

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time ***August 5, 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	Aug. 6	8:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Aug. 7	7:00 a.m.
Wednesday	Aug. 8	5:30 p.m.
Thursday	Aug. 9	8:00 a.m.
Friday	Aug. 10	5:30 p.m.
Saturday	Aug. 11	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Aug. 12	10:00 a.m.

INTENTIONS

Peter Foley (bap)
 Vincent/Theresa Seiker (Anniv)
 Norbert Liebig
 Elli Fugate
 Margaret Baxa + Martha Burbach +
 Steve Fear
 Fr. Michael McGivney +

***Do not work for food
 that perishes
 but for the food that
 endures for eternal life.***
 — John 6:27a

Stewardship: July 29, 2018

Adult Envelopes:\$1,720.80
Loose Plate:.....\$227.00
Children:.....\$0.00
Holy Day (): \$0.00
Total: \$1,947.80

Joy of the Gospel Campaign
 Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
 Gifts last week:\$195.00
Total Gifts Received:.....**\$696,453.05**
 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:.....\$250.00

Parish Calendar

Sunday Aug. 12 11:00am **Knights of Columbus Family BBQ Picnic** (11:00am – 1:00pm)
 2:30pm MT Cursillo Ultreya at St. Patrick, Imperial
 5:00pm Opening Mass for St. Patrick School at McGahan Activities Center
 Monday Aug. 13 7:00pm **Knights of Columbus Meeting** in Parish Hall.

Catholic School News:

Back to School Mass & Open House ... are scheduled for August 12th. Please join us for the **Open House at 3:30pm** to drop off school supplies and **Mass** will be held in the McGahan Activities Center at **5:00pm**.

Contract Days ... will be held on **Wednesday, August 8** from 8:00am-4:00pm & again **Thursday August, 9** from 10:00am- 6:00pm.

Students to Report ... Freshman Report on **Monday, Aug. 13** and all student grades Kindergarten - 12 Grade will report on **Aug. 14**.

Little Leprechaun Preschool Contract Day ... Little Leprechaun Preschool will hold contract day on at **August 16 9:00am** with their first day of school for 3 & 4 year olds on **August 21**, which also marks Picture Day. The 4/5 year old class will begin on **Monday, August 20** with Picture Day being on **Wednesday, August 22**.

Fall Sports Season is Quickly Approaching! ... We want you to be informed of the expectations, schedules, and rules regarding your child's participation in athletics at St. Patrick's Jr/Sr High School. Activities Director Mark Skillstad has requested that Fall sport coaches meet with all participating athletes (grades 7-12) and their parents on **Sunday, August 5 at 7:00pm**. This Fall sports meeting will be held at St. Patrick High School, and will provide program information and answers to any questions that athletes or parents may have.

Steven Shannon, of "Fundraising University," will also present information to our athletes about a new fundraiser for the Activities Department. Last but not least, a friendly reminder to have all physicals and agreement sheets turned in to the school before the start date of practices. Thank you for your cooperation & your attendance on **Aug. 5**.

North Platte Catholic School:

Faith and Knowledge for a Brighter Future

Save the Date for our Pro-Life Banquet and Conference! October 26, 2018 ...

Archbishop Lucas, Bishop Conley and Bishop Hanefeldt invite you to join them for the annual Bishop's Pro-Life Banquet & Conference on Oct. 26! Our featured speaker for the banquet and conference is Dr. George Delgado, an Abortion Pill Reversal pioneer and Medical Director of Culture of Life Services (COLFS) in San Diego County. Please see flier on Narthex bulletin board. Registration details to follow.

4th Degree Knights of Columbus Picnic ...

Sunday, Aug. 5, 1:00pm, at Knights of Columbus Hall. The menu is: Chicken, corn, potato salad, rolls, watermelon. All 4th Degree Knights and their spouses are invited.

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.

Knights of Columbus Meeting ... Mon., Aug. 13,

7:00pm, Parish Hall. All Knights are invited to attend.

An AARP Smart Driver Course ...

will be offered at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Hall on **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.*

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.

Parish Council Meeting ... Thu Aug. 16, 7:00pm

Rectory Conference Room. (Members: Ken Bjornstad, Diane Gregg, Philip Heimann, Jim Nisley. Trustees: Jerry Volesky, Duane Johnsen).

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!

You can register at www.goodcounselretreat.com & receive immediate confirmation or call Good Counsel Retreat House at 402-786-2705 to register now.

August – June Schedule:

Aug 24-26..... Fr. Sean Kilcawley Women
“Divine Daughterhood/Merciful Motherhood Retreat”
 Aug. 31 - Sept 3 Fr. Gary Coulter/Fr. Chris Barak Men / Women
“3 or 4-Day Directed Ignatian Retreat”
 Sep 13-16..... Opus Sanctum Angelorum..... Men / Women
Work of the Holy Angels (4-Day)
 Sep 27-30 Fr. Zachary, SOLT/Knights of Holy Eucharist .Men/Women
“Love Made Visible; Eucharistic Adoration Retreat”
 Oct. 6-7 St. Gianna Physician’s Guild Men / Women
“For Catholic Doctors, Nurses, Medical Professionals & Students
 Oct 19-21 Fr. Andrew Heaslip / Matt Simmons Men/Women
“Catechists Retreat for Educators, Teachers, Catechists & Parents”
 Nov 2-4..... Fr. Craig Doty Men / Women
“Jesus, Please Heal Me (Pryaer Teams available)”
 Nov 16-18..... Fr. Sean Kilcawley..... Men / Women
“Learning to Love from the Beloved Disciple”
 Nov 30–Dec 2 Deacon James Keating Couples (Married/Engaged)
“Marriage & Intimacy: How God Wants to Secure Your Love”
 Dec. 14-16 Bishop Conley & Fr. Coulter Men/Women
(The Mysteries of Christmas)
 Jan 11-12 Fr. Lux & Fr. McGuire..... Women
(LDCCW Winter Symposium)
 Jan 18-20 Fr. Eric Clark / Knights of Holy Eucharist Men
“Acolyte / Lector Retreat: Discipleship at the Foot of the Cross”
 Feb 1-3..... Fr. William Holoubek Men / Women
“Unbound: Breaking Free from Spiritual Wounds”
 Feb 15-17..... Sr. Ann Shields..... Men / Women
“Faith: More Precious than Gold”
 Feb 22-24 Fr. Angelus Montgomery, CFR. Men/Women
“American Saints and Heroic Virtue”
 Mar 8-10..... Fr. Karl Millis..... Men / Women
“St. Teresa of Avila in Light of the Joy of the Gospel”
 Mar 18-21 Fr. Gary Coulter Men / Women
“Silent Directed Ignatian Retreat (Mon-Thur)”
 Mar 22-24 Fr. Sean Timmerman..... Men / Women
“Awareness of Christ: the Rosary and the Eucharist”
 Mar 29-31 Sharon Doran. Men / Women
“Scriptural Lenten Retreat on the Boundless Mercy of God”
 April 18-20 Marian Sisters..... Young Women
Triduum Retreat
 May 10-11 Janette Howe 2 Day Retreat for Women
“In Quiet and Trust Your Strength Lies”
 Summer 2019 8 Day Silent Ignatian Retreats... Men / Women
 July 1-9; July 10-18 Fr. Dennis Brown, OMV

CCD CLASSES ... for 2018-2019 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 19, 2018 at 11:00am.** **We are in need of a few more teachers ... please visit with Fr. Seiker.**

Marriage Saving – the Post Session Phase

The post-weekend phase of Retrouvaille is as crucial to the healing of a troubled marriage as the initial weekend experience. During the post-weekend sessions, the weekend technique is further developed and combined with additional tools to explore other areas of the marriage relationship. 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.HelpOurMarriage.org.

Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life ...

I invite and challenge you to join fellow Catholics in a nationwide effort of prayer and fasting to end the grave evil of abortion.

The Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life will include prayer and fasting for the intention that this change in the membership of the Supreme Court will move our nation closer to the day when every human being is protected in law and welcomed in life. The Novena will also include information to help educate the public about how legal abortion is not health care, is bad law, and fails women.

The Novena takes place from Friday, Aug. 3, - Friday, Sept. 28. I encourage you to sign up for the Novena as part of the USCCB Call to Prayer at www.usccb.org/pray. You will receive weekly email or text message reminders to **pray and fast** along with a fact about Roe to share with others. Marion Miner, Associate Director for Pro-Life & Family, Nebraska Catholic Conference

Hearing the Knock ...

“In his June 2009 encyclical Caritas in Veritate, Pope Benedict XVI reminds the world that poverty will not be eradicated unless we rediscover and protect the sanctity of life at every level. Dismissing the unborn as less than human and allowing abortion impedes the work of social justice. He points out with urgency, “While the poor of the world continue knocking on the doors of the rich, the world of affluence runs the risk of no longer hearing those knocks, on account of a conscience that can no longer distinguish what is human” (n. 75).

FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:

2018 Pumpkin Festival ... will be on **Sunday, October 14, 2018.** 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, 2018** until a few weeks after Easter (mid May 2019). 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.

Cursillo de Cursillos in Seward, NE ... I will be on team for the Cursillo de Cursillos in Seward, NE for our Diocese on August 2-5, 2018. I will return Sunday evening. **Msgr. Adrian Herbek,** a retired priest of our Diocese, will be here for Confessions & Masses on Saturday & Sunday. Please welcome him.

Liturgical Minister

	Sat., Aug. 11, 5:00pm	Sun., Aug. 12, 10:00am
Lector	Jim Nisley	Michael Lafleur
Acolyte	Jerry Volesky	Conrad Buhrman
Server	Tim Skoch	Jace Grunden
	Tom Skoch	Weston Hammond
Music	Volunteer	Greg Vandenberg
Gifts	Jerry & Sharon Beckius	Chuck & Kathy Burr
Ushers	Jerry Beckius	Jeff Orr
	Sharon Beckius	Shane Lowrey
Rosary		

Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9;
2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-21, 29,
22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23

Friday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26

Saturday: Hb 1:12 — 2:4; Ps 9:8-13; Mt 17:14-20

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30 — 5:2;
Jn 6:41-51

Prayers for the sick: Sherry Kahl (mother of Yvette Troyer), 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: 8/7 - Zelig Wartman, 8/10 - Alex Kronzak, 8/11 - David Bratton, Angela Johnston, Steve Fear, 8/12 - Mary Bratton.

Congratulations: to Jarrod & LaTisha Connelly who celebrate their 20th Wedding Anniversary Aug. 7

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... In 1794, a young Irishwoman befriended two widows aboard ship while emigrating to America. They bought a house in Philadelphia and began to live a community life under the direction of a priest. Soon they relocated to Washington. There, the "pious ladies," as the neighbors called them, were asked by their priest friend, by then the president of Georgetown University, to begin a religious community. In 1799 they established a branch of the Visitation Order founded by Saint Jane de Chantal and Saint Francis de Sales in the 1620s.

The unique vision of this order followed a sensible routine, less arduous and more flexible than most traditions, and also accepted widows and older women. Amazingly, this American outpost of the Visitation began without reference to the "rule" of the Order. Most of the European convents had been lost under the "reign of terror," and the rules and customs of the community could not be obtained. A copy of the rule was discovered in 1812, and in 1816 the pope officially established the monastery. By then, some French nuns had regrouped, and they sent a habit and cross to be copied. (No religious wore the habit in public in the United States until after the Civil War.) From the beginning, the Georgetown nuns had an educational mission, even though they discovered in the "rule" that such work was officially off-limits for the contemplative life. In America, the nuns depended on a school for their livelihood, so the rule was adapted. Today, the Academy of the Visitation is a thriving example of excellence in Catholic education, and the adjacent monastery is the oldest monastic foundation in the original thirteen United States. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

GOD'S WORK ... We are so busy! Most of us have more than one job to do, and we never seem to have enough time. We are workers, volunteers, parents, friends, and most of us are more than one thing at a time. But which of these is the work of God? We seldom view our ordinary work as being the work of God. We may think that we have to be ministers or priests, missionaries or charity workers, engaged full-time in works formally identified as being "God's work." But everything we do with a faithful heart and with love for others is God's work. We each have our own role to fill in the world, and many gifts are necessary. We cannot always see the direct connection of our daily work to the plan of God. But we trust and we believe that God leads us to do what is needed, where it is needed. What is "God's work?" "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent" (John 6:29). —Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

NO HARSHNESS ... Fight all error, but do it with good humor, patience, kindness, and love. Harshness will damage your own soul and spoil the best cause. —St. John Kanty

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 John Marion Feldman, from Prince of Peace, Kearney, NE; **Sister Teresa Marie Wozny** from St. Isidore Parish, Columbus, NE.

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS ...

(August) Universal: The treasure of Families - That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.