

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ***September 3, 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	Sept. 4	8:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Sept. 5	7:00 a.m.
Wednesday	Sept. 6	
Thursday	Sept. 7	
Friday	Sept. 8	
Saturday	Sept. 9	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Sept. 10	10:00 a.m.

INTENTIONS

Vocations
Moisture / Rain
- NO Scheduled Parish Mass -
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People of our Parish
Nicholas Niesen

**Be transformed by the
renewal of your mind, that
you may discern what is the
will of God, what is good and
pleasing and perfect.**

— Romans 12:2

Stewardship: August 27, 2017

Adult Envelopes:\$1,376.00
Loose Plate:\$169.48
Children: \$0.00
Total: \$1,545.48

Joy of the Gospel Campaign
Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
Gifts last week:\$770.00
Total Gifts Received:.....\$544,006.20
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

Assumption of Mary:.....\$0.00
Donations "Farm" Sewer..\$1,100.00

Parish Calendar

Sunday	Sept. 3	NO CCD Classes (due to Labor Day Weekend)
Sunday	Sept. 10	11:00am CCD Classes. Knights of Columbus Breakfast 11:30am Pumpkin Festival Committee

Catholic School News:

Reminder ... there is **No School on Monday, Sept. 4th** due to the Labor Day holiday.

Senior Parent's Meeting ... is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 6th at 7:00pm in the St. Pat's Music Room. Activities Calendars are still available at High School front office.

Mark your calendars for a BBQ provided by Nebraskaland National Bank on Friday, Sept 15th BBQ at 6:00pm prior to the Irish taking on the Wood River Eagles.

Good News at NPC ... Congratulations to the following Eagles Scout Candidates for completing their Projects. **Senior: Shane Klasna** – Bargain Bin Spruce Up; **Sophomore: Ethan Munson** – New Locker Installation at St. Patrick's High Schools; and **Sophomore: Mick Ekdahl** - Ground Work on the New McDauid Playground. These projects were very Eagle worthy and please continue prayers for these young men as they journey to their Board of Review on the Road to Eagle Scout.

North Platte Catholic School:

Faith and Knowledge for a Brighter Future

St Patrick Church, McCook - Fall Festival ...

on Sunday, Sept. 17, Noon - 4:00pm. Games, food, auctions, & rides. St. Patrick is at the corner of 4th and F St in McCook.

Meal for New Parents ... Ryan & Kate Wartman's baby girl Zelig Hildegard was born Aug 7. They are a new family in the parish. 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!

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

Daughters of Charity (Altar Society) Meeting:

due to Labor Day being on the first Monday of Sept. & other schedule conflicts, the next meeting is **Monday, Oct. 2, at 10:00am** in Parish Hall. All women are encouraged 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.

Knights of Columbus Meeting ... Mon, Sept 11, 7:00pm, Parish Hall. All Knights are invited to attend.

Breakfast by Knights of Columbus ... Sunday, Sept. 10, 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.

You're invited to the next Quest Retreat! ...

Quest is a retreat for freshmen and sophomores in high school. Rooted in the love of God, Others, and Ourselves, we learn to live in JOY! **Quest #33** is **October 7-8, 2017** at St. Patrick School in **McCook**. **Quest #34** will be **Nov. 4-5, 2017** at **St. Stephen Church in Lawrence, NE**. For more information: www.lincolndiocese.org/retreats/quest.

Juniors/Seniors – Come on a TEC Retreat! ...

Take a weekend for yourself as an opportunity to encounter Christ with other teens. The next retreats are Oct. 7-9 in Hastings, or Nov. 17-19 in McCook. For more info or to register: www.lincolndiocese.org/retreats/tec.

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.

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.

September – December Schedule:

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)

Pope Francis: Church Cannot Abandon

Human Life ... "Reason alone is sufficient to recognize the inviolable value of each single human life, but if we also look at the issue from the standpoint of faith, "every violation of the personal dignity of the human being cries out in vengeance to God and is an offence against the creator of the individual" (*John Paul II, Christifideles Laici, 37*). Precisely because this involves the internal consistency of our message about the value of the human person, the Church cannot be expected to change her position on this question. I want to be completely honest in this regard. This is not something subject to alleged reforms or "modernizations" -- *Pope Francis, Apostolic Exhortation "The Joy of the Gospel," November 24, 2013.*

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 Church) on **Thu., Sept. 14, 7:00pm-8:30pm**, 152 Pinewood Ave, Seward. NO registration required.

Indianola Fall Open Meeting ... will be Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at St. James Church in Curtis, NE. More information next week, but **tentative times** are: Registration will begin at 5:30pm with Mass at 6:00pm, followed by dinner. The meeting will begin at 8:00pm. All ladies are welcome and encouraged to attend. The program is a new Apostolate called Seven Sisters.

FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:

RCIA Classes ... Fr. Mark Seiker will be leading an RCIA process (Inquiry class in the Faith) **beginning Sept 20, 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.

2017 Pumpkin Festival ... will be on **Sunday, October 8, 2017.** The Pumpkin Festival Committee met Sun. 08/27/17 to discuss preparations for the Pumpkin Festival. Next Committee meeting is: 9/10/17. **The Raffle Tickets are printed and available in the Narthex.**

Parishioners should have received a letter this past week inviting them to be a part of the Pumpkin Festival. Please contact one of the Committee members if you have any questions or want to volunteer.

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.

Update on Sewer Problems at "the Farm" ...

On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, the workers from Beveridge Well Drilling finished the installation of the 2nd manhole, installed 8" sewer line from the 2nd manhole (just South of the driveway down to the property line between the Church and "the Farm", and they also installed the 3rd manhole (where the diagonal 8" sewer line will be laid toward "the Farm" house. On Thursday, the workers filled in the trenches, and started doing some of the finish dirt work in the road ditch. On Thursday, the workers continued some of the finish dirt work in the road ditch and performed the required pressure testing and vacuum testing on the manholes and the new 8" sewer line. On Friday, the workers installed the forms for the 6' x 6' concrete pads around each of the three manholes. In the afternoon, they poured the concrete pads and did some of the finish dirt work in the road ditch.

This week, the workers will begin installing the 8" sewer line (diagonal line) toward "the Farm" house. They will also be doing some more of the finish dirt work in the road ditch. Sometime this week or next week, they will be installing new asphalt at the corner of Walker Road and Echo Drive as well as in the area of the driveway that was removed to install the sewer line. During that time (which will only be a portion of one day), parishioners will need to use the "temporary entrance" off of Walker Road that we use for the Pumpkin Festival to get to the Church parking lot.

Any "hoped for and appreciated" voluntary donations from Parishioners may be placed in the envelope attached to last Sunday's Bulletin and put in the Collection when you come to Mass over the next month or two. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, or a member of the Parish Council, or a Trustee.

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. 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.

Virtual Catholic Tour ... Steve Ray will produce nightly 5-10 minute video clips (Virtual Catholic Tour videos) which he uploads to his blog each day. You can go to his <http://www.catholicconvert.com/> website and see what we have been doing every day.

Liturgical Minister

	Sat., Sept. 9, 5:00pm	Sun., Sept. 10, 10:00am
Lector	Jim Nisley	Michael Lafleur
Acolyte	Rex Walz	Conrad Buhrman
Server	William Krondak	Jace Grunden
	Nicholas Krondak	Kevin Bantam
Music	Matt & Ashley Perlinger	Matt & Ashley Perlinger
Gifts	Rex & Kristie Walz	Duane & Heather Johnsen
Ushers	Jerry Beckius	Duane Johnsen
	Sharon Beckius	Heather Johnsen

Readings for the Week

Monday:	1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday:	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday:	Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday:	Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11
Friday:	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6 Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
Saturday:	Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5
Sunday:	Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

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, Ree Smock (Stephen Smock's mother).

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: 9/2 - Lisa Clouatre, Megan Niesen. 9/5 - Leona Clouatre, 9/7 - Lynda Johnson, 9/9 - Ben Heskett.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... It's interesting to imagine the scene when the changes in our liturgy were first tested. Choices for prayer texts were one thing, but responses from the people were another. In early 1967, secret test-drives of the new Mass were conducted in the Vatican. Pope Paul VI was present, and there was a handful of bishops, priests, a few laypeople and two sisters making up the assembly. Everyone had a booklet with every word of the songs, rubrics, and prayers, blank paper, and a pencil for notes. After each Mass, the ordained men in the group met in the pope's library to share their experiences. The laypeople and sisters met separately.

Over a week's time they tested what they called a "read Mass with singing," a "Mass entirely recited," and a "Sung Mass." While the ordained were generally in favor, the lay comments were very clear and insightful, and had great impact on the final result. This was a brilliant plan on the part of the pope, who got to see how the reform was going, and to recognize in this small trial run a growing consensus that reform was needed and welcome. Based on his observation, Pope Paul VI called for specific innovations, such as beginning the Mass with the sign of the cross. It's amazing that some of our most familiar rites are really quite new treasures of our tradition! —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

FOLLOWING CHRIST ... If you've ever had an unpleasant but somewhat amusing practical joke played on you, then you have some understanding of how Jeremiah feels today when he tells God "good one – you duped me." We can almost see him shaking his head with a bit of a rueful smile, but an angry undertone in his voice. In similar fashion, Peter thinks Jesus is "duping" him when Jesus starts to explain that being Messiah means suffering and dying, and being a follower of the Messiah means taking up a cross and doing the same. Jeremiah tries to deny God's will for him by trying to shut up; Peter – who has just been made the foundation of the church – out and out denies the teaching of Jesus, for which he is named "Satan" today. Fortunately for us, Jeremiah comes to realize that to have the word of God placed in your heart means that it will be futile to try and keep silent, even if it means scorn and derision from those around you. Luckily Peter ultimately returned to the faith he professed in last week's Gospel, and came to understand our need as baptized followers of Christ to follow in his way, even when it means following him to our very death. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

HARD-EARNED LUCK ... I'm a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it. —Thomas Jefferson

RELIGION DEFINED ... I do not know how philosophers may ultimately define religion; but from Micah to James it has been defined as service to one's fellow human rendered by following the great rule of justice and mercy, of wisdom and righteousness. —Theodore Roosevelt

ONLY ONE ... God loves each of us as if there were only one of us. —St. Augustine

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 (September) Parishes: That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.