink!*

featuring

COMEDIAN JULI BURNEY

35 years of award-winning comedy
for fortune 500 companies along with
film specials on Showtime and HBO.



SM FALL DRIVE: The **Fall Drive** is our annual fund drive to cover the operations of the church. Every parishioner is asked to give a yearly gift along with their weekly/monthly support. It is an opportunity for everyone to understand the importance of ongoing and increased giving to the Church. The "blue envelopes" can be used or simply write St. Michael's Fall Drive on your check. We are very grateful. Thank you.

SH FIRST FRUITS program is an annual gift to the church during harvest time. The whole idea of the First Fruits program is to help us realize that everything good we have comes from God. Whenever you decide to make a first fruit offering to Sacred Heart, make sure you mark it as First Fruits.

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.

US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking, 7575 Grand River Rd., Suite 109, Brighton, MI 48114.

Life in the Holy Spirit Seminar: The Gifts & Fruits Come Alive!

Join us Nov. 4, 2023 at the K of C Hall, 105 Elm Ave, Norfolk NE or Nov. 11, 2023 at St. Cecilia Cathedral Parish Center, 701 N. 40th St., Omaha NE. Registration begins at 8am, Seminar 8am—4:30pm.

Sponsored by the Servants of the Heart of the Father, Platte Center, NE.

Speaker: Fr. Rodney Kneifl, priest of the Archdiocese of Omaha, NE. For info, call Merline 402-910-7111 or Fr. Rod 402-910-4378. Website: www.sothotf.org for upcoming events.

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 1 p.m.)

BLESSED & GRATEFUL

TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO MUCH!



"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens."
- Ephesians 1:3

GIVE NOW



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**DIOCESAN
APPEAL**

OCTOBER 2023 - SEPTEMBER 2024



What has passed our lips as food, O Lord, may we possess in purity of heart, that what has been given to us in time may be our healing for eternity.



UPDATE ON BEST CHOICE LABELS FOR MISSION II

HAITI: Thank you to everyone who collected, trimmed and counted the Best Choice Bar Code Labels for Mission II Haiti. This year so far 44,000 labels were redeemed at 3 cents a bar code. A total of \$1320 plus the bonus of \$30 and cash gifts of \$34 was forwarded to Mission II Haiti to dig and repair water wells. The work is done in the northeast section of the country, away from all of the civil unrest going on now. This project began in 2007 as a project of the Grand Island Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. So far \$33,000 has been forwarded to Mission II Haiti for their work to bring clean water wells to the people of Haiti.

Please continue to save the Best Choice Bar Codes and leave them in the watering can at the back of Sacred Heart Church, or in the plastic container in the window of Country Market in Greeley, or give to Vicki Harvey. Thank you!