Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time August 24, 2025

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

SUNDAY SCRIPTURES

August 31: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 Psalm 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11 Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a Luke 14:1. 7-14

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Kingdom of God through Narrow Door!

Dear people of God,

In the Gospel, Jesus begins by emphasizing the urgency of striving to enter through the narrow door. It reminds us that following Jesus requires commitment, effort, and perseverance. The narrow door symbolizes the challenging and disciplined path of discipleship. Jesus warns against presuming one's place in the kingdom based on association and familiarity. What matters is a genuine relationship with Him and living according to His teaching.

Some people obviously think that what Jesus was saying is unfair: "We once ate and drank in His company. Surely that must count for something?" "You taught in our streets, we heard you preach". In other words, "Lord, I went to a Catholic school; I attended Mass regularly; I've read the Gospels." But what did we do about it? Well, not much at all. It is a waste of time unless it reflects a true commitment, a genuine conversion. We can be very devout as long as it doesn't cause any inconvenience to our way of life. There is no room for fence-sitters in the kingdom of God.

There were two monks walking beside a river, an older monk and a young novice. The young novice had never seen such a wide river before. He was absolutely fascinated. He kept on pestering the older monk with endless questions about the river. Where does the river come from? Where is it going? How fast is it flowing? How deep is it? Is the water hot or cold? Can you drink the water? The questions went on and on. Totally exasperated, the older monk pushed the novice into the river. There you are! Now you know!

We can spend a lot of time looking at the river, asking questions about the river, but there comes a moment when we have to jump in. It is a moment of commitment, of awakening, a moment of enlightenment, a moment of conversion. Yours in Christ, Fr. Lawrence

MASS INTENTIONS				COMMUNION SERVICES
SAT	08/23	5:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S † Bud Keber	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. Bulletin Deadline Tuesday 12:00 noon. Please email information to both SM and SH. Email addresses on front of bulletin.
SUN	08/24	7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S † Art & Leona Divis, Lyle Divis SACRED HEART PEOPLE OF PARISH ST. THERESA'S † Clara Smith	
MON	08/25	5:30 p.m.	SACRED HEART † John Kehler	
TUE	08/26	9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART † Bill Nowak	
WED	08/27	8:15 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S † Pat & R.P. Carraher (All School Mass)	
THU	08/28	5:00 p.m.	ST.CATHARINE'S Joyce Cote	
FRI	08/29	8:00 a.m.	ST. CATHARINE'S Communion Service	
SAT	08/30	5:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S Pete(†) & Kitty Carlin	
SUN	08/31	7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S PEOPLE OF PARISH SACRED HEART + Keith Callahan ST. THERESA'S Mike & Anna Smith	

COMMUNION SERVICES

Holy Father's Prayer Intention of the Month:

Reminder: SM Ministry Appreciation Supper this Wednesday, Aug. 27th, 6:30pm., in the Parish Center (location change). Lectors, Musicians, Holy Communion Distributors, Greeters/ushers, & Sacristans, we appreciate YOU! Please attend and enjoy a wonderful meal & camaraderie. Interested in joining a ministry? You are welcome to attend!

Sacred Heart Community Clean Up Day on Saturday, September 13, starting

at 9:00 am. Please bring cleaning supplies, brooms, shovels, etc. Many hands make light work. Thank you! **SH Knights of the Month**

Thank you to Scott Wood & his crew Mike Wood. Tom Donovan. and Jason & Jackson McIntyre for all the work they did rebuilding the shutters on the steeple of the church.



SM Confirmation Classes start Sept. 3rd at 7pm in Church Basement. Confirmation Retreat is Saturday. Oct. 11th. More details to come.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION	MONTHLY	
St. Michael's Church	First Friday, Sept 5 , 24hr, 9:00 a.m. All other Fridays 9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.	
Sacred Heart Chapel	First Tuesday, Sept 2, 24hr., 9:00 a.m.	
St. Theresa's	Last Sunday of month for Vocations, 10:30 a.m.	

ST. MICHAEL'S **LECTOR** August 30: Knights of Columbus August 31: Knights of Columbus **EMHC** August 30: Knights of Columbus August 31: Knights of Columbus **HOSPITALITY MINISTERS** August 30: Knights of Columbus August 31: Knights of Columbus **ALTAR SERVERS** August 30: Mike Mahony family August 31: Adam Glaser, Haden Bernt, Larry Diessner **MUSIC MINISTRY** August 30: Matt. Linda

August 31: Dan

August 17

SM CDA Rosary, Thursdays, before Mass, 4:30 in the chapel. **.....**

Envelopes \$ 3,905

ACH/online \$ 125

Weekly total \$ 4,667

July 1st to date \$33,935

THE LORD'S PORTION

Plate

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August 17 Envelopes \$ 1,775 ACH/online \$ 40 510 Plate Weekly total \$ 2,325 Total July 1 to date \$ 17,109

LECTOR

August 31: Shawn O'Connor

EMHC

August 31: Susie Lammers, Janet Wood August 31: Jenna Landgren, Shelby Mike Wood

SACRED HEART

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS August 31: Tom & Jackie Nekoliczak

ALTAR SERVERS

August 31: Wren Nekoliczak, Beka Wood Hadlee Buettner

MUSIC MINISTRY

ROSARY

August 31: Annette Ackman

SACRISTAN August 31: Patty Harris

COLLECTION COUNTERS

August 31: Donna & Karen

LECTOR

August 31: Mark Smith

EMHC

Kasselder

ST. THERESA'S

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS

August 31: Travis & Jessica Reich

MUSIC MINISTRY

August 31: Matt & Linda

CHURCH CLEANING

August: Angela Smith, Deb Eschliman, Sheila Luoma

PRAYER CHAIN

Call: Helen Plugge, Sue Patrick

ROSARY

For Vocations—Sundays 10:30 a.m. prior to Mass

Thursday morning Communion Service 9:00 a.m. followed by Rosary and Adoration.

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August 17 Envelopes \$ 635 \$ 298 Plate Weekly total \$ 933 Total July 1st to date \$ 9,503

"For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last." LUKE 13:30

\$ 637

Sacred Heart Parish Garden Produce Exchange

Do you have an abundance of garden produce to share? If so, please bring to SH Church on Sunday mornings. There will be a table set up outside the east door for sharing or exchange. We will begin this Sunday, Aug. 24th after 9am Mass and continue throughout summer/early fall. Join in a beautiful gesture of friendship & shared stewardship.

WINNER winner of \$200 is Congrats Harper!!

LUCKY DAY CALENDAR LOTTERY Our Sunday, August 24th Harper Esch.

SA HAPPENINGS Mon Aug 25 5:00 HS Charger VB (Summerland/BC) Jamboree at Tue Aug 26 Wed Aug 27 Feast of St Monica; 8:15 All School Mass (12) Thu Aug 28 9:30 JH & HS Charger XC at St. Paul; 5:30 & 630 HS Charger JV/V VB vs. CWC at Spalding Fri Aug 29 Feast of St. John the Baptist; 7:00 HS Charger FB vs Central Valley at CR

SA Booster Kick-off, Sept. 6th. Dinner/Auction to follow 5pm Mass.

The St. Anne's officers and fair stand committee would like to thank all who helped in any way during the fair week. A big thanks to all who donated beef, goodies, & other food, A special thanks to the Knights of Columbus and Gary Langer for the use of their trailers. We also appreciate the new refrigerator that was donated for the fair stand. It would not have been successful without each one of you!

St. Michael & St. Theresa's 2nd Annual Feast Day ■ Celebrations coming soon. Mark your calendar! ■ St. Michael's, Saturday evening, Sept 27th, after 5pm Mass with supper & entertainment to follow. ■ St. Theresa's, Sunday, Sept 28th, after 11am Mass with a potluck to follow. Family fun celebrations and door prizes for all. Please join us.

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