

# First Sunday of Lent March 9, 2025

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

**SUNDAY SCRIPTURES**  
**March 16:** Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18  
 Psalm 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14  
 Philippians 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1  
**Luke 9:28b-36**

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

## Into The Desert

Dear People of God,

The desert is a place of purification, where distraction fall away and we come face to face with our deepest desires. Jesus' time in the desert was **not a time of deprivation**, but **a time of preparation**, where he stripped away everything to focus on God's will. St. John of the cross teaches that **to gain everything, we first desire nothing**.

On this first Sunday of Lent, we hear Luke's account of Jesus' temptation in the desert. The context within which these temptations occur has something to teach us. The desert, with its extreme climate, was not a comfortable place to spend 40 days. Furthermore, by going out into the desert, Jesus chose a place of solitude, a place with few distractions. It was in this barren place of discomfort and silence that he focused on preparing for his mission.

During Lent, we might not go out into a literal desert, but by exhorting us to engage in the spiritual disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, the Church invites us to experience a degree of discomfort, away from distractions. In this context, we can focus on confronting the temptations that can lead us away from fulfilling God's plan in our lives. The absence of normal consolations and amusements enables us to rely on God's help, as Jesus did. Thus, when faced with the burdens of our own crosses, we will not be lured away by temptation but will be able to embrace and carry them as Jesus embraced his.

Fortunately for us, we don't embark on this journey alone. Jesus has gone before us precisely so that he could be with us and help us. When we are united to him, his strength is made manifest in us and there is no temptation we can't resist. So let us avail ourselves of that help and embark on our Lenten journey with confidence in the Lord.

*Yours in Christ, Fr. Lawrence*

## MASS INTENTIONS

SAT	03/08	5:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	† Glen Jacobsen
SUN	03/09	7:00 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	† Ray & Violet Molczyk
		9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART	† Jim & Dee Larchick
		11:00 a.m.	ST. THERESA'S	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
MON	03/10	9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART	Communion Service
TUE	03/11	5:30 p.m.	SACRED HEART	† Lyle, Becky, & Margaret Kelly
WED	03/12	9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART	† Bill McQuillan
THU	03/13	5:00 p.m.	ST. CATHARINE'S	† Virginia (Pfeifer) Worden
FRI	03/14	8:15 a.m.	ST. CATHARINE'S	† Aggie Hinkle
SAT	03/15	5:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	† Bud Brown
SUN	03/16	7:00 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	† Leona Schmidt
		9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART	PEOPLE OF PARISH
		11:00 a.m.	ST. THERESA'S	† Fr. Jim Murphy

## COMMUNION SERVICES

**SM** at 8:00 a.m.

**SH** at 9:00 a.m.

## Holy Father's Prayer Intention of the Month:

### For families in crisis:

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

## Bulletin Deadline

**Tuesday 12:00 noon.**

**Please email information to both SM and SH. Email addresses on front of bulletin.**

**REST IN PEACE** Our condolences and prayers to the family of Mary Zwiener buried from St. Michael's. May she rest in peace.



## First Reconciliation

**rescheduled to March 16:**

St. Theresa— 12:00 p.m.

St. Michael— 3:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart— 5:00 p.m.



**The Grand Island Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is sponsoring a \$250 college scholarship** to a Senior Girl from the GI Deanery. Applications can be found at your local school counselors or your parish rep. Parish reps are Janelle Pritchard (Spalding), Sharon Swett (Ericson) and Vicki Harvey (Greeley). April 1 is the due date for the application. They are to be returned to Vicki Harvey by April 1.

## PARISH MEETINGS


**ST Altar Society:** Sunday, March 9, after Mass


**SH Pastoral Council:** Wed., Mar 12, 8pm

**SM CDA:** Thursday, March 20, 7pm

## K of C #1312

**Dues** of \$30 to Matt Pfeifer,  
 PO Box 84,  
 Scotia, NE 68875

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION	WEEKLY	MONTHLY
St. Michael's Church	Thursday 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	First Friday, 24 hr., 9:00 a.m. All other Fridays 9:00 a.m. —3:00 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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"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me." - *DEUTERONOMY 26:10*

**Knights of Columbus #1312 Fish Fry**  
**SH church basement— Friday, March 14, 5:30—7:00pm**




**K of C # 1312 Thank You**—everyone who helped make *One Rose One Life* a success, over \$900 was raised. Tom Donovan is the Knight of the month for January for his volunteer work painting our basement kitchen. Pat Donovan is Knight of the month for February as Pat & his crew organized/prepared the breakfast in February.

**LENTEN RESOURCES:** Look for the Word Among Us booklets, Little Black books, and CRS Rice Bowls for giving to the poor, in the back of the church.

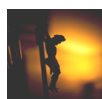
**In this Jubilee Year of the Church**, Bishop Hanefeldt has designated one church in each deanery of the Grand Island Diocese where the faithful can make a pilgrimage to obtain a plenary indulgence. These churches are: St. Mary's Cathedral in Grand Island, Prince of Peace in Kearney, Holy Spirit in North Platte, and St. Agnes in Scottsbluff. Prayer cards are available in our Families in Faith parishes with instructions on how to obtain a plenary indulgence listed on the reverse side. Please consider participating in this opportunity to renew ourselves as "Pilgrims of Hope" in our diocese during this Jubilee Year.

**SM/St. Anne**  
**March Church Cleaning:** Peace -Side A,  
**Prefects:** Michelle Weltruski & Laura Hall  
**Rotation:** Trust, Peace, Faith  
**March Men's Club Team #3:** Dan Mailander



	SA HAPPENINGS
Mon Mar 10	Speech at Riverside; 7:00 School Board Meeting
Tue Mar 11	Johnny Appleseed Day
Wed Mar 12	Adoration; 2:20-5:30 Lego League; 5:30 Lego League Presentation Night; State Boys BB Tournament (D1)
Thu Mar 13	8:15 Stations of the Cross (12); State Boys BB Tournament
Fri Mar 14	Spring Break; No School; State Boys BB
Sat. Mar 15	Ides of March; State Spelling Bee; State Boys BB Tournament

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
**Fridays during Lent**  
**SH—5:00 p.m.**  
**SM—7:00 p.m.**



**LUCKY DAY CALENDAR**  
**LOTTERY WINNER**  
Our Sunday, March 9th winner of \$200 is Dora Miller of Spalding.









# Thank you

to St. Theresa's, Sacred Heart, & St. Michael's  
parishioners for a successful  
Families in Faith 20th Annual Development Dinner!

Income: \$39,755.00

Expenses: \$ 9,742.70

Net Income: \$30,012.30