

# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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## ***24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*** ***September 17, 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	Sept. 18	8:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Sept. 19	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>
Wednesday	Sept. 20	<b>8:00am</b> <del>5:30 p.m.</del>
Thursday	Sept. 21	8:00 a.m.
Friday	Sept. 22	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
Saturday	Sept. 23	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>
Sunday	Sept. 24	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>

## INTENTIONS

For an end to contraception  
 Book of Memories / Blessings  
 Otto, Virginia, & Lynn Weskamp +  
 Jesse Torres +  
 Pat Sexton +  
 People of our Parish  
 Mark & Laurie Stadler

**Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. — Sirach 28:2**

## **Stewardship: September 10, 2017**

**Adult Envelopes:** .....\$1,190.00  
**Loose Plate:** .....\$139.53  
**Children:** ..... \$5.00  
**Total:** ..... \$1,334.53

**Joy of the Gospel Campaign**  
 Total Pledged: .....\$958,770.00  
 Gifts last week: .....\$100.00  
Total Gifts Received:.....\$545,381.20  
 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

Donations "Farm" Sewer.....\$0.00

## **Parish Calendar**

Sunday	Sept. 17	11:00am	CCD Classes. 12:15pm Pumpkin Festival Committee
Tuesday	Sept. 19		Priests Study Day in Seward
		5:00pm	Indianola Deanery Altar Society Meeting in Curtis.
Thursday	Sept. 21	6:00pm	Discover Hope – Women's Resource Center 18 <sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraising Banquet
Sunday	Sept. 24	11:00am	CCD Classes. 12:15pm Pumpkin Festival Committee
		7:00pm	Theology on Tap at Lake Maloney Gold Club "Bother the Fathers"

## **Catholic School News:**

**Good News at NPCS** ... 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 12<sup>th</sup>.

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

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

**McDaid Elementary PTO** ... is collecting Box Tops, Labels for Education (older Campbell's and Swanson products), Our Family UPC codes, and Coca-Cola codes from caps and boxes. These fundraisers give the organization extra cash to use for our school. There are collection containers in each of the 3 Catholic churches, the Bargain Bin, and at the school. Please consider turning in these items in order to help us reach our goal. Thank you!

**Homecoming week** ... will be the week of September 24<sup>th</sup> through September 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **North Platte Catholic School:**

**Faith and Knowledge for a Brighter Future**

**Knights of Columbus Meeting** ... **Mon., Sept. 18, 7:00pm**, Parish Hall. All Knights are invited to attend.

**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.

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

**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.

**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.

**Discover Hope - Women's Resource Center 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

**St Patrick Church, McCook - Fall Festival** ... on Sunday, Sept. 17, Noon - 4:00pm. Games, food, auctions, & rides. St. Patrick is at the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> and F St in McCook.

**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](http://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 register: [www.lincolndiocese.org/retreats/tec](http://www.lincolndiocese.org/retreats/tec).

**Camp Kateri Registrations** ... Online registration for Leadership Camp began on September 15 at [www.campkateri.org](http://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](mailto:CampKateriT@gmail.org).

**Pro-Life Corner** ... Two quotes from Kimberly Hahn's book: *Life-Giving Love*:

"Every act of marriage is to remain open to life. And if a marital act results in new life, that child is a completely unmerited gift from God."

"We love God and entrust our plans to Him, including our use of NFP. We place our trust in God, not NFP, believing He is trustworthy to give us children even when we think we cannot handle them, because His view is different from ours."

**Put a Retreat into Your Schedule** ... register at [www.goodcounselretreat.com](http://www.goodcounselretreat.com) & receive immediate confirmation or call Good Counsel Retreat House at 402-786-2705 to register now.

### **September – December Schedule:**

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)*

**From Saint 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.*

**Qualify** ... God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.

**Pro-Life Banquet and Conference!** ... join Archbishop Lucas, Bishop Conley and Bishop Hanefeldt for the annual Bishop's Pro-Life Banquet and Conference on Sept. 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. To register, visit <http://www.necatholic.org/> to find online registration or a form to print out and mail in.

**"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.

**Older than 39** and want to see the 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](mailto: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.

**NATIONWIDE MASS TIMES/Locations** ... Call Mass Times (1-734-794-2100) or Internet [www.Masstimes.org](http://www.Masstimes.org)

## **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. 09/10/17 to discuss preparations for the Pumpkin Festival. Next Committee meeting is: 9/17/17. **The Raffle Tickets are printed and available in the Narthex.**

Parishioners should have received a letter a couple weeks ago 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"** ... at the time I am writing this (before I leave for the Catholic Tour of Germany) it is hoped that all the work on the installation of the new 8" sewer line for the "the Farm" house will be completed. Any "hoped for and appreciated" voluntary donations from Parishioners may be placed in an envelope 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.

**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. 23, 5:00pm	Sun., Sept. 24, 10:00am
<b>Lector</b>	Mike Krondak	Justin Pieper
<b>Acolyte</b>	Jon Walz	Jerry Cooper
<b>Server</b>	William Krondak	Drew Connelly
	Nicholas Krondak	Lakeland Lowrey
<b>Music</b>	Matt & Ashley Perlinger	Buhrman/Niesen/Gregg
<b>Gifts</b>	Steve & Janet Fear	Blake & Teresa Niesen
<b>Ushers</b>	Steve Fear	Shane Lowrey
	Janet Fear	Duane Johnsen

## *Readings for the Week*

Monday:	1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday:	1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6; Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday:	1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35
Thursday:	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Friday:	1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday:	1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15
Sunday:	Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

**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:** **Margaret Baxa**, 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:** 9/17 - Makenzie Budke, 9/20 - Jim Beckius, 9/24 - Leo Walz.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ...** We've seen how the rescue of Eucharistic Prayer II from the mists of history changed the style of our prayer, introducing a sleek simplicity to the prayer said aloud by the priest. Remember, before the reform of our prayer in the late 1960s, the priest whispered the words of the Roman Canon, Eucharistic Prayer I. His voice was not amplified, his back was to the people, who could only tell what was going on by a shift in his posture as he bowed and genuflected and as bells were rung to indicate his progress through the prayer.

With the emergence of the new prayers, some feared that the old prayer would be lost forever if it weren't somehow changed. The reformers asked that it be streamlined a bit by omitting the repeated "Through Christ" at the end of various intercessions, and trimming the list of somewhat obscure saints. The new edition therefore brackets parts of the two lists of saints in the prayer, unfortunately dropping all the women from the second set. The decision was also made to keep the Lord's words at the consecration exactly the same in every Eucharistic Prayer, although there is precedent for more variety. On November 2, 1968, Pope Paul VI signed off on the plan of the new Mass, and by April 1969, the publication of the revised order of Mass was announced. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**FORGIVENESS ...** Nearly ten years before, a son and father had parted ways when the business they shared went bankrupt. The son blamed the father. They did not speak to each other again.

Then the father became seriously ill. The mother called the son and told him he had better come soon. The son walked sheepishly into the hospital room. The father motioned his son to him and whispered: "Did you ever think you could do anything that would keep me from loving you?"

Resentment and anger are foul things, the first reading from Sirach tells us. Remember the last things. Stop hating. Live by the commandments. As Saint Paul writes to the Romans, we are to live for the Lord and die for the Lord.

Jesus' parable in today's Gospel reminds us of God's compassion. The immense sin of humanity has been forgiven and stricken from the record. We are to forgive others in the same way. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

**FORGIVE OTHERS ...** There are many kinds of alms the giving of which helps us to obtain pardon for our sins; but none is greater than that by which we forgive from our heart a sin that someone has committed against us. —St. Augustine

**AUTUMN ...**  
 Besides the autumn poets sing,  
 A few prosaic days  
 A little this side of the snow  
 And that side of the haze.  
 —Emily Dickinson

**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.