

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time ***July 2, 2017***

Welcome to St. Elizabeth's: It is our hope that you feel at home and among friends here at St. Elizabeth. If you are a visitor for a day, we pray God's speed on your journey. If you are looking for a parish community, we would be delighted to welcome you into our parish family. Please introduce yourselves. Registration forms are available in the entry racks or contact us anytime at 308-534-5461.

Religious Services

Mass Schedule For Sunday Obligation:

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Weekdays & Holy Days

As published in the Bulletin.

Rosary

Prayed **8:30 a.m.** Monday mornings, and
30 minutes before weekend Mass.

Sacrament of Confession

Offered 30 minutes before most all daily Masses
Saturday 4:00 p.m. – 4:55 p.m.
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. – 9:55 a.m., or by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents are asked to attend a baptism preparation class. This is recommended, and easiest to do before the birth of the child, but must be done before the baptism.

Sacrament of Matrimony

To assist those who plan to marry, all couples will be required to fulfill the diocesan marriage preparation policy, which includes the FOCCUS & Engaged Encounter Programs. This requires a minimum of 4-6 months. The assessment process must be completed before a wedding date is set. Contact pastor early to begin the preparation.

Parish Information

Bulletin Deadline

All material is to be submitted to the parish office before noon Wednesday prior to the Sunday it is to appear. Email to: rectory-office@seas-np.org

New or Moving Parishioners

Please call the office to arrange an appointment with the Pastor to register in the Parish. Please call the office to notify us of any address change.

Your Will

Ask your attorney to include remembrance of your Church in your will.

Religious Vocations

Any young woman interested in religious life, or young man interested in a vocation to the priesthood should contact your pastor. Please pray for vocations!

Education

C.C.D. Programs

Sunday mornings (Sept-May) 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.)

For those interested in possibly joining the Catholic Church. Usually on Wednesdays (Sept-May), 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in Parish Hall. Please contact the parish office for more information.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Monday	July	3	8:00 a.m.
Tuesday	July	4	8:00 a.m.
Wednesday	July	5	5:30 p.m.
Thursday	July	6	8:00 a.m.
Friday	July	7	5:30 p.m.
followed by: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & all night Adoration			
Saturday	July	8	9:00 a.m.
			5:00 p.m.
Sunday	July	9	10:00 a.m.

INTENTIONS

Ed Weed + For our Benefactors
 Jon Walz For Moisture / Rain
 the Portz kids Parishioners=BD in July
 Loretta Pilakowski+ Pat Sexton+
 Walter Wielechowski +
 1st Friday Holy Hour & Benediction
 David Swayne
 People of our Parish

**Think of yourselves
 as dead to sin and
 living for God in
 Christ Jesus.**

—Romans 6:11

Stewardship: June 25, 2017

Adult Envelopes:\$2,534.00
Loose Plate:\$210.00
Children: \$0.00
Total: \$2,744.00

Joy of the Gospel Campaign
 Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
 Gifts last week:\$1,195.00
Total Gifts Received:.....\$531,593.39
 Original DIAL Loan:.....1,485,000.00
 Total Received (CTTF Camp): \$1,025,440.07
 Misc Donations Received:.....\$739,940.31
 Total Payments on Loan:.....\$1,353,395.04
 Balance on DIAL LOAN:..... **\$387,339.64**

Peter's Pence:..... \$606.00

Parish Calendar

Sat/Sun July 1-2 Mission Co-op Priest Fr. Joby Abraham
 Sunday July 9 7:00pm Theology on Tap with Fr. Scott Harter

Catholic School News:

SCRIP ... Don't forget to use SCRIP when planning for your summer vacations. SCRIP purchased before July 1st is applied towards tuition credit for the 2017-2018 School Year. Purchasing SCRIP July 1st or after will earn tuition credit for the 2018-2019 School Year.

North Platte Catholic School:

Faith and Knowledge for a Brighter Future

"Theology on Tap" ... is a speaker series for single & married adults in their 20's & 30's. Please join us for our third of four monthly speakers on **July 9** to hear Fr. Scott Harter, Associate Pastor at the Cathedral of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary give a presentation on *"Do You Know What You've Become?!"*, at Lake Maloney Golf Course Clubhouse. A meal will be provided (7:00-9:00pm) & free will donations accepted. Cash bar. Please follow our link on Facebook: Theology on Tap North Platte. If you have any questions, please call Jennifer Kramer 520-1622.

Older than 39 and want to see Fr. Harter's presentation? It will be streaming live to St. Pat's Spiritual Life Center!

Child care will be provided at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Hall (from 6:40pm - 9:30pm). There are two young women who currently work in a Day Care Facility in North Platte. They have been "background checked" and are available to provide child care for the children of any 20-30 year old parents going to Theology on Tap. Please RSVP to rectory-office@seas-np.org to let us know how many & the ages of the children that will be coming to child care so these two professional women know how many children to expect.

Give The Knights Your Cans ... The Knights of Columbus are collecting aluminum cans. The cans will be sold and the profit from recycling the cans will be used for the charitable works of the Knights of Columbus. You may drop off the cans in the two barrels in front of the storage shed (on the southwest corner of the parking lot). Your cans CAN make a difference!

Knights of Columbus Meeting ... Mon, July 10, 7:00pm, Parish Hall. All Knights are invited to attend.

Breakfast by Knights of Columbus ... Sunday, July 9, in the Parish Hall after 10:00am Mass; serving pancakes, eggs, fixings, biscuits & gravy, coffee & juices. Free Will offering accepted ... Proceeds go to the purchase of Missalettes.

5th Sunday Rosary Program ... Sunday, July 30 at 6:00pm. Angelus, and Rosary, and Food.

Meal for New Parents ... a meal schedule has been started for the parents of three new children. You can sign up to take them a meal at www.TakeThemAMeal.com. Or to sign up via phone, call Emily Krondak (520-6673). Thanks!

Chris & Gisele Barger, who welcomed James Joseph on 06-04-17. Search family name: Barger, password: 0604.

Fortnight for Freedom: Freedom for Mission

6/21 - 7/4 ... Each year dioceses around the country arrange special events to highlight the importance of defending religious freedom. The Fortnight for Freedom is from June 21 (the vigil of the Feasts of St. John Fisher & St. Thomas More) to July 4 (Independence Day). In this time of increasing polarization in our culture, we can contribute to a better understanding of religious freedom in a way that respects all people. We are called to follow Christ as missionary disciples by seeking the truth, serving others, and living our faith in all that we do. Let us take a few moments each day from June 21 - July 4 to pray, reflect, and take action on religious liberty, both here in this country and abroad.

QUOTES FROM ST. THOMAS MORE ...

the Duke of Norfolk said to Thomas: "O confound this Thomas, why can't you do as I did and come with us for fellowship?" Thomas More replied: "And when we die and you are sent to heaven for following your conscience and I am sent to Hell for not following mine, will you come with me, for fellowship?" Thomas More: "I die the King's good servant, but God's first." ... "When statesmen forsake their own conscience for the sake of public office, they lead their country on a short route to chaos."

Missionary Coop Priest ... All the missionary priests who speak in our parishes have great needs for which they give the appeal. Some may ask for additional support, such as sponsoring a seminarian or religious for several months, in addition to their appeal at Mass. Our diocesan regulations do not allow this so that people will be able to support the needs of other missionaries who will give appeals in our parish in the future. There are so many needs to be met from so many different dioceses / religious orders, & we must give each different group a fair chance to receive our support each year. Please be generous!

Fr. Joby Abraham is a Priest representing the archdiocese of Imphal, India who will be preaching a mission appeal at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church on July 1-2. The mission archdiocese of Imphal is situated in the extreme corner of Northeast India. It was erected in 1980 comprising the entire state of Manipur. Archdiocese of Imphal is home to 35 tribes of Mongolian origin, living in small villages perched on mountain tops and practicing one of the most rudimentary methods of farming called shifting (Jhum) cultivation. Most of these villages are not connected with all-season roads and sadly lacking other basic necessities like electricity, telephones, schools, hospitals and schools, etc.

The first Catholic baptism in the diocese was recorded in 1952. The Catholic population has grown up to 100,000 now. The diocese has 45 parishes, and 5 Mission Centers. There are 160 priests including 78 indigenous tribal priests. The growth of the Church has always been accompanied by various challenges and persecutions during the past decades. Between 1990 - 2001 six of our young and dynamic missionaries were killed for witnessing the gospel.

In spite of these challenges, missionary efforts are yielding an increase in vocation to priesthood and Religious life. The proceeds of the 2017 Mission appeal will be used to build for training 25 Touring Catechists for the parishes. Your generous support & prayers will be of great help for the evangelization work in the diocese of Imphal that began 66 years ago.

Marriage Help ... *Retrouvaille* (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information about or to register for the August program beginning with a weekend: Aug. 25-27, 2017, in Schuyler, NE call 1-888-317-5654 or www.retrouvaille.org.

Save the Date for our Pro-Life Banquet and Conference! September 29-30, 2017 ...

Archbishop Lucas, Bishop Conley and Bishop Hanefeldt invite you to join them for the annual Bishop's Pro-Life Banquet and Conference on September 29-30! Our featured speaker for the banquet and conference is Wesley J. Smith, J.D., an expert in bioethics and the assisted suicide debate. Please see flier on Narthex bulletin board for more information. Registration details to follow.

Preeminent Threats ... The United States Catholic Bishops wrote to us as follows in their document on Faithful Citizenship (2007) about the preeminent moral issues we face in society today. They explain, "In our nation, 'abortion and euthanasia have become preeminent threats to human dignity because they directly attack life itself, the most fundamental human good and the condition for all others' (*Living the Gospel of Life*, no. 5). It is a mistake with grave moral consequences to treat the destruction of innocent human life merely as a matter of individual choice. A legal system that violates the basic right to life on the grounds of choice is fundamentally flawed" (n.22)

2nd Annual Sacred Music Clinic ... The Diocesan Liturgical Commission will be hosting the Second Annual Sacred Music Clinic on Saturday, August 26, 2017 at the Newman Center in Lincoln. This year all the presentations will be given by local priests & musicians. Parish musicians, cantors, and choir members, as well as interested Parishioners are invited to participate ... please mark your calendars.

TOTUS TUUS (A Summer Catechetical Program)

... A Totus Tuus team has been scheduled to come to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church from **July 9 – 14, 2017**. This has been a very good program for our parish. Please mark your calendars and encourage youth to attend.

Please fill out a Registration Form (available in the Narthex or on the Parish webpage: <http://www.seas-np.org/>) and return it through the mail or in the collection. The cost is \$15.00 per child or \$40.00 for three or more family members.

This year's Theme is The Mystery of Salvation, and the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary. **Grades 1-8 meet Mon-Fri. 9:00am - 3:00pm.** The day includes catechetical instruction, daily Mass, songs, games and recess. Participants in the grade school program should bring a sack lunch and recess equipment. **Grades 9-12 meet Sun–Thu, 8:00pm–10:00pm.**

TOTUS TUUS combines catechesis and having FUN! The youthfulness and energy of the team is contagious, come out and join us! **All are invited to a potluck dinner on Wednesday at 6:00pm.** The Diocesan Coordinators & Team encourage those in Grades 7-8 to attend the day sessions rather than the High School sessions.

Totus Tuus Meal Volunteers ... to host the Totus Tuus team (2 men; 2 women) for dinner or provide sack lunches for them July 9-14, please contact Emily Krondak (520-6673; emilykrondak@msn.com; www.TakeThemAMeal.com search Totus Tuus, password 0717).

Peter's Pence Collection ... Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! As a parish, we collected \$606.00. Our contributions will be combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give, you may put your contribution in the collection this week or next week (please mark the envelope: Peter's Pence).

FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:

Potluck Dinner ... Thank you to everyone who joined us to celebrate a decade with Father Seiker! Your presence, cards, gifts, and prayers are most welcome. It is good to be appreciated. May we continue to grow together as a Parish family and to invite others closer to our Lord!

New Parishioners / Moved Parishioners:

over the past few years (it has been awhile since I put this in the bulletin) there have been some new parishioners added to our parish family and some parishioners who have moved away. We want to welcome those who are new and remember to pray for those who have moved away. **New Parishioners:** John & Sherry Kahl [Jun 2015], Derek & Jennifer Bantam [Aug 2015], Margo Higgins [Sep 2015], Robin Bartlett [Dec 2015], Jan Daniel [Feb 2016], Logan & Sophie Morris [Feb 2016 & Apr 2017], Rodrigo & Lia Werle [Apr 2016], Matt & Ashley Perlinger [Aug 2016], Michael & Carissa Lafleur [Aug 2016], Jon & Jessica Vapenik [Aug 2016], Tim & Deb Vapenik [Aug 2016], Mary Hybben [Aug 2016], Curtis Osborn [Aug 2016], Spencer & Tiffany Hampton [Sep 2016 & Apr 2017], Harris & Joanie Grunden [Oct 2016], Courtney Fegter [Aug 2016], Matt & Stacy Siemek [Nov 2016], Forrest Kain [Jan 2017], Derrek Schacht [Jan 2017], Ryan & Kate Wartman [Feb 2017]. Please introduce yourself to them and welcome them to our parish. **Parishioners who have moved away:** Connor Ferguson [moved to MS, Aug 2013], Andrius & Danica Babusis [moved to McCook Mar 2014], Timothy & Hannah Blomstedt [moved to McCook, Oct 2014], Russell & Sheila Sjeklocha [moved to MO, Jun 2015], Don & Maureen Hayden [moved to TX, Jun 2016], Tom & Jolene Allberry [moved to Lincoln, Jul 2016], Caleb & Kari Bright [moved to Kearney, Aug. 2016], Evan & Bridget Mohr [moved to MN, Nov 2016], Matthew & Amy Masek [moved to Wahoo, Dec 2016], Luke & Fran Ranck [moved to Lincoln, Feb 2017].

Liturgical Minister

	Sat., July 8, 5:00pm	Sun., July 9, 10:00am
Lector	Jim Nisley	Michael Lafleur
Acolyte	Rex Walz	Conrad Buhrman
Server	William Krondak	Jace Grunden
	Nicholas Krondak	Kevin Bantam
Music	Greg Vandenberg	Peggy Orr
Gifts	Tim & Chris Behm	Ken & Teresa Bjornstad
Ushers	Jerry Beckius	Duane Johnsen
	Sharon Beckius	Heather Johnsen

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc-2; Jn 20:24-29
Tuesday:	Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26:2-3, 9-12; Mt 8:23-27; or, for Independence Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Country or a City," nos. 882-886, or "For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891
Wednesday:	Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34:7-8, 10-13; Mt 8:28-34
Thursday:	Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8
Friday:	Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 9:9-13
Saturday:	Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1b-6; Mt 9:14-17;
Sunday:	Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

Prayers for the sick: Vincent Seiker, David Swayne (Robin Bartlett's friend), Jerry Steffes, Virginia Waechter (mother of Peggy Orr), Renate Nordquist, Sharon Beckius, Frank Schneweis (Emily Krondak's father), John Kahl, Mike & Kim Paul, Special Intention, Kade Folchert (grandson of Bob Folchert), Margaret Schuckert, Ella Ochoa, Eileen Boltz, Jim Beckius.

Prayers for the deceased: Bradley Folchert (nephew of Bob Folchert), Virgil Einsphar (grandfather of Derek Bantam), Loretta Pilakowski, Pat Sexton, Norma Pfeiffer (Shane Lowrey's grandmother), Mary Portz, Phyllis Beckius, Sheryl Darpoli, Lonnie Schmid (Jon Schmid's brother).

Birthdays: 7/1 - Rowdy Johnston, 7/3 - Meghan Trevino, Madison Marquez, Carol Torruella, 7/4 - Marcie Minchow, Jon Walz, 7/5 - Kim Paul, Emily Krondak, 7/6 - John Barger, 7/7 - Mary Hybben, 7/9 - Alexa Marquez.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... It's Independence Day week, and there is a link worth tracing between the Declaration of Independence and the language of liturgy. One of the signers of the Declaration on that July 4 long ago was Charles Carroll, probably the wealthiest man in the colonies and one of the few Catholics on the political scene. As a flourish to his signature, he sought to distinguish himself from other prominent citizens bearing the same name by penning "Charles Carroll of Carrolltown" – a defiant "come and get me if you dare" postscript aimed at the British.

Carroll's brother John was a priest and patriot who in 1789 was given the task of organizing the Catholic Church in this country. By 1791 he had assembled a synod, or assembly of delegates, to launch that task formally. Archbishop Carroll wanted to gain acceptance of our faith by American people who mistrusted our customs and could not comprehend our liturgy. He made the amazing proposal to Rome that our liturgy should be prayed not in Latin, but in the vernacular, English. His wish was denied, but one hundred sixty years later, his deep desire helped the American bishops and scholars at the Second Vatican Council to win the vote in favor of the vernacular not just for the United States, but for the Church throughout the world.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

THE RICHNESS OF LIFE IN CHRIST ... Today we have the beautiful story of the woman promised a child, the wonderful exhortation about life in Christ, and a powerful instruction from Jesus. An embarrassment of riches? Not if we take Jesus' words about "welcome" to heart. The many challenges and blessings offered to us today by Elisha, Paul, and Jesus should be cause for rejoicing, and welcomed heartily into our lives. And, like the great treat that they are, they should be enjoyed and shared generously with others.

Today's reading from Romans was chosen very early in the liturgical life of the Church to be the sole apostolic instruction received by candidates for baptism at the Easter Vigil. This illustrates its importance as a core belief, and as a means of comprehending the story of the Resurrection. Christ's resurrection is not merely a story about something that he underwent once upon a time, but it is our story, the story of how we joined the other members of the one Body of Christ, the church. We were not only dead, but we were buried; not ultimately buried, but raised to eternal life with Christ. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

TYRANNY ... Tyranny is always better organized than freedom. —Charles Péguy

FREEDOM ... Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves and under a just God cannot long retain it. —Abraham Lincoln

Pray for our Seminarians: *at St. Gregory the Great Seminary; at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary; at Mount St. Mary Seminary. Pray for the Priests teaching in the Seminary and the Formation faculty and the staff.*

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS (JULY):

Lapsed Christians: That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.



A speaker series for single and married adults in their 20's and 30's
Gather with young adults for food, fellowship, and dynamic presentations!
Each event will run from 7-9 PM AT LAKE MALONEY GOLF CLUB - 608 BIRDIE LANE
**CHILD CARE AVAILABLE!!! 6:40 - 9:30 pm Drop your kids off at Elizabeth Ann
Seton Parish Hall on your way out!**

**Older than 39 but want to see Doug's presentation? The LIVE video will be
streaming in the St. Pat's Spiritual Life Center and popcorn will be served!**

JULY 9 - "DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'VE BECOME?!"

-FR. SCOTT HARTER, ASSOCIATE PASTOR
CATHEDRAL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, GRAND ISLAND

Father Scott Harter weaves his way seamlessly into the school community and charms us all. He is young, to be sure, but he is exceptionally smart, funny and passionate. And he gives a dynamite homily. With the skill of a stand-up comedian, he reels us in with big laughs. In an instant, though, he is fascinating young and old alike with the compelling idea that God loves us, is proud of us, and has big plans for each of us.



Except nobody delivers that message quite the way Scott Harter does. And he does more than show up at mass. He runs with the cross country athletes, practices with the boys' tennis team, applauds the kids in their One Act performance, and even sits with the kids to cheer at athletic events. Father Scott Harter's joy, zest and passion for his faith is more than contagious. It's life changing. One teacher, a lapsed Catholic, confides that he has begun to attend church again with his family. Father Scott's homilies, he says, have profoundly stirred him. As an associate pastor at Grand Island St. Mary's Cathedral, he is knee deep in parish life. He loves his life as a priest but understands only too well the necessity of praying. Prayer all throughout the day means survival, he says. And in spite of his busy parish demands, he is devoted to the kids at Central Catholic. And they are devoted to him.