

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 22, 2024**

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

**SUNDAY SCRIPTURES**  
Sept. 29: Numbers 11:25-29  
Psalm 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14  
James 5:1-6  
Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

Dear Parishioners,

"The life of a Christian is nothing but a perpetual struggle against self: there is no flowering of the soul to the beauty of its perfection, except at the price of pain." (St. Pio of Pietrelcina)

The readings of this Sunday present a very grim and violent picture of what a good person will have to undergo. The first reading narrates the plot of those who oppose a good and righteous person.

This description is perfectly applicable to Jesus, the righteous person, who was unjustly condemned. But the death of Jesus was not merely the result of a plot by evil people, rather, it was a divine plan.

Jesus was intent on fulfilling the plan of God and hence he was more than willing to embrace the cross and was ready even for the most painful death on the cross. However, in the Gospel we do see the contrasting characters: while Jesus was talking about his impending death, the disciples are discussing about who is the greatest!

How often we get embroiled in our own ego and status, ignoring the will of God for us?

God bless us all, Fr. Lawrence

**MASS INTENTIONS**

SAT	09/21	7:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	† Dennis (Muff) Hitchler
SUN	09/22	7:00 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	PEOPLE OF PARISH
		9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART	† Pat Scott
		11:00 a.m.	ST. THERESA'S	Matt & Jenna Landgren & family
MON	09/23	9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART	Communion Service
TUE	09/24	5:30 p.m.	SACRED HEART	† Jerry & Aggie Smith
WED	09/25	9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART	† Barb McIntyre
THU	09/26	5:00 p.m.	ST. CATHARINE'S	† Joseph P Kaiser
FRI	09/27	8:15 a.m.	ST. CATHARINE'S	† Pat Mahony
SAT	09/28	5:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	† Rose Mary Haggerty
SUN	09/29	7:00 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	PEOPLE OF PARISH
		9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART	† Don, Dan, Keith Dutcher, Peggy Ondracek
		11:00 a.m.	ST. THERESA'S	Mark & Angela Smith

**COMMUNION SERVICES**

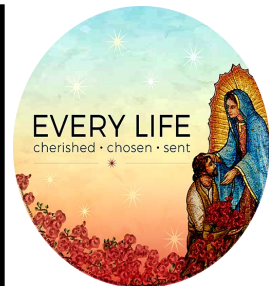
SM at 8:00 a.m.  
SH at 9:00 a.m.

**Holy Father's Prayer Intention of the Month: FOR THE CRY OF THE EARTH**

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

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

**Come to St. Michael's Feast Day Celebration** on Saturday evening, Sept. 28th. Join us with 5pm Mass at St. Michael's, a Baked Potato Bar with all the toppings & hot dogs for the kids. Entertainment (magician) & prizes to be given away!! Join us for a fun evening.



**OCIA—Order of Christian Initiation for Adults**  
The OCIA, formerly known as RCIA, 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 sometime in October. For more information, please contact the church office 308-497-2662 or Patty Harris 308-380-0402.

**St. Theresa's Feast Day celebration** will be held on Sunday, Sept. 29th after Mass. Come join us for a pot luck dinner, a fun gathering & prizes.

**Attention Families in Faith: Respect Life March** will be held Wednesday, October 2nd. Please gather in front of St. Michael's Church approximately 3:45 pm.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION	WEEKLY	MONTHLY
St. Michael's (Dominican Center)	Thursdays, 6 p.m.-9 p.m.	First Friday, Oct. 4, 24 hr., 9:00 a.m. All other Fridays 9 a.m. —3 p.m.
Sacred Heart Chapel		First Tuesday, Oct. 1, 24 hr., 9:00 a.m.
St. Theresa's		Last Sunday of month for Vocations, 10 a.m.

**PARISH MEETINGS**  
SM/ST KofC: Tuesday, October 1, 8:00 pm

ST. MICHAEL'S	SACRED HEART	ST. THERESA'S
<b>LECTOR</b> Sept 28: KofC Sept 29: KofC	<b>LECTOR</b> Sept 29: Ted Nekoliczak	<b>LECTOR</b> Sept 29: Mark Smith
<b>EMHC</b> Sept 28: KofC Sept 29: KofC	<b>EMHC</b> Sept 29: Susie Lammers, Mike Wood, Jason McIntyre	<b>EMHC</b> Sept 29: Sandy Miller, Shelby Kasseider
<b>HOSPITALITY MINISTERS</b> Sept 28: KofC Sept 29: KofC	<b>HOSPITALITY MINISTERS</b> Sept 29: Trent & Skyler Nekoliczak	<b>HOSPITALITY MINISTERS</b> Sept 29: Travis & Jessica Reich
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b> Sept 28: Preston Glesinger, Adam Glaser, Nolan Carraher Sept 29: Elizabeth, Elora & Gregory Glaser	<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b> Sept 29: Wren Nekoliczak, Kwyn Cargill, Krestyn Cargill	<b>MUSIC MINISTRY</b> Sept 29: Linda & Matt
<b>MUSIC MINISTRY</b> Sept 28: Ministry Team Sept 29: Therese & Denise	<b>MUSIC MINISTRY</b> Sept 29: Annette Ackman	<b>CHURCH CLEANING</b> September: Jean Nordhues, Jerilee Wright, Jennifer Wright
 SM CDA Rosary, Thursdays, before Mass, 4:30 in the chapel.	<b>ROSARY</b> Sept 29: Jackie Nekoliczak	<b>PRAYER CHAIN</b> Call: Helen Plugge, Sue Patrick
	<b>SACRISTAN</b> Sept 29: Karen & Donna	<b>ROSARY</b> For Vocations—Sundays 10:00 a.m. prior to Mass
	<b>COLLECTION COUNTERS</b> Sept 29: Karen & Donna	Thursday morning Communion Service 9:00 a.m. followed by Rosary and Adoration.
<b>THE LORD'S PORTION</b>	<b>THE LORD'S PORTION</b>	<b>THE LORD'S PORTION</b>
Sept. 15 Envelopes \$ 2,020 ACH/online \$ 125 Plate \$ 331 Weekly total \$ 2,476 Total July 1st to date \$ 49,966	Sept. 15 Envelopes \$ 1,353 ACH/online \$ 20 Plate \$ 812 Weekly total \$ 2,185 Total July 1st to date \$ 24,438	Sept. 15 Envelopes \$ 305 Plate \$ 206 Weekly total \$ 511 Total July 1st to date \$ 8,895

**"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Mark 9:35**

**SM Confirmation Retreat** has been moved to Saturday, Oct. 5th, beginning at 10am. Mass will be held 5pm on October 5th.

**Altar Server Appreciation**  
Breakfast this Sunday, September 22nd after 7am Mass in the Parish Center, Spalding, (7:30—9:00 am). Pancakes & sausage to be served. Everyone is welcome to attend. Prizes for our Altar Servers, must be present to win!  
  
Sponsored by KofC #13584.

**SH Religious Education:** Classes will begin Wednesday, Sept. 25th for Elementary & High school with a pot luck supper at 6:30pm. Please bring a dish to share and register your child. Fees are \$25 per student/\$75.00 family cap. Class times will be: Grades 1st-4th, 4:30-5:30 p.m.; Grades 5th-12th, 7:00-8:00p.m. Any questions, contact Mary Wood.

**ST Religious Education:** Grades 7-12 start Sept. 18th and Grades K-6 start Sept. 22nd. Fees are \$25 per student.



	SA HAPPENINGS
Mon Sep 23	No School; Teacher In-Service; 4:00 JH Charger VB at Spalding; 5:00 JH Charger FB at Spalding; 6:00 JV Charger FB at Spalding
Tue Sep 24	4:30 JH & HS Charger XC at Palmer; 6:15 (SENG), 7:30 (Palmer) HS Charger VB TRI at Palmer
Wed Sep 25	
Thu Sep 26	John Appleseed Day; 4:30 JH Charger VB vs Madison at Spalding; 5:30 (EPPJ), 7:30 (NE Christian) HS Charger VB TRI at CR
Fri Sep 27	8:15 Grades 9-12 Mass (11); 3:00 HS Charger FB vs Osceola at Spalding; 4:00 JH & HS Charger XC at Ord

**Dates to Remember**  
Priesthood Sunday: Sept 29  
SM Confirmation: Oct. 13, 11am  
SM Fall Auction: Nov. 17

**SM/St. Anne**  
**September Church Cleaning:** Circle of Hope  
**Side A:** Kate Connelly, Prefect **Rotation:** Trust, Peace, Faith  
**Sept. Men's Club Team #4:** Dennis Bauer, Leon Seier

**LUCKY DAY CALENDAR LOTTERY WINNER**  
Our Sunday, September 22nd winner of \$200 is Sara Mahony of Spalding. Congratulations!!

