

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time ***July 16, 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 17	8:00 a.m.
Tuesday	July 18	7:00 a.m.
Wednesday	July 19	5:30 p.m.
Thursday	July 20	8:00 a.m.
Friday	July 21	5:30 p.m.
Saturday	July 22	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	July 23	10:00 a.m.

INTENTIONS

- No Schedule Mass – Out of town Funeral
 For Moisture / Rain
 Mitch/Diane Gregg's family (physical/spiritual)
 Book of Memories / Blessings
 Mary Portz +
 People of our Parish
 Mark Stadler

**You have crowned the
 year with your bounty,
 and your paths overflow
 with a rich harvest.**

— Psalm 65:12

Stewardship: July 9, 2017

Adult Envelopes:\$978.80
Loose Plate:\$410.01
Children: \$3.00
Total: \$1,391.81

Joy of the Gospel Campaign
 Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
 Gifts last week:\$618.51
Total Gifts Received:.....\$532,211.90
 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:.....\$1,357,795.04
 Balance on DIAL LOAN:..... \$387,339.64

Peter's Pence:..... \$40.00
 Mission Coop:\$170.00

Parish Calendar

Sunday July 30 6:00pm 5th Sunday Rosary (followed by meal in Parish Hall)

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 teaching Mass on **July 26** at 7pm at St. Patrick Catholic Church. Please follow our link on Facebook: Theology on Tap North Platte. If you have any questions, please call Jennifer Kramer 520-1622.

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.

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.

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!

Rediscover Your Marriage ... Retrouvaille simply means 'rediscovery'. The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. Tens of thousands headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending. Retrouvaille is a not spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. 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.HelpOurMarriage.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)

... Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,
 We want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for hosting us for Totus Tuus this week. We enjoyed teaching the youth about Salvation History and the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary. You have a beautiful parish and we see that in the children and the families. It has been a great blessing to experience your great generosity and hospitality! This week has been full of faith and fun, and we couldn't ask for anything better. We'll keep you in our prayers. Please keep us in yours. Thanks again, and God bless! *Brian Wirth, Scotty Sullivan, Anastasia Kastil, Megan O'Grady.*

TOTUS TUUS Thank You's ... Thanks to all of the children who attended Totus Tuus last week. Thanks to the parents who provided cookies, those who helped with the lunches & evening meals for the Team, those who helped with the pot-luck meal, those who provided housing for the Team, & those who assisted with the snacks, lunch & many of the other details behind the scenes. Thanks especially to the Team! It was a very good week! (Fr. Seiker)

CCD CLASSES ... **for 2017-2018 for both the Grade School (Gr K-8) & High School (Gr 9-12) will be held on Sunday after Mass from 11:00am-12:15pm. The first class is Sunday, August 20, 2017 at 11:00am.**

Science and Ethics ... Pope Benedict XVI has stated, "I feel the duty to affirm yet again that not all that is scientifically possible is also ethically licit. Technology, when it reduces the human being to an object of experimentation, results in abandoning the weak subject to the arbitration of the stronger. To blindly entrust oneself to technology as the only guarantee of progress, without offering at the same time an ethical code that penetrates its roots in that same reality under study and development, would be equal to doing violence to human nature with devastating consequences for all. The contribution of scientists is of primary importance. Together with the progress of our capacity to dominate nature, scientists must also contribute to help understand the depth of our responsibility for man and for nature entrusted to him" (Feb. 12, 2007 – Address to the International Congress on Natural Moral Law).

An Abortion Testimony ... The following words were written by one of the many women whose abortion testimonies can be found at www.priestsforlife.org/testimonies.

"I went to Planned Parenthood for a pregnancy test. They didn't do ANY counseling about fetal development or alternatives. An abortion was "the answer" just because I didn't want to be pregnant yet, even though I was happily married and had no financial problems, etc. etc.

"I was treated like a cow. There was no explanation AT ALL by the abortionist regarding ANYTHING that could have helped me think twice about "my" decision to have an abortion. Of course, it wasn't really "my" decision at all. Everybody else decided for me. My husband didn't want me to abort, but all the professionals "knew better what was best for me."

"I still cannot tell anyone else about it, even though it's been over 20 years now. It's made me very pro-life, because I KNOW the deceit that goes on in so-called "counseling." Not one day goes by that I don't think about it with regret and sorrow.

"I also have accepted the Lord as my Savior, and that has helped."

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 ... "If you are married, I highly recommend the use of modern methods of Natural Family Planning (NFP). NFP teaches a couple to understand and observe the woman's natural signs of fertility. ... NFP can also strengthen marriages. Couples often experience improved communication, self control, and a deeper commitment to each other. ... When they are intimate, they can give themselves completely to each other without worrying about contraception." *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.

RCIA Classes ... Fr. Mark Seiker will be leading an RCIA process (Inquiry class in the Faith) **beginning in Sept, 2017** until a few weeks after Easter (mid May 2018). Classes will usually be held on **Wednesdays in the Parish Hall from 7:00pm – 9:00pm.** These classes are open to Catholics and non-Catholics alike. **For Catholics, it is a good opportunity to learn more about your faith.** If you are interested call the Rectory or see Fr. Seiker. Begin praying and thinking about persons that you want to invite to study our faith with you. Our faith is to be treasured, preserved, and lived, but it is also to be shared ... share your faith with a friend by coming to these RCIA classes.

Fr. Mark Seiker's Schedule ... for a few weeks:

Monday, July 17, 2017 ... I am going to a 10:00am Funeral at Sacred Heart Church, Hebron. Because of the early funeral time & a 5:00pm Priests' meeting in Minden, there will NOT be a daily Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

Tuesday, July 18, 2017 ... after the 7:00am Mass, I have some appointments in the Eastern end of the State; I will return for 5:30pm Mass on Wednesday, July 19.

Monday, July 24, 2017 ... Annual Serra Priests Golf Outing ... Tee time at 10:30am in Lincoln (so there will be a **6:30am Mass**). On Tuesday (07/25) and Wednesday (07/26) I have some appointments on the Eastern end of the State.

National Cursillo Encounter ... (from Thu., July 27 – Sunday, Jul. 30) at Trinity University in San Antonio, TX. I will be riding with some other cursillistas (leaving early Thursday from Lincoln area, and returning to North Platte on Monday, July 31). **Fr. Matthew Rolling**, a Priest of our Diocese who is studying in Rome, and is back for the summer, will be here for Confessions & Masses on **July 29-30.** Please welcome him.

Out of town Saturday Weddings ... in this past year I have prepared a number of couples for marriage while they were living and working in North Platte. Sometimes (if I am able to get coverage) I am able to make it to the weddings.

- **Saturday, August 5, 2017 ...** Andrew Robert Butler & Margaret (Maggie) Claire Skoch: (1:30pm) Wedding at St. Cecilia Church, Hastings. Fr. Bernard Lorenz will be here for Confessions & Masses on Saturday, August 5, 2017. I will be here for Confessions & Mass on Sunday, August 6.
- **Saturday, September 2, 2017 ...** Blake Edward Mark & Melissa Ann Kesterson (3:30pm) Wedding at St. Stephen Church, Exeter. Fr. Bernard Lorenz will be here for Confessions & Masses on Saturday, September 2, 2017. I will be here for Confessions & Mass on Sunday, Sept. 3.

Fr. Seiker on Pilgrimage ... I will be going on a Historical Journey Through Germany Pilgrimage led by Steve & Janet Ray from **Sept. 6-15, 2017.** I will leave on Tuesday, September 4 and will return on Saturday, September 16. This is a Catholic Pilgrimage to study, understand, and critique Martin Luther & the Protestant Reformation and to better understand our Catholic Faith. I will remember you in prayer throughout the Pilgrimage. Please remember me in prayer also. Fr. Bernard Lorenz will be here for Saturday / Sunday Confessions and Masses on September 9-10.

Liturgical Minister

	Sat., July 22, 5:00pm	Sun., July 23, 10:00am
Lector	Mike Krondak	Justin Pieper
Acolyte	Jerry Volesky	Jerry Cooper
Server	William Krondak	Drew Connelly
	Nicholas Krondak	Lakeland Lowrey
Music	Greg Vandenberg	Buhrman/Niesen/Gregg
Gifts	Steve & Janet Fear	Jarrold/LaTisha Connelly
Ushers	Steve Fear	Shane Lowrey
	Janet Fear	Duane Johnsen

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-8; Mt 10:34 - 11:1
Tuesday:	Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday:	Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday:	Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1,5,8-9,24-27; Mt 11:28-30
Friday:	Ex 11:10 - 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday:	Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Sunday:	Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43

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: 7/15 - Matt Siemek, 7/17 - Jase Vapenik, 7/18 - Ken Bjornstad, 7/20 - Jerry Cooper.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... Two centuries ago, Archbishop John Carroll worried that Americans would not appreciate the linguistic veil over our worship, and asked that the liturgy in the new United States be in English, not Latin. How did our liturgy come to be in Latin in the first place? In the first century, the dominant language in the regions where the church first flourished was Greek. Today in much of the world, almost everyone speaks at least a bit of English. Recently, the European Union even considered making English its official language, a curious proposal since only two English-speaking countries are members.

Just as English is a unifying language today, it was hard to function in the ancient world without a smattering of Greek. Even the word "Eucharist" comes from the Greek for "thanksgiving." For a long time, Greek was the language of worship, even in Rome. Slowly, society in the west shifted to a bias for Latin and against Greek. Latin first appeared in public prayer at the end of the second century, in the colonial outposts of North Africa. Soon, Latin became the language of culture, and so as fixed prayer forms were written, they were transmitted in Latin. From Rome and Africa, over the next four centuries, the new liturgical language of Latin spread north to Gaul and Britain. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

FRUIT OF THE WORD ... The seed is the word of God. The agricultural metaphors in all of today's readings give richness to the message that the word of God, cultivated in our hearts, bears much fruit in our lives. Creation itself awaits the redemption of all, even as our bodies await the resurrection. Just as we will rejoice in the fulfillment of God's word, so will all of creation sing for joy in the Reign of God. The word of God is effective and holy; it brings about exactly what it says. It is not futile or empty, but rich in meaning for those who hear and are healed. Those who hear the word of God and keep it will, with all creation, bear much fruit and sing for joy. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

LISTEN ... Listen and attend with the ear of your heart. —St. Benedict

TOWARD HEAVEN ... Think well. Speak well. Do well. These three things, through the mercy of God, will make a person go to heaven. —St. Camillus de Lellis

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.