

Fourth Sunday of Lent March 10, 2024

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

SUNDAY SCRIPTURES
March 17: Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15
Hebrews 5:7-9
John 12:20-33

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Spiritual Vaccination

Dear Parishioners,

Most of us, since childhood, have been vaccinated several times. If not for such vaccinations, many of us would have been very sick, physically challenged or even dead by now. Vaccines are made from the very virus or germ that causes the disease.

The antidote for snake poison is made, using the venom of the snake itself. Snake venom is collected and injected into domestic animals such as horses and sheep. Antibodies produced in the body of these animals are collected and purified to make anti-venom. This is how these animals save a person, bitten by a snake, by bearing the burden of the venom on their bodies.

In the same way, Jesus saved us, from the poison of sin and the resulting death, by taking the sting of the evil-one on his own body on the cross and giving his life-giving blood as an antidote for us. In the Gospel today, Jesus tells Nicodemus, **"Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."** Sin could be seen as the virus or germ of our spiritual death as well as our suffering. Fortunately, however, Christ took the 'sin-virus' and weakened its potency on the cross.

As the Israelites, by beholding the bronze serpent, had faith in God. So also, by faith in the crucified Jesus Christ, we are vaccinated with the **vaccine of grace** against the consequences of sin. Just as a person, bitten by a snake, must take antidote to avoid death, it is necessary that we too should take the body and blood of Jesus in the Eucharist in faith to overcome the consequences of our sin. Hence, the second reading says: **'by grace you have been saved through faith'** (Eph. 2:8).

Today, the cross is not only a symbol of the self-giving sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ, but also a symbol of the great love of our heavenly Father. **"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life."** (Jn 3:16) The second reading affirms this: **'even when we were dead in sin, God made us alive through Christ'** (Eph. 2:5).

Dear Parishioners, our salvation flows from God's love. All we need to do is **let it in** and **experience eternal life**.

With prayers and love,

Fr. Lawrence

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT	03/09	5:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	†	Lynda Diessner
SUN	03/10	7:00 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	†	Leila & Vic Bauer
		9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART	†	Jerry Ryan
		11:00 a.m.	ST THERESA'S		PEOPLE OF PARISH
TUE	03/12	5:30 p.m.	SACRED HEART	†	Joe & Ethel Happ
WED	03/13	10:00 a.m.	ASSISTED LIVING	†	Orren Wood Jr family
THU	03/14	5:00 p.m.	ST. CATHARINE'S	†	Darlene Pfeifer
FRI	03/15	8:15 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	†	John & Gen Ballweg All School Mass
SAT	03/16	7:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	†	Jean Asche
SUN	03/17	7:00 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	†	Fr. Jim Murphy
		9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART		PEOPLE OF PARISH
		11:00 a.m.	ST THERESA'S		Joan Ita

COMMUNION SERVICES

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

Holy Father's Prayer Intention of the Month: FOR THE NEW MARTYRS
We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

WE WELCOME INTO THE CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN FAITH, Kamryn Riley Foster, daughter of Tom & Lacey Foster, baptized March 3rd at Sacred Heart & Grace Ellen Bauer, daughter of Dan & Victoria Bauer, baptized March 2nd at St. Michael's.

REST IN PEACE Our condolences and prayers to the family of Terry Mailander who was buried from St. Michael's this week. May he rest in peace.

Communal Reconciliation:

SH Wednesday, March 13th, 7pm
ST Sunday, March 17, after Mass
SM Wednesday, March 20th, 7pm

St. Theresa's First Reconciliation today, March 10
Congratulations to Logan Landgren, Mallory Norrell, & Ryker Plugge. May they always discover the peace and amazing love of God's forgiveness.





St. Michael's Saturday evening vigil Mass will be at 7:00 pm beginning March 16th.

PARISH MEETINGS

SH KofC: Sunday, March 10 following Mass
School Board: Monday, March 11, 7pm
ST Altar Society: Wed., March 13, 7pm.
ST Pastoral Council: Tuesday, March 19, 7pm

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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**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:
FRIDAYS OF LENT**

SH—5:00 p.m.
SM—7:00 p.m.

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry
St. Michael's—Friday, March 15
Sacred Heart—Friday, March 15
5:30—7:00 p.m.



Knights of Columbus
#13584 dues
to be paid to
Allan Rolf

St. Anne's General Church Cleaning Schedule:
Monday, March 18:
Joy, Hope & Trust.
Tuesday, March 19,
(after 12:00 noon):
Peace & Faith

"One Rose-One Life" campaign supports pro-life activities. It is the Main source of income for the Knights of Columbus, to support Pro-life. We help with funding for the Right to Life, and Birthright Local Chapter/Crisis help centers, as well as providing scholarship funds for March for Life programs in all three dioceses.

The Knights will have collection baskets in the back of church for the weekend of March 10th. Please support life from conception to natural death.

Thank you! Knights of Columbus Greeley Council 1312.

SM/St. Anne
March Church Cleaning: Circle of Trust
Side A: Mrs Jerry Glaser, Prefect
Rotation: Peace, Faith, Hope
March Men's Club Team #7: John Bernt, Gary Miller



SA HAPPENINGS

Mon Mar 11	8:00 am District Speech at Scribner-Snyder; Start of JH Track Practice; 3:30-5:30 Lego League Practice; 7:00 pm School Board Meeting
Tue Mar 12	1:00 Early Dismissal for Grades PK-6
Wed Mar 13	3:30-5:30 Lego League Practice
Thur Mar 14	PI Day
Fri. Mar 15	Ides of March; 8:15 All School Mass (10); State First Lego League Competition
Sat. Mar 16	State First Lego League Competition

MARCH: Pray for families who have to sell their children to be able to eat and for those who are tricked into sending their children to traffickers with the promise of education and a better life. Alliance to End Human Trafficking- Founded and Supported by US Catholic Sisters, 7575 Grand River Ave.1-1009, Brighton, MI 48114

Don't Wait!! Lucky Day Calendar Lottery Tickets for 2024-2025 year available now! Tickets will be sold until March 16th. Tickets available at SA Office, any SA family, Trish Glaser or church office. You may mail a check payable to K of C Lottery, PO Box 310, Spalding, NE. \$50.00 or 3 for \$100. First winner to be drawn Easter Sunday for \$400!

LUCKY DAY CALENDAR LOTTERY WINNER

Our Sunday, March 10th winner of \$250 is Julie Bloom of Primrose. Congratulations Julie!!

