

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time ***September 10, 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. 11	
Tuesday	Sept. 12	
Wednesday	Sept. 13	
Thursday	Sept. 14	
Friday	Sept. 15	
Saturday	Sept. 16	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Sept. 17	10:00 a.m.

INTENTIONS

- NO Scheduled Parish Mass -
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 John + & Helen Stec
 People of our Parish

“If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.”

— Matthew 18:19

Stewardship: September 3, 2017

Adult Envelopes:\$2,026.00
Loose Plate:\$129.82
Children: \$3.00
Total: \$2,158.82

Joy of the Gospel Campaign
 Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
 Gifts last week:\$1,275.00
Total Gifts Received:.....\$545,281.20
 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
 Building Fund:.....\$500.00
 Music Program:\$100.00

Parish Calendar

Sunday	Sept. 10	11:00am	CCD Classes. Knights of Columbus Breakfast 11:30am Pumpkin Festival Committee
Tuesday	Sept. 12	7:00pm	Sean Forrest speaking at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Hall.
Sunday	Sept. 17	11:00am	CCD Classes.

Catholic School News:

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

Good News at NPC ... Thank you to the School Sisters of Christ the King from Lincoln for visiting our Campus this week. What a Blessing it was to have the sisters on campus to visit with our students grades 2nd through 12th.

Parent Teacher's Conferences ... will be here before you know it! Please plan to join us on Monday, September 25th.

St. Pat's Blood Drive ... mark your calendars for the blood drive on Thursday, Sept. 28th.

Homecoming week ... will be the week of September 24th through September 29th.

North Platte Catholic School:

Faith and Knowledge for a Brighter Future

“Theology on Tap” ... is a speaker series for single & married adults in their 20's & 30's. Please join us on **September 24** to be a part of the **“Bother the Fathers”** presentation. Priests from the North Platte Catholic Parishes will be available to answer and/or respond to questions asked by those participating. The Priests might also have some questions for the young adults! 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.

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.

Daughters of Charity (Altar Society) Meeting:

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

The Daughters of Charity ... are once again having their **BOUTIQUE** during the **Pumpkin Festival, Sunday, Oct. 8, 2017**. We ask everyone in our Parish to use the talents given by our Lord & to

share with others. This includes the men as well as the women, to share their “handiwork” with all. Please start thinking of what you can make & contribute. If you have questions, please call Alice Robinson.

Indianola Deanery Fall Altar Society Meeting ...

Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at St. James Church in Curtis, NE. 5:00pm=Registration; 6:00pm=Mass, followed by dinner. All ladies are welcome & encouraged to attend. The program is the Seven Sisters Apostolate: “Our Pastors Need our Prayers”. Business meeting will follow the Program. For meal count please RSVP to Nancy Schmitz (308-362-4576) by 09/15/17. \$5.00 cost for meal.

Knights of Columbus Meeting ... **Mon, Sept. 18, 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. Free Will offering accepted ... Proceeds go to the purchase of Missalettes.

Discover Hope - Women's Resource Center 18th Annual Fundraising Banquet ...

Guest speaker: Jeffrey Dean. 6:00pm=seating; 6:30pm-8:30pm=Dinner at Quality Inn & Sandhills Convention Center, 2102 S Jeffers. Adults only, limited seating; Business attire.

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.

Camp Kateri Registrations ... Online registration for Leadership Camp begins on September 15 (4pm) at www.campkateri.org. This Catholic program is a 7-day summer camp for boys entering 6-9th grade. Camp 1 will be held on July 8-14, 2018. Camp 2 takes place on July 15-21, 2018. The cost is \$415. For more information, go to the Camp Kateri website or email CampKateriT@gmail.org.

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 register: www.lincolndiocese.org/retreats/tec.

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 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)

Come to the Church ... "On what reasonable grounds and with what imaginable right can anyone suggest that any human life since that time of Abram, is less precious or valuable than that of Isaac? Or has less potential in the plan of our Creator? What a savage, unconscionable, heinous act it would have been to have put this special gift of God, Isaac, to death in his mother's womb. And to how many potential Isaacs has that happened and is still happening ... The right to life is the greatest civil rights issue of our time. This is the issue that will determine whether America remains a hospitable society, committed to caring for women in crisis and their unborn children, -- or whether America betrays our heritage and the truths on which the founders staked their claims to independence ... No one has to have an abortion. To all those in crisis pregnancies, I pledge our support and our financial help. Come to the Catholic Church. Let us walk with you through your time of trouble. Let us help you affirm life. Abortion need not be an answer ..." --*Archbishop Edwin O'Brien Maryland March for Life St. Mary's, Annapolis, March 13, 2008*

Sean Forrest to Speak in Parish Hall ... on **Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2017 at 7:00pm.** Children Grades 7-12 are encouraged to come, and adults are also encouraged.

His talk is: "What's the Difference Between Catholic and Protestant?" All Christian religions are not the same. Listen to Sean share his conversion from Protestantism to the Catholic Church — and how it has changed his life.

Sean Forrest began his ministry as a full-time youth minister at St. James parish in Stratford, Conn. In Jan. 2000, Sean founded Movin' With The Spirit, Inc. (MWTS), a not-for-profit organization dedicated to boldly proclaiming God's eternal Truth and love. Since then, he has had the opportunity to speak to hundreds of thousands of teens and adults across the country and internationally.

Sean has been a guest on multiple programs on the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) & has been featured in nationally recognized magazines and newspapers. Sean has performed and spoken at venues such as: The National Catholic Youth Conference, World Youth Day, and the Creationfest. He is a regular keynote speaker at Steubenville youth conferences across the country, & is often a headliner at the Soulfest Christian music festival in Gunstock, N.H. He also has been challenging men at diocesan men's conferences throughout the country to live their faith & lead others to Christ. Sean Lives in Boise, Idaho with his wife & 3 children.

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.

Bargain Bin ... \$3 bag sale Mon., Sept. 11 from 5pm-8pm.

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 last 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 Tuesday through Friday, the workers from Beveridge Well Drilling worked on the installation of the diagonal 8" sewer line toward "the Farm" house. The specifications call for three feet of dirt over the top of the 8" sewer line so that there is no danger of freezing. Due to the elevation of the land in the pasture on "the Farm" being lower, Beveridge will be bringing in dirt to cover the sewer pipe. They will be moving the top soil (about 1 foot of dirt) off to the side while they dig the trench, lay the pipe and then backfill the trench. Then they will bring in the "extra" dirt from the dirt pile over near Hobby Lobby, and finally put the "saved top soil" back on top, so that the grass in the pasture will have better soil.

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.

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. 16, 5:00pm	Sun., Sept. 17, 10:00am
Lector	Jerry Beckius	Shane Lowrey
Acolyte	Jerry Volesky	Duane Johnsen
Server	Volunteer	Lakeland Lowrey
	Volunteer	Harmon Johnsen
Music	Volunteer	Greg Vandenberg
Gifts	Loren & Margaret Baxa	Michael./Carissa Lafleur
Ushers	Cindy Swanson	Volunteer
	Alice Robinson	Charles Barron

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday:	Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday:	Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday:	Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Friday:	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Saturday:	1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49
Sunday:	Sir 27:30 — 28:9; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

Prayers for the sick: Leona Clouatre, Ree Smock (Stephen Smock's mother), 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 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: 9/9 - Ben Heskett, 9/11 - Rhett Morlang, 9/12 - Lyuba Hendricks, 9/12 - Jane Schmid, Randy Nordquist, 9/17 - Makenzie Budke.

Congratulations: to Matt & Stacy Siemek who celebrate their 2nd Wedding Anniversary Sept. 12.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... On Good Friday, at the heart of the Triduum, the commemoration of the Lord's Passion is colored by sobriety and decorum, but this Thursday the mystery comes in a luminous celebration of Christ's victory. In its deepest origins, the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is the feast of a dedication of a church, since in the year 335 the Church of the Holy Sepulchre was dedicated on September 13, and on the following day the "true cross" discovered by St. Helena was brought outside to the faithful for veneration. It is a great feast of the Eastern Church, which often marks it by having the whole assembly prostrate themselves on the floor honoring the life-giving cross.

At the core of the tradition is the quest of Helena, mother of the Emperor Constantine, to acquire the cross and the nails of the Crucifixion from the ruins of Jerusalem. When she was satisfied that she had found them, thanks to the healing of a sick man whose body was placed on the cross, she had her son fund the building of the great basilica. The history of the relic is complicated, especially because it was carried off by invading Persians in the year 614 and "went missing" for fifteen years. Thursday's feast does not celebrate the relic, but rather the life-giving cross from which salvation flows. It's a good day to look around your house or office: Don't those walls look bare without a cross? What better day to remedy that? —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

GOD'S WATCHERS ... In the ancient world watchmen were extremely important people. They kept communities safe, and were there to alert them to any impending danger or attack. Before locks, alarms, and security systems, watchmen were the protectors, the safety measure. So when the Lord charges Ezekiel as a watchman today, it is a weighty charge. So weighty, we learn, that if Ezekiel fails to sound the alarm for those around him and they perish in a state of wickedness, Ezekiel will be held responsible! This profound connection between God's will on earth and in heaven is repeated in today's Gospel, where Jesus instructs us that we are to be the security force, the watchers placed on alert that nowhere in the Body of Christ, the church, will there be any two members of the one Body who are not reconciled. Scripture tells us that Jesus reconciled all things in heaven and on earth through the blood of his cross. But we are given the mission to continue that reconciliation on earth as in heaven through our ceaseless efforts to be, as Paul would write, ambassadors of reconciliation. Let us not get too comfortable thinking that we are responsible only for keeping our own lives from the path of wickedness and disagreement. We are also held accountable for the lives of the members of Christ's body around us. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

HATE NOT ... I will permit no one to narrow and degrade my soul by making me hate them. —Booker T. Washington

PATIENCE ... If you are patient in one moment of anger, you will escape a hundred days of sorrow. —Chinese proverb

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.