

# The Epiphany of the Lord January 7, 2024

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

**SUNDAY SCRIPTURES**  
January 14: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19  
Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9 10  
1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20  
**John 1:35-42**

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Today, we celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord. The Gospel account of the three magi traveling to meet Baby Jesus is one that we know well. Yet, when we pause to reflect on this moment when these men met Christ for the first time, we recognize that there is much to be said for us still today.

When the magi entered the house, it says, "they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage." Clearly these men knew that they were in the presence of their King. They also came bearing gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, which symbolize Christ's kingship, divinity, and humanity.

Christ is still manifesting Himself to us today. We enter God's house weekly, and we are in His presence. When we meet Him, do we offer Him our gifts — our time, talent, and treasure? As Christian stewards, we are called to respond with love, reverence, and gratitude.

Let us prepare our hearts to receive Christ's many manifestations in our lives. We just need a grateful disposition to receive them.

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## MASS INTENTIONS

SAT	01/06	5:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	† Caroline Glaser
SUN	01/07	7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S SACRED HEART ST THERESA'S	† Dick Zwiener † Arvid & Margaret Sorensen PEOPLE OF PARISH
TUE	01/09	9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART	Communion Service
WED	01/10	10:00 a.m.	ASSISTED LIVING	No Mass
THU	01/11	5:00 p.m.	ST. CATHARINE'S	Poor Souls in Purgatory
FRI	01/12	8:15 a.m.	ST. CATHARINE'S	Special Intention
SAT	01/13	5:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	† James E. Murphy
SUN	01/14	7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S SACRED HEART ST THERESA'S	PEOPLE OF PARISH † Marge & Whistle Thompson † 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 GIFT OF DIVERSITY IN THE CHURCH** We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

**REST IN PEACE** Our condolences and prayers to the family of Pat Mahony, buried at St. Michael's this past week. May he rest in peace.



## BULLETIN DEADLINE

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


**Eucharistic Holy Hour**— Bishop Hanefeldt will conduct a Eucharistic Holy Hour at Sacred Heart Church on Wednesday, January 10th, 6:30-7:30 pm. All Families in Faith welcome to attend. Please join us.





## PARISH MEETINGS

**SH KofC:** Sunday, January 7 after Mass  
**SH Pastoral Council:** Wed, January 10, 8pm  
**ST Altar Society:** Sunday, January 14, after Mass

**SM Fall Drive** to date: \$68,197.07  
**SH First Fruits:** \$10,414.34

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, 9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
St. Theresa's		Last Sunday of month for Vocations, 10 a.m.

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**"They fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." - Matthew 2:11**

**Congratulations** to Larry & Charlotte Murphy of Sacred Heart, celebrating their 59th wedding anniversary!



A big thank you to everyone who remembered us this Christmas with your warm greetings, prayers, and gifts! May you be richly blessed for your generosity! You are in our prayers. God bless you! *Deacon Ron & Cindy*


Once again, we need to express our heartfelt thanks for the generosity shown us not just at Christmas but every day. We are truly blessed by the "Family in Faith" parishes for the immeasurable kindnesses we have received.

"May the Lord bless you and keep you:

The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you:

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26.

Happy 2024 from *Deacon Paul & Jean*

	SA HAPPENINGS
Mon Jan 8	Boone Central Choral Clinic; 1:00 2:00 JH Charger BB vs NE Christian at Spalding; 7:00 pm School Board Meeting
Tue Jan 9	JV TBA 6:00, 7:30 Charger BB at Burwell
Wed Jan 10	3:30-5:30 Lego League Practice
Thur Jan 11	3:30 JV, 6:00, 7:30 Charger BB vs Arcadia-Loup City at CR
Fri. Jan 12	8:15 Grades 5-8 Mass at Domin. Chapel
Sat. Jan 13	Golden Conference BB Trny

#### **FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - Jan. 8th**

Congratulations and welcome to those who have been baptized in our Families in Faith this past year.

**St. Theresa:** Camden Landgren

**St. Michael:** Wiley Kasperbauer, Breckyn Schmeits, Braxton Petska, James Mueller, Skyler Eastman

**Sacred Heart:** Rowyn Dutcher, Maddyn Nekoliczak, Wraylee Lammers, Lainee Beck, Parker Beck, Tuffton Nordhues, Elliott Boston, Jayden Ondracek, Scarlett Glaser, Rory Finn

#### **LUCKY DAY CALENDAR LOTTERY WINNER**

Our Sunday, January 7th winner of \$250 is Ed Glesinger of Spalding. Congratulations!!



#### **SM/St. Anne**

**January Church Cleaning:** Circle of Joy

**Side A:** Trish Glaser-Prefect

**Rotation:** Hope, Joy, Trust

**January Men's Club Team #5:** Dennis Bauer, Leon Seier

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### **STEUBENVILLE of the ROCKIES**

Calling all high school students currently in grades 9-12! Join hundreds of Catholic teens at Steubenville of the Rockies June 21 -23, 2024, to experience the peace of Jesus Christ, who is always faithful and will never abandon us. Find out more at [gidiocese.org/Steubenville](http://gidiocese.org/Steubenville).

Registration opens February 1, 2024, with an early bird rate of \$359 through February 15, 2024.

### **HIGHER GROUND**

Attention high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Higher Ground registration opens February 1, 2024. This retreat is an incredible opportunity to grow stronger in your relationship with Christ, while getting to know your peers from around the diocese. By the end of the retreat, you will have a greater love for God and a new community of faith. Ask your Pastor and youth leader about this opportunity.

Register today at [highergroundretreats.org](http://highergroundretreats.org) and save with the Early Bird rate of \$295 until February 15, 2024.

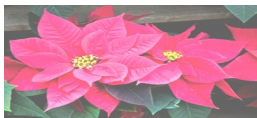
Attention Middle School Students currently in 6th, 7th, & 8th Grades!

Higher Ground Extreme Faith camp registration opens February 1, 2024. This retreat is a fun week and a great opportunity to grow stronger in your faith while making new friends from around the diocese. Register today at [highergroundretreats.org](http://highergroundretreats.org) and save with the Early Bird rate of \$350.

### **Additional Christmas Flower Donations:**

**ST**—Travis and Jessica Reich - In Memory of William Reich  
Lori King - In Memory of Rick and Jan Davis  
Sharon Swett - In Memory of Barb Anderson

**SH**— Kevin Hughes - In Memory of Jean M Hughes



### **SPALDING ACADEMY DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD:**

It is that time again to submit your nominations of a deserving living member of SA Alumni. Do you know someone who has made significant contributions to society? Or whose leadership has made a difference to family and community? Please consider nominating alumni for this award. The nomination form can be found at: [spaldingacademy.org/alumni](http://spaldingacademy.org/alumni) or contact Ann Bernt at SA 497-2103.

**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.



### **SAVE THE DATE:**

Families in Faith 19th Annual  
Development Dinner,  
Saturday, February 10, 2024.  
~~Illuminate 2024~~

- Each year our theme of the dinner celebrates "Illumination". The Development Ministry's primary goal is to support continued light and life to our parish communities. Invitations will be coming soon.
- Do you have a unique Silent or Live Auction item? We appreciate your generosity. Please contact Tracy Schmeits, Courtney Leslie or the church office.

### **Religious Education:**

**SM**- Classes resume Jan. 10th.

**SH students**-please join us for Eucharistic Adoration on Jan. 10th at SH church 6:30-7:30.

**ST**-Classes resume Jan. 14th.

### **Pro Life Events & Activities in your Catholic Community—Calendar of Events**

Jan. 7: Pro-Life Youth Art & Essay Contests begin

Jan. 16-24: 9 Days for Life Novena  
<https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-for-life>

Jan. 19: March for Life, Washington DC

Jan. 21: Sanctity of Life Sunday

Jan. 22: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn  
6pm, Eucharistic Adoration, Cathedral

Jan. 26: Nebraska Right to Life Gala, Lincoln  
<https://nebraskarighttolife.org/>

Jan. 27: Pro-Life Mass and Walk for Life, Lincoln

Feb. 17: Pro-Life Coffee, Riverside Golf Club, Grand Island

Mar 6: Catholics at the Capitol, Lincoln

Apr 8: Annunciation of the Lord, Blessing of the Child in the Womb

### **TRAVELING CRUCIFIX FOR VOCATIONS Need a New Year's resolution?**

Please consider signing up for one week and pray for vocations with your family. Help us build the culture of vocations through the grace of daily prayer.

Remember to pray for and actively promote religious vocations. Your prayers will make a difference.

