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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK **Placing God above Everything**

..... Dear people of God,

Jesus says in today's Gospel, "Anyone who does not renounce all that one has, (family, possession, and even oneself), cannot be my disciples".

Family is meant to be a school of holiness, a place in which we can exercise Christ-like love. Certainly, our lives are good, too. God himself created them! Finally, our possessions are necessary to us; they make it possible for us to live, contribute to society, serve each other, and worship God.

It is possible, however, to be so consumed by any of these things that we stop looking at Jesus and orienting our lives toward him. And a life of discipleship is a life that is oriented toward God and striving to be faithful to him. The key, therefore, is not that we are literally asked to give up our family or our possessions, but that we are willing to give these things up for love of God. It is our willingness that makes all the difference.

Ultimately, what Jesus is getting at is what it means to be a disciple. Discipleship requires sacrifice, he is saying. It requires the willingness to give up everything for love of God. And although we are not all asked to give up our possessions or our families, we are all called to make smaller sacrifices each day in order to train ourselves to say “yes” to God. Whether it’s getting up a little early to pray or being patient with our children, we learn, by our smaller sacrifices, what Jesus means when he asks us to hate even our own lives in order to love him.

At this liturgy, we become present to Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. He offers himself to his Father in an act of love that cost him everything. May Jesus grant us a share in his generosity and courage so we might be willing to do whatever it takes to orient our lives to him. *Fr. Lawrence*

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SAT	09/06	5:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	Richard & (†) Aggie Hinkle
SUN	09/07	7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S SACRED HEART ST. THERESA'S	† Mary Zwiener † Bill Nowak PEOPLE OF PARISH
MON	09/08	8:15 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S SACRED HEART	† Jim Kleffner Jr. (Grotto Mass) Cameron Connelly
TUE	09/09	9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART	† Mary Haschke
WED	09/10	9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART	Communion Service
THU	09/11	5:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	† Louis Zahm
FRI	09/12	8:00 a.m.	ST. CATHARINE'S	Communion Service
SAT	09/13	5:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	† Pete & Dorothy Nordhues
SUN	09/14	7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S SACRED HEART ST. THERESA'S	† E.J. Koenig PEOPLE OF PARISH Dean & Jodi Smith

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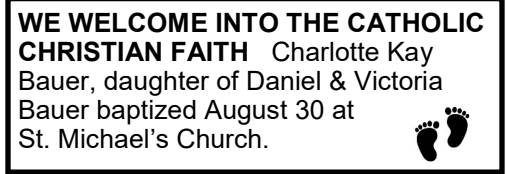
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OCIA—Order of Christian Initiation for Adults is for those interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and considering membership into the Catholic Church. If you are interested, we would like to journey with you in this experience. OCIA classes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

SH 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.

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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.

School Board: Monday, Sept 8, 8:00 pm
ST Altar Society: Sunday, Sept 14, after Mass

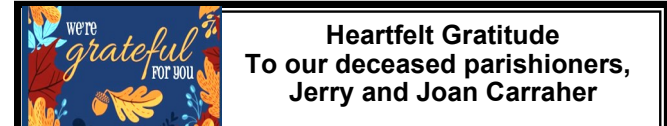
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**Feast of
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**Heartfelt Gratitude
To our deceased parishioners,
Jerry and Joan Carraher**

On behalf of St. Michael's Church, I would like to express our gratitude to our long-time parishioners, **Jerry & Joan Carraher**, for including our Church, as beneficiary, in their estate planning.

What a tremendous blessing this gift (\$20,000) is for our faith community. We remember Jerry & Joan for their thoughtfulness even in their final act of generosity (Estate Planning), kindness, years of fidelity, support, and love to St. Michael's Church. May they be blessed with eternal happiness in the presence of our Gracious God. *-Fr Lawrence*

Many thanks to the KC's and One Eyed Eddies for a wonderful night with "Elvis". The food and drinks were great and the show so professional and well done it could have been Vegas! Events like this keeps many of us "old folks" young at heart.
Mickey McFadden

	SA HAPPENINGS
Mon Sep 8	Feast of Nativity of Mary; 8:15 Grades 7-12 Mass(9)in the Grotto; Student Picture Day to follow Mass; Red Cross Bloodmobile; 5pm JV VB vs Twin River@ Genoa; 8:00pm School Board Meeting
Tue Sep 9	3:00 JH & HS Charger XC at Centura (Cairo Golf Course); 4:00 JH VB, 5:00 JH FB at CWC; 5:30 HS Charger VB TRI at Elba
Wed Sep 10	Activity Day No Classes; Grades 7-12 Students Attend Husker Harvest Days in G.I.
Thu Sep 11	5:00 HS Charger JV/V VB vs A/LC at CR
Fri Sep 12	2:00 All School Dismissal; 3:00 HS Charger FB vs High Plains at CR
Sat Sep 13	10:00 HS Charger VB Tournament at CR

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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

LUCKY DAY CALENDAR LOTTERY WINNER Our Sunday, Sept. 7th winner of \$200 is Karen Glesinger. Congratulations!

