The Exaltation of the Holy Cross September 14, 2025

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

SUNDAY SCRIPTURES

Sept 21: Amos 8:4-7 Psalm 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Luke 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Feast of the Exaltation of the holy Cross, the Immortal Tree. Dear people of God,

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. We honor the cross on which Jesus Christ was crucified, symbolizing His victory over death and the salvation of humanity. The Exultation of the Cross has its roots in the early Christian tradition, particularly linked to the discovery of the True Cross by Saint Helena, the mother of Emperor Constantine, around 326 AD. She found the cross during her pilgrimage to Jerusalem, where she also oversaw the construction of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. The feast was first celebrated in the Eastern Church and was later adopted by the Western Church in the 7th century after the cross was recovered from the Persians.

The Exultation of the Cross serves as a reminder of the sacredness of the cross, which, despite being an instrument of torture, has been transformed into a symbol of hope and salvation for Christians. It emphasizes the belief that through Christ's suffering and death, humanity is offered redemption. It invites us to contemplate the profound mystery of the cross as a source of life and hope. According to St. John Chrysostom, "The Cross is the hope of Christians, the staff of the lame, the comfort of the poor, the destruction of all pride, the victory over evil, the rest of the afflicted, the physician of the sick, the glory of Martyrs."

This feast encourages us to embrace our own crosses in life, drawing strength from Christ's example. The cross is seen not only as a reminder of suffering but also as a pathway to eternal life. This is a significant feast in the Christian calendar that celebrates the transformative power of the cross, inviting us to reflect on its meaning and implications for our lives. Fr. Lawrence

MASS INTENTIONS								
SAT	09/13	5:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S † Pete & Dorothy Nordhues					
SUN	09/14	7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S † E.J. Koenig SACRED HEART PEOPLE OF PARISH ST. THERESA'S Dean & Jodi Smith					
MON	09/15	9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART Communion Service					
TUE	09/16	9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART Communion Service					
WED	09/17	9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART Communion Service					
THU	09/18	5:00 p.m.	ST. CATHARINE'S Communion Service					
FRI	09/19	8:15 a.m.	ST. CATHARINE'S Communion Service (Gr.7-12)					
SAT	09/20	5:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S Pete (†) & Kitty Carlin					
SUN	09/21	7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S PEOPLE OF PARISH SACRED HEART † Barb McIntyre ST. THERESA'S Mark & Angela Smith					

REST IN PEACE Our condolences and prayers to the family of Bob McKenzie buried from Sacred Heart September 6. May he rest in peace.

Sacred Heart Ministry Appreciation Supper

Wednesday, September 17, 6:30 pm. All Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers/ Sacristans, Greeters/Ushers, and Musicians, we appreciate You! Please attend and enjoy a wonderful meal & camaraderie. Interested in joining a ministry? You are welcome to attend

PARISH MEETINGS ST Altar Society: Sunday, Sept 14, after Mass O'Connor 145th Celebration

The Friends of O'Connor cordially invite you to a Eucharistic celebration (Mass) at the Church of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, O'Connor, Sunday, Sept. 21, 2pm. Guests are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs. Mass will be celebrated in front of the historic 1905 church.

Fr. Dave Rykwalder, retired priest of the Diocese of Grand Island, will be the celebrant.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention of the Month: For our relationship with all of creation. Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

COMMUNION SERVICES SM at 8:00 a.m. SH at 9:00 a.m.

Bulletin Deadline Tuesday 12:00 noon. Please email information to both SM and SH. Email addresses on front of bulletin.

2nd Annual Feast Day Celebrations coming soon!! St Michael's—Sept 27th after 5pm Mass & St. Theresa's Sept. 28th after 11am Mass. Join us!

EUCHARISTIC 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 LECTOR			ST. THERESA'S LECTOR		
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Vicki & Dan Bauer		MUSIC MINISTRY			CHURCH CLEANING		
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	Kelly, Caitlin, Denise	Sept 21: Jason McIntyre			For Vocations—Sundays		
	Kelly, Caitlin, Denise	COLLECTION COUNTERS			10:30 a.m. prior to Mass		
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"Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." Luke 14:33

Total

July 1st to date \$ 45,898

OCIA—Order of Christian Initiation for Adults is for those interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and considering membership into the Catholic Church. If you are interested, we would like to journey with you in this experience. OCIA classes will commence in early October. For more information, please contact the church office 308-497-2662 or Patty Harris 308-380-0402.

DCCW FALL INSTITUTE Workers In The Vinevard is being offered in two locations. September 27 in Niobrara Valley Vineyards at Nenzel from 10-2. Registration held before. Call or text 308-325-3153 or 308-645-7058 if you plan to attend. The second option is October 11 at Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Kearney. Coffee, Rolls, Registration from 9-10. Program from 10-2. Call Vicki Harvey at 308-428-3098 or text 308-750-0579 by October 7 if you plan to attend so we can get a lunch count. Registration cost is \$25, payable at the door. Speaker is Sharon Doran helping us expand our knowledge of the Eucharist and why we have been chosen by God. Let Vicki know if you need a ride. She can take 3 people in her car. Also please note-husbands are welcome to attend this as well



July 1st to date \$ 25,941

Please remember in your prayers Gene Smyth who passed away recently. Gene was a 1958 graduate of Spalding Academy Gene was a loyal benefactor of our annual Developmen Dinner and faithfully donated the "Trip for 2 to Vegas/Cash Raffle Prize". He started this tradition in 2006, our 1st annual Develop. Dinner and continued through 2023. Fr. Harold Kurtenbac was the first winner! Rest in peace Gene.

		SA HAPPENINGS				
n e	Mon Sep 15	Feast of St Catherine of Genoa; 3:00 JH Charger FB, 4:00 JH Charger VB vs. Archangels at Spalding, 5:00 JVFB vs Archangels; 6:00 HS Charger FB vs Archangels				
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	Thu Sep 18	4:30 HS Charger XC at Central City (Valley View Country Club); 5:30 HS Charger JV/V VB at Archangels (Humphrey)				
d ch	Fri Sep 19	8:15 Communion Service in chapel, gr.7-12 (11); 2:30 All School Dismissal; 3:00 HS Charger FB vs Archangels at Spalding				
	Sat Sep 20	10:00 HS Charger JV VB Tournament at CR				

SM/St. Anne

September Church Cleaning: Joy A

Prefect: Theresa Hitchler; Rotation: Faith, Hope, Joy

September Men's Club Team #9: Brian McManaman, LJ Roach



