

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time ***October 8, 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	Oct. 9	8:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Oct. 10	7:00 a.m.
Wednesday	Oct. 11	5:30 p.m.
Thursday	Oct. 12	8:00 a.m.
Friday	Oct. 13	5:30 p.m.
Saturday	Oct. 14	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Oct. 15	10:00 a.m.

INTENTIONS

For our Benefactors
 Elli Fugate
 Brooke Tracy
 Pat Sexton +
 Otto, Virginia, & Lynn Weskamp +
 Anna Lee
 People of our Parish

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God

— *Philippians 4:6*

Stewardship: October 1, 2017

Adult Envelopes:\$1,607.80
Loose Plate:\$232.55
Children: \$1.00
Total: \$1,841.35

Joy of the Gospel Campaign
 Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
 Gifts last week:\$775.83
Total Gifts Received:.....\$549,667.03
 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.....\$100.00

Parish Calendar

Sunday	Oct. 8	11:00am – 3:00pm	22nd Annual Pumpkin Festival. (NO CCD Classes)
Tuesday	Oct. 10	7:00pm	True Reformers: Saints of the Catholic Reformation. #1: "Saint Thomas More.
Wednesday	Oct. 11	7:00pm	RCIA Class
Thursday	Oct. 12	7:00pm	True Reformers: Saints of the Catholic Reformation. #1: "Saint Thomas More.
Saturday	Oct. 14	12:00pm / Noon	Rosary Rally at Lincoln County Court House
Sunday	Oct. 15	11:00am	CCD Classes
		7:00pm	Theology on Tap

Catholic School News:

Congratulations ... Congratulations to the students who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend! May the Holy Spirit continue to breathe new life into you each day.

MAPS ... MAPS Testing will take place at McDaid during the week of October 9.

First Quarter ... End of the 1st Quarter will be Friday, October 13.

No School ... There will be no school on Monday, October 16 due to Faculty In-Service Day.

Good News at NPC ... STUCO Officers participated in the First National Bank Chili Cook-off to benefit the United Way Foundation.

Spirit Wear Day ... was held Friday, October 6 in effort to raise funds for Hurricane Relief. Also at last Friday night's football game against Hershey the St. Pat's Student Council collected funds to benefit Hurricane Relief. If you'd like to contribute to this fund please bring your donation to St. Patrick's High School by Wednesday, October 11. Thank You to all who donated to this worthy cause!

North Platte Catholic School:

Faith and Knowledge for a Brighter Future

Camp Kateri Registrations ... Online registration for Leadership Camp is at www.campkateri.org. This Catholic program is a 7-day summer camp for boys entering 6-9th grades. Camp 1 is July 8-14, 2018. Camp 2 is July 15-21, 2018. The cost is \$415. For more info, go to Camp Kateri website or email CampKateriI@gmail.org.

Knights of Columbus Meeting ... Mon, Oct 9, 7:00pm, Parish Hall. All Knights are invited to attend.

Pro-Life Diaper Drive ... The Diaper Drive continues through the end of October. The Centers we serve advise that diaper sizes 4, 5, and 6 are in greatest demand. Your diaper donations are greatly appreciated. Cash donations or checks made to the order of the Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (LDCCW) will be accepted and should be mailed to the LDCCW Service Commission, Kay Wessel, 3600 W Wittstruck Rd, Martell, NE 68404. Listen to Spirit Catholic Radio for Diaper Drive announcements.

Pray the Rosary October 14 ... Please join the Widows Rosary Group of the North Platte area on Saturday, **October 14, at 12:00pm Noon**. We will be uniting with about 20,000 others Rosary Rallies across the USA. All groups will be praying at 12:00pm Noon in their local time zone for our Nations which is in great need of prayer. We will be meeting at the **Northeast corner of the Lincoln County Court House lawn**. Please come. For more info, call Joan (308-520-6800).

Western Nebraska Community for Life ...

PRAYER GATHERING Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 7:00pm
 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church 3301 Echo Drive
 For more information call Ed at 534-9211.

Reminiscing – Remember When? ... Get ready for a fun-filled afternoon of music and laughter as the Nebraska Pride Sweet Adelines Present "Reminiscing – Remember When?" on **Sunday, October 29, at 2:00pm** in the **North Platte High School Auditorium**. Enjoy songs such as "School Days", "Oh Suzannah, Dust Off That Old Pianna", and "Candle on the Water". Tickets are available at Westfield Pharmacy. Adult tickets are \$10.00 in advance or \$12.00 at the door. Students are \$5 and age 5 and under are free.

“Growing Up and Becoming a Man” ...

Father/Son program will be held Sunday, October 29, 2017 2:00pm - 4:30pm, at St Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Hall, 3301 Echo Drive, North Platte, NE. The free program is designed for **10-14 year old boys** and their fathers/grandfathers/guardians. The program is a time set aside for a father and son to explore God's special gift of human fertility, and the beauty & wonder of growing up & becoming a man. Several different topics will be presented by boys and men of different ages. Past participant comments include: “liked the openness”, “great conversation starter with my son”, “helpful”, “fun”, “liked Christian approach”, and “helped build father/son relationship”. This program is sponsored by All 3 North Platte Knights of Columbus Councils #12530, #10506 & #1211, The Catholic Diocese of Lincoln Family Life Office, & North Platte Fertility Care Center. **Pre register by Friday October 27** by email: ckburr240@gmail.com mail: 12601 Saddle Rd, North Platte, NE, or text: Kathy Burr at 308-991-1880 (Include son's name & age, school, father's name and town.)

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.

October – February Schedule:

- 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*)
- Jan 12-13 Fr. Lux & Fr. McGuire..... Women
(*LDCCW Winter Symposium*)
- Jan 19-21 Fr. William Holoubek Men /Women
“Unbound: Breaking Free from Spiritual Wounds”
- Feb 2-4..... Fr. Joseph Walsh Men / Women
“Stewardship: Sharing the Master’s Joy (Mt 15:21)”
- Feb 14..... LDCCW Women
Day of Reflection (10am–3pm) “Ash Wednesday”
- Feb 16-18..... Fr. Sean Kilcawley Women
“Divine Daughterhood / Merciful Motherhood”
- Feb 23-25..... Bishop Fabian Bruskewitz Men
“Lenten Outlooks on Pleasure, Power, and Possessions”

Mercy Triumphs ... The Church opposes abortion, but embraces with mercy those who have made this mistake. Let's all take encouragement from these words of Pope John Paul II:

“I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. Certainly what happened was and remains terribly wrong. But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. Try rather to understand what happened and face it honestly. If you have not already done so, give yourselves over with humility and trust to repentance. The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To the same Father and to his mercy you can with sure hope entrust your child.” (*The Gospel of Life, #99*).

Juniors & Seniors – Come on a TEC Retreat! ...
Nov. 17-19 in McCook. www.lincolndiocese.org/retreats/tec .

2017 Pumpkin Festival is TODAY ...

Sunday, Oct. 8, from 11:00am – 3:00pm.

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.

Food Booths: good food at each of the booths.

Raffle Tickets: Eleven great prizes.

Silent Auction: many fine items to bid on.

Games: for kids of all ages.

True Reformers: Saints of the Catholic Reformation ...

during October and November, parishioners are encouraged to join in a Study by Dr. Christopher Blum (from the Augustine Institute) in the Parish Hall on Mondays / Tuesdays OR Thursdays. This is a great opportunity to better understand what happened 500 years ago and to apply it to our own times. The schedule was in the bulletin two weeks ago; the **adjusted schedule** is below & also a PDF from our webpage.

	7:00pm – 8:15 or 8:30pm	7:00pm	7:00pm
#1	Saint Thomas More: The Age of the Author	Tuesday Oct. 10	Thursday Oct. 12
#2	Saint Ignatius of Loyola: Soldier for Christ	Tuesday Oct. 17	Thursday Oct. 19
#3	Saint Philip Neri: The Apostle of Joy	Tuesday Oct. 24	Thursday Oct. 26
#4	Saint Charles Borromeo: The Good Shepherd	Monday Oct. 30	Thursday Nov. 2
#5	Saint Teresa of Avila: A Study in Perseverance	Monday Nov. 6	Thursday Nov. 9
#6	Saint Francis de Sales: Pastor of Souls	Tuesday Nov. 14	Thursday Nov. 16

FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:

RCIA Classes ... Fr. Mark Seiker will be leading an RCIA process (Inquiry class in the Faith) began Sept 20, 2017 until a few weeks after Easter (mid May 2018). (It's not too late to join!) 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. Share your faith with a friend by coming to RCIA classes.

New Driveway into West Parking Lot ... during the installation of the sewer line on the East side of Echo Drive, it was decided that the location of the entrance of the gravel / weed parking lot (west of the regular parking lot) should be moved further South. The location of the OLD driveway is now a ditch ... please do NOT try to use this as an entrance. The NEW driveway is after the metal power pole. There is some crushed asphalt on the new Driveway (which is across from the Alley going West).

Bishop’s Appeal for Vocations ... “Love Made Visible”. Two weeks ago, Bishop Conley’s letter for the Bishop’s Appeal for Vocations was read. It was mentioned that we would have the Appeal AFTER the Pumpkin Festival. This year, the Bishop’s Appeal for Vocations will be handled similar to the Charity and Stewardship Appeal, meaning that every family in the Parish has a card which will be available on a table in the Narthex Next Weekend and for the next two weekends. **Our Parish Goal is \$3,850.00.** This is our share of the Diocesan goal of \$800,000 which has been established by Bishop Conley. Your gifts and your prayers for our seminarians are much appreciated! Please support the Bishop’s Appeal for Vocations.

Liturgical Minister

	Sat., Oct. 14, 5:00pm	Sun., Oct. 15, 10:00am
Lector	Jerry Beckius	Shane Lowrey
Acolyte	Jerry Volesky	Duane Johnsen
Server	Volunteer	Lakeland Lowrey
	Volunteer	Harmon Johnsen
Music	Matt & Ashley Perlinger	Matt & Ashley Perlinger
Gifts	Philip & Kelsey	Logan & Sophie Morris
Ushers	Cindy Swanson	Jeff Orr
	Alice Robinson	Charles Barron

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Jon 1:1 — 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday:	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday:	Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday:	Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13
Friday:	Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday:	Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28
Sunday:	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14

Prayers for the sick: Elenore and Melissa Larrington (Smocks' friends), 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, Betty Ganzel (Mike Krondak's grandmother), 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: 10/7 - David Clouatre, 10/8 - Kanen Hammond, James Krondak, 10/10 - Chris Behm, 10/12 - Joanie Grunden, Tyler Behm, 10/13 - Cassi Clouatre.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... Before long, as we've seen, the four newly constructed Eucharistic Prayers became two. The old Roman Canon faded away into relative disuse after 1600 unbroken years, sometimes heard only at Christmas Midnight Mass or the Easter Vigil. The new Eucharistic Prayer IV, at least in its English form, grates a bit on most hearers, and besides is meant only for Ordinary Time. The reconstruction of the ancient prayer of Hippolytus, Eucharistic Prayer II, is the most familiar, but its brevity sometimes creates an imbalance with the Liturgy of the Word. No wonder that as soon as the creative juices began to flow at the Vatican, people worldwide were trying their hands at new prayers.

In 1967, even before the final shape of the new Mass was announced, bishops were asking to adapt that celebration for the needs of children. They wanted to clarify what ought to happen when large numbers of children are at Mass: what could be adapted, omitted, or shortened. Experimentation had already begun. Separate Liturgies of the Word for children were by this time commonplace in Holland and elsewhere in Europe. Catechists were saying that many of our liturgical forms were too complex for the children in their charge, and priests were making adaptations on their own. Clearly, the Vatican had to take this seriously. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

BEARING THE RIGHT KIND OF FRUIT ... Today's readings focus our attention on vineyards. Isaiah's song concerning his friend's vineyard begins with inspiring and poetic images of an idyllic vineyard where the choicest harvest is expected. Instead, the vineyard yields wild grapes, which causes the owner to abandon it. The psalmist cries out to God, asking that God once again take care of the vineyard, which is the house of Israel. The parable told in today's Gospel offers a stern warning that those who commit treachery in the hopes of attaining personal wealth will be "put ... to a wretched death" (Matthew 21:41). Jesus warns his listeners not to act like the murderous tenants in the vineyard. Instead he exhorts them to produce the kind of fruit that will lead them to the kingdom of God. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

TRUE WEALTH ... Measure wealth not by the things you have, but by the things you have for which you would not take money. —Anonymous

COMPANIONSHIP ... Take my hand and walk along with me, not ahead of me; otherwise I may not follow you. —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 and the Formation faculty and the staff.*

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS (October) Workers and the Unemployed: That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.