

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time ***July 9, 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 10	8:00 a.m.
		11:30 a.m.
Tuesday	July 11	7:00 a.m.
		11:30 a.m.
Wednesday	July 12	11:30 a.m.
		9:00 p.m.
Thursday	July 13	11:30 a.m.
Friday	July 14	11:30 a.m.
Saturday	July 15	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	July 16	10:00 a.m.

INTENTIONS

Elli Fugate
 Totus Tuus Students & Team
 For Moisture / Rain
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 Defense of Marriage of 1man / 1woman
 Exposition / Holy Hour / Benediction Gr-12
 Phyllis J. Beckius +
 Anna Lee
 Elizabeth (Liz) Haag
 People of our Parish

**“Come to me,
 all you who labor
 and are burdened,
 and I will give
 you rest.”**
 —Matthew 11:28

Stewardship: July 2, 2017

Adult Envelopes:	\$1,873.80
Loose Plate:	\$241.00
Children:	\$0.00
Total:	\$2,014.80

<u>Joy of the Gospel Campaign</u>	
Total Pledged:	\$958,770.00
Gifts last week:	\$0.00
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:	\$75.00
Mission Coop:	\$847.00

Parish Calendar

Sat – Sun	July 8-9	Totus Tuus Team Arrives (will be here all week, Saturday - Friday)
Sunday	July 9	11:15am Knights of Columbus Breakfast
		7:00pm Theology on Tap with Fr. Scott Harter
Monday	July 10	7:00pm Knights of Columbus Meeting in Rectory Conference Room.
Wednesday	July 12	6:00pm Potluck Meal for All Parishioners

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.

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.

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

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

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!

Stress in Your Marriage? ... Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) 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: August 25-27, 2017, in Schuyler, NE call 1-888-317-5654 or www.retrouvaille.org on the web.

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 is at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church this week from **July 9 – 14, 2017**. 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 bring it on Monday). 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 Mystery of Salvation and the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary.** **Grades 1-8 meet on Mon.-Fri. 9:00am-3:00pm.** The day includes catechetical instruction, daily Mass, songs, games & recess. Participants in the grade school program should bring a sack lunch & 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.

Missionary Coop Priest ... Thank you for the generous hospitality and support given to Fr. Joby Abraham from the Archdiocese of Imphal, India who shared with us about the needs of the missions. Please remember him & his Archdiocese order in your prayers. It is a very noble to desire to give ongoing support to a missionary; however, each missionary that comes to our parish needs your help. Therefore, please help support the larger missionary needs of the universal Catholic Church by supporting the different missionary dioceses or orders who give appeals in our parish each year and by supporting all the dioceses and parishes who cannot even afford to send a missionary to this country by supporting the World Mission Sunday collection on the third Sunday of October.

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.

From a Former Abortion Worker ... "All [the clients] were told about the procedure itself was that they would experience slight cramping similar to menstrual cramps, and that was it. They were not told about the development of the baby. They were not told about the pain that the baby would be experiencing or the physical effects or the emotional effects that it would have on them. They had no idea who was going to be there to help them when they fell apart afterwards. They were taken into the room then, and, as I said, there was no counseling done. These women basically had no idea what they were getting themselves into."

- *Testimony of Deborah Henry, former Abortion Provider*

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 + \$75.00 = \$681.00. 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 (please mark the envelope: Peter's Pence.)

One Book, One Diocese ... Discover an enthusiasm for sharing the Gospel with non-believers and those who are no longer practicing their faith. In *The Urgency of the New Evangelization: Answering the Call*, Ralph Martin explains: It's not just a churchy buzzword. It's not just for priests and missionaries to carry out. YOU and every individual Catholic play a role! It is literally a matter of life or death for everyone in your life, and... it's not as hard as you think! The book is available at local bookstores or online.

Prayer to St. Isidore the Farmer ... O God, who taught Adam the simple art of tilling the soil, and who through Jesus Christ, the true vine, revealed Yourself the husbandman of our souls, deign we pray, through the merits of Blessed Isidore, to instill into our hearts a horror of sin and a love of prayer, so that working the soil in the sweat of our brow, we may enjoy eternal happiness in heaven. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pro-Life Corner ... "Throughout human history, fertility has been seen as a blessing from God. Your fertility is an awesome gift! You were created to have cycles of fertility. This is a normal and healthy condition. Does it seem right to put foreign objects and chemicals in your body, or have surgical procedures, to counteract a normal healthy function? ... Your fertility is a treasure that should be preserved and protected." *From Ann Moell, M.D.*

FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:

2017 Pumpkin Festival ... will be on **Sunday, October 8, 2017.** The Pumpkin Festival Committee will be meeting soon to discuss preparations for the Pumpkin Festival. Work is beginning on the Raffle and we will have the Raffle Tickets ready to distribute in early September.

Please pray for good weather for the Pumpkin Festival. Ask the Lord to send us the weather that He knows we need and to get us ready to accept lovingly from His hands the weather that He sends us, and to work together as a Parish Family to build up the Kingdom of God.

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 15, 5:00pm	Sun., July 16, 10:00am
Lector	Jerry Beckius	Shane Lowrey
Acolyte	Jerry Volesky	Duane Johnsen
Server	Volunteer	Lakeland Lowrey
	Volunteer	Harmon Johnsen
Music	Matt & Ashley Perlinger	Matt & Ashley Perlinger
Gifts	Philip & Kelsey	Conrad/Carmen Buhrman
Ushers	Cindy Swanson	Volunteer
	Alice Robinson	Charles Barron

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday:	Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1, 2-3, 6-7, 8, 15; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday:	Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday:	Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 10:7-15
Friday:	Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday:	Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26; Ps 105:1-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday:	Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10-14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23

Prayers for the sick: 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: 7/9 -Alexa Marquez, 7/13 - Ashley Perlinger, 7/14 - Tiffany Hampton, 7/15 - Matt Siemek.

Congratulations: to **Reiny & Martha Burbach** who celebrate their **72nd Wedding Anniversary, July 9.**

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... The premier poet of the English language, Geoffrey Chaucer, introduced one of his most beloved characters, the "Wife of Bath," by this telling remark: "Husbands at church door she had five." Four times widowed, she was setting off on a pilgrimage, notably without number five. The church door is a curious detail, pointing to the fourteenth-century wedding custom of marrying on the porch of the parish church. The goal was to give maximum publicity to the consent of the groom and bride, and so consent was moved from the bride's home to a public venue. The priest would stand in the doorway and begin by sprinkling the couple with holy water. He needed to make sure they weren't too closely related and give them some instruction. He would direct the groom to pay the bride's family a dowry, and then announce the monetary amounts to the interested passersby. Only then would the guests enter the church for the wedding Mass, during which the bride and groom would hold lighted candles. The gradual move from home to church and the shift from the bride's father to the priest's authority helped to protect the freedom of brides who weren't quite as confident as the Wife of Bath. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

A HUMBLE KING ... Like a tonal center in music, the note to which we keep returning in today's readings is humility. We wait in joyful expectation for the coming of our Lord as King. But what we are told to expect and rejoice over is a meek and humble king, riding on an ass. Not horses or chariots of the great and mighty, but a humble beast carries the Ruler whose dominion stretches "from the River to the ends of the earth" (Zechariah 9:10). This King comes to banish the tools of the warrior and bring peace. No wonder that a weary world rejoices and gives thanks to God! Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

DESPERATION ... The kingdom of God is not for the well-meaning but for the desperate. —James Denney

HOPE ... Never deprive someone of hope – it may be all they have. —Anonymous

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.