

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time ***September 16, 2018***

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. 17	8:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Sept. 18	7:00 a.m.
Wednesday	Sept. 19	5:30 p.m.
Thursday	Sept. 20	8:00 a.m.
Friday	Sept. 21	12:10 p.m.
Saturday	Sept. 22	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Sept. 23	10:00 a.m.

INTENTIONS

John + & Helen Stec
 Anna Lee
 Otto, Virginia, & Lynn Weskamp +
 Elizabeth (Liz) Haag
 Martha Burbach +
 Steve & Janet Fear (-anniv)
 People of our Parish

**The Lord GOD
 is my help, therefore
 I am not disgraced.**

— Isaiah 50:7

Stewardship: September 9, 2018

Adult Envelopes:\$1,641.50
Loose Plate:.....\$137.00
Children:.....\$0.00
Holy Day ():..... \$0.00
Total:..... \$1,778.50

Joy of the Gospel Campaign

Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
 Gifts last week:\$925.00
Total Gifts Received:.....\$701,403.05
 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:.....\$1,517,730.04
 Balance on DIAL LOAN:..... \$238,638.28

Parish Calendar

Sunday	Sept. 16	11:00am	CCD CLASSES	
Wednesday	Sept. 19	7:00pm	RCIA Class	
Sunday	Sept. 23	11:00am	CCD CLASSES	Holy Spirit Church Fall Festival (11:00am – 2:00pm)
Monday	Sept. 24	11:00am	Priests Study Day, St. Gregory the Great, Seward	

Catholic School News:

No school on 9/17 – Parent Teacher’s Conferences- SPHS – 9:00am-1:00pm and 2:30pm to 5:30pm. McDaid Conferences are held at a scheduled time

School Board Meeting - Tuesday, September 18 at 7:00pm

Nebraskaland National Bank Tailgate - Friday, September 21 at 6:00pm

VBall at Sutherland - Saturday, September 22 at 10:00am

Find a full list of activities or follow our IRISH as they compete....follow North Platte Catholic Schools on Facebook or visit our website at <http://npcschools.org>.

Mark your calendars for G.R.E.E.N. 2018! - October 27 2018!!

Purchase your tickets for G.R.E.E.N. online! www.bidpal.net/green2018

Irish rosary group - has started up once again. This is open to all Parents, Students, Faculty, and School Supporters. **Mondays** and **Wednesdays** will meet at the McDaid Chapel; **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** will meet at the SPHS Chapel beginning at **7:30am**. Rosaries and Prayer Cards are provided.

The Good News at NPCSI!! - Thank You to ALL the Host Families that opened their homes for the 100 cast members of Up With People! The North Platte Community has been touched in so many ways by these selfless individuals who provided much community service to our town. Thank You to Troy & Karen Tickle, Kevin & Jennifer Winder, Mike & Alison Noffsinger, Matt & Melissa Irish, Kent & Kelley Stahl, Alan & Maureen Perlinger and so many others that helped make their visit possible.

Thank You to Pam Wood, Kim Koch, Chris & Michelle Pasquinely, Bill O'Malley, Mark Skillstad and the Irish Activities Association for all you work while they visited our Campus! Thank You Holy Spirit Knights of Columbus for providing us with a Great Tailgate to feed everyone!!

North Platte Catholic School:

Faith and Knowledge for a Brighter Future

Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life ...

The Novena is **Friday, Aug. 3, - Friday, Sept. 28**. Please sign up for the Novena as part of the USCCB Call to Prayer at www.usccb.org/pray.

5th Sunday Rosary Program ... on Sunday, September 30 at 6:00pm. Angelus, and Rosary, and Food.

Save the Date for our Pro-Life Banquet and Conference! October 26, 2018 ... Our featured speaker for the banquet and conference is Dr. George Delgado.

Holy Spirit Catholic Church Fall Festival ... Sunday, Sep. 23, 11:00am – 2:00pm, 2801 West E St. A Turkey dinner with all of the trimmings! Come and enjoy time with family and friends. There is something for everyone!

- Children's activities: cake walk, Fun Jumpz
 - Silent Auction and Country Store
 - Raffle / Lottery with cash prizes of \$1000, \$500 and \$250
- Cost: \$8.00 for adults; \$5.00 for children.

St. Pat's Women's Faith Group (Women at the Well) ... Weekly Woman's Faith Group; Wednesdays 8:30am-9:30am in Spiritual Life Center; starts Wed Sep 19. (Call Kira Dimas for details 308-532-0942)

Women's Resource Center 19th Annual Fundraising Banquet ... Guest speaker: Claire Culwell.

(Claire survived her birth mother's abortion that took the life of her twin) **Thursday, September 20, 2018** at 6:30pm at Quality Inn & Suites, 2102 S Jeffers. Adults only, limited seating; Business attire.

- PRAY – For underwriters to fund expenses; For volunteers to be table hosts; For banquet planning team; For Claire's preparation to speak
- SERVE – Be a member of the Event Planning Team
- DONATE – Become an underwriter
- HOST – Be a Table Host – fill a table of eight
- ATTEND – Mark your calendar and plan to attend!

Save the Date: Jason Evert Coming to Lincoln ...

Tickets will be on sale soon for **Parenting for Purity with Jason Evert Oct 15, 7:00pm, St. Peter in Lincoln**. Parents, teachers, grandparents and any other adult who has children in their lives, are welcome to attend. Tickets will be on sale next week through Spirit Radio.

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

September – March Schedule:

Sep 27-30 Fr. Zachary, SOLT/Knights of Holy Eucharist .Men/Women
"Love Made Visible; Eucharistic Adoration Retreat"
Oct. 6-7..... St. Gianna Physician's Guild Men / Women
"For Catholic Doctors, Nurses, Medical Professionals & Students"
Oct 19-21..... Fr. Andrew Heaslip / Matt Simmons Men/Women
"Catechists Retreat for Educators, Teachers, Catechists & Parents"
Nov 2-4..... Fr. Craig Doty Men / Women
"Jesus, Please Heal Me (Pryaer Teams available)"
Nov 16-18..... Fr. Sean Kilcawley..... Men / Women
"Learning to Love from the Beloved Disciple"
Nov 30–Dec 2 Deacon James Keating Couples (Married/Engaged)
"Marriage & Intimacy: How God Wants to Secure Your Love"
Dec. 14-16 Bishop Conley & Fr. Coulter Men/Women
(The Mysteries of Christmas)
Jan 11-12 Fr. Lux & Fr. McGuire..... Women
(LDCCW Winter Symposium)
Jan 18-20 Fr. Eric Clark / Knights of Holy Eucharist Men
"Acolyte / Lector Retreat: Discipleship at the Foot of the Cross"
Feb 1-3..... Fr. William Holoubek Men / Women
"Unbound: Breaking Free from Spiritual Wounds"
Feb 15-17..... Sr. Ann Shields..... Men / Women
"Faith: More Precious than Gold"
Feb 22-24 Fr. Angelus Montgomery, CFR. Men/Women
"American Saints and Heroic Virtue"
Mar 8-10..... Fr. Karl Millis..... Men / Women
"St. Teresa of Avila in Light of the Joy of the Gospel"
Mar 18-21 Fr. Gary Coulter Men / Women
"Silent Directed Ignatian Retreat (Mon-Thur)"
Mar 22-24 Fr. Sean Timmerman..... Men / Women
"Awareness of Christ: the Rosary and the Eucharist"
Mar 29-31 Sharon Doran. Men / Women
"Scriptural Lenten Retreat on the Boundless Mercy of God"
April 18-20 Marian Sisters Young Women Triduum Retreat
May 10-11 Janette Howe 2 Day Retreat for Women
"In Quiet and Trust Your Strength Lies"
Summer 2019 8 Day Silent Ignatian Retreats... Men / Women
July 1-9; July 10-18 Fr. Dennis Brown, OMV

From Blessed Teresa of Calcutta ... "But I feel a great destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a direct war, a direct killing, direct murder by the mother herself. And we read in the scripture, for God says very clearly. "Even if a mother could forget her child, I will not forget you. I have carved you in the palm of My Hand." We are carved in the palm of His Hand; so close to Him, that unborn child has been carved in the Hand of God. And that is what strikes me most, the beginning of that sentence, that even a mother could forget something impossible – but even if she could forget – "I will not forget you." And today the greatest destroyer of peace is abortion. And we who are standing here – our parents wanted us. We would not be here if our parents would do that to us." – *Lecture upon receiving the Nobel Peace Prize, Oslo, Norway, Dec. 11, 1979.*

Religious Award Ceremony for Boys & Girls! ... Scout, American Heritage Girl, Schoenstatt Youth and 4-H Leaders ... obtain your religious award books early so your group can get started on the requirements for their Catholic Religious Award! Girls materials are available from the Youth Ministry Office and boys materials can be purchased from your Local Cornhusker council office. The Diocesan Mass and Award Ceremony is scheduled for March 24, 2019 at 2:00pm with Bishop Finn presenting. Award applications are due to the Youth Ministry Office by Feb. 8. Visit www.lincolndiocese.org/scouting for more info. If you have any questions, contact Michele (402-473-0625).

A Prayer for the Church and Priests ... (from *Spirit Radio website*) O my Jesus, I beg You on behalf of the whole Church: Grant it love and the light of Your Spirit and give power to the words of priests so that hardened hearts might be brought to repentance and return to You, O Lord.

Lord, give us holy priests; You Yourself maintain them in holiness. O Divine and Great High Priest, may the power of Your mercy accompany them everywhere and protect them from the devil's traps and snares which are continually being set for the souls of priests. May the power of Your mercy, O Lord, shatter and bring to naught all that might tarnish the sanctity of priests, for You can do all things. I ask You, Jesus, for a special blessing and for light for the priests before whom I will make my confessions throughout my lifetime. Amen.

2018 Pumpkin Festival ... will be on **Sunday, October 14, 2018.** The Next Committee meeting is: 9/16/18. **The Raffle Tickets are printed and available in the Narthex.** Please pick up your tickets and sell them. **Please Return your sold Raffle Tickets and money sometime BEFORE the Pumpkin Festival. Please do NOT wait to turn them in until Pumpkin Festival Sunday!**

Volunteer ... Please sign up at the table in the Narthex to volunteer to help at the various booths. **Sign up for Cakes, Pies, cookies, muffins, breads, etc. (please, NO cream pies which means NO eggs and NO Milk).**

Daughters of Charity BOUTIQUE ... during the Pumpkin Festival on **Sunday, October 14, 2018.** We are asking everyone (men and women) in our Parish to use the talents our Lord has blessed us with and to share their "handiwork" and contribute to our booth. It can be knitting, crocheting, embroidery, welding, woodworking, or wherever your talents may be. Making things takes time, so we are asking that you start (making) things now if possible. If you have questions, please call Alice Robinson (530-3114).

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.

Again this year, **10% of Pumpkin Festival net profit will be donated to charity: 5% to Women's Resource Center and 5% to Youth from our Parish going to a Youth Event or WYD.**

Silent Auction: For donations of new (or slightly used) items, please contact Ed Rieker (534-9211) or Jim Nisley (534-3391).

SAFETY TIPS ... 20% of all fatal accidents involve automobiles. 17% of all accidents happen at home. 15% of all accidents involve pedestrians. 16% of all accidents happen on airplanes, trains, or boats. Only .001% of all fatal accidents happen in Church! **Come spend some time with Jesus!**

FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:

RCIA Classes ... Fr. Mark Seiker will be leading an RCIA process (Inquiry class in the Faith) which **started Sept. 12, 2018** until a few weeks after Easter (mid May 2019). **(It's not too late to join!)** Classes will usually be held on **Wednesdays in the Parish Hall from 7:00pm–9:00pm.** RCIA classes are open to Catholics & non-Catholics. **For Catholics, it is a good opportunity to learn more about your faith.** If you are interested call the Rectory or see Fr. Seiker. **You have been praying about persons to invite to study our faith with you, now invite them!** Our faith is to be treasured, preserved, & lived, & to be shared ... share your faith with a friend by coming to these RCIA classes.

EUCCHARISTIC THOUGHTS ... The Church, the house of God, is the proper place for the liturgical prayer of the parish community. It is also the privileged place for adoration of the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. (CCC 2691) We express our faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist by genuflecting whenever we pass in front of the tabernacle. We also adore the Sacrament of the Eucharist by reserving the consecrated Hosts with the utmost care, exposing them for the solemn veneration of the faithful, and carrying them in procession. (CCC 1378)

Liturgical Minister

	Sat., Sept. 22, 5:00pm	Sun., Sept. 23, 10:00am
Lector	Mike Krondak	Justin Pieper
Acolyte	Ed Rieker	Jerry Cooper
Server	William Krondak	Xavier Pieper
	Nicholas Krondak	Nicholas Niesen
Music	Greg Vandenberg	Buhrman/Niesen/Gregg
Gifts	Joy Chilcott, Joan Ryland	Derek & Jennifer Bantam
Ushers	Steve Fear	Duane Johnsen
	Janet Fear	Heather Johnsen
Rosary		

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 7:1-10
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 7:11-17
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Ps 33:2-5,12,22; Lk 7:31-35
 Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28;
 Lk 7:36-50
 Friday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
 Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15
 Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-8; Jas 3:16 — 4:3;
 Mk 9:30-37

Prayers for the sick: Leona Clouatre, Theresa McCarthy-Garth, Leona Clouatre, Sherry Kahl (mother of Yvette Troyer), Mary Lou Robles & Patricia Zamora (sisters of Toni Barron), Kelly Henry (Mitch Gregg's sister), Peggy Fleecs, Patti Caudillo, Renate Nordquist, Sharon Beckius, John Kahl, Mike & Kim Paul, Eileen Boltz, Jim Beckius.

Prayers for the deceased: Virginia Waechter (Peggy Orr's mother), Mary Jane Vitt (Chris Behm's mother), Bob "Junior" Barron (Toni Barron's brother), Bernadine Torres, Father Jim Novakowski, Martha Burbach, Jerry Kenny (Charles/Toni Barron's son-in-law), Bernadine Duryea (Ben Heskett's mom), Luke Ranck, Margaret Baxa, Mary Portz, Phyllis Beckius.

Birthdays: 9/20 - Jim Beckius.

Congratulations: to Steve & Janet Fear who celebrate their 40th Wedding Anniversary Sept. 23.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... In this country, we don't name our churches "The Fourth Avenue Catholic Church," but rather seek a patron saint or mystery of faith. We inherit this tradition from an old Roman custom via medieval England. Interestingly, that has not been the practice elsewhere, and parishes abroad often do carry just the name of the neighborhood. In Ireland, the Roman (English) practices didn't take hold, and so churches are known simply by the street they are on, or by a nickname. Saint Francis of Assisi in Dublin is often called "Adam and Eve" after a pub in the same street. The pub sign is an interesting carving of our first parents, so they become patrons by default. Increasingly in the United States, we are seeing a familiar European pattern emerge when a few churches, each bearing the name of a patron saint or mystery, are gathered into one parish that bears a different name. Thus, we might hear of a parish of "Midvalley City" comprised of Saint Mary, Saint Francis, and Saint Ursula churches. Once a church has been consecrated, its name may not normally be changed. Therefore, when parishes are merged, a new name is given to the parish, which may or may not be that of a heavenly patron, but the church buildings retain their names. In the process, we have lost sight of some worthy patrons of old, but have also seen new parishes open dedicated to twentieth-century saints like Edith Stein, Katharine Drexel, and Mother Teresa.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

LISTENING AND RESPONDING... There are three interwoven themes in today's readings: listening to God, faith vs. good works, and losing our life in order to find it. How are they related? The Suffering Servant of Isaiah undergoes much distress and ridicule, but is able to bear it because he has listened to the promptings of God day after day. The psalm tells us that God listens, too. God hears our prayers for help and is always ready to save us. As our faith deepens, so does our desire to do the works of justice and charity that build up the reign of God. God directs our actions in ways we often cannot see, and we don't always see the results. We are called upon in faith to trust that what we do is enough, and that willingness to listen to God's promptings will lead us in the right way. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

PROPER POSTURE ... It is impossible for the Church to remain on its feet if it doesn't get on its knees. —Anonymous

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, the Formation faculty and staff.*

Pray for our Religious Sisters: Carmel of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph: **Postulant: Sister Rachel** from Roscoe, IL.

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS ...

(September) Universal: Young People in Africa - That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.



PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH

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NORTH PLATTE, NE 69101

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2018

11:00 AM TO 3:00 PM

Pony Rides, Food Booths, Games, Silent Auction
Raffle, Bake Sale, Boutique, Sweet Shoppe,
Cake Walk, Pumpkin Trebuchet, and PUMPKINS!



2018 Pumpkin Festival

COMMITTEE CONTACTS

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GAMES..... Spencer Hampton 308 386-6316; Tiffany Hampton 308 386-8565

PUBLICITYCindy Swanson 308-660-2065

CAKE WALK.....Teresa Bjornstad 308-534-8470

Daughters of Charity BOUTIQUE..... Alice Robinson 308-530-3114

FOOD BOOTH CHAIR..... Alice Robinson 308-530-3114

BAKERYJoan Ryland 308-520-6800

GRILL..... Justin Pieper 308-660-0435

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SWEET SHOPPE.....Jan Bush 308-532-1964

INDIAN FRY BREAD..... Duane Johnsen 308-386-8944

.....Heather Johnsen 308-386-8530

COUNTRY KITCHENJerry Volesky 308-530-2195; Teri Volesky 308-530-6841

..... Jim Griffin 308-340-0564

**PLEASE CONTACT US TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP ... OR ...
IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS!**