

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time ***October 15, 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. 16	8:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Oct. 17	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Oct. 18	5:30 p.m.
Thursday	Oct. 19	8:00 a.m.
Friday	Oct. 20	5:30 p.m.
Saturday	Oct. 21	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Oct. 22	10:00 a.m.

INTENTIONS

Nancy Vandenberg +
 Pat Sexton +
 Loretta Pilakowski +
 Vocations
 Otto, Virginia, & Lynn Weskamp +
 People of our Parish
 Julian & Marty Estrada +

**I can do all things
 in him who
 strengthens me.**

— *Philippians 4:13*

Stewardship: October 8, 2017

Adult Envelopes:\$1,351.80
Loose Plate:\$150.00
Children: \$0.00
Total: \$1,501.80

Joy of the Gospel Campaign
 Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
 Gifts last week:\$375.00
Total Gifts Received:.....\$550,042.03
 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.....\$0.00

Parish Calendar

Sunday	Oct. 15	11:00am	CCD Classes	7:00pm Theology on Tap
Tuesday	Oct. 17	7:00pm	True Reformers: Saints of the Catholic Reformation. #2: "St. Ignatius of Loyola"	
Wednesday	Oct. 18	7:00pm	RCIA Class	
Thursday	Oct. 19	7:00pm	True Reformers: Saints of the Catholic Reformation. #2: "St. Ignatius of Loyola"	
Sunday	Oct. 22	11:00am	CCD Classes	

Catholic School News:

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

Good News at NPCS ... STUCO Officers participated in the First National Bank Chili Cook-off to benefit the United Way Foundation. This team received third place at the Cook-Off. Congratulations to Aiden Skillstad, Libby Calhoun, James Schroll and Jacob Granger. Thank you also to sponsor Mrs. O'Neill for your leadership with our Student Council.

Hurricane Relief ... Students at NPCS recently raised funds for Hurricane Relief by holding a Spirit Wear Day and collecting cash in place of the 50/50 at the Friday Night Hershey Game. Students raised over \$500 to benefit Hurricane victims. Thank you all who helped raise funds for this worthy cause.

G.R.E.E.N. 2017 ... The most fun you'll ever have fundraising for the North Platte Catholic Schools! Tickets are available NOW by contacting the Endowment office: 308-534-5939, w.dodson@npcschools.org, 601 S. Tabor Ave. Tickets include gourmet dinner, drinks, and hilarious entertainment with comic/magician Gayle Becwar. G.R.E.E.N. also offers CASH prizes with the Lucky Lotto and Heads or Tails games, a chance to take home an Irish "Spirit Wagon" as well as silent and live auctions.

***Auction Preview!** Don't miss your chance to bid on some of these amazing items. Here's a sneak peek at a few on the "Live" list: NCAA Women's Volleyball Championship Package in Kansas City, Swan's Furniture - \$1,000 toward anything you'd like!

****Volunteers are also needed** to help with various parts of the event (you can attend, enjoy AND volunteer.) Please use this link to sign up online: <http://signup.com/go/ooWzKWa> or contact the Endowment Office.

State Cross Country ... will be held in Kearney Oct. 20th. This also marks Parent's Night for Cross Country & Football Teams.

North Platte Catholic School:
Faith and Knowledge for a Brighter Future

"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. **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.)

Pro-Life Diaper Drive ... The LDCCW is sponsoring the 8th Annual October Pro-Life Diaper Drive, collecting diapers throughout the month of October in each of the Lincoln Diocese parishes. A baby in their first year will use approximately 2,100 diapers, that's only 6 diapers per day. The LDCCW goal is to collect 90,000 diapers which will provide diapers for only 43 babies for one year. Your assistance is needed. Thank you to those who already donated. Listen to Spirit Catholic Radio for Diaper Drive announcements.

LDCCW Leadership training ... the Indianola Deanery Altar Society Leadership Training is on **Saturday, October 21st from 9:00am – 1:00pm at St. Patrick Parish, McCook.** We are asking that you bring a covered dish for lunch. In your Deanery packet there is more information and a pre-assessment form. **Women are asked to complete the pre-assessment form (in Narthex) & mail or email to Ann Jansky (arjansky@gmail.com) or give it to Father Seiker or Shirley Nisley.** This will allow for more personalized training. This training is recommended for all current PCCW leaders but also of all women who want to learn how to be a leader in their Parish. The training is informative & fun. Please register by contacting Ann Jansky (402-826-0219), Kathy Broz (308-737-1052) or Kay Portillo (308-227-1231). We would like to have a count by Wednesday, October 18th.

2017 PUMPKIN FESTIVAL Report ... Many have asked how we did on the Pumpkin Festival. We haven't received all of the bills yet, so the net profit is not known. However, the very preliminary gross income is about \$18,961.78 (which is about \$700 less than last year, \$1,600 less than 2 years ago; \$800 less than 3 years ago. There was very good weather for the set-up on Saturday, & also Sunday for the Pumpkin Festival. Some parishioners said it was the BEST weather we ever had for a Pumpkin Festival. Our parishioners worked together well & there was good attendance at our Pumpkin Festival.

Thanks to the committee: Stephen Smock (Overall Chair), Cindy Swanson (Publicity Chair), Spencer & Tiffany Hampton (Games Chairs), Ed Rieker & Jim & Shirley Nisley (Silent Auction Co-Chairs), Chuck Burr (Raffle Chair), and Alice Robinson and Claudette Wielechowski (Co-Food Booths chairs), for the gift of their time and efforts. There are many persons who gave many hours of their time this year as they have many years before, throughout the year and especially on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, preparing for the Pumpkin Festival, setting up, donating food & craft items, silent auction and raffle ticket items, selling raffle tickets, working during the event, & cleaning up after. Thank you, Thank you!

It was a very good Pumpkin Festival, not just because we made some money, but more importantly because we worked together as a Parish Family! Many people used the opportunity to talk to their neighbors (*those persons next to them at various times throughout the day*) about our Lord or about our faith. May the Lord continue to draw us closer to Himself & to one another in all that we do!

The raffle prize winners are listed below. A complete financial report will be given as soon as all the bills are paid. 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 Retreat or WYD.**

Pumpkin Festival: Raffle Winners:

Prize (Donor)	Winner
¼ Beef & Processing (Bob/Tracy Ryland)	Armando Avalos
\$500.00 Cash.....	Shirley Nisley
Yeti Cooler (Reiny/Martha Burbach).....	Dave Steffes
\$150.00 Chamber Bucks.....	Teresa Bjornstad
½ Hog & Processing (Chuck/Kathy Burr)	Jason Bryant
\$150.00 Chamber Bucks (NebraskaLand Bank).....	Kathy Burr
Metal Art (Troyer Enterprises Inc)	Mary Van Ert
Two Fire Extinguishers (Nebraska Safety & Fire).....	Dennis S Cooper
NE/Iowa Football Tickets (Jerry/Teri Volesky)	Amy Jorgensen
\$200 Grocery Certificate (Jerry/Teri Volesky)....	Lyuba Hendricks
\$50.00 Gas Voucher (Mentzer Oil)	Jason Bryant

Fatima & Tomorrow ... Join us at Holy Cross Chapel in Hastings Saturday October 28, at 1:00pm-7:30pm for an opportunity for spiritual renewal. Speakers are Bishop James D. Conley, Fr. Scott Courtney, Theresa Monaghan, and Doug Barry. At 4:00pm there will be a Eucharistic Procession to St. Cecilia Catholic Church, where Bishop Conley will celebrate Mass. Attendees will receive a free Red Rosary. Free will offerings accepted. Find more information and register at stceciliahastings.com or reach Bob Sullivan by text or call: 402-469-5149.

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.

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
#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

Sacred Heart Turkey Dinner ... Sunday, Oct. 29, 2017 at Sacred Heart Church, **Sutherland**, serving from **11:00am – 1:30pm CT**. Adults: \$8.00; Ages 5-10: \$4.00; Under 5: Free.

Life is Primary ... A major Vatican document reminds us that the right to life is primary: "The teachings of Pope John XXIII, the Second Vatican Council, and Pope Paul VI have given abundant indication of the concept of human rights as articulated by the Magisterium. Pope John Paul II has drawn up a list of them in the Encyclical Centesimus Annus ... The first right presented in this list is the right to life, from conception to its natural end, which is the condition for the exercise of all other rights and, in particular, implies the illicitness of every form of procured abortion and euthanasia" (*Compendium of Social Doctrine of Church, Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, Vatican City, 2004*).

FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:

RCIA Classes ... RCIA (Inquiry class in Faith) usually held on Wednesdays in Parish Hall, 7:00pm – 9:00pm, will continue until late April 2018. It's not too late to join. These classes are open to Catholics & non-Catholics. Invite someone to study our faith with you.

New Driveway into West Parking Lot ... 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.

Holy Land Pilgrimage ... Steve & Janet Ray, Producers of the Footprints of God documentaries & Jesse Romero & Fr. Mark Seiker invite you on a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, **Wed, May 8 – Fri., May 17, 2019**. The brochures are not available yet, but dates are set, if you want to plan ahead for a great Pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

Bishop's Appeal for Vocations ... "Love Made Visible". In September, 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 THIS Weekend** and **NEXT Weekend. 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. Unlike CSA which is a Pledge, **BAV is a One-Time Donation, NOT a Pledge.** If you did NOT donate last year, would you please be able to donate something to the education of our future priests this year? Whether \$50.00 or \$20.00 or \$10.00. No gift is too small.

Liturgical Minister

	Sat., Oct. 21, 5:00pm	Sun., Oct. 22, 10:00am
Lector	Jerry Beckius	Shane Lowrey
Acolyte	Jerry Volesky	Duane Johnsen
Server	Volunteer	Lakeland Lowrey
	Volunteer	Harmon Johnsen
Music	Greg Vandenberg	Buhrman/Niesen/Gregg
Gifts	David & Mary Bratton	Justin & Hanna Pieper
Ushers	Cindy Swanson	Volunteer
	Alice Robinson	Charles Barron

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday:	Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday:	2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
Thursday:	Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-6ab; Lk 11:47-54
Friday:	Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday:	Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12
Sunday:	Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

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: 10/16 - Amanda Lott, 10/17 - Tynnli Vapenik, Shirley Nisley, Jessica Vapenik, 10/22 - Corinne Smock, Heather Johnsen.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... In 1971, the Vatican Congregation for Divine Worship completed a survey of the presidents of the national liturgical commissions around the world. How were children doing in the liturgical reform? Probably to their surprise, the cardinals learned of special weekday Masses for children designed to teach them how to participate on Sunday, Masses with separate components for children. The decision was made quickly to develop adaptations for Masses where children were a majority of the assembly. Changes would include a simpler structure, understandable texts, a simplified Lectionary, more active participation, and most surprisingly, new Eucharistic Prayers. By 1973 the work was done, and with very specific advice from Pope Paul VI, including the need for two new Eucharistic Prayers, the Directory for Masses with Children was published on December 20, a timely Christmas gift for the children of the world.

The prayers are the first to be written fresh in a modern language – not Latin, but French and German – then translated into English, Italian, and Spanish. With a sense of caution, these new prayers were approved for three years, until 1977, but it soon became apparent that they had truly been embraced. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

THE HEAVENLY BANQUET ... The mountain of the Lord described in today's first reading is a place where there is no more hunger, no more weeping, and no more division of any kind. We need to pause and ponder these images every now and then, especially given the fact that we live in such a fractured world. The responsorial psalm continues to paint a picture of a place where only goodness and kindness flourish. These readings describe the heavenly banquet, to which God calls each of us through baptism and continues to call us throughout our lives. Let us "RSVP" to God's invitation and live our lives consistent with gospel values so that one day we will be welcomed to the table of the kingdom.. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

YOUR ACTIONS COUNT ... Knowledge may give weight, but accomplishments give luster, and many more people see than weigh. —Earl of Chesterfield

GOD'S GOODNESS ... Let us throw ourselves into the ocean of God's goodness, where every failing will be cancelled and anxiety turned into love. —St. Paul of the Cross

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.