

# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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## ***19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*** ***August 13, 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 Aug. 14 8:00 a.m.  
 \*\*\* \*\* *Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)* \*\*\* \*\*  
 Monday Aug. 14 5:30 p.m.  
 Tuesday Aug. 15 7:00 a.m.  
 12:10 p.m.  
 7:00 p.m.  
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 Wednesday Aug. 16 **5:30 p.m.**  
 Thursday Aug. 17 8:00 a.m.  
 Friday Aug. 18 **5:30 p.m.**  
 Saturday Aug. 19 **5:00 p.m.**  
 Sunday Aug. 20 **10:00 a.m.**

**INTENTIONS**

Anna Lee  
 Steve & Roma Seiker (Anniv=8/16)  
 Elizabeth (Liz) Haag  
 People of our Parish  
 For our Benefactors  
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 Ryan Bale  
 Moisture / Rain  
 Mary Portz +  
 Jack & Pat Sexton +  
 People of our Parish

**Truth shall spring  
 out of the earth,  
 and justice shall  
 look down from  
 heaven.**

*— Psalm 85:12*

**Stewardship: August 6, 2017**

**Adult Envelopes:** .....\$2,747.46  
**Loose Plate:** .....\$211.64  
**Children:** ..... \$5.00  
**Total:** ..... \$2,964.10

**Joy of the Gospel Campaign**  
 Total Pledged: .....\$958,770.00  
 Gifts last week: .....\$575.00  
**Total Gifts Received:.....\$540,100.00**  
 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**

**Parish Calendar**

Sunday Aug. 13 5:00pm Back to School Mass at McDaid Elementary Gym.  
 Tuesday Aug. 15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 Sunday Aug. 20 11:00am CCD Classes.  
 12:15pm Casual Parish Potluck

**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**

**St. Patrick Annual BBQ, Sunday, Aug. 27** ... from 12:00-3:00pm at 415 N Chestnut St, North Platte, NE. Delicious food, games, fun jumpz, cake walk, dunk tank, silent auction, farmer's market and much more! Raffle tickets will be sold during the barbeque for a chance to win \$1,000! Meal Tickets \$4 Kids 10 & under; \$6 Seniors 60+; \$8 Adults. Drive thru available. Something for everyone. Come and join the fun!

**Pro-Life Corner** ... "The Pill is the most widely used drug given to healthy people to suppress a normal physiologic function. [Yet] it exposes women to a myriad of side effects including blood clots, bleeding irregularities, breast tenderness, mood changes, and many others," Dr. Marguerite Duane "... natural family planning is far better for their bodies, can even help detect various medical conditions early on (such as endometriosis), and is effective and completely risk- and expense-free." *Patty Knap - National Catholic Register*

**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.

**Theology on Tap ... August 27.**

**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.

**Knights of Columbus Meeting ... Mon, Aug. 14, 7:00pm,** Parish Hall. All Knights are invited to attend.

**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.

**Meal for New Parents ... Ryan & Kate Wartman's baby girl** was born Aug 7. If you would like to take the family a meal, go to: <http://www.takethemeal.com/meals.php?t=FEXF2877&v=6852175573> Or go to [TakeThemAMeal.com](http://www.TakeThemAMeal.com). Search: Wartman; password: 0807 or to sign up via phone, call Emily Krondak (520-6673). Thanks!

**CCD CLASSES ... for 2017-2018** for both the Grade School (Gr K-8) & High School (Gr 9-12) will be **Sundays after Mass from 11:00am-12:15pm; first class is Aug. 20.**

**Casual Parish Potluck** ... You are invited to a casual parish potluck on **Sunday, Aug. 20, at 12:15pm** to kick off the beginning of the CCD year and to visit with former parishioners **Evan & Bridget Mohr and family**, who will be in NE visiting family. Sloppy Joes & buns will be provided. Please bring a side dish and/or dessert to share. RSVP to Emily Krondak (520-6673).

**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 pay for gas to a Retreat. 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 – February 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”*
- 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”*

**2 Weeks to Sign Up for Retrouvaille ...** Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? This program has helped tens of 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: Aug. 25-27, 2017, in Schuyler, NE call 1-888-317-5654 or [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

**Elli Fugate ...** a UNL graduate, is now a full-time Catholic Missionary serving at the University of California - Santa Barbara. Elli works with FOCUS to bring Christ to college students. Last August, she spoke to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish and would like to update us on the work she has been doing. Elli will be speak at announcement time at Mass, on August 19-20. If you are interested in joining her support team or you want to learn more about FOCUS outreach to college students, contact Elli at (308) 530-7420 or [elli.fugate@focus.org](mailto:elli.fugate@focus.org).

**Marriage Encounter Weekend ...** Sept. 29 - Oct. 1, Hastings. “Enhance your couple love”. Contact couple Pat & Janelle Benson; Janelle 308-940-1105; Pat 308-940-0670; Home 308-946-3568

**Pope Francis: Abortion is Not 'Progressive' ...** In November of 2013, Pope Francis issued his Apostolic Exhortation called “The Joy of the Gospel.” In it he says, “Among the vulnerable for whom the Church wishes to care with particular love and concern are unborn children, the most defenseless and innocent among us. Nowadays efforts are made to deny them their human dignity and to do with them whatever one pleases, taking their lives and passing laws preventing anyone from standing in the way of this... Human beings are ends in themselves and never a means of resolving other problems... Once this conviction disappears, so do solid and lasting foundations for the defense of human rights ... It is not “progressive” to try to resolve problems by eliminating a human life.” Together with Pope Francis, let us defend life!

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:**

**New Sewer Line ...** on Tuesday, August 22, 2017, 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. Next Committee meeting is: 08/16/17. Work is beginning on the Raffle & we will have 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.

**New Glasses ...** for over 30 years, I have been using contacts to assist my eyes. A few weeks ago, my eye doctor told me that my eyes and/or my age were at a point where I needed to have glasses rather than contacts. The glasses seem to be working well.

**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.

## Liturgical Minister

	Sat., Aug. 19, 5:00pm	Sun., Aug. 20, 10:00am
<b>Lector</b>	Jerry Beckius	Shane Lowrey
<b>Acolyte</b>	Jerry Volesky	Duane Johnsen
<b>Server</b>	Volunteer	Lakeland Lowrey
	Volunteer	Harmon Johnsen
<b>Music</b>	Volunteer	Greg Vandenberg
<b>Gifts</b>	Jon & Molly Walz	Evan/Bridget Mohr
<b>Ushers</b>	Cindy Swanson	Volunteer
	Alice Robinson	Charles Barron

## *Readings for the Week*

Monday: Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27  
 Tuesday: **Vigil:** 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54-57; Lk 11:27-28 **Day:** Rv 11:19; 12:1-6, 10; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56  
 Wednesday: Dt 34:1-2; Ps 66:1-3, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20  
 Thursday: Jos 3:7-10, 11, 13-17; Ps 114:1-6; Mt 18:21 - 19:1  
 Friday: Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24; Mt 19:3-12  
 Saturday: Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15  
 Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

**Prayers for the sick:** Julie (Kellogg) Buehler (Molly Walz's aunt), 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:** 8/12 - Mary Bratton, 8/13 - Diane Gregg, 8/14 - Conrad Buhrman, Hunter Clouatre, 8/15 - Matthew Behm, 8/17 - Craig Burbach, 8/19 - Ava Lowrey.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ...** The Roman Canon, called Eucharistic Prayer I, is probably seldom heard in your parish. Some priests will choose it for at least one of the Masses of Christmas, or the Easter Vigil. Such sparing use of this prayer seems strange, especially since it was the only Eucharistic Prayer in the Latin Rite for many centuries, from as long ago as 500 right up to 1970.

In 1965, the vernacular language was approved for the canon of the Mass. Almost immediately, some experimental texts began to surface in the Netherlands, and priests began to use new Dutch texts without permission. By 1966, Pope Paul VI had set up a committee to consider whether or not it was time to approve such experimentation and extend it to non-Dutch churches. No sooner had the committee been formed than other individuals copied the Dutch by just plunging on ahead. The Dutch bishops had approved the use of the new prayers nationwide in 1968, and Flemish bishops in Belgium quickly agreed. By then, German translations of the Dutch prayers were in wide use, and before long nearly one hundred Eucharistic Prayers, all unapproved, were in circulation in France. The Vatican heard the widespread desire for more variety in Eucharistic Prayer forms, and, with the pope's approval, the process of creating new official prayers began. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**NOTHING TO FEAR ...** A rabbi was asked why God sends trials and troubles into human lives. "Because God gets lonely for his people" was the reply. There is some resonance with this wisdom in today's Gospel, as Jesus makes his disciples get into a boat without him and goes off alone while they venture into stormy waters. Of course, neither Jews nor Christians believe that the Almighty plays this sort of whimsical game with them, but there is some truth in the statement that we don't turn to God for saving help until we're in a bind. Peter's role today, as it is throughout the New Testament, is to be a sign or to represent each member of the church and the whole church. Our story is the tale told about Peter's faith today. What can bolster our faith is that even when Christ calls us to face bravely the tempests of life, if we are walking through them with our eyes fixed on him in faith, we have nothing to fear. Even when we falter or sink, simply crying "Lord, save me!" is enough to help us know the steady grasp of God's hand. Then, sheltered inside the walls of faith, the storms we endure lose their power over us. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

**BIBLE TRUTH ...** Each person marvels to find in the divine scriptures truths which they themselves have thought out. —St. Thomas Aquinas

**FROLIC SOME ...** Anyone who wishes to frolic with the devil cannot rejoice with Christ. —St. Peter Chrysologus

**WHAT I KNOW ...** As for me, all I know is that I know nothing. —Socrates

**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.