First Sunday of Advent November 30, 2025

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

SUNDAY SCRIPTURES

Dec 7: Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm: 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Romans 15:4-9 Matthew 3:1-12

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK Dear people of God,

Advent: A Time of Spiritual Readiness and Vigilance

This Sunday, we begin the **Season of Advent.** In our culture, the advent season has become busy frenetic and exhausting. Jesus challenges us to live with a sense of spiritual readiness and vigilance.

Advent is an introverted season. The world around us does a lot of chatting, chattering, and contesting; Advent gives us a space for holy listening. The world does a lot of debating, deciding, and declaring; Advent calls us to reflect on the profound reality of who we are and whose we are.

Advent is an expectant season. Advent waiting is not a worrisome, dreary, or grim time. It reminds us that, even in the midst of challenges, our God is a God of Hope. The theologian, Dietrich Bonhoeffer said, "The celebration of advent is possible only to those who are troubled in soul, who know themselves to be poor and imperfect, and look forward to something greater to come".

Advent is a patient season. In inviting us to be patient, Advent shows us that even though we might be in an in-between place of hurrying and hesitating, watching and wondering, regretting and revising, - our God is a God, Ever-Present. As a Jesuit theologian and scientist Pierre Teilhard De Chardin said, "Above all, trust in the slow work of God. We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay."

This reflection encourages us to prioritize our relationship with God and to live with the sense of urgency in our faith journey. They call us to examine our hearts and remain faithful and watchful in all circumstances. Advent is inviting us to slow down to the speed of Joy. Despite the uncertainty and unpredictability, Jesus assures his disciples of God's faithfulness and promises that those, who remain spiritually ready and vigilant, will be rewarded.

Fr. Lawrence

MASS INTENTIONS							
SAT	11/29	5:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	† Vincent Langer			
SUN	11/30	7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S SACRED HEART ST. THERESA'S	† Frank & Maxine Thome & Deceased Family Members † James & Elizabeth Scott PEOPLE OF PARISH			
MON	12/01	5:30 p.m.	SACRED HEART	†Tom Harrahill (Teaching Mass)			
TUE	12/02	9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART	† Margaret Kelly			
THU	12/04	5:00 p.m.	ST. CATHARINE'S	† Pat Penne			
FRI	12/05	8:15 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	† Mark & Ag McManaman			
SAT	12/06	5:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	Richard & (†) Aggie Hinkle			
SUN	12/07	7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S SACRED HEART ST. THERESA	† Mary Kusek PEOPLE OF PARISH Travis & Paula Heinz & family			

CONGRATULATIONS to Nolan & Ragan Kratzer married November 22 at Sacred Heart.

Please note—There is a change to the Advent schedule. December 8th Feast day Mass at St. Theresa's will be 7pm. Sacred Heart Feast day Mass will be 5pm.

PARISH MEETINGS of C: Monday, Dec. 1, 8pm SM Pastoral: Thursday, Dec. 11, 7pm

A Sacristan is needed (one more volunteer) for St. Michael's Church. This entails the preparation of the sanctuary to ensure all is ready for Mass and other liturgical celebrations. Please contact the office if you can assist us.

COMMUNION SERVICES

SM at 8:00 a.m. **SH** at 9:00 a.m.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention of the Month:

For Christians in areas of conflict. Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

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

Communal Reconciliation

SM—Wednesday, Dec. 3, 7pm ST—Sunday, Dec. 7, after Mass SH-Wednesday, Dec.10, 7pm

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION	MONTHLY		
St. Michael's Church	First Friday, Dec. 5 , 24hr, 9:00 a.m All other Fridays 9:00 a.m. — 6:00 p.m.		
Sacred Heart Chapel	First Tuesday, Dec. 2, 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**

Dec 6: Sharon Seamann Dec 7: Sarah Seamann

EMHC

Dec 6: Lee & Tammy Diessner, Rich Rist,

Ann Glaser

Dec 7: Jeff & Janelle Pritchard

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS

Dec 6: Kurt & Holly Carraher, Patty Connelly, PJ Diessner Dec 7: Owen Seamann, Joe Seamann,

Jeremiah & Kara Seamann

ALTAR SERVERS

Dec 6: Haylee & Riley Ray, Stetson McManaman

Dec 7: Seamann Bovs

MUSIC MINISTRY

Dec 6: Glasers Dec 7: Kelly & Denise

Nov. 23

Total

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

THE LORD'S PORTION

Plate

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Nov. 23 Envelopes \$ 1,540 ACH/online \$ 20 Plate \$ 713 Weekly total \$ 2,273 Total July 1st to date \$ 63,850

LOTTERY WINNER

winner of \$200 is

Congratulations!

Julie Bloom.

Our Sunday, Nov. 30th

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." **MATTHEW 24:42**

Envelopes \$5,551

ACH/online \$ 1.460

Weekly total \$ 7,582

July 1st to date \$ 99,792

\$ 571

Please Note: SH Mass Monday. December 1 at 5:30 is in Sacred Heart Church. This will be a teaching Mass.

TRUSTING IN GOD'S PROVIDENCE Diocesan Annual Appeal 2025-26

Parish	\$ Goal	\$ Received		House- hold Goal	House- hold Total	% HH Goal
SH	\$16,674	\$ 10,728	64%	40	24	60%
ST	\$ 5,882	\$ 5,885	100%	15	16	107%
SM	\$18.083	\$14.887	82%	55	49	89%

SM/St. Anne

December Church Cleaning: Trust B Prefect: Maureen Seamann Rotation: Joy, Trust, Peace December Men's Club Team #4: Jeff Carraher.

Boots Seamann

LECTOR

Dec 7: Cathy Hansen

EMHC

Dec 7: Teresa Kehler, Shawn O'Connor

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS

Dec 7: Tony Wood family

ALTAR SERVERS

Dec 7: Brinley Foster, Charlie Ryan, Wren Nekoliczak

MUSIC MINISTRY

Dec 7: Men's Choir

ROSARY

Dec 7: Mick Foster

SACRISTAN

Dec 7: Mary Ann McQuillan

COLLECTION COUNTERS

Dec 7: Donna & Denny

SH CDA Christmas Party Sunday. December 7, 6:00 p.m. at Brick Palace. There will be a short meeting & Bunco to follow.

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ST. THERESA'S

LECTOR

EMHC

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS

MUSIC MINISTRY

CHURCH CLEANING

PRAYER CHAIN

ROSARY

10:30 a.m. prior to Mass

Thursday morning Communion Service

Dec: All women of St. Theresa's

Call: Helen Plugge, Sue Patrick

For Vocations—Sundays

and Adoration.

9:00 a.m. followed by Rosary

Dec 7: Julie Landgren, Lori King

Dec 7: John & Judy Schmit

Dec 7: Joyce Bos

Dec 7: Glasers

Nov. 23 Envelopes \$ 255 Plate \$ 336 Weekly total \$ 591 Total July 1st to date \$ 22,169

SA HAPPENINGS LUCKY DAY CALENDAR 4:30 JH Charger girls BB @ Mon Fullerton; SIGMA Math Dec. 1

Tue Giving Tuesday; Pre ACT Test for 9th and 10th grades Dec. 2

Competition Week

Wed Feast of St. Francis Xavier; 9am One Act Play Districts @ Wheeler Central; Catholic Math League; 3:30-5:30 Lego League;

7pm Parish Communal Reconciliation at SM

10:00 Student Picture Retakes: 11:00am CCC Registration: JV Dec. 4 TBA, 6:15 HS Charger BB vs EPPJ @ Elgin

Works of Mercy Day; 8:15 All School Mass: 2pm HS Dec. 5

Shamrock Bowling vs Plainview at Osmond (Main St Alley). 3pm All School early dismissal; 3pm JH Charger boys BB @ Elba. JV TBA, 6:00 HS Charger BB @ Elba.

SM Fall Drive Total to date: \$34,013.93. Donors: 30

SH First Fruits: **\$3,773.21**

Please help us extend a note of love and gratitude this Advent season to our local Seminarians, Religious Sisters, and our Deacons. It could be a reminder of spiritual support, encouragement, and the impact of their service & dedication. It could a simple "thinking of you" note. Thank them for their example of true witnesses of faith & express our gratitude for their vocation.

Religious Sisters

Sr Bernadette Rose Spelic

c/o Little Sisters of the Poor

St. Mary's Home

2325 N Lakewood Ave.

Chicago IL 60614-3112

Sr John Marion

Christ the King Villa Regina Motherhouse

4100 SW 56th Street

Lincoln, NE 68522-9261

Sr Mary Citlali Glaser

Please keep her in your prayers,

or mail your note to:

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Deacon Paul Nordhues

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Bartlett, NE 68622

Deacon Ron Glaser

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