

# Fourth Sunday of Easter April 21, 2024

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

**SUNDAY SCRIPTURES**  
**April 28:** Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31  
 Psalm 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32  
 1 John 3:18-24  
**John 15:1-8**

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

**Good Shepherd Sunday**

Dear people of God,

A world without standards, a world that denies absolutes and only allows for opinions is a world in which anything goes. It is a world filled only with chaos, a world in which each individual person is his/her own universe, and in which we are doomed to be isolated and alone even when we are surrounded by others. In such a world if I assert that two plus two equals four, I would be told that this is only my opinion and that two plus two equals five is to be acknowledged to be of equal value. Crazy you say? Yes, it is crazy. But in a world that is crazy what is true appears to be insane. Sometimes I fear we are now living in such a world.

On this fourth Sunday of Easter, we celebrate **Good Shepherd Sunday**. Anyone who is in charge of others is called by God to care for those placed in their charge. Who are they? They are parents and grandparents; they are teachers, doctors, nurses, lawyers, priests, ministers, and mentors. Are we responsible in any way for the well-being of others? If we are, Jesus is calling us to shepherd them as He shepherds us.

Being a good shepherd, being a good parent in today's culture isn't easy. Many voices in today's world are at work against them when it comes to raising children. Today's moms and dads need to listen to what their kids are talking about. They need to know what is attracting their kids. Do you know that the advertising industry is targeting seven-year-old kids to look like teenagers? Children are being sexualized at earlier and earlier ages so that the time a child can be a carefree is becoming shorter and shorter. If you knew what kids are exposed to on their I-phones you would be shocked. Learning the skills to listen to and talk with your kids is imperative if you are good to shepherd them well in today's world.

It's all about love, isn't it? Jesus in His love is known as the **Good Shepherd**. He loves us enough to call us to love as He does. This isn't just another job. Jesus doesn't call us to be a functionary, to care just because it is a task that has been assigned to us. Jesus believes in us enough and He hopes in us enough to place others in our care so that we can shepherd them as He does. That's a high compliment He has given us; that's a high calling He has given us. How do we respond? Yours in Risen Christ, *Fr. Lawrence*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

SAT	04/20	7:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	† Harold & RoseMary Haggerty
SUN	04/21	7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S SACRED HEART ST THERESA'S	† Jim Reilly PEOPLE OF PARISH Sr. Mary Citali
TUE	04/23	5:30 p.m.	SACRED HEART	† Joseph Mulcahy
WED	04/24	10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	ASSISTED LIVING ST. MICHAEL'S	Tom & Jackie Nekoliczak † Jean Asche (Relig.Ed Closing Mass)
THU	04/25	5:00 p.m.	ST. CATHARINE'S	† Larry, Joe, Louie, & Paul Rudloff
FRI	04/26	8:15 a.m.	ST. CATHARINE'S	† Barbara Kaiser
SAT	04/27	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	ST. MICHAEL'S	† Glenn Jacobsen
SUN	04/28	7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S SACRED HEART ST THERESA'S	† Fred Glaser † Jim Ondracek 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 ROLE OF WOMEN**

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

**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,** Arlow Walker O'Connor, son of Andrew and Carly O'Connor baptized April 14th at Sacred Heart.



**REST IN PEACE** Our condolences and prayers to the family of Frances E. (Sullivan) Kovarik who was buried from St. Michael's. May she rest in peace.



**Vacation Bible School** will be held at St. Theresa's in Ericson, June 3-5 mornings. Volunteers are needed!! Contact Sandy Miller if interested for more details, 402-417-5004.





**From the Pro-Life Office...** You're invited to a special parish presentation by the Nebraska Catholic Conference on combatting the pro-abortion ballot initiative. Learn why this initiative threatens women and babies in Nebraska and how we can defend life together. Invite friends and family to come Thursday, April 25, Resurrection Parish, 4110 Cannon Rd., Grand Island, @7pm. This will be livestreamed on: <https://giresurrection.com/live-stream>

**Rogation Day Mass is April 25th at 5pm.** This day is devoted to special prayers for crops. We ask God for protection and a good and bountiful harvest.

**Note:**  
**Mass 5pm Saturday April 27th.**



EUCCHARISTIC	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.

ST. MICHAEL'S	SACRED HEART	ST. THERESA'S
<p><b>LECTOR</b> Apr 27: Youth Apr 28: Therese Cockerill</p> <p><b>EMHC</b> Apr 27: Jerry &amp; Marlynn Scheef, Jeremiah &amp; Kara Seamann Apr 28: Stacey Bauer, Jean Herrera</p> <p><b>HOSPITALITY MINISTERS</b> Apr 27: Youth Apr 28: Tom Asche, Joe Seamann, Dan Mailander, Marilyn Leslie</p> <p><b>ALTAR SERVERS</b> Apr 27: Elizabeth, Elora, Greg Glaser Apr 28: Adam Glaser, Camryn Carraher, Alex Carlin</p> <p><b>MUSIC MINISTRY</b> Apr 27: Kelly &amp; Jemela Apr 28: Kelly &amp; Jemela</p> <p>SM CDA Rosary, Thursdays, before Mass, 4:30 in the chapel.</p> 	<p><b>LECTOR</b> Apr 28: Ted Nekoliczak</p> <p><b>EMHC</b> Apr 28: Susie Lammers, Mike Wood, Matt Pfeifer</p> <p><b>HOSPITALITY MINISTERS</b> Apr 28: Trent &amp; Skyler Nekoliczak family</p> <p><b>ALTAR SERVERS</b> Apr 28: Crayton Wagner, Wren Nekoliczak, Max Foltz</p> <p><b>MUSIC MINISTRY</b></p> <p><b>ROSARY</b> Apr 28: Cathy Hansen</p> <p><b>SACRISTAN</b> Apr 28: Cathy Hansen</p> <p><b>COLLECTION COUNTERS</b> Apr 28: Tom &amp; Jackie</p> <p><b>ASSISTED LIVING</b> Apr 28: Jeanette Walsh</p>	<p><b>LECTOR</b> Apr 28: Leslie Scott</p> <p><b>EMHC</b> Apr 28: Helen Plugge, Judy Ita</p> <p><b>HOSPITALITY MINISTERS</b> Apr 28: Jake &amp; Shelby Kasselder</p> <p><b>CHURCH CLEANING</b> April: Julie Landgren, Jenna Landgren, Sydney McKay, Tara McKay</p> <p><b>PRAYER CHAIN</b> Call: Helen Plugge, Sue Patrick</p> <p><b>ROSARY</b> 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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**"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice." - John 10:14-16**

**SPRING CCW DEANERY MEETING** will be held at St Mary's Church in Wood River on Friday, April 26. Speaker is Vince Hernandez on Avoiding Scams. Registration from 8:30-9 that morning. Cost is \$10. Meeting will conclude with lunch. No pre-registration required. Please come join us!

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT:**

Lord Jesus, you said to your disciples, "I am the way, the truth and the life." Give young people the gift of discernment, to find their way and embrace their true vocation, the life for which you have created them. In all that lies before them, help them discern a life that is pleasing to you, whether to Christian marriage, to the priesthood, or the consecrated religious life. Send your Holy Spirit to inspire them. Grant them the grace to embrace a life of joyful service. Fulfill their desires to make a generous gift of themselves to others, after your example. Give them the loving support of family and friends as they prayerfully discern their vocation in this life. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

- Joseph G. Hanefeldt, Bishop of Grand Island

	SA HAPPENINGS
Mon Apr 22	Earth Day, CNTF HS Track Invite at Grand Island NW; 2:00 Trash Pickup
Tue Apr 23	9:00 JH Charger Track at Twin River; 11:00 HS Charger Track at Humphrey St. Francis
Wed Apr 24	1:00 Conference Art Show; 10:30 SMILES program Gr. PK-6
Thur Apr 25	Feast of St Mark; 6:30 Spring Showcase-Music-Science-Art-& More
Fri. Apr 26	Arbor Day, Activity Day-No Classes; 9:00 HS Charger Golf at Centura; 10:00 HS Charger Conference Track at Fullerton
Sat, Apr 27	10:00 JH Charger Track at Aurora (A Town Show Down)

**Have you moved back to your hometown parish?**

Please stop in & register at the church office. Registering in your parish is an important first step to becoming an active member in our church community. Registration forms can be found at church entrances also.

**WANTED:** Birth and Wedding announcements for the S.A. Alumni Newsletter. Please contact the school, Mary Glesinger, or email the church office, [office@families-infaith.com](mailto:office@families-infaith.com). Thanks in advance.



**SM/St. Anne**  
**April Church Cleaning:** Circle of Trust  
**Side B:** Maureen Seamann, Prefect  
**Rotation:** Hope, Joy, Trust  
**April Men's Club Team #8:** Tim Pfeifer, Bill Thome



**LUCKY DAY CALENDAR LOTTERY WINNER**  
 Our Sunday, April 21st winner of \$200 is Carey Criss of Spalding. Congratulations!

