

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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The Transfiguration of the Lord *August 6, 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

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| Monday | Aug. 7 | 8:00 a.m. |
| Tuesday | Aug. 8 | 5:30 p.m. |
| Wednesday | Aug. 9 | 5:30 p.m. |
| Thursday | Aug. 10 | 8:00 a.m. |
| Friday | Aug. 11 | 5:30 p.m. |
| Saturday | Aug. 12 | 5:00 p.m. |
| Sunday | Aug. 13 | 10:00 a.m. |

INTENTIONS

Vincent & Theresa Seiker (Anniv)
 Peace among families & nations
 Moisture / Rain
 Elli Fugate
 Knights of Columbus Families
 People of our Parish
 Gregory Ryland +

**The heavens
 proclaim his justice;
 all peoples
 see his glory.**

— Psalm 97:6

Stewardship: July 30, 2017

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| Adult Envelopes: | \$1,898.80 |
| Loose Plate: | \$312.46 |
| Children: | \$4.00 |
| Total: | \$2,215.26 |

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| <u>Joy of the Gospel Campaign</u> | |
| Total Pledged: | \$958,770.00 |
| Gifts last week: | \$4,320.00 |
| Total Gifts Received: | \$539,525.00 |
| 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: | \$1,364,295.04 |
| Balance on DIAL LOAN: | \$380,131.93 |

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| Peter's Pence: | \$0.00 |
| Mission Coop: | \$0.00 |

Parish Calendar

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| Thursday | Aug. 10 | 7:00pm Parish Council Meeting. |
| Sunday | Aug. 13 | 5:00pm Back to School Mass at McDaid Elementary Gym. |
| Tuesday | Aug. 15 | The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary |

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

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.

Pro-Life Corner ... Bishop Glennon P. Flavin wrote, "There can be no true happiness in your lives unless God is very much a part of your marriage covenant. To expect to find happiness in sin is to look for good in evil ... To keep God in your married life, to trust in His wisdom and love, and to obey His laws ... will deepen your love for each other and will bring to you that inner peace of mind and heart which is the reward of a good conscience."

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.

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.

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 "handwork" with all. Please start thinking of what you can make and contribute. If you have any questions, please call or talk to Alice Robinson.

Knights of Columbus Meeting ... **Mon, Aug. 14, 7:00pm**, Parish Hall. All Knights are invited to attend. Friday, August 11, Rosary following 5:30pm Mass for KC Families.

Breakfast by Knights of Columbus ... **Sunday, Aug. 13**, in the Parish Hall after 10:00am Mass; serving pancakes, eggs, fixings, biscuits & gravy, coffee & juices. Free Will offering accepted ... Proceeds go to the purchase of Missalettes.

Parish Council Meeting ... **Thu Aug. 10, 7:00pm**, Rectory Conference Room. (Members: Jerry Beckius, Shane Lowrey, Philip Heimann, Jim Nisley. Trustees: Jerry Volesky, Duane Johnsen).

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: Aug. 25-27, 2017, in Schuyler, NE call 1-888-317-5654 or www.HelpOurMarriage.org.

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.

NATIONWIDE MASS TIMES/Locations ... Call Mass Times (1-734-794-2100) or Internet www.Masstimes.org

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. Carpooling 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 (receive immediate confirmation) or call Good Counsel Retreat House (402-786-2705) to register now.

August – May Schedule:

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”*
 Sep 7-10..... Opus Sanctum Angelorum..... Men / Women
Work of the Holy Angels (4-Day)
 Sep 15-17 Fr. Thomas Dunavan Men/Women *“Saints for Today”*
 Sep 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”

The Pope on Life ... “Every life is sacred! Let us go forward with the culture of life to counter the logic of waste and the declining birth rate; let us be close and together let us pray for the babies who are threatened by the termination of pregnancy, as well as for the people who are at the end of life — every life is sacred! — so that no one may be left alone and that love may defend the meaning of life. Let us recall the words of Mother Teresa: “Life is beautiful, admire it; life is life, defend it!” Be it a baby who is about to be born, or a person who is close to death: every life is sacred!” – *Pope Francis, Message for Day of Life, February 5, 2017*

FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:

New Sewer Line ... sometime this week or next, Beveridge Well Drilling from North Platte will begin installing a new 8” sewer line on the East side of Echo Drive from the existing 12” sewer line at Echo Drive and Walker Road down to the property line between the original 10 Acres of the Church property and “the Farm” rental property. Beveridge will also install a new 8” sewer line from the corner of the property line diagonally to the rental house on “the Farm”. Beveridge will install some temporary “sand points” that will be connected to a large pump and used as a “de-watering” system, to lower the static ground water level so that they can dig the trench and install the pipe. The plan is to complete the work by September 1 or 5. Sometime during the next few weeks, they will need to dig a trench through our driveway on Echo Drive in order to install the 8” sewer line. I will keep you updated as I know information.

2017 Pumpkin Festival ... will be on **Sunday, October 8, 2017.** The Pumpkin Festival Committee met Wed. 08/02/17 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.

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 Tour 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., Aug. 12, 5:00pm | Sun., Aug. 13, 10:00am |
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| Lector | Jim Nisley | Michael Lafleur |
| Acolyte | Rex Walz | Conrad Buhrman |
| Server | William Krondak | Jace Grunden |
| | Nicholas Krondak | Kevin Bantam |
| Music | Greg Vandenberg | Greg Vandenberg |
| Gifts | Paul & Renate Nordquist | Blake & Teresa Niesen |
| Ushers | Jerry Beckius | Duane Johnsen |
| | Sharon Beckius | Heather Johnsen |
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Readings for the Week

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| Monday: | Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21 |
| Tuesday: | Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-7, 12-13; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14 |
| Wednesday: | Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28 |
| Thursday: | 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26 |
| Friday: | Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-16, 21; Mt 16:24-28 |
| Saturday: | Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Mt 17:14-20 |
| Sunday: | 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33 |

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: 8/10 - Margaret Baxa, Alex Krondak, 8/11 - David Bratton, Angela Johnston, Steve Fear, 8/12 - Mary Bratton, 8/13 - Diane Gregg.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... As the Latin Mass evolved in the first six centuries, the central prayer, what the Greeks called the anaphora and what we call today the Eucharistic Prayer, became fairly standard almost everywhere in the West. What we now know as Eucharistic Prayer I, or the Roman Canon, took a complex shape, not at all like the fluid and spontaneous prayers of early Rome, but a real architectural construction.

The city of Rome was in a terrible condition by that time, and a series of political upheavals, plagues, and invasions swept through. Not much of Rome's former glory was left standing, except for the pope, who became a symbol of protection and hope for the troubled people. The structures of law and administration were swept away in the chaos, and the pope gradually assumed authority to restore and maintain order. Soon, the public liturgy of Rome became the city's only glory. The Romans wanted "good order" not only in their civic life, but in their liturgy. One prayer, increasingly enriched by music (although when the music tried to overtake the prayer the pope banned musical instruments entirely) was the new rule of the day. That one prayer, the Roman Canon, was solidly in place when the first liturgical book we have, the Leonine Sacramentary of 540, was compiled. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

EYEWITNESSES ... Today, the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, is a day of eyewitness accounts. The first, a vision reported by the prophet Daniel, was well known to Jesus and his apostles. The vision account was written in quite mystical and figurative language. It is a vision of heaven, powerful and memorable. There are flames of fire, burning wheels, the Ancient One, and a Son of Man. Clearly, Daniel saw something. But was it a dream? Was it real? Was it merely a clever myth?

Peter wants no such confusion about his vision! We are told in Matthew's Gospel what he and his friends James and John saw when they went up on the mountain with Jesus one day. Jesus warned the three witnesses to tell no one until "the Son of Man has been raised from the dead" (Matthew 17:9). Lest readers of one of the Gospels discount the story or simply write it off as a pious myth, Peter gives his own account of the Transfiguration of Jesus in his second letter to the church. He writes with authority, as an eyewitness. He reports this message from God concerning Jesus: "This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased," and he assures us that the message is "altogether reliable" (2 Peter 1:17, 19).
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SING YOUR SONG ... Alas for those who never sing, but die with their music within them. —Oliver Wendell Holmes

TOTALITY ... Totally love him, who gave himself totally for your love. —St. Clare

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.