

STEWARDSHIP, *a path to* HOLINESS

2019 STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL



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“Be holy because I am holy” (1 Peter 1:16).

Jesus wants us to be happy and He wants us to be holy. In fact, holiness is required of every baptized Christian. The good news is that holiness is within our reach and a holy life is a happy life — the deep and lasting kind of “happiness” that only our Lord can give. So, what is this holiness we are called to attain? It is nothing less than the call to sainthood, living our whole lives in and through Christ, and reflecting His love and goodness everywhere we go. In his Apostolic Letter, *On the Call for Holiness in our Modern World*, Pope Francis encourages us by speaking of the “saints next door.” When we think of holiness, we need not think only of those already-canonized saints. Rather, he says, *“I like to contemplate the holiness present in the patience of God’s people: In their daily perseverance, I see the holiness of the Church militant. A holiness found in our next-door neighbors, the middle class of holiness.”*

At Families in Faith, Stewardship is the path to this holiness our Lord asks of us. And our Annual Renewal is a grace-filled time to set ourselves once again on this path that will make us saints. Through a stewardship way of life, we allow Christ to permeate every aspect of our being. We invite the Holy Spirit to direct us in the use of all that the Father has given us — our Time, our Talent, and our Treasure. A stewardship way of life is a holy way of life and it leads us to the happiness we were made for.



“DO NOT BE AFRAID TO SET YOUR SIGHTS HIGHER, TO ALLOW YOURSELF TO BE LOVED AND LIBERATED BY GOD. DO NOT BE AFRAID TO LET YOURSELF BE GUIDED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT. HOLINESS DOES NOT MAKE YOU LESS HUMAN, SINCE IT IS AN ENCOUNTER BETWEEN YOUR WEAKNESS AND THE POWER OF GOD’S GRACE.” — POPE FRANCIS

TIME: SACRED MOMENTS

Prayer and the sacraments are food for the journey to holiness. We simply can't be saints without them! Through them we obtain the grace and daily direction we need from our Lord for holy living. By committing Time for prayer and sacraments, we pause and give back to God a portion of this most precious gift of Time — especially now in our fast-paced world. Yet it is we who are truly blessed by the giving of this gift.

After time spent with God, my next priority of time should be for my family and friends, whom I am called to love and serve most intimately.

- Try reflecting each morning on the daily readings of the Catholic Church (found at usccb.org/bible/readings) to ask God what He wants to teach you in the day ahead.
- Take a moment to pray in your car on the way to or from work, offering your cares and your gratitude to the Lord.
- As a family, give each member a chance to say a “please,” “thank you” and “I’m sorry” prayer to God at the end of the day. End with an *Our Father* and *Hail Mary*.
- In addition to Sunday Mass, make Sunday dinner a priority as a time to reconnect with loved ones before the start of a busy week.

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AND ADORATION.
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AND A NEED FOR
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GOD.”
— POPE FRANCIS



TALENT: SACRED SERVICE

During this moment of Renewal, think about the talents the Lord has given you and your family. In gratitude, ask Him how you can use those talents to become the “saints next door,” loving others as He has first loved you.

- Spend some time prayerfully reading the ministry catalog to consider an area of service that will truly stretch you or an area where you can provide a real strength.
- If you are already involved in one ministry, pray about an additional way you might serve. For instance, if you are involved in assisting with the Liturgy in some way, volunteer in an outreach to the community.
- If you are not active in a prayer or faith formation group, join one to learn how to better love and follow our Lord and His teachings.

“IF WE SEEK THE HOLINESS PLEASING TO GOD’S EYES, [THERE IS] ONE CLEAR CRITERION ON WHICH WE WILL BE JUDGED: ‘I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU GAVE ME FOOD, I WAS THIRSTY AND YOU GAVE ME DRINK, I WAS A STRANGER AND YOU WELCOMED ME, I WAS NAKED AND YOU CLOTHED ME, I WAS SICK AND YOU TOOK CARE OF ME, I WAS IN PRISON AND YOU VISITED ME.’”

— POPE FRANCIS



“THE HOLINESS TO WHICH THE LORD CALLS YOU WILL GROW THROUGH SMALL GESTURES.” — POPE FRANCIS

TREASURE: SACRED SPENDING

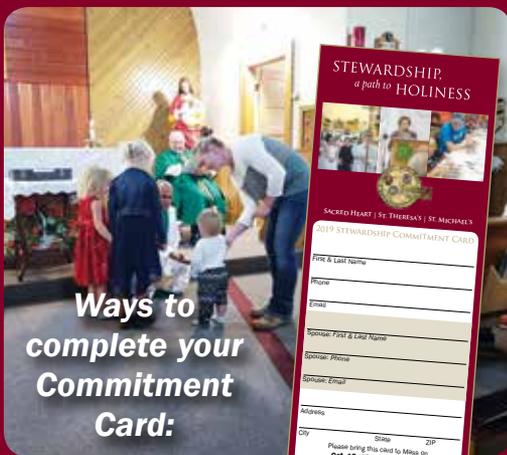
Just as Time and Talents are gifts from God, so too, are material things, or Treasure. And just as our Time and Talents are meant to be used for our growth in holiness, the way we spend our treasure can also lead us to holiness. Does this mean we serve a “greedy” God, who wants to give, and then take back what He gives? Of course not! Anything He asks us to do is meant to make us happy in Him. Returning a portion of our treasure to the Lord teaches us to depend on Him and brings a peace and contentment the world cannot give. Will you take a leap of faith to try it and see for yourself?

- Take a look at your current budget and spending habits and assess what expenses are preventing you from giving more selflessly.
- As a means to grow in holiness, commit to giving a percentage of your income to God through the parish offertory and be faithful to this commitment, even when you attend Mass elsewhere.

WHY FILL OUT A COMMITMENT CARD?

In today’s culture, it is easy to “say” one thing and “do” another. By filling out a Commitment Card, you are committing to a certain course of action. When God calls us, He doesn’t want us to say “yes” and then never do it. He desires that we be faithful to Him, faithful to His commands and faithful to our word. When we fill out a Commitment Card, we are saying, “God, I choose to commit myself to You and to a life lived for You. With Your grace, may I do as You desire.”

The Commitment Card helps each of us to become better stewards, and when that happens, we become a faith-filled people, ready to live our lives in gratitude for all He has given us!



**Ways to
complete your
Commitment
Card:**

- Complete it at home and bring it to Mass on Commitment Weekend, **October 12/13.**
- Complete it at home and mail it back to the parish.
- Complete one at Mass on Commitment Weekend.

2019 MINISTRIES

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Adult and Youth Lectors

Our parish lectors proclaim the Word of God during the Liturgy of the Word. Requirements include the ability and willingness to proclaim the Word of God to the congregation.

Sacred Heart: Tom Nekoliczak
(308) 428-5721

St. Michael's: (Adults) Dan Mailander
(308) 370-0202;

(Youth) Sarah Seamann (308) 550-0059

St. Theresa's: Joyce Bos (308) 654-3346

Altar Servers

Youth that assist the priest or bishop at liturgical services that require servers, such as daily and weekend Masses, funerals, and weddings. Altar servers must be in the fourth grade or older and have received their First Holy Communion.

Sacred Heart: Angie Pfeifer (785) 410-7285

St. Michael's: Janelle Pritchard (308) 497-2249

St. Theresa's: Jerilee Wright (402) 340-7138

Church Environment/Decorations

Creates an atmosphere and ambiance in accord with the liturgical seasons to enhance and enrich our worship space.

Sacred Heart: Ann Nowak (308) 428-4096

St. Michael: Therese Cockerill
(308) 497-2557

St. Theresa: Carol Olson (308) 653-2067

Communion to the Homebound

Parishioners who are trained Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) perform this ministry. They assist the pastor by visiting those who are homebound, bringing them Communion on every weekend and Holy Days of Obligation.

Sacred Heart: Sr. Mary Chamberlain
(308) 708-1791

St. Michael's: Sr. Mary Chamberlain
(308) 708-1791

St. Theresa's: Julie Landgren (402) 340-3915



Eucharistic/Perpetual Adoration

This ministry is making efforts to start and promote Perpetual Adoration for Families in Faith. Parishioners are provided with the opportunity to spend a miracle hour or more on first Fridays (SM), first Tuesdays (SH), and last Sundays of the month (ST) or 40 Hour Adoration in Lent.

Sacred Heart: Mary and Louie Bauer
(308) 428-5105

St. Michael's: Cindy and Ron Glaser
(308) 497-2476

St. Theresa's: Julie and Mark Landgren
(402) 340-9515

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC)

Lay Eucharistic Ministers assist with the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ at the Mass. This ministry is open to adults and youth who have been confirmed.

Sacred Heart: Janet Wood (308) 383-4653

St. Michael's: Ron Glaser (308) 497-2476

St. Theresa's: Helen Plugge (308) 654-3331

Hospitality Ministry

This is the ministry of welcoming people as they come for Mass. You assist with the collection and offertory during Mass and provide a tidy area for the next Mass. You will try to find a family who can take up the gifts during the offertory. This ministry is open to individuals, couples and families.

Sacred Heart: Donna Stromp (308) 750-1716

St. Michael's: Joe Seamann (308) 497-2740

St. Theresa's: Helen Plugge (308) 654-3331

Liturgical Planning Ministry

The Liturgical Planning Ministry works to organize liturgical needs and plans for various liturgical seasons (i.e. Advent, Lent), celebrations (i.e. priest jubilees) and liturgies (i.e. Christmas, Easter, funerals, weddings). They work closely with the Church Environment Ministry and the pastor.

Sacred Heart: Patty Harris (308) 428-5595

St. Michael's: Sr. Mary Chamberlain (308) 708-1791; Therese Cockerill (308) 497-2557

St. Theresa's: Barb Anderson (308) 653-2116; Maggie Smith (402) 416-9531

Music Ministry

The Music Ministry provides music for parish liturgical celebrations, as well as singers and instrumentalists for other parish events.

Sacred Heart: Mary Bauer (308) 428-5105

St. Michael's: Joan Hooker (308) 497-2589

St. Theresa's: Barb Anderson (308) 653-2116; Maggie Smith (402) 416-9531

Sacristan Ministry

The Sacristan Ministry coordinates the preparing and setting out of vessels, corporals and bread and wine for weekends, Holy Days of Obligation, weekdays, funerals, weddings and special Masses.

Sacred Heart: Robert Whalen (308) 428-4565

St. Michael's: Claire Kaiser (308) 497-2397
St. Theresa's: Carol Olson (308) 653-2067

OUTREACH AND SERVICE MINISTRIES

Development Ministry

Activities and events designed to celebrate and encourage the values of stewardship, development and charitable giving within our Families in Faith.

Development Dinner

Families in Faith Development Ministry hosts an annual Development Dinner celebrating the involvement of our parishioners throughout the year.

St. Michael's: Jeanie Hitchler (308) 497-2116

Fall Auction

A day of fellowship and family fun with dinner followed by a live auction.

St. Michael's: Stacey Bauer (308) 497-2672

Grandparents Dinner and Generations of Faith Luncheon

An opportunity for the youth to show the love and kindness everyone deserves and practice gratitude toward the elderly.

Sacred Heart: Jean Ann Harrahill (308) 428-4515

St. Michael's: Denise Spelic (308) 497-2662
St. Theresa's: Paula Heinz (308) 750-1097

Golf Tournament

This is an annual golf tournament to raise money for the Church.

St. Michael's: (308) 497-2662

Irish Festival

A festival that celebrates Greeley's strong Irish heritage. This all-day event on the third Saturday in September has become a statewide event. Sacred Heart community works together with the Greeley community to put on a festival highlighting the Irish culture through historical information, good food, music performances, Celtic dance, and bagpipers.

Sacred Heart: Mike McQuillan (308) 428-5775

Landscaping & Environment

An opportunity to contribute talents and expertise in maintaining the parish landscaping and grounds.

Sacred Heart: Tom Foster (308) 440-8604

St. Michael's: Nancy Esch (308) 497-2305
St. Theresa's: Rob Ita (308) 497-2547



Prayer Chain

A network of parishioners prays for intentions requested by fellow parishioners. Each prayer request is passed to dozens of parishioners via telephone.

*Sacred Heart: MaryAnn McQuillan
(308) 750-0644*

*St. Michael's: Mary Kay Fairbanks
(308) 497-2568;*

Darlene Pfeifer (308) 497-2269

St. Theresa's: Sharon Swett (308) 653-5402

Prayer Shawl

The mission of the Prayer Shawl Ministry is to gather to knit and crochet prayer shawls and lap blankets. As we create the shawls, we pray for blessings of comfort, strength, patience, healing and protection, hope, grace, and peace for those who will receive them.

St. Michael's: Kate Connelly (308) 223-9034

SCRIP Program

SCRIP is an ongoing parish fundraiser program. Through the purchase of SCRIP gift cards (for local and national retailers) and using them to pay for everyday shopping, a portion of your purchase price goes to the parish.

*St. Michael's: Shannon Thome
(308) 497-2472 or smtom@gpcom.net*

Twinning Parish Ministry – Haiti

Families in Faith works to encourage and promote the development of awareness, friendship and support with our twin parish, St. Raphael in L'Etang Rey, Haiti. Families in Faith will offer prayers, supplies, monetary support and personal efforts to build a stronger St. Raphael's community particularly by supporting the parish school. We will demonstrate the true meaning of stewardship in our faith communities while growing in mutual love and charity.

*Sacred Heart: Arlene Wrzenski
(308) 750-2169*

St. Michael's: Janet Klein (308)-497-2633

St. Theresa's: Maggie Smith (402) 416-9531

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & FAITH FORMATION MINISTRIES

Adult Faith Enrichment

The parish will offer various adult education and faith sharing opportunities throughout the year. These will include Scripture study and other opportunities for growing in faith. Please sign up if you are interested in attending, planning or facilitating a class.

*Sacred Heart: Cathy Hansen
(308) 245-3137*

St. Michael's: Jeanie Seier (308) 497-2606

St. Theresa's: Julie Landgren (308) 654-3313

Religious Education (CCD)

A Wednesday evening program to guide our youth in forming a deeper relationship with God and community through studying Catholic teaching focused on: Scripture, Sacraments and, especially, the Eucharist. Our Religious Education programs provide faith formation for children from first grade through 12th grade. Religious Education is a lifelong process sustained and nourished by all the members of our Church community. According to the policy of the Grand Island Diocese, Confirmation program is offered for juniors and seniors.

Sacred Heart: Angie Pfeifer (785) 410-7285

St. Michael's: Holly Carraher (308) 497-2497

St. Theresa's: Jerilee Wright (402) 340-7138

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church? Were you baptized Catholic but never completed your Confirmation or First Eucharist? Are you interested in coming back to the Catholic Church? The RCIA process begins in the fall and continues until Easter. This series of sessions involves opportunity for you to learn about the Catholic faith and share faith with other adults.

Sacred Heart: Patty Harris (308) 428-5595

*St. Michael's: Sr. Mary Chamberlain
(308) 708-1791*

*St. Theresa's: Sr. Mary Chamberlain
(308) 708-1791*

Spalding Academy Catholic School

Catholic schools give form and meaning to Catholic life by bringing religious significance to skills, talents and learning. The mission of SA is to generate an educational climate where children are formed in the Catholic Christian Faith. We intentionally promote Gospel values in an academic environment that enables every student to grow spiritually and develop as a responsible member of the Church and society.

Contact: Spalding Academy, Principal Amy McKay, 130 West Marguerite Street, Spalding, NE 68665, (308) 497-2103

Welcome Home Ministry

The mission of this ministry is to share hospitality and welcome new members to our parish.

Sacred Heart: Annette Ackman (308) 428-5205
St. Michael's:
St. Theresa's:

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Under the patronage of the Blessed Mother, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas are united by their faith in Jesus Christ, in their devotion to the Church and the Holy See. This is a way for the women of the parish to be active in faith in a way that helps to build unity in the parish and offer charity to the parish. They donate to charities, lead the Rosary on the second Sunday of every month, and strive "to be helping hands where there is pain, poverty, sorrow or sickness."

Sacred Heart: Teresa Kehler (308) 223-0361
St. Michael's: Kitty Carlin (308) 497-2603

Cemetery Board

The Cemetery Board is responsible for selling available plots, keeping records of sold plots, and maintaining the cemetery grounds.

Sacred Heart: Louie Bauer (308) 428-5105
St. Michael's: Bob Ballweg (308) 497-2374



Council of Catholic Women (Altar Society/St. Anne's/CCW)

This is a supportive organization for the parish churches. The society is responsible for the cleaning of the church, purchasing approved items for the church and parish center kitchen, serving funeral dinners and celebrations for the clergy and religious, operating the county fair stand, and any other requests made by the parish priest.

Sacred Heart: Patty Butcher (308) 223-0108
St. Michael's: Gina Scheef (402) 580-0804
St. Theresa's: Sue Patrick (308) 750-4715

Finance Council

The Finance Council works to ensure financial integrity of all choices and systems in and regarding the three parishes. They work to guide the pastor in decision-making for financial matters.

Sacred Heart: Louie Bauer (308) 428-5105;
Patty Harris (308) 428-5595
St. Michael's: Denny Bauer (308) 497-2780
St. Theresa's: Jerry Smith (308) 497-2346;
Deb Eschliman (308) 653-2127

Knights of Columbus

This is a worldwide leadership organization for Catholic men who desire to grow in personal spirituality and serve the Church. They are defenders of the church family and the pastor. They sponsor parish dinners – including fish fries – and assist in a number of parish events.

Sacred Heart: Chuck Sweeney (308) 428-5971
St. Michael's & St. Theresa's: Bob Esch (308) 497-2246

Men's Club

In 1972, the Men's Club was organized as a men's stewardship group for St. Michael's Church. All men who belong to the parish are members. Each member belongs to one of the eight teams organized and led by volunteer captains. Each team is responsible for various stewardship activities throughout the parish such as ticket taking and cleaning at Spalding Academy sports activities, setting up tables and chairs for activities at the parish center, and other maintenance and related parish duties. The Men's Club has two volunteer officers who establish schedules and communicate with team captains and manage the finances from dues collected from members.

*St. Michael's: Matt Glesinger (308) 390-8995;
Boots Seamann (402) 741-5030*

Parish Leadership Team

The mission statement of the Parish Leadership Team is to strive to bring Christ to people and people to Christ through three building blocks: a) culture of prayer in our personal life, b) culture of healthy teamwork, and c) culture of active discipleship. This team will meet every week with Fr. Antony for prayer and discernment.

*Sacred Heart: Patty Harris (308)380-0402
St. Michael's: Janelle Pritchard (308)750-4594
St. Theresa's: Paul Nordhues (308)750-0628*

Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council fosters participation of the entire parish in the life and mission of the Church. The council, as a consultative body, advises and assists the pastor in areas of pastoral concern. It develops and recommends parish pastoral plans through consensus in an atmosphere of prayerful reflection. Members of the Pastoral Council are representative of the different ministries and reflect the parish's diversity. The Pastoral Council collaborates and cooperates with the parish staff, committees, groups, and parishioners.

*Sacred Heart: Tom Donovan (308) 750-5790
St. Michael's: Joe Seamann (308) 497-2740
St. Theresa's: Travis Heinz (308) 750-6316*

Respect Life

Promotes prayer, education, supportive services, action, and public witness for the sacredness of human life, especially for unborn children. The pro-life effort at our parishes includes participation in many community-wide respect-life activities. We firmly believe that life is precious and sacred from the time of conception until natural death.

*Sacred Heart: Dan Casey (720) 685-7495
St. Michael's: Shirley Glaser (308) 497-2366
St. Theresa's: Judy Ita (308) 497-2626*

Seven Sisters Apostolate

The Seven Sisters Apostolate consists of women from each parish who have committed to pray for their pastor (and associate pastor) on a specific day of the week for one year. Each sister takes a different day to pray for their priest before the Blessed Sacrament.

*Sacred Heart: Mary Bauer (308) 428-5105
St. Michael's: Marlynn Scheef (402) 497-2241
St. Theresa's: Julie Landgren (402) 340-3915*

Stewardship Council

This committee helps the pastor guide the development of stewardship within the parish. The council seeks ways to promote a stewardship mentality within the parish through year-round communication and special initiatives, and by supporting the annual Stewardship Renewal.

*Sacred Heart: Julia Wood (402) 202-9971;
St. Michael's: Sharon Seamann
(308) 750-4667
St. Theresa's: Mark Smith (402) 750-9704*

Vocation Ministry

The purpose of this committee is to raise the consciousness of the parish about the need for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. This group of Catholic laypersons pray and otherwise support vocations to the priesthood and religious life. These support programs include appreciation dinners or parties, gifts for ordinations or religious vows and anniversary remembrances.

*Sacred Heart: Louie and Mary Bauer
(308) 428-5105*

St. Michael's: Ron Glaser (308) 497-2476
St. Theresa's: Julie Landgren
(308) 654-3313

Youth Ministry

We are middle school and high school age youth that desire to grow in our faith. Fellowship, formation and fun are what we do best!

Sacred Heart: (308) 428-2855
St. Michael's: (308) 497-2662
St. Theresa's: (308) 497-2662

CATHOLIC SCHOOL MINISTRIES

Spalding Academy Mission Statement:

The Mission of Spalding Academy is to generate an educational climate where children are formed in the Catholic Christian Faith. We intentionally promote Gospel values in an academic environment that enables every student to grow spiritually and develop as a responsible member of the Church and society.

Booster Club

The mission of SA Boosters is to provide spiritual, moral and financial support for Spalding Academy School's academic programs and extracurricular activities. We are made up of parents, grandparents, alumni, businesses, community members, and SA staff – who all wish to promote all aspects of Spalding Academy's PK-12 Catholic School in a positive and supportive manner.

Mary Glesinger (308) 223-9843

Endowment Board

The Endowment Board exists to foster the growth of the parish and help it to reach its spiritual and financial goals through the Spalding Academy endowment fund. The board manages the endowment account and encourages donations into the account.

Mark Carraher (308) 497-2773

School Board

Assists the pastor and principal with decisions regarding the parish school budget, curriculum, policy formulation and evaluation, communications, short-range and long-range planning, and admissions.

Tim Esch (308) 750-1203

Spalding Academy Volunteer Efforts (SAVE)

SAVE's goal is to serve the school by using our time, talent, and treasure to meet the financial needs, along with the repair needs of our school.

Ann Bernt (308) 497-2103

DIOCESAN MINISTRIES

Catholics Encounter Christ (CEC)

Catholics Encounter Christ is a movement for men and women to help them grow in their faith and revitalize their spiritual life. The CEC experience is a structured weekend beginning on Friday evenings and concluding on Sunday evenings at Camp Comeca south of Cozad.

Sacred Heart: Cathy Hansen (308) 245-3137

St. Michael's: (308) 497-2662

St. Theresa's: Sharon Swett (308) 653-5402

Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW)

Affiliated with the National Council of Catholic Women working at the diocesan level, this organization is involved in many aspects of parish life for women and families. They are dedicated to spirituality, education, leadership, and service. It offers an annual two-day assembly at the National 4-H Camp at Halsey, Neb., and also provides regional meetings.

Sacred Heart: Vicki Harvey (308) 428-3098

St. Michael's: Janelle Pritchard (308) 497-2249

St. Theresa's: Deb Eschliman (308) 653-2127

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