

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 27, 2020

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

The Epiphany of the Lord
January 3: Isaiah 60:1-6
 Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
 Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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Today, we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Just as the Holy Family is holy, we are also called to be holy. This holiness is achievable by living as disciples of Christ. St. Paul calls us to put on "heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience... as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do." Let us "give thanks to God the Father" by being good stewards of His love and mercy to all our family members. Families are the most important component of a parish. If the families are strong, the parish is strong. The strength of the parish directly depends on the strength of the families in the parish.

Today's Gospel says a lot about trust and surrender to our Lord. When Simeon and Anna prophesized about what was to come, Jesus' parents were "amazed at what was said about him." We can imagine that two parents would be taken back by these words! Yet, the Holy Family surrendered their lives to God and had unwavering faith and trust in God's plan for them.

This year we were fortunate to watch Rejoice during Advent. Like the Holy Family, we just need to trust, surrender and be attentive to God's voice. That was the secret of success of the Holy Family! *Fr Antony*

MASS INTENTIONS

TUE	12/29	9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART	Communion Service
WED	12/30	9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART	† Mike Sweeney
THU	12/31	5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S ST.THERESA	† RP & Pat Carraher † Robert Simons
FRI	1/01	8:15 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S SACRED HEART	† Cecelia Fox † Margaret Sorensen
SAT	1/02	5:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	† Rosemary & Kealy Seaman
SUN	1/03	7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S SACRED HEART ST. THERESA'S	PEOPLE OF PARISH † Jerome Thompson † Wilhelmina McLain

COMMUNION SERVICES

SM at 8:00 a.m.
SH at 9:00 a.m. weekdays when a Mass is not scheduled.
ST at 8:00 a.m. Thursdays with Rosary to follow.

Catholic Dictionary

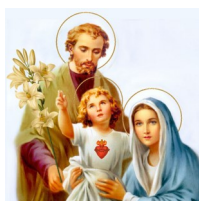
predella (n). The platform or step immediately in front of the altar

REST IN PEACE Our condolences and prayers to the family of Agatha Iwan. Please keep her in your prayers



THE MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you I come; before you I stand sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate! Despise not my petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer me. Amen



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"...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive." - Colossians 3:13

Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then, share give the gift of forgiveness with someone – a family member, a friend or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

 * **PASTORAL COUNCIL**...May the Holy Spirit guide *
 * those who were chosen. *
 * **SH**—Rhonni Benson, DW Holley *
 * **SM**—Ed McCarthy *
 * Thank you to Patty Butcher & Tom Donovan of SH *
 * and Gene Hitchler of SM for their service on the *
 * Council and thank you to all nominees. *




Note: SM—Wednesday, Dec. 30, adoration will be from 12:30-1:30 only.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION	WEEKLY	MONTHLY
St. Michael's	Wed. 12:30 p.m. to Thurs. 4:45 p.m.	First Friday, Jan. 1, 24-hr, beginning at 9:00 a.m.
Sacred Heart		
St. Theresa's	Due to COVID-19 Adoration is suspended until further notice.	

PARISH MEETINGS

SM/ST KofC: Tuesday, Jan 5 @ 8:00 p.m.

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<p>LECTOR Dec. 31: Robert Ballweg Jan. 01: Duane Seamann Jan. 02: Duane Seamann Jan. 03: Sarah Seamann</p> <p>EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS HOSPITALITY MINISTERS ALTAR SERVERS MUSIC MINISTRY</p> <p>COLLECTION COUNTERS Jan. 03: Brian McManaman</p> <p>CDA Rosary Second Sunday of the month at 10:00 a.m. -Jan. 10</p> 	<p>LECTOR</p> <p>EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS HOSPITALITY MINISTERS ALTAR SERVERS MUSIC MINISTRY ROSARY ELEVETTE</p> <p>SACRISTAN Jan. 01: Jeanette Walsh Jan. 03: Cathy Hansen</p> <p>DISINFECTING TEAM Jan. 01 & 03: Ken & Diane Ryan</p> <p>COLLECTION COUNTERS</p> <p>CARE HOME /HOMEBOUND COMMUNION</p>	<p>LECTOR</p> <p>Dec. 31: Julie Landgren</p> <p>EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS HOSPITALITY MINISTERS ALTAR SERVERS</p> <p>CHURCH CLEANING Jan. : Judy Ita, Ellie Ita, Jessica Genereux</p> <p>PRAYER CHAIN Call: Helen Plugge, Sue Patrick</p> <p>Rosary for Vocations—Sundays 10:30 a.m. prior to Mass.</p>																																																								
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ST. MICHAEL'S 2020 FALL AUCTION PROCEEDS:
Online Auction/Cash donations \$13,462
Jelly/Candy \$483.50
Silent Auction Baskets \$607.00
\$100 Bill & Nativity wall hanging raffle \$1465.00
John Deere Lawn Mower \$ 2850.00
Total: \$18,867.50

THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS for their time, talent and efforts. Thank you to BigIron Gives for their complimentary support of the online auction and all they did to help us as this was new territory for us in an unprecedented year. Thank you donors and those who supported the Auction with their bids. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for the delicious Soup Supper.

Note: These totals are subject to change as auction money continues to come in the office.

THANK YOU!

2020 has been a challenging year but as we began Advent, in preparation for Christmas, the hearts, souls and hands of many parishioners have been with us as the Advent Peace Tree has shown each week. My heartfelt thanks goes out to the Joe & Sharon Seamann Family, Maureen & Boots Seamann, Dan Walsh, Savannah & Aaron Short, Janelle Pritchard, Ed & Alison Cockerill, Hannah Standley, Jeannie Herrera, Roberta & Linda Haggerty and Tim Cockerill. The color that dresses the Sanctuary is something that we are thoroughly **"blessed with"** this year. Those parishioners, who brought us this blessing... brought it all with thoughts and memories of their loved ones and/or it was just their way of helping. For this, my sincere Thank You. *God Bless You All.*
Therese Cockerill

SM Religious Education
UPDATE: No classes until January 13 due to Covid.

SM/ST/SH -2021 Catholic Calendars are here! Please thank our sponsors for underwriting the cost of these beautiful calendars at the main entrance of church.

ST MICHAEL'S FALL DRIVE:
Our total to date: \$42,880.03
of Donors: 42

SM: LOST AND FOUND
GM key fob with black and red braided cord. Please call the church office if yours.


FAMILIES IN FAITH:
Please pick up your book *I Heard God Laugh*. They are at the back of church. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year...*Fr. Antony*



SM/St. Anne's December Church Cleaning: Circle of Trust
Side B : prefect Arlene Molczyk
Rotation: Hope, Joy, Trust
Jan. MEN'S CLUB: Team 1: Brian McManaman, L J Roach

Let us pray for seminarians, that they may listen to the voice of the Lord and follow it with courage and joy ...Pope Francis



CHURCH ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTIONS: 
Due to COVID-19, you may send in your church contributions to the office weekly or monthly. St. Michael's & St. Theresa's may be sent to **PO Box 310**, Spalding. Sacred Heart may be sent to **PO Box 99**, Greeley. Automatic withdrawal (ACH) from your bank account can be set up for St. Michael's, St. Theresa's or Sacred Heart. Contact the parish for details.
NEW: Give online with WeShare. Go to our parish website: www.families-infaith.com . Go to the home page and click on the link.