

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time ***July 22, 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 23	8:00 a.m.
Tuesday	July 24	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday	July 25	5:30 p.m.
Thursday	July 26	8:00 a.m.
Friday	July 27	5:30 p.m.
Saturday	July 28	1:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	July 29	10:00 a.m.

INTENTIONS

For an end to abortion
 President Trump & Judge Kavanaugh
 For an end to contraception
 Parishioners with Birthday in July
 Martha Burbach +
 Wedding: Edgar Chavira / Karla Saldana
 Phillip & Julie Moran
 People of Our Parish

***Behold, the days are
 coming, says the LORD,
 when I will raise up a
 righteous shoot to David.***

— Jeremiah 23:5a

Stewardship: July 15, 2018

Adult Envelopes:\$917.00
Loose Plate:.....\$166.00
Children:.....\$6.00
Holy Day (): \$0.00
Total: \$1,089.00

Joy of the Gospel Campaign
 Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
 Gifts last week:\$0.00
Total Gifts Received:.....\$694,013.05
 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

Mission Coop:.....\$1,259.00

Parish Calendar

Sunday July 29 6:00pm 5th Sunday Rosary (Angelus, Rosary, Food)
 Sunday Aug. 12 11:00am Knights of Columbus Family BBQ Picnic (11:00am – 1:00pm)

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!)

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

Practice for Choir Members & Cantors ...

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

- **Wednesday, July 25, 2018, 6:30pm – 7:30pm**

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

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.**

5th Sunday Rosary Program ... on **Sun., July 29 at 6:00pm.** Angelus, and Rosary, and Food.

Knights of Columbus Family BBQ Picnic ... Knights of Columbus Council #12530 will serve lunch on **Sunday, August 12, 2018**, after 10:00am Sunday Mass (**11:00am – 1:00pm**). All are invited. Free Will offering accepted ... Proceeds go to the purchase of Missalettes. **August is Family Month for Knights!**

August 12 is the birthday anniversary of Fr. Michael McGivney (*founder of the Knights of Columbus, bd=08/12/1852*). The new officers of the Knights of Columbus will be installed during the 10:00am Sunday Mass at announcement time.

Also, July 25, is the Charter Anniversary of Knights of Columbus Council #12530, established on July 25, 1999.

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 **August 13**. 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!

3rd Annual Sacred Music Clinic ... The Diocesan Liturgical Commission will be hosting the Third Annual Sacred Music Clinic on **Saturday, August 25, 2018** at the Newman Center in Lincoln.

This year all presentations will be given by local priests / musicians. Parish musicians, cantors, & choir members, as well as interested Parishioners are invited to participate: please mark your calendars.

A Lifeline for Marriage ... **Retrouvaille** helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped tens or thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the August program beginning with a weekend on August 24-26, 2018, call 888-317-5654, 308-986-2351 or www.retrouvaille.org on the web.

New Parishioners / Moved Parishioners:

over the last year 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:** Lana Vlasin [Aug 2017], Rick Ryan [Oct 2017], Colleen O'Shaughnessy [Dec 2017], Marcise Albrecht [Jan 2018], Andrew & Margaret Butler [June 2018]. Please introduce yourself to them & welcome them to our parish.

Parishioners who have moved away: Curtis & Mary [Hybber] Osborn [married Sep 2017; moved to Kearney Oct 2017], Melissa Kesterson [married Blake Mark Sep 2017, moved to Hastings], Rodrigo & Lia Werle [moved to Madison, WI, Nov 2017], Matt & Stacy Siemek [moved out of parish, Dec 2017], Polly Breno [came to Parish in Aug 2017 - moved to Greeley CO in Dec 2017], Kevin Budke [moved to Cheyenne, WI, Dec 2017], Rex & Kristie Walz [transferred to St. John Church, Stapleton, Dec 2017], Hope Johnston [moved to IA, Feb 2018], Jon & Jessica Vapenik [moved to Grand Island, NE, Feb 2018], Derrek Schacht [moved to Valentine, NE, Mar 2018], Stephen & Corinne Smock [moved to Minden, Mar 2018], Rich & Claudette Wielechowski [moved to Nebraska City, May 2018], Jon & Molly Walz [transferred to St. John Church, Stapleton, Jun 2018], Logan & Sophie Morris [moved to Lincoln, Jun 2018].

Consistent Ethic of Life ...

“A wide spectrum of issues touches on the protection of human life and the promotion of human dignity. As Pope John Paul II has reminded us: “Where life is involved, the service of charity must be profoundly consistent. It cannot tolerate bias and discrimination, for human life is sacred and inviolable at every stage and in every situation; it is an indivisible good.” (*The Gospel of Life*, no. 87).

“Among important issues involving the dignity of human life with which the Church is concerned, abortion necessarily plays a central role. Abortion, the direct killing of an innocent human being, is always gravely immoral (*The Gospel of Life*, #57); its victims are the most vulnerable and defenseless members of the human family. It is imperative that those who are called to serve the least among us give urgent attention and priority to this issue of justice” (*2001: US Bishops' Pastoral Plan for Pro-life Activities: A Campaign in Support of Life*).

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: From Fr. Au ...

“Thank you very much for your warm welcome at my recent visit for the Mission Appeal on behalf of the Sisters of Our Lady of China. I thank you too for your generous contribution and support for their work. You will be in my and their prayers. Please keep us in yours. If you have not had the chance to do so, please put your contribution through your parish envelope designated for Mission Appeal. Yours in Christ, Fr. Au.” 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.

FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:

Wednesday, July 25, 2018: 50th Anniversary of the Papal Encyclical: Humanae Vitae (“Of Human Life”) by Blessed Pope Paul VI on July 25 1968 ...

this document subtitled *On the Regulation of Birth*, re-affirmed the teaching of the Church regarding married love, responsible parenthood, and the rejection of the use of artificial contraception. It affirmed the Church’s moral teaching on the sanctity of life and the procreative and unitive nature of conjugal relations. (*Remember that the use of any type/form of artificial contraception is immoral, grave matter and must be confessed before receiving Holy Communion.*) [*Paul VI will be Canonized 10/14/18*]

Humanae Vitae 50 years later ... (*NC News Service Translation; bold and underlined text are added here for emphasis*)

#11 Respect for the Nature and Purpose of the Marriage Act. “Nonetheless the Church, calling men back to the observance of the norms of the natural law, as interpreted by its constant doctrine, teaches that **each and every marriage act** (*quilibet matrimonii usus*) **must remain open to the transmission of life.**”

#12. Two Inseparable Aspects: Union and Procreation. *That teaching, often set forth by the magisterium, is founded upon the **inseparable connection**, willed by God and unable to be broken by man on his own initiative, **between the two meanings of the conjugal act: the unitive meaning and the procreative meaning.** Indeed, by its intimate structure, the conjugal act, while most closely uniting husband and wife, capacitates them for the generation of new lives, according to laws inscribed in the very being of man and of woman. By safeguarding both these essential aspects, the unitive and the procreative, the conjugal act preserves in its fullness the sense of true mutual love and its ordination towards man’s most high calling to parenthood. We believe that the men of our day are particularly capable of seizing the deeply reasonable and human character of this fundamental principle.*

#17: Grave Consequences of Methods of Artificial Birth Control. “Upright men can even better convince themselves of the solid grounds on which the teaching of the Church in this field is based, if they care to reflect upon the consequences of methods of artificial birth control. Let them consider, first of all, **how wide and easy a road would thus be opened up towards conjugal infidelity and the general lowering of morality.** Not much experience is needed in order to know human weakness, and to understand that men - especially the young, who are so vulnerable on this point - have need of encouragement to be faithful to the moral law, so that they must not be offered some easy means of eluding its observance. It is also to be feared that the man, growing used to the employment of anticonceptive practices, may finally **lose respect for the woman** and, no longer caring for her physical and psychological equilibrium, may come to the point of **considering her as a mere instrument of selfish enjoyment**, and no longer as his respected and beloved companion.

Let it be considered also that **a dangerous weapon** would thus be **placed in the hands of those public authorities** who take no heed of moral exigencies. Who could blame a government for applying to the solution of the problems of the community those means acknowledged to be licit for married couples in the solution of a family problem? Who will stop rulers from favoring, from even imposing upon their peoples, if they were to consider it necessary, the method of contraception which they judge to be most efficacious? In such a way men, wishing to avoid individual, family, or social difficulties encountered in the observance of the divine law, would reach the point of placing at the mercy of the intervention of public authorities the most personal and most reserved sector of conjugal intimacy.

Consequently, if the mission of generating life is **not to be exposed to the arbitrary will of men**, one must necessarily recognize **unsurmountable limits to the possibility of man’s domination over his own body and its functions**; limits which no man, whether a private individual or one invested with authority, may licitly surpass. And such limits cannot be determined otherwise than by the **respect due to the integrity of the human organism and its functions**, according to the principles recalled earlier, and also according to the correct understanding of the “principle of totality” illustrated by our predecessor Pope Pius XII.

Liturgical Minister

	Sat., July 28, 5:00pm	Sun., July 29, 10:00am
Lector	Mike Krondak	Chuck Burr
Acolyte	Greg Vandenberg	Greg Vandenberg
Server	William Krondak	Drew Connelly
	Nicholas Krondak	Jace Gunden
Music	Matt & Ashley Perlinger	Matt & Ashley Perlinger
Gifts	Forrest Kain family	Ken & Teresa Bjornstad
Ushers	Steve Fear	Duane Johnsen
	Janet Fear	Heather Johnsen
Rosary		

Readings for the Week

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 26:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10-13; Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Jer 7:1-11; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:24-30

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-18; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

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: 7/25 - Audrey Frary.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... The American Revolution cleared the way for freedom of religion in the former colonies, since the colonies had always been a more religiously tolerant place than the old country. Even so, colonial laws restricted the practice of the Catholic faith, and just as in England, Americans who desired to be priests or nuns had to go to the Netherlands or France. As political storm clouds gathered in France, an American woman, Mother Bernardina Matthews, the prioress of the Hoogstraeten Carmel in Holland, made a brave move. With two other American nuns, her nieces, and a Dutch sister, she came to Port Tobacco, Maryland, in 1790. Within twenty years the community had grown to twenty, although by 1823 their farm failed and they had to move to Baltimore and open a school. The Carmelite order requires contemplation and cloister, so in time the school was closed. The Port Tobacco land had long since been sold, but in 1976 a community of nuns was able to return thanks to loyal neighbors who had worked for forty years for their restoration. Today, our original American convent is fully alive in prayer, hard work, and strong community. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

REST IN THE LORD ... For several weeks we have listened to readings that have recounted just how arduous the work of prophets and disciples can be. In today's Gospel, the Lord Jesus listens to the reports of those he had sent out "two by two" to minister to the people. After the apostles reported what they had done, Jesus, recognizing their fatigue, says, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest awhile" (Mark 6:31). Perhaps this is what the Lord is telling his disciples in the year 2018 as well. We need to pause on our journey of discipleship and simply rest in the Lord. Sunday Mass provides many opportunities for quiet times, particularly during the periods of silence following the readings. Why not take the time today to allow the saving word of the Lord to penetrate your heart during those silent times? Ask the Lord to renew you in body, mind, and spirit for the arduous work of discipleship. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

MUCH NEEDED PRAYER ... Each Christian needs half an hour of prayer each day, except when we are busy; then we need an hour. —St. Francis de Sales

SOLITUDE ... Settle yourself in solitude, and you will come upon God in yourself. —St. Teresa

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 Jacinta, from St. John Lalande Parish, Blue Springs, MO; Sister Mary Ruth Jones.*

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.