

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 8, 2023

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

SUNDAY SCRIPTURES

October 15: Isaiah 25:6-10a

Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Matthew 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear People of God,

We have been given so many gifts and blessings by our Gracious God. Yet, in our fallen state it is all too easy to take them for granted. Our readings today teach us that we must live with an intentional

awareness of our many blessings and use them gratefully to glorify God.

Paul gives specific advice for intentionally maintaining an attitude of gratitude in our life. "Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, and if there is anything worthy of praise" these are the things we should focus on. As we develop this habit, we will discover a powerful way to navigate life with peace and joy despite the troubles that surround us.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus uses the image of a vineyard to teach the importance of using our blessings well. He tells the story of a landowner who plants a vineyard and leases it to tenants before he goes on a journey. Instead of tending the vineyard, the tenants mistreat the servants in the vineyard and even the son of the landowner, whom they kill. When the landowner realizes what the tenants have done, he puts them to death and leases his vineyard to tenants who "will give him the produce at the proper times."

By Baptism, we have received the gift of salvation and membership in Kingdom of God - we are now "tenants" called to work in the "vineyard" and produce fruit for its owner, our Gracious God. Jesus makes it clear that we if we squander the gift of salvation, we will lose it. It is a sobering truth.

As Christian stewards, we must continuously fight the tendency towards complacency and instead use our blessings to produce good fruit. So, let us use our intellect to think on these gifts throughout the day and resolve to use all our gifts for God's glory.

God bless us all *Fr. Lawrence*

MASS INTENTIONS

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
TUE	10/10	9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART	Ed Heinz
WED	10/11	10:00 a.m.	ASSISTED LIVING	† Mark Pritchard
THU	10/12	5:00 p.m.	ST.CATHARINE'S	† Bud Keber
FRI	10/13	8:15 a.m.	ST. CATHARINE'S	† Mick & Cecelia Keber School Mass gr 9-12
SAT	10/14	7:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	Elijah Heinz
SUN	10/15	7:00 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	PEOPLE OF PARISH
		9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART	† Lorraine Gilroy, Ed, Mary, Chuck McFadden
		11:00 a.m.	ST THERESA'S	† Barb Anderson

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.

TODAY IS COMMITMENT SUNDAY—Today all parish families are asked to bring their Commitment Card to Mass or complete the card online at our parish website, Families-infaith.com. During Mass, as a parish community, we offer God our gifts of time, talent, and treasure. May God bless you as your discern how He is calling you to grow closer to Him this year.

SH CDA

Rolls and coffee Sunday, Oct 22 after Mass.



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

Dear Friends & children in

Families in Faith, I am truly BLESSED to have so many of you reach out with prayerful blessings, and generosity on my birthday. My heart-felt sincere THANKS to all the children who took time to wish me through your beautiful drawings. Thank you all for being part of my day and making it so special. "Family isn't always blood. It's the people in your life who want you in theirs". Thank you for making me feel that I am part of your family. God bless you, *Fr. Lawrence*

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.



FALL FESTIVAL GREELEY ASSISTED LIVING

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Michael's (Dominican Center)

Sacred Heart Chapel

St. Theresa's

WEEKLY

Thursdays, 6 p.m.—9 p.m.



MONTHLY

First Friday, 24 hr, 9:00 a.m. All other Fridays, 9 a.m.—3 p.m.

First Tuesday, 24 hr, 9:00 a.m.



Last Sunday of month for Vocations, 10 a.m.

PARISH MEETINGS

ST Altar Society: Sunday, October 8, after Mass

SH Pastoral Council: Wed., October 11, 8pm

SM CDA: Thursday, October 19, 7pm

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Thank you Fr. Lawrence for the wonderful Mass last Sunday evening, Deacon Matt for the inspiring & insightful words, the Glaser's for their musical talent, & the Knights of Columbus for grilling burgers for our youth. Special thanks to Marlynn Scheef for organizing this, & to all our amazing youth for attending.

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.

Respect Life Month Theme—
Radical Solidarity...*In that first Eucharistic procession, Mary carried Jesus to Elizabeth in her time of need. Obtain for us the grace to bring Christ to any expectant mother who is alone and afraid. May our support help them to find hope and strength in the Lord. Amen.*



Join the SA students for the
Living Rosary, 4pm,
this Sunday,
October 8, at
St. Michael's Church.

Note: Due to low helium availability, the SM Religious Ed students will hold their **Glow in the Dark Rosary, October 11th, 7pm** at St. Michael's Church using glow sticks.



SA HAPPENINGS

Mon Oct 9	Columbus Day; 4pm, 5pm, JH Riverside VB & FB vs Palmer @Spalding; 5:30, 6:30 JV Riverside VB & FB vs Palmer @Spalding. 8:00 pm School Board Meeting
Tue Oct 10	Activity Day-No Classes; JH Scholastic Day @SA; Fall Activities Senior Night; 5pm HS Riverside VB Triangular@ Cedar Rapids
Wed Oct 11	
Thur. Oct 12	National Farmers Day; 1pm Yearbook signing for Gr 3-12; 4pm HS District Cross Country@ Ainsworth. HS VB Goldenrod Confer.Tournmt.
Fri. Oct 13	8:15 Gr 9-12 Mass; Adoration at Dominican Center; Gr.3-4 Field Trip to Ash Falls & Neligh; 7pm HS Riverside FB vs Ravenna @ Spalding.
Sat. Oct.14	HS VB Goldenrod Conference Tournament.

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.

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

LUCKY DAY CALENDAR LOTTERY WINNER

Our Sunday, October 8th winner of \$250 is
Mr. Dana Novacek of Albion. Congratulations Dana!!

