

Fifth Sunday of Lent March 17, 2024

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

SUNDAY SCRIPTURES
March 24: Isaiah 50:4-7
 Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24
 Philippians 2:6-11
Mark 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK


Dear Parishioners,

As our Lenten journey draws to a close, we come closer to the brutal day of our Lord's crucifixion and his death. In the Gospel for this Sunday, we hear that some Greeks came and asked Jesus' disciples that they wanted to see Him. Now not only the people of Israel who wished to see Jesus, even the foreigners, the Greeks wanted to see Him. These Greeks were not ignorant men, but men of learning, who sought after wisdom and truth. They were men who wandered from place to place in search of knowledge and truth. Having heard about Jesus and his marvelous teachings, they came in search of him. This search of the Gentiles makes Jesus realize that his hour has come for him, the Son of Man, to be glorified.

The simple request 'to see Jesus' entails more than a casual meeting. 'To see Jesus' means to enter into his revelation. However, in the word-play of John's Gospel, Jesus must be "lifted up" (Jn 3:14; 12:32), crucified, in order to be seen. Therefore, the Greeks seek the full revelation of the cross, divine-human love entering into and transforming death. The revelation will entail the death of Jesus, the Jewish individual. But this death is not construed as loss. Rather it is seen as the beginning of a transformative process that will yield greater results than individual life.

Jesus' answer to the Greeks, however, is paradoxical. The agriculture image of single grain of wheat that enters the ground and dies in order to grow into 'much fruit' provides the key. Jesus tells the Greeks that death is a transformative process. There is the acorn that needs to be cracked open in order to become an oak; the cocoon that needs to be split in order for the butterfly to emerge. Embracing this vision - that death is a transition that leads to higher and greater being - might be essential for peaceful living. If we identify with our individual life as separated beings, we will lose that life. Death will eventually take it from us. But if we do not identify with separated individual life, the death becomes a stage in a process of transformation. Death is not a loss but a transition into eternal life. With love and prayers, *Fr. Lawrence*

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT	03/16	7:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	† Jean Asche	
SUN	03/17	7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S SACRED HEART ST THERESA'S	† Fr Jim Murphy PEOPLE OF PARISH Joan Ita	
TUE	03/19	10:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S SACRED HEART	† Joseph & Eleanor Miller (All School) † Shirley Nowak	
WED	03/20	10:00 a.m.	ASSISTED LIVING	No Mass	
THU	03/21	5:00 p.m.	ST. CATHARINE'S	† BJ & Jean Meyer	
FRI	03/22	8:15 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	ST. CATHARINE'S ST. THERESA'S	† Joseph C Walkowiak † Fr. Jim Murphy (40hr Devotion)	
SAT	03/23	7:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	† John Scheef	
SUN	03/24	7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S SACRED HEART ST THERESA'S	† Mark & David Pritchard(40 hr Devotion) † Fritz Foltz PEOPLE OF PARISH	

COMMUNION SERVICES

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

Holy Father's Prayer Intention of the Month: FOR THE NEW MARTYRS
 We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Tuesdays, 12:00 noon.
 Please email information to both SM and SH. Email addresses on front of bulletin.

WE WELCOME INTO THE CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN FAITH,
 Eleanor Faye Reich, daughter of Travis & Jessica Reich,
 baptized at St. Theresa's, Sunday, March 10.



REST IN PEACE Our condolences and prayers to the families of Dick Ackman who was buried from Sacred Heart this week, & Leonard Meyer, buried from St. Michael's. May they rest in peace.



Communal Reconciliation:

ST Sunday, March 17, after Mass
SM Wednesday, March 20th, 7pm


40 HOURS ADORATION:



St. Theresa's, Friday, March 22nd, Mass 6:30pm, Adoration 7:00 p.m. until Sunday, March 24th, 11:00 a.m.
St. Michael's, Sunday, March 24th, Mass 7 am, Adoration 8:00 a.m. until Monday, March 25th, Midnight.
Sacred Heart, Monday, March 25th, Mass 5:30pm, Adoration 6:00pm. until Wednesday, March 27th, 10:00 a.m.
 Please sign up at entrance.

PARISH MEETINGS


ST Pastoral Council: Tuesday, March 19, 7pm




EUCCHARISTIC	WEEKLY	MONTHLY
St. Michael's (Dominican Center)	Thursdays, 6 p.m.--9 p.m.	First Friday, 24 hr, 9:00 a.m. All other Fridays 9 a.m.—3 p.m.
Sacred Heart Chapel		First Tuesday, 24 hr. 9:00 a.m.
St. Theresa's		Last Sunday of month for Vocations, 10 a.m.


ST. MICHAEL'S	SACRED HEART	ST. THERESA'S																																																			
<p>LECTOR Mar 23: Sharon Seamann, Ed McCarthy Mar 24: Dalton Rankin, Jean Herrera</p> <p>EMHC Mar 23: Dean & Carol Seamann, Jeanie Seier, Addie Murphy Mar 24: Stacey Bauer, Dan Bauer</p> <p>HOSPITALITY MINISTERS Mar 23: Aprill Murphy, Allan Rolf, Kara & Jeremiah Seamann Mar 24: Bill Spelic, Tom Asche, Dan Mailander, Volunteer</p> <p>ALTAR SERVERS Mar 22: Stations of Cross: Mike Mahony family Mar 23: Adam Glaser, Camryn Carraher, Autumn Murphy Mar 24: Brooklyn, Bell, Brynlee Weltruski</p> <p>MUSIC MINISTRY Mar 23: Leslie & Kelly Mar 24: Denise & Therese</p> <p>SM CDA Rosary, Thursdays, before Mass, 4:30 in the chapel. </p>	<p>LECTOR Mar 24: Devon Beck Narrator: Deacon Paul</p> <p>EMHC Mar 24: Mike Wood, Susie Lammers, Matt Pfeifer</p> <p>HOSPITALITY MINISTERS Mar 24: DW & Ann Holley family</p> <p>ALTAR SERVERS Mar 24: Cordel Wagner, Addison Ryan, Charlie Ryan</p> <p>ROSARY Mar 24: Cathy Hansen</p> <p>SACRISTAN Mar 24: Cathy Hansen</p> <p>COLLECTION COUNTERS Mar 24: Tom & Jackie</p> <p>ASSISTED LIVING Mar 24: Jeanette Walsh</p>	<p>LECTOR Mar 24: Julie Landgren</p> <p>EMHC Mar 24: Helen Plugge, Judy Ida</p> <p>HOSPITALITY MINISTERS Mar 24: Jake & Shelby Kasselder</p> <p>CHURCH CLEANING March: Kaye Day, Terri Weber, Paula Heinz</p> <p>PRAYER CHAIN Call: Helen Plugge, Sue Patrick</p> <p>ROSARY For Vocations—Sundays 10:00 a.m. prior to Mass.</p> <p>Thursday morning Communion Service 9:00 a.m. followed by Rosary and Adoration. </p> <p>Religious Education Sundays, 10:00 a.m. before Mass</p>																																																			
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"I will be their God and they shall be my people."- Jeremiah 31:33

 **STATIONS OF THE CROSS: FRIDAYS OF LENT**
SH—5:00 p.m.
SM—7:00 p.m.

SM Music Jam, Sunday, March 17, 5:30pm.


CHURCH ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTIONS may be sent 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 SM, ST, or SH. Contact the parish for details. 

	SA HAPPENINGS
Mon Mar 18	Feast of St. Cyril; Grades 6-8 ESU Quiz Bowl at Kearney
Tue Mar 19	Solemnity of St. Joseph; 10:30 All School Mass (6); Generations of Faith Luncheon at Parish Center
Wed Mar 20	Spring Begins; 8:30-11:30 Kindergarten Roundup; 3:30-5:50 Lego League Practice
Thu Mar 21	Activity Day-No Classes; 11:00 HS Charger Track at Arcadis-Loup City
Fri Mar 22	—

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry
St. Michael's—Friday, March 22
Sacred Heart—Friday, March 22
5:30—7:00 p.m. 

Knights of Columbus #13584 dues to be paid to Allan Rolf

St. Anne's General Church Cleaning Schedule:
Monday, March 18: Joy, Hope & Trust.
Tuesday, March 19, (after 12:00 noon): Peace & Faith

Eucharistic Revival is coming! Journey with us to the National Eucharistic Congress. July 17-21, 2024. Get registered now. More info: gidiocese.org/eucharistic-revival

Don't Wait!! Lucky Day Calendar Lottery Tickets for 2024-2025 year available now! Tickets will be sold until March 16th. Tickets available at SA Office, any SA family, Trish Glaser or church office. You may mail a check payable to K of C Lottery, PO Box 310, Spalding, NE. \$50.00 or 3 for \$100. First winner to be drawn Easter Sunday for \$400!

SM/St. Anne March Church Cleaning: Circle of Trust
Side A: Mrs Jerry Glaser, Prefect
Rotation: Peace, Faith, Hope
March Men's Club Team #7: John Bernt, Gary Miller



LUCKY DAY CALENDAR LOTTERY WINNER
Our Sunday, March 17th winner of \$250 is Adam Glaser of Spalding. Congratulations Adam! 

Families in Faith

(Sacred Heart, St. Michael & St. Theresa)

Holy Week

**What does Holy Week have to do with our everyday life?
Everything.**

Whether we are facing anxiety, stress, fear, joy, new relationship, and dreams, disagreement, or family who left the faith, all the wisdom we need is contained within Holy Week.

Why?

Because during Holy Week, Jesus walks through every human experience and emotion... and the way he handles them teaches us crucial wisdom for our own lives.

(Dynamic Catholic)

40 Hour Adoration

(In preparation for Holy Week, consider one hour with our Lord as a family. Please see the sign-up sheet near the vestibule.)



St. Theresa's Church:

Friday, March 22nd, 7 P.M - Sunday, March 24th, 11 A.M

St. Michael's Church:

Palm Sunday, March 24th, 8 A.M - Monday, March 25th, Midnight

Sacred Heart Church:

Monday, March 25th, 6 P.M - Sunday, March 27th, 10 A.M



Palm Sunday

Saturday, March 23rd: 7 P.M - St. Michael's Church

Sunday, March 24th: 7 A.M - St. Michael's Church

Sunday, March 24th: 9 A.M – Sacred Heart Church

Sunday, March 24th: 11 A.M - St. Theresa's Church





Holy Thursday Masses

**St. Theresa's Church:
Thursday, March 28th, 6 P.M**

**Sacred Heart Church:
March 28th, 7 P.M**

**St. Michael's Church:
March 28th, 7:30 P.M**

Adoration at the altar of Repose in Dominican Center 9 P.M to Midnight

Good Friday Services

**St. Michael's Church:
March 29th, 12 Noon**

**Sacred Heart Church:
March 29th, 3 P.M**

**St. Theresa's Church:
March 29th, 7 P.M**



Easter Vigil Mass

St. Michael's Church: Saturday, March 30th, 8 P.M

Easter Sunday Masses

**Sacred Heart Church:
Sunday, March 31st, 9 A.M**

**St. Theresa's Church:
Sunday, March 31st, 9 A.M**

**St. Michael's Church:
Sunday, March 31st, 11 A.M**

