

The Epiphany of the Lord
January 5, 2025
St. Michael's Spalding—St. Theresa's, Ericson—Sacred Heart, Greeley

SUNDAY SCRIPTURES
Jan 12: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
 Psalm 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30
 Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

God of all Humanity!

Dear People of God,
 This weekend is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. "Epiphany" means "manifestation." It is on this day that Jesus Christ, the Messiah, is revealed as the light of all nations. Epiphany brings heightened attention to the universal or global dimension of the Incarnation. The story of the Magi coming from the East signals the divine intent to include all peoples, not just the Jews, in the plan of salvation. That marks a critical change in the early church's understanding of itself, moving from a Jewish sect to a worldwide church, even though "worldwide" then basically meant the lands around the Mediterranean Sea. Theologian Karl Rahner made the point in the last century that the church is now in the midst of a similar shift, recognizing itself as truly a world church rather than one dominated by Europeans.

In today's Gospel, we could deduce many different epiphanies. Herod comes to the sudden and troubling realization that he is not the sole, or even the most important king in Israel. The Magi discover the light of the world at home with his mother in Bethlehem. Mary most likely received another affirmation of her marvelous child's identity.

In each Christmas season, we are introduced to this child anew, the God of creation in the vulnerable guise of a newborn child, the one who is Emmanuel. In the year to come, how will we proclaim this child to all we meet? Perhaps we will have the opportunity to bring his light to places of darkness. Perhaps we will recognize him in the faces of the ones our society has cast aside. If we are attentive, we will find that every moment of our lives our God is longing to reveal Godself to us. If Christ is present in our life, then we have a future. Then there is hope. Then, even though pieces are missing, we still have a life to live.

Yours in child Jesus, *Fr. Lawrence*

MASS INTENTIONS				
SAT	01/04	5:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	† Frank & Marge Seier
SUN	01/05	7:00 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	† Mark & David Pritchard
		9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART	† Marge & Whistle Thompson
		11:00 a.m.	ST. THERESA'S	PEOPLE OF PARISH
MON	01/06	9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART	Communion Service
TUE	01/07	9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART	Jim (†) & Peggy Zauha
WED	01/08	9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART	† Fr Tom Mullowney
THU	01/09	5:00 p.m.	ST. CATHARINE'S	† Rita Bishop
FRI	01/10	8:15 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	Sr. Bernadette Rose, lsp <small>All School Mass</small>
SAT	01/11	5:00 p.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	† Lynda Diessner
SUN	01/12	7:00 a.m.	ST. MICHAEL'S	† Ray & Violet Molczyk
		9:00 a.m.	SACRED HEART	PEOPLE OF PARISH
		11:00 a.m.	ST. THERESA'S	† Francis & Mildred Fritz

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


Holy Father's Prayer Intention of the Month:
For the right to an education.
 Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.


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

SM Pastoral Council: Patrick Feik, Dan Bauer, Allison Rankin
SH Pastoral Council: Adam Stromp & Paige Wood
 May the Holy Spirit guide you as we begin a new year in 2025. Thanks to Jason McIntyre & Mary Ann McQuillan from SH & Joe Seamann, Ed McCarthy, & Karen Glaser from SM for your service on the Council. Thank you to all nominees.

Watch in your mail... the next *Glorious Splendor* newsletter arriving soon. Also, please pick up your copy of the Christmas book at entrances of church.

PARISH MEETINGS
ST Altar Society: Sunday, Jan 12 after Mass
School Board: Monday, Jan. 13, 7pm
Finance: Tuesday, Jan. 14, 7am
SM/ST KofC: 2nd Tues. of mo. Jan. 14, Legion Bldg. 7pm.
SM Pastoral Council: Wednesday, Jan. 15, 7pm
SH Pastoral Council: Thursday, Jan. 16, 8pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION	WEEKLY	MONTHLY
St. Michael's Church	Thursday 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	First Friday, 24 hr., 9:00 a.m. All other Fridays 9:00 a.m. —3:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Chapel		First Tuesday, Jan. 7, 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 Jan 11: Knights of Columbus Jan 12: Knights of Columbus</p> <p>EMHC Jan 11: Knights of Columbus Jan 12: Knights of Columbus</p> <p>HOSPITALITY MINISTERS Jan 11: Knights of Columbus Jan 12: Knights of Columbus</p> <p>ALTAR SERVERS Jan 11: Mike Mahony Family Jan 12: Kaleb & Elijah Tenski, Eli McCarthy</p> <p>MUSIC MINISTRY Jan 11: Dan Walsh Jan 12: Dan Walsh</p> <p>SM CDA Rosary, Thursdays, before Mass, 4:30 in the chapel. </p>	<p>LECTOR Jan 12: KofC</p> <p>EMHC Jan 12: KofC</p> <p>HOSPITALITY MINISTERS Jan 12: KofC</p> <p>ALTAR SERVERS Jan 12: Lincoln Nekoliczak, Ky Cargill, Canon Holley</p> <p>MUSIC MINISTRY Jan 12: Chuck Sweeney</p> <p>SACRISTAN Jan 12: Jason McIntyre</p> <p>COLLECTION COUNTERS Jan 12: Rhonni & DW</p>	<p>LECTOR Jan 12: Pauline Marker</p> <p>EMHC Jan 12: Sandy Miller, Julie Landgren</p> <p>HOSPITALITY MINISTERS Jan 12: Sharon Swett, Joyce Bos</p> <p>MUSIC MINISTRY Jan 12: Matt & Linda</p> <p>CHURCH CLEANING January: Judy Ita, Chelsea Hartley, Jean Keber, Ellie Ita</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 style="text-align: center;">THE LORD'S PORTION</p> <p>Dec 29 Envelopes \$ 1,820 ACH/online \$ 125 Plate \$ 454 Weekly total \$ 2,399 Total July 1st to date \$154,636</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">THE LORD'S PORTION</p> <p>Dec 29 Envelopes \$ 1,498 ACH/online \$ 0 Plate \$ 280 Weekly total \$ 1,778 Total July 1st to date \$ 72,948</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">THE LORD'S PORTION</p> <p>Dec 29 Envelopes \$ 260 Plate \$ 93 Weekly total \$ 353 Total July 1st to date \$21,434</p>

"...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." - MATTHEW 2:11

Thank you for your love, prayers, & support on my birthday & Christmas. May the Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let his face shine on you, and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!
 Your Servant, *Deacon Ron*

SA HAPPENINGS	
Mon Jan 6	10:00 am School Resumes
Tue Jan 7	TBA(JV), 6:00 GV, 7:30 BV HS BB vs Heartland at CR
Wed Jan 8	3:30-5:30 Lego League
Thu Jan 9	JV TBA, 6:00 (GV), 7:30(BV) HS Charger BB vs. Heartland Lutheran (Grand Island) at Spalding
Fri Jan 10	8:15 All School Epiphany Mass (5); 2:00 HS Shamrock Bowling vs Boone Central at Spalding (Kealys); JV TBA, 6:00 (GV), 7:30(BV)HS Charger BB at Shelby

KofC #1312 — Knight of the month for October was Wayne Crome for all the work he and his wife did making pizzas for our family prayer night.

Knights of the month for November were Pat Donovan and all his breakfast cookers who helped get our Knights of Columbus breakfast ready.

Knights of the month for December were Larry Wood, Jeremy and Trevon Straka, Jim Hageman, DW Holley, Tim Goodrich, Chuck Sweeney, and Dick Zahm for their work putting together and handing out Christmas gifts to some members of our community.

Additional Christmas Flower Donations: SH: Kevin Hughes, IMO Jean M Hughes; Tom & Jackie Nekoliczak, IMO Loved Ones.
Thank you!

SM Fall Drive Total to date: \$60,549.57
 Donors: 42

SH Church Roof project:
 Total Amount: \$77,349.56
 Donors: 73

Words cannot express our thankfulness for the generosity shown to us this Christmas season, and all throughout the year. Each personal greeting, each card, & each gift warmed our hearts and humbled us. We are truly blessed to be a part of "Families in Faith." May God bless each of you and give you His Peace. We wish you and your families Peace & many blessings in "2025".
Deacon Paul & Jean

SM/St. Anne
Jan. Church Cleaning: Trust Side: A: Prefect: Mary Berney
Rotation: Hope, Joy, Trust
January Men's Club Team #1: Brian McManaman, LJ Roach

LUCKY DAY CALENDAR LOTTERY WINNER
 Our Sunday, January 5th winner of \$200 is Luella Keber of Spalding. Congratulations!! 