

# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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## *17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time* *July 30, 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](mailto: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 31	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
Tuesday	Aug. 1	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>
Wednesday	Aug. 2	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
Thursday	Aug. 3	8:00 a.m.
Friday	Aug. 4	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
	followed by:	<i>Exposition of Blessed Sacrament &amp; all night Adoration</i>
Saturday	Aug. 5	9:00 a.m.
		<b>5:00 p.m.</b>
Sunday	Aug. 6	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>

**INTENTIONS**

Pope Francis  
 Al Robinson +  
 Parishioners with Birthday in August  
 Book of Memories / Blessings  
 the Portz kids  
 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Holy Hour & Benediction  
 People of our Parish  
 Julian & Marty Estrada +

**All things  
 work for good  
 for those who  
 love God.**

*—Romans 8:28a*

**Stewardship: July 23, 2017**

<b>Adult Envelopes:</b> .....	\$1,553.80
<b>Loose Plate:</b> .....	\$123.31
<b>Children:</b> .....	\$1.50
<b>Total:</b> .....	\$1,688.61

<b><u>Joy of the Gospel Campaign</u></b>	
Total Pledged: .....	\$958,770.00
Gifts last week: .....	\$875.00
<b>Total Gifts Received:</b> .....	<b>\$535,205.00</b>
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: .....	\$0.00

**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**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ...** for the **COMMUNITY BUILD of our NEW McDaid Playground!!** Friday, Aug. 4 and Saturday, August 5, starting each day at 8:00am! We need 10 strong volunteers at each shift. Shifts are from 8:00am-12pm and 1pm-5pm. Due to liability issues children should not be present. PLEASE contact Cassie Condon if you are available so we can plan on you at 308-520-1119.

**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.

**5<sup>th</sup> 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. You may drop off the cans in the barrels in front of the storage shed (on southwest corner of parking lot).

**Pro-Life Corner ...** "The Bible is clear that sons and daughters are among the greatest blessings that we will ever receive. Architects design buildings that will someday fall down, programmers construct computer software that will eventually be obsolete -- but fathers and mothers create and cultivate souls that will never die." *Sam & Bethany Torode (from their book: Open Embrace)*

**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.

**Marriage Saving – the Weekend Phase ...** During the weekend phase of Retrouvaille (means 'rediscovery') a series of presentations are given by a team of three couples and a priest. The team presents a technique of communication that enables you to take a good look at most areas of your relationship. After each presentation you have time in the privacy of your room to discuss the previous presentation. For confidential information about or to register for the August program beginning with a weekend: Aug. 25-27, 2017, in Schuyler, NE call 1-888-317-5654 or www.retrouvaille.org.

**The First Human Right ...** Cardinal Renato Martino, when serving as President of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, said the following in an interview conducted for Priests for Life in May, 2004: "The Holy Father speaks of the protection of life as the fundamental realization and respect for human rights. Without that realization, without that respect for the right to life, no other discussion of human rights can continue; it must be based upon the foundation of human dignity and the right to life."

**Prayer for Rain ...** O God, in whom we live and move and have our being, grant us rain in due abundance, that being sufficiently helped with earthly gifts we may seek with more confidence those that are eternal. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**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.**

**Put a Retreat into Your Schedule ...** In an effort to remove some obstacles that might be keeping parishioners from enjoying a retreat, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church will be making a donation of \$1,500.00 to Good Counsel Retreat House. This donation will cover the Registration Fee for 9 parishioners. Car-pooling is also encouraged. If you are interested in attending a particular retreat, perhaps someone else is also interested. Let me know and a note can be put in the bulletin mentioning that there is a vehicle going to Good Counsel Retreat House for a particular Retreat. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton will also pay for the gas to a Retreat. Please put a Retreat into your schedule this year!

Register at [www.goodcounselretreat.com](http://www.goodcounselretreat.com) (receive immediate confirmation) or call Good Counsel Retreat House (402-786-2705) to register now.

### **August – May Schedule:**

Aug 11-12..... Fr. Michael Zimmer ..... Men / Women  
*“Society of St. Vincent de Paul: Encounter God’s Love”*

Aug 25-27..... Fr. Scott Courtney ..... Women  
*“Are you fueled by the Word?”*

Sept 1-4 Fr. Gary Coulter Men/Women *“3 or 4-Day Ignatian Retreat”*

Sept 7-10..... Opus Sanctum Angelorum..... Men / Women  
*Work of the Holy Angels (4-Day)*

Sept 15-17 Fr. Thomas Dunavan Men/Women *“Saints for Today”*

Sept 29-Oct. 1 .... Fr. Justin Fulton ..... Men / Women  
*“Is God There? Does He Care? Practical Prayer in Desolation”*

Oct 6-8..... Fr. Gary Coulter ..... Men / Women  
*“The Fruits of Our Lady of Fatima: 100 Years”*

Oct 20-22..... Fr. Craig Doty ..... Men / Women  
*“Jesus, Please Heal Me”*

Oct 27-29..... Fr. Mark Czyza ..... Men / Women  
*(Legion of Mary Retreat)*

Nov 3-5 Fr. Peter Mitchell, LC & Fr. Peter Krezalek, LC ..... Women  
*“Spiritual Exercises: The Kingdom of Christ”*

Nov 17-19..... Fr. Steve Thomlison..... Men / Women  
*“Seven Sorrows of Mary”*

Dec 1-3 ..... Bishop Robert Finn ..... Men / Women  
*“Baptize, Teach, and Know I am with You” (Catechists)*

Dec 7-10 Fr. Peter Mitchell, LC & Fr. Peter Krezalek, LC..... Men  
*“Spiritual Exercises: The Kingdom of Christ”*

Dec. 15-17 ..... Bishop Conley & Fr. Coulter .... Men/Women  
*(Advent Retreat)*

Jan 12-13 ..... Fr. Lux & Fr. McGuire..... Women  
*(LDCCW Winter Symposium)*

Jan 19-21 ..... Fr. William Holoubek ..... Men / Women  
*“Unbound: Breaking Free from Spiritual Wounds”*

Feb 2-4..... Fr. Joseph Walsh ..... Men / Women  
*“Stewardship: Sharing the Master’s Joy (Mt 15:21)”*

Feb 14..... LDCCW ..... Women  
*Day of Reflection (10am–3pm) “Ash Wednesday”*

Feb 16-18..... Fr. Sean Kilcawley ..... Women  
*“Divine Daughterhood / Merciful Motherhood”*

Feb 23-25..... Bishop Fabian Bruskewitz ..... Men  
*“Lenten Outlooks on Pleasure, Power, and Possessions”*

Mar 2-4..... Fr. Joseph Faulkner ..... Men / Women  
*“The Bible lets you talk to God better”*

Mar 16-18..... Magnificat with Susan Potvin ..... Women  
*“Life in the Spirit Retreat”*

Mar 19-22..... Fr. Gary Coulter ..... Men / Women  
*“Silent Directed Ignatian Retreat (Mon-Thur)”*

Mar 23-25..... Fr. Robert Young, O.F.M..... Men / Women  
*“Finding Peace in the Will of God”*

Mar 29-31 Marian Sisters Young Women .... *Triduum Retreat*

Apr 6-8 ..... Fr. Christopher Kubat..... Men / Women  
*“Divine Mercy Weekend”*

Apr 20-22 ..... Fr. Benjamin Holdren..... Men / Women  
*“Deepening your Prayer Life”*

May 4-6 ..... Fr. Anthony Baetzold, CFR... Men / Women  
*“Totus Tuus: A Retreat with Mary, Mother of the Church”*

**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.**

**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.

### **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:

**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.

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

## Liturgical Minister

	Sat., August 5, 5:00pm	Sun., August 6, 10:00am
<b>Lector</b>	Loren Baxa	Chuck Burr
<b>Acolyte</b>	Ed Rieker	Bob Ryland
<b>Server</b>	Harmon Johnsen	Kevin Bantam
	Brock Johnsen	Nicholas Niesen
<b>Music</b>	Matt & Ashley Perlinger	Choir
<b>Gifts</b>	Jim & Shirley Nisley	Shane Lowrey Family
<b>Ushers</b>	Paul Nordquist	Volunteer
	Charles Barron	Jeff Orr

## *Readings for the Week*

Monday:	Ex 32:15-24,30-34; Ps 106:19-23; Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday:	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-13; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday:	Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Thursday:	Ex 40:16-21,34-38; Ps 84:3-6a,8a,11; Mt 13:47-53
Friday:	Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday:	Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

**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:** 7/30 - Joy Chilcott, 8/1 - Nicholas Niesen, Jim Griffin, 8/3 - Kelly Grauerholz.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ...** The achievement of the late 1960s and early 1970s in enriching the "euchology" or "words of thanksgiving" available in the Church's prayer is important on many levels. Ecumenically, it means that the Latin Rite now reflects the wealth of the East in having more than one prayer available to the Church. Pastorally, it actually acknowledges the place of the assembly in prayer, which is particularly clear in the Masses with Children. In fact, the traditional prayers of the Eastern Church served as models for our new prayers.

In the East, what we call the Eucharistic Prayer is called the *anaphora*, and there are three main families of *anaphora*. Each family has a different "recipe" for arranging the usual parts of these prayers. All *anaphora* have "intercessions" included, but the Churches of Antioch place them toward the end of the prayer, Alexandria prefers them at the beginning before the "Holy, Holy," and Syria puts them at the very end. One branch of the Syrian family is unique in not mentioning the words of Jesus at the Last Supper. The Roman Canon we once prayed exclusively has some connection with the Alexandrian family, but once the signal for creativity was given, all the wealth of every prayer tradition was on the table, and our Sunday Mass has been greatly enriched. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**LISTEN TO YOUR DREAMS ...** God visits Solomon in a dream, and the scripture story nowhere tells us that Solomon awoke to have this conversation with God! So, still in his dream, Solomon answers God's question about what he desires most, and God grants his request for wisdom in abundance.

In our waking hours, we are much distracted by work, home, family, traffic, entertainment, and many worries. When we try to think about what we really want out of life, we have trouble even imagining what that might be. But deep inside, our real longings dwell, known to God and to the Holy Spirit. Our dreams, unencumbered by defenses, may hold clues to what our deepest needs are, or what bothers us most. They could be God speaking. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

**COMPASSION ...** If you love the justice of Jesus Christ more than you fear human judgment, then you will seek to do compassion. —Mechtild of Magdeburg

**PRAY ...** If you pray you are sure of saving your soul. If you do not pray you are just as sure to lose your soul. —St. Alphonsus Liguori

**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 (AUGUST):**

**Artists:** That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.

August 2017

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**Ushers**

**If you cannot make your assigned hour please call a sub. Thanks!**

Charles Barron 530-0042  
Jerry & Sharon Beckius 532-0763  
Steve & Janet Fear 534-6397  
Duane Johnsen 386-8944  
Heather Johnsen 386-8530  
Shane Lowrey 529-0249  
Paul Nordquist 532-0159  
Jeff Orr 520-1824  
Mike Paul 530-9315  
Alice Robinson 530-3114  
Cindy Swanson 660-2065

**Substitute when Schedule allows:**  
Kevin Budke 660-2255

**Coffee & Rolls List**

**Saturday**

August 5 Sheila Exner  
August 12 Cindy Swanson  
August 19 Janet Fear  
August 26 Alice Robinson

To volunteer for Saturday night, please call Renate Nordquist 532-0159.

**Sunday**

August 6 Volunteer  
August 13 Knights of Columbus  
August 20 Volunteer  
August 27 Estrada Sisters

To volunteer for Sundays, please call Rectory 534-5461.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 9:00am Holy Hour
6 Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord Annual 4th Degree Knights Picnic 1:00pm KC Hall	7	8 7:00pm Western Nebraska Community for Life Prayer Service	9	10	11 LDCCW - Diocesan Altar Society Fall Board Meeting at St. Peter Hall, Bellwood; 6:30pm = Registration & Dinner; 7:00pm=Executive Board Meet Retreat at Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly (MW) Fr. Michael Zimmer	12 Cursillo School of Leaders at Doniphan LDCCW - Diocesan Altar Society Fall Board Meeting at St. Mary Church, David City; Retreat at Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly (MW) Fr. Michael Zimmer
13 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Knights of Columbus Breakfast Cursillo SW NE Ultreya at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Hall, North Platte (3:30pm) 5:00pm Opening Mass for St. Patrick School	14 Vigil of Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven 5:30pm Mass 7:00pm Knights of Columbus Meeting	15 Solemnity of Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven Holy Day of Obligation 7:00am Mass 12:10pm Mass 7:00pm Mass	16	17 7:00pm Western Nebraska Community for Life Organizational Meeting	18	19 Knights of Columbus Officer Installation after 5:00pm Mass.
20 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time CCD 11:00am	21 Great Solar Eclipse	22 7:00pm Knights of Columbus Silver Rose Holy Hour	23	24 Retrouvaille — Schuyler, NE Retreat at Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly (Women) Fr. Scott Courtney	25 Retrouvaille — Schuyler, NE	26 Sacred Music Clinic at Newman Center, Lincoln Retrouvaille — Schuyler, NE Retreat at Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly (Women) Fr. Scott Courtney
27 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time CCD 11:00am Retrouvaille — Schuyler, NE Retreat at Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly (Women) Fr. Scott Courtney 7:00pm=Theology on Tap (20's & 30's year olds)	28	29	30	31		Fr. Bernard Lorenz substituting

