

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 17, 2025

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

SUNDAY SCRIPTURES

August 24: Isaiah 66:18-21

Psalm 117:1, 2

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Luke 13:22-30

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Purification and Transformative Nature of God's Mission

Dear people of God,

This Sunday's Gospel reflects the polarizing effect of the gospel, which challenges established beliefs and calls for a radical commitment to God. Jesus uses the fiery metaphors to symbolize the purifying and transformative nature of His mission. Fire represents judgement and purification, while baptism signifies renewal and initiation into new life in Christ. Jesus' words highlight the cost of discipleship and the need for a wholehearted commitment to His mission. The imagery of fire and baptism reminds believers of the transformative power of God's Spirit. It speaks of the process of inner purification and renewal that occurs through faith and surrender to God's will.

Jesus admonishes the people for not recognizing the signs of the times. This underscores the importance of spiritual discernment and awareness of God's presence and activity in the world. The call of Jesus to recognize the signs of the times invites believers to cultivate spiritual discernment and attentiveness to God's guidance. It encourages a deeper understanding of God's purpose and a responsive posture to His healing. Jesus' urging to settle matters quickly underscores the fleeting nature of opportunities for repentance and reconciliation. It emphasizes the importance of responding promptly to God's grace and the call to seek forgiveness and restoration. Remember this: God loves the sinners, mixed with repentance, rather than the virtuous people seasoned with pride.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Lawrence

MASS INTENTIONS					
SAT	08/16	5:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	† Jay & Veronica Ray	
SUN	08/17	7:00 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	† Rita & Bob Bishop	
		9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART	† James Scott family	
		11:00 a.m.	ST. THERESA'S	PEOPLE OF PARISH	
MON	08/18	5:30 p.m.	SACRED HEART	Cameron Connelly	
TUE	08/19	9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART	† Mary Haschke	
WED	08/20	9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART	Communion Service	
THU	08/21	5:00 p.m.	ST. CATHARINE'S	† Jerry & Joan Carraher	
FRI	08/22	8:15 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	† Cora & Laurence (Shorty) Esch	
SAT	08/23	5:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	† Bud Keber	
SUN	08/24	7:00 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	† Art & Leona Divis, Lyle Divis	
		9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART	PEOPLE OF PARISH	
		11:00a.m.	ST. THERESA'S	† Clara Smith	

REST IN PEACE Our condolences and prayers to the family of Denny Bopp buried from St. Michael's. May he rest in peace.

NEW—SM Ministry Appreciation Supper will be held Wednesday, August 27, 6:30 pm in the church basement. All those involved in ministries ( Lectors, Musicians, Holy Communion Distributors, Greeters/Ushers, & Sacristans) please attend and enjoy a wonderful meal & camaraderie. Fr. Lawrence will share some guidelines on these above mentioned ministries. Interested in joining a Ministry? You are welcome to attend also.

COMING

SOON!

SAVE THE DATE

St. Michael's 2nd annual Feast Day Celebration is coming soon. Mark your calendar! Saturday evening, Sept 27th. Mass 5pm, supper, door prizes, family fun celebration to follow. Don't miss out!

COMMUNION SERVICES

SM at 8:00 a.m.

SH at 9:00 a.m.

Holy Father's Prayer

Intention of the Month:

For mutual coexistence

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

SM-No Coffee & rolls August 17 & August 24th.

Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday 12:00 noon.

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

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
<div><div>LECTOR</div><div>August 23: Ed McCarthy</div><div>August 24: Duane Seamann</div></div> <div><div>EMHC</div><div>August 23: Lee &amp; Tammy Diessner, Stacey Bauer, Duane Seamann</div><div>August 24: Ryan &amp; Katy Seamann</div></div> <div><div>HOSPITALITY MINISTERS</div><div>August 23: Aprill Murphy, Allan Rolf, Owen Seamann, PJ Diessner</div><div>August 24: Tom Asche, Dan Mailander, Joe Seamann, Marilyn Leslie</div></div> <div><div>ALTAR SERVERS</div><div>August 23: Kaleb &amp; Elijah Tenski, Camryn Carraher</div><div>August 24: Addyson, Brynn &amp; Clay Seamann</div></div> <div><div>MUSIC MINISTRY</div><div>August 23: Matt, Linda, Jemela</div><div>August 24: Dan &amp; Kelly</div></div> <div>SM CDA Rosary, Thursdays, before Mass, 4:30 in the chapel.</div>	<div><div>LECTOR</div><div>August 24: Devin Beck</div></div> <div><div>EMHC</div><div>August 24: Jason McIntyre, Jackie Nekoliczak</div></div> <div><div>HOSPITALITY MINISTERS</div><div>August 24: Pat &amp; Shelly Donovan</div></div> <div><div>ALTAR SERVERS</div><div>August 24: Jack &amp; Addy Ryan, Breckyn Straka</div></div> <div><div>MUSIC MINISTRY</div></div> <div><div>ROSARY</div><div>August 24: Cathy Hansen</div></div> <div><div>SACRISTAN</div><div>August 24: Cathy Hansen</div></div> <div><div>COLLECTION COUNTERS</div><div>August 24: Tom &amp; Jackie</div></div>	<div><div>LECTOR</div><div>August 24: Leslie Scott</div></div> <div><div>EMHC</div><div>August 24: Helen Plugge, Sandy Miller</div></div> <div><div>HOSPITALITY MINISTERS</div><div>August 24: Jake &amp; Shelby Kasselder</div></div> <div><div>MUSIC MINISTRY</div><div>August 24: Matt &amp; Linda</div></div> <div><div>CHURCH CLEANING</div><div>August: Angela Smith, Deb Eschliman, Sheila Luoma</div></div> <div><div>PRAYER CHAIN</div><div>Call: Helen Plugge, Sue Patrick</div></div> <div><div>ROSARY</div><div>For Vocations—Sundays 10:30 a.m. prior to Mass</div></div> <div>Thursday morning Communion Service 9:00 a.m. followed by Rosary and Adoration.</div>
<div>THE LORD'S PORTION</div> <div>August 10</div> <div>Envelopes \$ 7,680</div> <div>ACH/online \$ 125</div> <div>Plate \$ 513</div> <div>Weekly total \$ 8,318</div> <div>Total July 1st to date \$29,268</div>	<div>THE LORD'S PORTION</div> <div>August 10</div> <div>Envelopes \$ 2,732</div> <div>ACH/online \$ 0</div> <div>Plate \$ 410</div> <div>Weekly total \$ 3,142</div> <div>Total July 1 to date \$14,784</div>	<div>THE LORD'S PORTION</div> <div>August 10</div> <div>Envelopes \$ 465</div> <div>Plate \$ 259</div> <div>Weekly total \$ 724</div> <div>Total July 1st to date \$ 8,570</div>

"Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."

LUKE 12:51

SH -Knights of Columbus

are sponsoring an Elvis impersonator, Joseph Hall, on Friday, August 22nd at 7 PM at old Sacred Heart gym. Doors open at 5:30. Advanced tickets are \$20 & \$30 at the door. Bring a friend!

What has passed our lips as food, O Lord, may we possess in purity of heart, that what has been given to us in time may be our healing for eternity.

SA BOOSTER KICKOFF

Saturday, Sept 6th. Mass 5pm. Dinner 6pm at the Parish Center. Auction to follow.

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 office for details. To donate thru WeShare go to: [families-infaith.com](https://families-infaith.com) and click on WeShare.

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

Welcome back to a new school year to our students, faculty, parents, & staff. Good luck and may God bless you with wisdom, knowledge & understanding.

Reminder:

No St. Michael CDA meeting in August.

SM/St. Anne

August Church Cleaning: Hope B

Prefect: Nancy Glesinger, Starla Roach

Rotation: Faith, Hope, Joy

August Men's Club Team #8: Tim Pfeifer, Bill Thome

LUCKY DAY CALENDAR LOTTERY

WINNER Our Sunday, August 17th winner of \$200 is Zach Diessner. Congratulations!