

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time ***August 20, 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	Aug. 21	8:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Aug. 22	7:00 a.m.
Wednesday	Aug. 23	5:30 p.m.
Thursday	Aug. 24	8:00 a.m.
Friday	Aug. 25	5:30 p.m.
Saturday	Aug. 26	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Aug. 27	10:00 a.m.

INTENTIONS

Moisture / Rain
 Angela King
 Otto, Virginia, & Lynn Weskamp +
 Loretta Pilakowski +
 Mary Portz +
 Fitzsimmons Family
 People of our Parish

**Observe what is right, do
 what is just; for my
 salvation is about to come,
 my justice, about to be
 revealed.**

— Isaiah 56:1

Stewardship: August 13, 2017

Adult Envelopes:\$1,976.00
Loose Plate:\$190.39
Children: \$3.25
Total: \$2,169.64

Joy of the Gospel Campaign

Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
 Gifts last week:\$490.00
Total Gifts Received:.....\$540,590.00
 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**

**Knights of Columbus,
 One Life, One Rose,
 Our Lady of Guadalupe
 Silver Rose Program
Tuesday, August 22, 7:00pm**

Parish Calendar

Sunday	Aug. 20	11:00am	CCD Classes.
		12:15pm	Casual Parish Potluck
Tuesday	Aug. 22	7:00pm	Knights of Columbus Silver Rose Program within Eucharistic Holy Hour.
Saturday	Aug. 26		Sacred Music Clinic in Lincoln

Catholic School News:

WELCOME BACK ... all students, faculty, and families of North Platte Catholic Schools! We hope your first week back is full of excitement.

Little Leprechaun Preschool ... We invite you to visit the preschool's Open House /Contract Day on Monday, August 21st. This event will run from 9am-12pm and 1pm-3pm. This is an opportunity to view the classrooms, meet the teachers, and drop off school supplies. Class for Little Leprechaun 3& 4 year olds begins on Tuesday, August 22nd and for the 4&5 year olds on Wednesday, August 23rd.

A reminder that the cost for Little Leprechaun Preschool is \$75 per month and a \$30 snack fee per year for the 3&4 year old class. The cost for the 4 & 5 year old Little Leprechauns will be a one-time \$40 snack fee and tuition is \$90 per month. The start of school for these classes is also picture day! We will have envelopes available at the Open House.

Upcoming Events:

Tues. Aug. 22nd – McDaid & LLP 3/4 year olds Photo Day
 Wed. Aug. 23rd – LLP 4 & 5 year olds Photo Day
 Thur. Aug. 24th – SPSHS Photo Day
 Fri. Aug. 25th – First Home Football Game vs Arcadia Loup City

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!

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" ... is a speaker series for single & married adults in their 20's & 30's. Please join us for our third of four monthly speakers on **August 27** to hear Fr. Jay Buhman, Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) Chaplain give a presentation at **NebraskaLand Bank (3rd floor); location change.** Food will be provided (7:00-9:00pm) & free will donations accepted. Cash bar. Please follow our link on Facebook: Theology on Tap North Platte. If you have questions, please call Jennifer Kramer 520-1622.

Older than 39 and want to see Fr. Buhman's presentation? It will be streaming live to St. Pat's Spiritual Life Center!

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.

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.**

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. Elli will speak at announcement time at Mass, on Aug. 19-20. After Mass she will have a short presentation in the Hall. 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.

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

2nd Annual Sacred Music Clinic ... The Diocesan Liturgical Commission will be hosting the Second Annual Sacred Music Clinic **Saturday, Aug. 26, 2017** at the **Newman Center in Lincoln.**

Put a Retreat into Your Schedule ... register at www.goodcounselretreat.com & receive immediate confirmation or call Good Counsel Retreat House at 402-786-2705 to register now.

August – December 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)

Stress in Your Marriage ... There is less than a week left to sign up for Retrouvaille. Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness and simply shut down. Others experience conflict and arguments in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. 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.

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

The Pope and the Abortionist ... On the morning of April 11, 2014, the Holy Father Pope Francis spoke to the Italian Movement for Life. Here is an excerpt of his address: "Human life is sacred and inviolable ... Every civil right is based on the recognition of the first, fundamental right, the right to life, which is not subject to any condition, of a qualitative, economic and certainly not of an ideological nature. ... Therefore it is necessary to reaffirm our solid opposition to any direct offence against life, especially when innocent and defenseless, and the unborn child in its mother's womb is the quintessence of innocence. Let us remember the words of Vatican Council II: 'Therefore from the moment of its conception life must be guarded with the greatest care while abortion and infanticide are unspeakable crimes'. ... I remember once, a long time ago, I participated in a conference with doctors. After the conference I greeted them and while I spoke to them, one of them called me to one side. He had a package and he said to me, 'Father, I want to leave this with you. These are the instruments I have used to carry out abortions. I have encountered the Lord and repented, and now I fight for life'. He gave me all those instruments. Let us pray for this good man".

Knights of Columbus, One Life, One Rose, Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Program

... a Pro-life Prayer Service will be **Tuesday, Aug. 22, at 7:00pm** at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. The service will last about 45 minutes, and will include Eucharistic Adoration. All are invited!

The Knights of Columbus of Nebraska will participate in a North American effort paying special tribute to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas through the Silver Rose Program. This program involves carrying a Silver Rose from Ontario, Canada through the USA to Monterrey, Mexico.

The Silver Rose program symbolizes a commitment to restoring respect for the sanctity of human life from natural conception until natural death. As we think in terms of 'One Life, One Rose', it is most appropriate that we turn to Our Lady of Guadalupe who made known her will through Juan Diego and the miracles of the roses.

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: TakeThemAMeal.com, search: Wartman; password: 0807 (www.takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=FEXF2877&v=6852175573) or to sign up via phone call Emily Krondak (520-6673). Thanks!

FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:

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.

Out of town Saturday Wedding ... this past year I have prepared a number of couples for marriage while they lived & worked in North Platte. Sometimes I am able to make it to the weddings.

- **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.

Liturgical Minister

	Sat., Aug. 26, 5:00pm	Sun., Aug. 27, 10:00am
Lector	Mike Krondak	Justin Pieper
Acolyte	Jon Walz	Jerry Cooper
Server	William Krondak	Drew Connelly
	Nicholas Krondak	Lakeland Lowrey
Music	Peggy Orr	Buhrman/Niesen/Gregg
Gifts	Jerry & Teri Volesky	Jeff & Peggy Orr
Ushers	Steve Fear	Shane Lowrey
	Janet Fear	Duane Johnsen

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday:	Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday:	Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday:	Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Friday:	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday:	Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-5; FMT 23:1-12
Sunday:	Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

Prayers for the sick: Luke Ranck, Renate Nordquist, Julie (Kellogg) Buehler (Molly Walz's aunt), David Swayne (Robin Bartlett's friend), Jerry Steffes, Virginia Waechter (mother of Peggy Orr), Sharon Beckius, Frank Schneewis (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: 8/19 - Ava Lowrey, 8/22 - Derek Bantam, Gwendolen Smock, 8/23 - Gisele Barger, 8/25 - Alayna Niesen, 8/26 - Robin Bartlett, Alex Pineda, 8/27 - Kevin Burbach, Teresa Bjornstad.

Congratulations: to John & Billie Rouzee who celebrate their 57th Wedding Anniversary Aug. 20.

Congratulations: to Don & Sheila Exner who celebrate their 52th Wedding Anniversary Aug. 21.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... Once the way was cleared for additional Eucharistic Prayers, those who were appointed to compose them had to look deep within the tradition for sources. One of the prescriptions for new prayers was that they be "unencumbered by useless repetition." From the start, therefore, the writers knew that the old Roman Canon, which had the priest bowing and crossing himself many times in a long, complex prayer, was not a model of simplicity.

Aside from the prayers treasured by Eastern Christians, there is an obvious model from ancient Rome. For about a hundred years now, the historical text "Apostolic Tradition" has shed some light for us on the shadowy shape of worship in the early church. In it, its author, Hippolytus, took care to record the actual texts of worship used at the time. He himself has a shadow side, since he was so ardently conservative in his tastes that he broke ties with the Bishop of Rome and became first in the line of history's anti-popes. At the eleventh hour, however, he reconciled with his enemies and actually died a martyr. In fact, he was shipped off to the Sardinian mines as a slave with the true pope as his companion in chains. Because his tussle with the pope was over theological innovations and not liturgical texts, we are sure that his account of the style of Eucharistic Prayer in the third century is accurate. It forms the core of today's Eucharistic Prayer II. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

CALLED TO ACT IN GOD'S NAME ... Let all the nations praise you!" (Psalm 67:4) today's psalm response exclaims. In the psalms and other Hebrew scriptures, this kind of invocation is actually an invitation to God to act, to intervene in human lives in a manner that will cause everyone—not just the Chosen People—to give praise. Stated a bit more strongly, it is something of a "put up or shut up" challenge to God, the sort of strong statement the psalmists of Israel, trusting in their intimate and loving relationship with God, were not afraid to make.

The Gospel has its own exclamation, announcing the appearance of the Canaanite woman with "Behold!" (Matthew 15:22) "Behold!" is a scriptural flag that tells us that God is about to act or announce something through an individual or a situation. In the case of Jesus, God was going to act through this woman, whom nobody among Jesus' followers would have believed to be an agent of the divine will. Like the psalmists, we might passively inform or perhaps even actively challenge God to do something so that everyone will come to belief, but God will always turn the tables on us. It becomes our calling, our duty (as it was for Jesus) to behold the situations and persons of our daily lives so that God can act through us, so the Kingdom can be announced through our living. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

THE POWER OF PRAYER ... Much prayer, much power! Little prayer, little power! No prayer, no power! —Anonymous

A GOOD PRAYER ... A good prayer, though often used, is still fresh and fair in the eyes and ears of heaven. —Thomas Fuller

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.

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August 19, 2017

Update on Sewer Problems at “the Farm” ... because of a failure of the septic system.

On Wednesday, August 16, Beveridge Well Drilling from North Platte started work on 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. On Wednesday & Thursday, they installed a new manhole at the Southeast corner of Walker and Echo Drive and connected the first new 8” sewer pipe on the East side of Echo Drive to the existing 12” sewer line on the South side of Walker Road. On Friday, they installed the de-watering pipe and on the East side of Echo drive and filled in most of the hole around the new manhole at the Southeast corner of Walker and Echo Drive.

The current plan is that they will NOT be working on Monday (due to the Eclipse). On Tuesday, August 22, they will continue installing the new 8” sewer line on the East side of Echo Drive. They will need to dig a trench through our driveway on Echo Drive in order to install the 8” sewer line. Thus, those who come to daily Mass or who come to pray from Tuesday, August 22 – Friday, August 25, will need to turn off of Walker Road (across from Meadow Court, the entrance that we use for Pumpkin Festival Parking) and follow the markers or flags to get to the Church parking lot.

The workers will continue working from Monday, August 28 – Friday, September 1, installing the new 8” sewer line on the East side of Echo Drive and then continue installing a new 8” sewer line from the corner of the property line diagonally to the rental house on “the Farm”. The foreman thinks that they will be mostly finished with the project on Friday, Sept. 1.

The Parish Council has been discussing these issues for many months now. A pdf showing the location of the installation of the sewer pipe is on the other side of this page. Here is our plan for how we will pay for our share of the costs of the installation of the sewer pipe:

Estimated Installation Costs:

\$31,500 - \$35,000 (our share of the total estimated cost to the City of \$90,000.00)
\$15,000 Installation of diagonal pipe connecting to Farm House
(Parish Property, not City responsibility)

\$46,500 – \$50,000 Total Estimated Installation Costs

Sources of Revenue:

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton’s share of the total estimated cost of the installation of the new sewer is \$46,500 – \$50,000. We will pay for that by withdrawing funds from our DIAL Savings Account, from other funds available, from the profit from rental house over the fiscal year 2017-2018, and at the suggestion of the Parish Council, “hoped for and appreciated” voluntary donations from Parishioners. There will be an envelope attached to the Bulletin this Saturday/Sunday (Aug. 19-20) which we ask you to prayerfully consider using to make a contribution to help us with this major expense. It may be put in the Collection when you come to Mass over the next month or two, or hand it to Fr. Seiker.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, or a member of the Parish Council, or a Trustee.

(see photo on other side of the page)

