

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time ***July 23, 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 24	6:30 a.m.
Tuesday	July 25	7:00 a.m.
Wednesday	July 26	5:30 p.m.
Thursday	July 27	8:00 a.m.
Friday	July 28	5:30 p.m.
Saturday	July 29	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	July 30	10:00 a.m.

INTENTIONS

Moisture / Rain
 - No Schedule Mass –
 - No Schedule Mass –
 - No Schedule Mass –
 - No Schedule Mass –
 Philip & Julie Moran
 People of our Parish

**Those who are
just must be kind.**

— Wisdom 12:19

Stewardship: July 16, 2017

Adult Envelopes:\$1,918.80
Loose Plate:\$126.00
Children: \$5.00
Total: \$2,089.80

Joy of the Gospel Campaign
 Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
 Gifts last week:\$2,118.10
Total Gifts Received:.....\$534,330.00
 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:.....\$0.00
 Mission Coop:\$40.00

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. Purchasing SCRIP now 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 & Rosary; followed by Food in Parish Hall.

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!

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: 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 Kastl, Megan O'Grady.*

TOTUS TUUS Thank You ... 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.

Pope Benedict on Life ... “The causes that lead to such painful decisions as abortion are of course many and complex. If, on the one hand, faithful to her Lord’s commandment, the Church never tires of reaffirming that the sacred value of every human being’s life originates in the Creator’s plan, on the other hand, she encourages the promotion of every initiative in support of women and families in order to create the favorable conditions in which to welcome life, and the protection of the family institution founded on the marriage between a man and a woman. Not only has permitting recourse to the termination of pregnancy not solved the problems that afflict many women and a fair number of families, but it has also made another wound in our society, unfortunately, already burdened by deep suffering” (*Address of Pope Benedict XVI to Italy’s Pro-life Movement, 05/12/08*).

Our Lady of the Harvest Chapter of Magnificat ... will be hosting a **Brunch Saturday, July 29, 2017 in Ogallala.** Magnificat, a nationwide ministry to Catholic Women, is celebrating 15 years of ministry in the Ogallala area this year.

Mary Beth Bonacci of Colorado will be the featured speaker at the brunch that will be held at 9:00am MST at the Quality Inn, 201 Chuckwagon Road, Ogallala, NE.

Mary Beth is a native of Colorado who grew up in Lakewood, attended St. Bernadette Elementary School and graduated from Lakewood High School. Mary Beth left Colorado in 1983 to attend college at the University of San Francisco. She has lived on the West coast, the East coast, and spent some time in the Southwest before eventually returning home to Colorado.

Marty Beth earned a Master’s Degree in Theology of Marriage and Family from the John Paul II Institute. She has spent much of her adult life as a speaker and writer, working with Catholic teenagers, parents and singles. Her primary message has always been about understanding and living “Real Love”.

All women are invited to attend the brunch and hear one woman’s experience of the love of Christ in her life. You can register for the event by sending a check or money order for \$15.00 to Julie Sestak at PO Box 142, Madrid, NE 69150. Phone: 308-326-4475 E-mail: jsestak1971@yahoo.com.

In the Ogallala area those interested in registering, may sign up at the Ben Franklin Craft Store, located on North Spruce Street in Ogallala. Registration deadline is July 24, 2017.

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 ... “Mother Teresa believed ... that much of the world’s unhappiness and injustice begins with a disregard for the miracle of life created in the womb of mothers. Today our culture rejects love when it rejects the gift of new life through the use of contraception.” *Bishop James Conley*

Introduction to Deliverance ... Have you ever wondered what exactly deliverance is or how it fits into our Catholic Faith? The Office of Evangelization will be hosting an evening consisting of four 20 minutes talks. This is open to ALL: laity, clergy, religious, protestants & anyone who would like a better understanding of the meaning of deliverance and the Unbound Ministry & how each person can benefit from it. Join us at St. Vincent de Paul’s Parish (in the Church) on **Thursday, Sept. 14, 7:00pm-8:30pm**, 152 Pinewood Ave, Seward, NE. **NO registration required.**

The Daughters of Charity ... are once again having their **BOUTIQUE** during the **Pumpkin Festival** on **Sunday, October 8, 2017**. We are asking everyone in our Parish to use the talents our Lord has blessed us with and to share with others. This, of course, includes the men as well as the women, to share their “handiwork” with all. Please start thinking of what you can make and contribute. If you have any questions, please call or talk to Alice Robinson.

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 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, Aug. 5 ...** 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 Sat., Aug. 5, 2017. I will be here for Confessions / Mass on Sun, Aug. 6.
- **Saturday, Sept. 2 ...** Blake Edward Mark & Melissa Ann Kesterson (3:30pm) Wedding at St. Stephen Church, Exeter. Fr. Bernard Lorenz will be here for Confessions & Masses on Sat., Sep. 2, 2017. I will be here for Confessions / Mass on Sun., Sept. 3.

Liturgical Minister

	Sat., July 29, 5:00pm	Sun., July 30, 10:00am
Lector	Mike Krondak	Chuck Burr
Acolyte	Jon Walz	Jerry Cooper
Server	William Krondak	Drew Connelly
	Nicholas Krondak	Jace Grunden
Music	Matt & Ashley Perlinger	Matt & Ashley Perlinger
Gifts	Jerry & Teri Volesky	Harris & Joanie Grunden
Ushers	Paul Nordquist	Jeff Orr
	Charles Barron	Duane Johnsen

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-6; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday:	2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
Wednesday:	Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday:	Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52-56; Mt 13:10-17
Friday:	Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23
Saturday:	Ex 24:3-8; Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Sunday:	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52

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: 7/25 - Audrey Frary, 7/30 - Joy Chilcott.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... For centuries, the only Eucharistic Prayer we heard as Western Catholics was the old Roman Canon, usually recited in a low voice by the priest, in Latin. By the 1940s, many Catholics were learning to follow along with the actions of the priest by means of a bilingual missal, with Latin on one side and English on the other. Drawings of the priest's position at the altar, moving from one side to the other, or bowing or standing with uplifted hands at the center, helped the readers stay on track.

The Roman Canon is a long prayer, and since it was done every day for every occasion, priests had a way of galloping through it. Even though long, its structure is fairly simple, with the consecration and sacrifice clearly marked out. Sadly, this surviving prayer had triumphed over many treasures of our tradition that emphasized other dimensions of Eucharist. The *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* in 1963 did not call directly for new Eucharistic Prayers, but that direction was inevitable. Discussion began almost immediately, and by 1967 the Vatican approved three new Eucharistic Prayers. In 1974, the Congregation for Worship unveiled the experiment of two Eucharistic Prayers for Masses of Reconciliation, and three for Masses with Children. At last, a period of creativity and enrichment had begun. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

THE MERCY, POWER, AND LOVE OF GOD ... The first reading today, from the book of Wisdom, makes its point over and over, at least five times in five verses! God is mighty, but lenient to all. God's power is shown in kindness and clemency, not in harshness and condemnation, and those who govern God's people must govern in the same way, with kindness. This loving kindness and gentleness is not contrary to God's might, but is a direct result of God's primacy over all. Who are we, then, to judge what is in the hearts of our fellow Christians and all people, when God commands justice with love and clemency?

Likewise, the Holy Spirit makes up for our ignorance of what we need, speaking in a language we do not yet understand. But God knows our needs before we do, understands the intercessions of the Spirit, and helps us in our weakness. This is our hope: God's mercy, power, and love. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

FORGIVENESS ... And is God not more ready to pardon than we to sin? —St. Catherine of Siena

LOVING SOMEONE ... To love someone deeply gives you strength. Being loved by someone deeply gives you courage. —Lao Tzu

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.