

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 12, 2023

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

SUNDAY SCRIPTURES
Nov. 19: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
 Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
 1Thessalonians 5:1-6
Matthew 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Keep our lamps burning

Dear families in faith,

A lamp without light is of little use. Mother Theresa once said, "to keep a lamp burning we have to keep pouring oil in it." Jesus tells us, who we are: **"The light of the world"**. That is our identity. Let us not hide it. We are called to illuminate the world, so that others will see Jesus more clearly. To keep the light shine, we need to pour the oil of love in our hearts. This oil cannot be borrowed, and it cannot be passed from one person to another. Our relationship with God is very personal. We cannot buy discipline, character, attitude, knowledge, understanding, wisdom and love. These are developed through time and established over months and years.

Is our lamp trimmed and burning? If we have been burning for God before, but now we see our light dim, flicker, and almost put off. Think about it: we need to burn not just for a moment but all through our life. **We can't afford to fall asleep spiritually, letting the fire of God go out of our hearts.** Jesus warns us to be ever ready, to keep our lamps burning. He tells the parable of ten virgins awaiting the arrival of the bridegroom who will welcome them in to the wedding feast. The wise ones, however, had prepared and brought sufficient oil to keep their lamps lit when the bridegroom came. The foolish virgins, caught off guard, ran off to buy more oil, but they were too late. The door to the wedding feast was locked to them. Jesus cautions, "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." Our lives are illuminated by the love provided by God. Never let our zeal be diminished for God's family.

The stewardship way of life - with its daily and weekly commitments to giving God the best of our Time, Talent, and Treasure - is the "oil" that we keep with us at all times. When we have this plan in place and we rely deeply on the Holy Spirit to guide us through the twists and turns of each day, we are free, we are ready to answer the Bridegroom, when He calls us.

God bless us all, *Fr Lawrence*

MASS INTENTIONS

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| SAT | 11/11 | 5:00 p.m. | ST. MICHAEL'S | Pete (†) & Kitty Carlin |
| SUN | 11/12 | 9:00 a.m. | SACRED HEART | PEOPLE OF PARISH |
| | | 10:30 a.m. | ST. MICHAEL'S | † Melvin Marker |
| | | 11:00 a.m. | ST THERESA'S | No Mass |
| TUE | 11/14 | 10:30 a.m. | ST. MICHAEL'S | † Robert Leslie (SA Grandparents Day) |
| | | 5:30 p.m. | SACRED HEART | Ed & Janet Heinz |
| WED | 11/15 | 10:00 a.m. | SACRED HEART | † Joe Walsh † |
| THU | 11/16 | 5:00 p.m. | ST.CATHARINE'S | † Dorothy E. Kaiser |
| FRI | 11/17 | 8:15 a.m. | ST. CATHARINE'S | † Leo (Knobby) & Ruth Mahoney |
| SAT | 11/18 | 5:00 p.m. | ST. MICHAEL'S | † Deceased CDA Members |
| SUN | 11/19 | 7:00 a.m. | ST. MICHAEL'S | PEOPLE OF PARISH |
| | | 9:00 a.m. | SACRED HEART | † Deceased Catholic Daughter Members |
| | | 11:00 a.m. | ST THERESA'S | † Rev. James O'Kane |

COMMUNION SERVICES

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

Holy Father's Prayer Intention of the Month: For the Pope. We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

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 • Tuesdays, 12:00 noon. Please
 • email information to both **SM**
 • and **SH**. Email addresses on
 • front of bulletin.
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St. Michael's 42nd Annual Fall Auction is today, Sunday, Nov. 12th. Come over to the Parish Center for a delicious Roast Beef Dinner 11-1pm. Call Sharon Seamann for carry out orders, 308-750-4667. Live Auction starts at 1pm. Come see our Silent Auction, Candy Sales, & Bake Sale items. We have a large selection of beautiful handmade rosaries & religious gift items for sale. See you there!



National Eucharist Congress-July 16-21, 2024 Indianapolis, IN
 The Grand Island Diocese is sponsoring a pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress. We have 100 discounted tickets, and we are hoping to fill two buses. Details of our travel package and registration information can be found at <https://gidiocese.org/national-congress-registration>. The first 100 to register will be guaranteed a discounted ticket and travel with the diocese so we encourage you take action now if you are planning to attend or if you know of parish members who may be interested.






SM Music Jam,
 Sunday,
 November 19th, 5:30pm.

PARISH MEETINGS

ST Altar Society: Sunday, Nov 12 after Mass
School Board: Monday, Nov. 13, 8:30pm
SM Cemetery: Tuesday, Nov. 14, 7pm
SM CDA: Thursday, Nov 16, 7pm

SM Fall Drive to date:
 \$28,350.00
SH First Fruits:
 \$6,204.25

| EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION | WEEKLY | MONTHLY |
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| 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 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| <p>LECTOR Nov 15: RE Nov 18: Youth Nov 19: Philip Hanigan</p> <p>EMHC Nov. 15: Jerry & Marlynn Scheef</p> <p>Nov 18: Ed & Mandy McCarthy; Maureen Seamann, Jeremiah Seamann Nov 19: Lee & Tammy Diessner</p> <p>HOSPITALITY MINISTERS Nov 15: RE Nov 18: Youth Nov 19: April Murphy, Bob Koenig, Bill Spelic, Marilyn Leslie</p> <p>ALTAR SERVERS Nov 15: Addyson & Brynn Seamann, Avery Molt Nov 18: Landyn & Khyler Carraher, Adam Glaser Nov 19: Addie & Autumn Murphy, Larry Diessner</p> <p>MUSIC MINISTRY Nov 15: Matt & Linda Nov 18: Youth/Dan Walsh Nov 19: Therese & Denise</p> <p>SM CDA Rosary, Thursdays, before Mass, 4:30 in the chapel.</p>  | <p>LECTOR Nov 19: Youth</p> <p>EMHC Nov 19: Mia Butcher, Tori Bonge</p> <p>HOSPITALITY MINISTERS Nov 19: Youth</p> <p>ALTAR SERVERS Nov 19: Youth</p> <p>MUSIC MINISTRY Nov 19: Youth</p> <p>ROSARY Nov 19: Jeanette Walsh</p> <p>SACRISTAN Nov 19: Jeanette Walsh</p> <p>COLLECTION COUNTERS Nov 19: Pat & Shelly</p> <p>ASSISTED LIVING Nov 19: Charlotte Murphy</p> | <p>LECTOR Nov 19: Lori King</p> <p>EMHC Nov 19: Jean Nordhues, Shelby Kasselder</p> <p>HOSPITALITY MINISTERS Nov 19: Mark & Angela Smith</p> <p>CHURCH CLEANING November: Joyce Bos, Jessica Reich, Teresa Smith</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 Sundays, 10:00 a.m. before Mass</p>  | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | Weekly total | \$ 6,367 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | July 1st to date | \$72,043 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Total | July 1st to date | \$ 46,428 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | Plate | \$ 220 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Children's | \$ 14 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." - Matthew 25:13

Happy Anniversary to Mick & Cathy Foster, 51 years, Bob & Nancy Wood, 22 years, Shawn and Colleen O'Connor, 41 years. Trey and Payton Nekoliczak, 1 year.
"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud."
1 Corinthians 13:4

Thank you to all those who met at St. Michael's and Walked for Life on October 25th. What a wonderful turnout, over 80+people! Thank you for your support to a culture of respect LIFE. See you next year!

Every county in the Diocese of Grand Island is a designated Health Professions Shortage area for Behavioral Health.

Access to care within the Diocese of Grand Island is especially challenging with increased distance to care compared to more urban areas of the state. The Diocese of Grand Island is committed to improving access to mental health care. On November 19, 2023, a special collection will be gathered to support access to mental health care within the diocese. Your donation will help provide assistance for individuals seeking care, increase access to Catholic providers, and develop local mental health ministry programs to offer mentoring and support.



SA HAPPENINGS

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| Mon Nov 13 | World Kindness Day; Start of Winter Sports Practice; 8:30pm School Board Meeting, 7:00pm One-Act Drama & Dessert Presentation; Phon-A-Thon |
| Tue Nov 14 | Grandparent's Day; 10:30 Mass at St. Michael's Church with Grandparents followed by lunch and short program; One Act Play Contest @ Central Valley; JH Charger Wrestling at EPPJ Phon-A Thon |
| Wed Nov 15 | National Recycling Day; 3:30-5:30 Lego League practice Phon-A-Thon |
| Thur Nov 16 | Phon-A-Thon |
| Fri. Nov 17 | Feast of St. Elizabeth of Hungary; 8:15 Grades 5-8 Mass(5) at Dominican Center; Adoration; Butter Braids Sale Ends; Phon-A-Thon |

SM/St. Anne

November: Church Cleaning: Circle of Hope
Side A: Cheryl Ray-Prefect **Rotation:** Faith, Hope, Joy
November: Men's Club Team #3: Dan Mailander

LUCKY DAY CALENDAR LOTTERY WINNER

Our Sunday, November 12th winner of \$250 is Diane Pritchard of North Wales, PA. Congratulations!!

