

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time ***July 8, 2018***

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 9	11:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday	July 10	7:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday	July 11	11:30 a.m.
Thursday	July 12	11:30 a.m.
Friday	July 13	11:30 a.m.
Saturday	July 14	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	July 15	10:00 a.m.

INTENTIONS

Totus Tuus Students & Team
Martha Burbach +
Elli Fugate
Totus Tuus Students & Team
Exposition / Holy Hour / Benediction Gr9-12
Bernadine Torres +
President Donald Trump
For our Benefactors
Anna Lee
People of Our Parish

*I will rather boast most
gladly of my weaknesses,
in order that the power of
Christ may dwell with me.*

— 2 Corinthians 12:9

Stewardship: July 1, 2018

Adult Envelopes:\$1,687.00
Loose Plate:.....\$114.03
Children:\$5.50
Holy Day (): \$0.00
Total: \$1,806.53

Joy of the Gospel Campaign

Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
Gifts last week:\$475.00
Total Gifts Received:.....\$693,138.05
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:.....\$1,513,860.04
Balance on DIAL LOAN:..... \$240,189.53

Peter's Pence:\$1,272.39

Parish Calendar

Sat – Sun	July 7-8	Totus Tuus Team Arrives (will be here all week, Saturday - Friday)
Sunday	July 8	11:00am Knights of Columbus Breakfast 3:30pm Cursillo Ultreya at McCook
Monday	July 9	7:00pm <u>Knights of Columbus Meeting</u> in Rectory Conference Room.
Wednesday	July 11	6:00pm <u>Potluck Meal</u> for <u>All Parishioners.</u>
Sunday	July 15	7:00pm Theology on Tap with Mother Anne Marie Zierke, M.S. Major Superior of the Marians Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln [former teacher at Aquinas High School]

Catholic School News:

THEOLOGY VACANCY ... North Platte St Patrick High School is looking to fill a theology vacancy. Applicant must hold/be eligible for a Nebraska Teaching Certificate. Theology endorsement preferred but not required. North Platte Catholic Schools are a preK-12 system with 400 student enrollment. Interested applicants contact Supt. Kevin Dodson (k.dodson@npcschools.org / 308-532-1874) for application instructions.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS St. Patrick High School M-F, 8:30am-12:30pm. Endowment Office hours: M–Thu 9am–3pm & Fri 9am–12pm.

Think SCRIP for Summer!! ... Check out our *NEW retailers ... McDonald's and Wild Bill's! Have travel plans this summer! Shop SCRIP first! (You earn 2% back from ALL SCRIP purchases!)

Calling all Alumni! ...

Saturday, July 7th – ADORATION in the newly renovated St. Pat's HS Chapel... times TBD.

Saturday, July 7th – EVENING BANQUET at the Quality Inn & Suites, 5:00pm – dinner served at 6:30. ALL alumni will be recognized, and class photos taken of ALL in attendance.

New Students ... Are you considering a Catholic education for your children? If you'd like more information, please join us for an Information Night at North Platte Catholic Schools, **August 1 at 6:30pm**. Please contact Jen Winder at j.winder@npcschools.org or 532-1874 if you have any questions about enrolling at NPC.

North Platte Catholic School:

Faith and Knowledge for a Brighter Future

The Bargain Bin ... is now open **Mondays** as well as **Tue - Sat 10am - 3pm**. Every 2nd Monday evening 5pm - 8pm continues to be a **BAG SALE** with the next one being **July 9**. All of this is made possible by our devoted volunteers, generous donors and all of you shop for your treasures at the Bargain Bin! Thank you to ALL of you!

Knights of Columbus Meeting ... Mon, July 9, 7:00pm, (Rectory Conference Room). All Knights are invited to attend.

Breakfast by Knights of Columbus ... Sunday, July 8, 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.

KofC Walker Road Clean Up ... on Sat. June 23 was a successful effort. A big thank you to: Bob Folchert, Ed Rieker, Greg Vandenberg, and Jim Nisley for their help. - Loren Baxa, GK.

Canteen Spirit Revived in 2018 ... On June 18th and 19th the Community of North Platte served over 700 soldiers lunch and provided them a "Canteen Welcome". This wouldn't have been possible without the help & support of community members like you! Thank you to all who volunteered their time & talents for this event! *With much appreciation, North Platte/Lincoln County Visitors Bureau Staff*

Western Nebraska Community for Life ... will meet to pray for the protection of the unborn and for the preservation of stable & holy families at **Valley Christian Church, Tuesday, July 10, 7:00pm** (2001 W State Farm Rd). Please come & join us. Bring a friend as we seek the blessings of God Almighty for the unborn & for families.

An AARP Smart Driver Course ... will be offered at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Hall on two different days: **July 27** and **August 8**, from **1:00pm – 5:00pm**. This course is for Seniors 50 & over, who want to adapt strategies to help reduce their chances of becoming involved in a crash. There is a \$15 charge to AARP members and \$20 for non members. *Contact Joan Ryland (520-6800) to register.*

Estate Sale for Father James Novakowski ... at **Arnold Community Center, Saturday, July 28, at 10:00am.**

TOTUS TUUS (A Summer Catechetical Program)

... A Totus Tuus team is at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church this week from **July 8 – 13, 2018**. This has been a very good program for our parish. Encourage youth to attend this week.

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. Parents of Children in Gr 1-8, please remember that **students need to bring a sack lunch each day, a bag of cookies the first day & also bring pants to wear for Mass.**

This year's Theme is **The Creed, and the Luminous 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 6:00 pm.** The Diocesan Coordinators & Team encourage those in Grades 7-8 to attend the day sessions rather than the High School sessions.

Our Bishops Speak ... "While it is always necessary to work to reduce the number of abortions by providing alternatives and help to vulnerable parents and children, Catholic teaching calls all Catholics to work actively to restrain, restrict and bring to an end the destruction of unborn human life. As the Church carries out its central responsibility to teach clearly and help form consciences, and as Catholic legislators seek to act in accord with their own consciences, it is essential to remember that conscience must be consistent with fundamental moral principles. As members of the Church, all Catholics are obliged to shape our consciences in accord with the moral teaching of the Church." - *Statement on Responsibilities of Catholics in Public Life, Mar. 10, 2006*

Peter's Pence Collection (Be a Witness of Charity) ...

Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! As a parish, we collected \$1,272.39. 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, visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections, click on "How to Give" link, or put your gift in the basket on Sunday.

Stress in Your Marriage ... Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the August program beginning with a weekend on August 24-26, 2018, call 1-888-317-5654 or 308-986-2351 or www.retrouvaille.org.

Day of Equipping ... This training seminar, presented by Bart Schuchts, will be held **July 20-21** at Pius X High School in Lincoln, NE. During this training you will learn the foundations of abiding in Christ, hearing His voice, and becoming empowered to pray for others as Jesus did. If you desire the Holy Spirit operating in your life, this training is for you. Cost is \$70 before **May 14**, \$80 after. To register, go to <https://jpiihealingcenter.org>. Contact the Office of Evangelization for information on student rates or need based scholarships, 402-473-0615.

"Theology on Tap" ... for single & married adults in their 20's & 30's. Join us **Sunday, July 15** when **Mother Ann Marie Zierke, M.S.**, (recently elected Major Superior of the Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln [former teacher at Aquinas High School]) joins us. Start time: 6:30pm-7:00pm social time, with presentation starting promptly at 7:00pm. **Knights of Columbus Hall (515 E 5th St); location change.** Free will donations accepted. Cash bar. Please follow our link on Facebook: Theology on Tap North Platte. If you have questions, please call Jennifer Kramer 520-1622.

Death Penalty ... "As the Catholic Bishops of Nebraska, we recognize that our society has a pervasive culture of violence and death which can only be transformed by a counter-culture of justice and mercy. Each time we consider applying capital punishment, Nebraska has an opportunity to respond to an act of violence with an act of mercy that does not endanger public safety or compromise the demands of justice. There is no doubt the state has the responsibility to administer just punishment. However, given our modern prison system, the execution of Carey Dean Moore is not necessary to fulfill justice and, for that reason, would undermine respect for human life. We continue to offer our sincerest prayers for all victims and those affected by the heinous crimes of Mr. Moore, and we pray for his conversion of heart."

Mission Coop Appeal ... 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 and religious orders, and we must give each different group a fair chance to receive our support each year. Please be generous!

Fr. Thomas Au, representing the Sisters of Our Lady of China, who are working at St. Martin de Porres Hospital in the Diocese of Chiayi, Taiwan, will be coming to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church to speak to us on July 14-15. Please be generous!

Practice for Choir Members & Cantors ...

3 practices presented by Matt Perlinger to help choir members and cantors to know/practice/and feel more comfortable with singing the Latin Chants, English Chants, and other Mass music:

- Wed, July 11 7:00pm-8:00pm (after 6:00pm Parish Totus Tuus Potluck)
- Wednesday, July 18, 2018, 6:30pm - 7:30pm
- Wednesday, July 25, 2018, 6:30pm - 7:30pm

If you have questions, please contact Matt Perlinger (308) 289-3187.

FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:

Together on a Journey to Sainthood ... Do you know the road to sainthood? Allow expert Steve Ray to be your guide as we navigate the path that ordinary people have taken to achieve the extraordinary – sainthood! Join Spirit 91.5-FM on **Saturday, July 21, 2018, 7:00pm** at St. Leo Catholic Church (2410 S Blaine St, Grand Island) for "Together on a Journey to Sainthood" with **Steve Ray** (Catholic convert, pilgrimage expert, film maker and author). **Tickets are only \$5.00** and can be purchased at spiritcatholicradio.com, by calling 855-571-0200 or at the door. Everyone is welcome to attend this event to learn more about the saints from dynamic speaker Steve Ray! **BONUS: FREE information session on Spirit Catholic Radio's 20-Year Anniversary pilgrimage (Nov. 13-22, 2019) with Steve Ray to the Holy Land at 6:00pm.** Join us to learn more! **Remember, Father Mark Seiker and Jesse Romero will be joining Steve Ray on a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, May 8-17, 2019. This would be a great way to see, hear, and ask questions about a similar Pilgrimage from Steve Ray!**

Liturgical Minister

	Sat., July 14, 5:00pm	Sun., July 15, 10:00am
Lector	Jerry Beckius	Shane Lowrey
Acolyte	Jerry Volesky	Duane Johnsen
Server	Volunteer	Lakeland Lowrey
	Volunteer	Harmon Johnsen
Music	Greg Vandenberg	Greg Vandenberg
Gifts	David & Mary Bratton	Chuck & Kathy Burr
Ushers	Cindy Swanson	Volunteer
	Alice Robinson	Spencer Hampton
Rosary		

Readings for the Week

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-9; Mt 9:18-26
 Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-10; Mt 9:32-38
 Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-7; Mt 10:1-7
 Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17; Mt 10:16-23
 Saturday: Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33
 Sunday: Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-14; Eph 1:3-14; Mk 6:7-13

Prayers for the sick: Mary Lou Robles & Patricia Zamora (sisters of Toni Barron), Kelly Henry (Mitch Gregg's sister), Peggy Fleecs, Patti Caudillo, Leona Clouatre, Renate Nordquist, Virginia Waechter (mother of Peggy Orr), Sharon Beckius, John Kahl, Mike & Kim Paul, Eileen Boltz, Jim Beckius.

Prayers for the deceased: Bob "Junior" Barron (Toni Barron's brother), Father Casey Porada, Father Jim Cooper, Bernadine Torres, Father Jim Novakowski, Margaret Schuckert, Martha Burbach, Jerry Kenny (Charles/Toni Barron's son-in-law), Bernadine Duryea (Ben Heskett's mom), Luke Ranck, Mary Portz, Phyllis Beckius.

Birthdays: 7/9 - Alexa Marquez, 7/13 - Ashley Perlinger, 7/14 - Tiffany Hampton.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... Last week's Treasure mentioned the "Nuns of the Battlefield," religious sisters from several communities who served as nurses in the Civil War. Florence Nightingale had only instituted female nurses a decade before in the Crimean War, so the idea of women tending to wounded soldiers was extraordinary. The medical and sanitary conditions on the battlefields were appalling, and the sisters were nearly all teachers. Few had any medical training beyond what they had learned as youngsters in the family. Anti-Catholic prejudice was so deeply entrenched in America that sisters could not wear their habits in public. These sisters were the first, and people on both the Union and Confederate sides soon began to marvel at their bravery, efficiency, and respect for Protestant soldiers. More than six hundred sisters from twenty-one communities went to war, serving in wretched conditions. They were tough and single-minded, efficient and fearless.

After the war, sisters could appear in public everywhere in the reunited nation, and often received the praise and gratitude of grateful soldiers and family members on behalf of their sister nurses. An outdoor monument to the "Nuns of the Battlefield" stands in Washington at M Street and Rhode Island Avenue. The inscription reads: "They comforted the dying, nursed the wounded, carried hope to the imprisoned, gave in His name a drink of water to the thirsty." —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

OBSTACLES ... The prophet Ezekiel, Saint Paul, and the Lord Jesus share something in common in today's scripture readings. They all experience obstacles to their ministry. Ezekiel is summoned to prophesy to the Israelites, who are "[h]ard of face and obstinate of heart" (Ezekiel 2:4). Saint Paul recounts how he has been given a "thorn in the flesh" (2 Corinthians 12:7). The Lord Jesus is unable to perform many signs in his native place. The Gospel tells us that "[he] was amazed at their lack of faith" (Mark 6:6). We too sometimes encounter obstacles as we travel along the journey of faith. So often we experience weakness on this journey. Let the words of the Lord to Saint Paul encourage us today: "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9). Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

WORDS ... Fair words butter no parsnips. —John Clarke

ONLY HALFWAY ... You can only go halfway into the darkest forest; then you are coming out the other side. —Chinese proverb

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, the Formation faculty and staff.*

Pray for our Religious Sisters: *School Sisters of Christ the King: 1st Vows: Sister Mary Grace Wathen, from St. Peter Church, Lincoln, NE; Sister Teresa Marie Wozny, from St. Isidore Church, Columbus, NE.*

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS (July)

Evangelization: Priests and their Pastoral Ministry - That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.