

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 20, 2025

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

SUNDAY SCRIPTURES
July 27: Genesis 18:20-32
Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8
Colossians 2:12-14
Luke 11:1-13

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

Martha’s Syndrome

Dear people of God,

Eugene O’Kelly was the chairman and chief executive of KPMG, one of America’s big four accounting firms. In May 2005 he was diagnosed with late-stage brain cancer and had only three months to live. He writes of those final few months of life in a book he wrote, entitled “**Chasing Daylight**”. In his own words: “My calendar was perpetually extended out over the next 18 months. I was always moving at 100 miles an hour. I worked all the time. I worked weekends. “I worked late into many nights. I missed virtually every school function for my younger daughter. My annual travel schedule averaged, conservatively, 150,000 miles. “For the first 10 years of my marriage, when I was climbing the ladder at KPMG, Corinne and I rarely went on vacation. After that, vacations were mostly rolled into the corporate outings I was required to attend.” After his diagnosis he finally slowed down, and then, he writes, “I discovered depths to which a business person rarely goes, and learned how worthwhile it was to visit there, and sooner rather than later.” Eugene O’Kelly had the Martha syndrome - absorbed by a relentless and all-consuming work schedule.

Today’s Gospel is not a story about the priority of hearing the word over that of serving. This is a story about the difference between hearing and agitated toil. In other words, it’s not what Martha is doing that is the problem; it’s the way that she’s doing it. Jesus replies, “Martha, Martha, you worry and fret about so many things...” Jesus addresses Martha because he is concerned that she is worried and fatigued. Jesus uses the example of Martha to speak to us, to say that when we are filled with anxiety and depleted, it is important to listen to the people who love us and to hear the voice of God in our lives. This is why Jesus says that listening is the better part. Not that it is more important than working or doing. But because it is only through listening that the work we do will give us life. *Yours in Christ, Fr. Lawrence*

MASS INTENTIONS				
SAT	07/19	5:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL’S	† Roland & Maude Vrba & Joan Nordhues
SUN	07/20	7:00 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL’S	PEOPLE OF PARISH
		9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART	† Peggy Ondracek
		11:00 a.m.	ST. THERESA’S	† Barb Anderson
MON	07/21	5:30 p.m.	SACRED HEART	† John Kehler
TUE	07/22	9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART	† Pat Scott
WED	07/23	9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART	Communion Service
THU	07/24	5:00 p.m.	ST. CATHARINE’S	Luella Keber
FRI	07/25	8:15 a.m.	ST. CATHARINE’S	† John Scheef
SAT	07/26	5:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL’S	† Kenneth Miller
SUN	07/27	7:00 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL’S	† Lewis & Margaret Berger, & Diane Nickolite
		9:00 a.m. 11:00a.m.	SACRED HEART ST. THERESA’S	† Dolores Harrahill PEOPLE OF PARISH

WE WELCOME INTO THE CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN FAITH

Harper June Glaser, daughter of Michael & Haley Glaser, baptized July 13 at St. Michael’s Church.

REST IN PEACE

Our condolences and prayers to the family of Dick Stromp buried from St. Michael’s. May he rest in peace.

Thank you to all who participated in our 2nd annual Eucharistic Procession last Saturday. What a blessing to celebrate our Lord’s Real Presence in the Eucharist.

SM CDA Mtg: Thursday, July 24, 7pm. Ed Carlin is the lucky winner of the CDA quilt raffle. Thanks to all who supported us!

COMMUNION SERVICES

SM at 8:00 a.m.

SH at 9:00 a.m.

Holy Father’s Prayer

Intention of the Month:

For formation in discernment.

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday 12:00 noon.

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

SAVE THE DATE:

SA Booster Kickoff

Saturday, Sept 6th

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION	MONTHLY
St. Michael’s Church	First Friday, 24hr, 9:00 a.m. All other Fridays 9:00 a.m. —6:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Chapel	First Tuesday, 24 hr., 9:00 a.m.
St. Theresa’s	Last Sunday of month for Vocations, 10:30 a.m.

ST. MICHAEL’S	SACRED HEART	ST. THERESA’S
LECTOR July 26: Don Pritchard July 27: Troy Kleffner	LECTOR July 27: Larry Wood	LECTOR July 27: Julie Landgren
EMHC July 26: Jean Herrera, Sarah Seamann, Jerry & Marlynn Scheef July 27: Dan Bauer, Joe Seamann	EMHC July 27: Susie Lammers, Mike Wood, Matt Pfeifer	EMHC July 27: Helen Plugge, Jenna Landgren
HOSPITALITY MINISTERS July 26: Bob & Micki Carlin, Maureen Seamann, Patty Connelly July 27: Kara & Jeremiah Seamann, Tom Asche, Bill Spelic	HOSPITALITY MINISTERS July 27: Pat & Shelly Donovan	HOSPITALITY MINISTERS July 27: Jake & Shelby Kasselder
ALTAR SERVERS July 26: Aubrie & Brittni Ray, Stetson McManaman July 27: Seamann Boys	ALTAR SERVERS July 27: Breckyn Straka, Brinley Foster Collins Holley	MUSIC MINISTRY July 27: Matt & Linda
MUSIC MINISTRY July 26: Dan Walsh July 27: Dan Walsh	ROSARY July 27: Cathy Hansen	CHURCH CLEANING July: Sue Patrick, Leslie Scott, Shelby Kasselder
<div>SM CDA Rosary, Thursdays, before Mass, 4:30 in the chapel.</div> <div></div>	SACRISTAN July 27: Cathy Hansen	PRAYER CHAIN Call: Helen Plugge, Sue Patrick
THE LORD’S PORTION July 13 Envelopes \$ 4,045 ACH/online \$ 125 Plate \$ 593 Weekly total \$ 4,763 Total July 1st to date \$ 9,637	THE LORD’S PORTION July 13 Envelopes \$ 1,608 ACH/online \$ 20 Plate \$ 286 Weekly total \$ 1,914 Total July 1 to date \$ 4,397	THE LORD’S PORTION July 13 Envelopes \$ 4,820 Plate \$ 162 Weekly total \$ 4,982 Total July 1st to date \$ 5,535

“...I am a minister in accordance with God’s stewardship given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God.”

COLOSSIANS 1:25

Natural Family Planning Week July 20-26.

“Pursue a lasting love...Marriage. Create hope for the future! Natural Family Planning, Supporting God’s gifts of love and life in marriage” is the theme of this year’s national Natural Family Planning Awareness week.

NFP week is an educational campaign of the USCCB to celebrate God’s design for married love and the gift of life to raise awareness of NFP methods. These dates highlight the anniversary of Humanae vitae (July 25) as well as the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne (July 26), the parents of the Blessed Mother.

REMINDER: Attention Irish Fest workers! Pick up your volunteer sign up sheet by August 14. Contact Mickie Smyth 308-223-0084. IrishFest is September 20.

LUCKY DAY CALENDAR LOTTERY

WINNER Our Sunday, July 20th winner of \$200 is Dan & Janet Reilly. Congratulations!

SM/St. Anne

July Church Cleaning: Hope A

Prefect: Kate Connelly

Rotation: Peace,Faith, Hope

July Men’s Club Team #7: John Bernt, Gary Miller

Greeley County Fair Stand Schedule-August 4-6

2025 FAIR STAND SCHEDULE:

Monday

Joy A

Joy B

Hope A

Tuesday

Hope B

Faith A

Faith B

Wednesday

Trust A

Trust B

Peace A

10:30-2:30

2:30-6:30

6:30-10:30

Cleaning the stand before and after the fair: Peace B

The fair stand went very well last year and we appreciate all the volunteers and their help. We are looking for volunteers for various jobs for this year, so it can be successful as well. We need about 12 volunteers to help be "gophers". We are in need of men who want to work in the stand and Workers for hire to work in the stand with a recommended pay of \$15/hour (recommended age 14 and older).

If you are unable to work your shift, please contact your prefect for the list of those available to work in lunch stand this year.

Also Needed: Hamburger donations for the BBQ. If you can help us out we would appreciate it!

Contact: Sharon Seamann 308-750-4667

Sacred Heart Altar Society Circle Leaders for 2025-2026

Circle 1: Jackie Nekoliczak, Teresa Winter, Kelli Wood

Circle 2: Patty Harris, Jeanette Walsh, Kathleen Kennedy

Circle 3: Karen Happ, Arlene Wrzenski, Jackie Nordhues

Thank you for volunteering.