

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time ***November 4, 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	Nov. 5	8:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Nov. 6	7:00 a.m.
Wednesday	Nov. 7	5:30 p.m.
Thursday	Nov. 8	8:00 a.m.
Friday	Nov. 9	12:10 p.m.
Saturday	Nov. 10	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Nov. 11	10:00 a.m.

INTENTIONS

Luke Ranck +
Protection of all human life, esp. unborn
Vince & Loretta Pilakowski +
Bob "Junior" Barron +
Martha Burbach +
Elli Fugate
People of Our Parish

***You shall love the LORD,
your God,
with all your heart,
and with all your soul,
and with all your strength.***
— Deuteronomy 6:5

Stewardship: October 28, 2018

Adult Envelopes:\$1,952.00
Loose Plate:.....\$123.25
Children:\$0.00
Holy Day (): \$0.00
Total: \$2,075.25

Joy of the Gospel Campaign
Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
Gifts last week:\$195.00
Total Gifts Received:.....\$707,383.05
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:.....\$1,533,480.04
Balance on DIAL LOAN:..... \$225,296.27

Propagation of Faith:.....\$70.00

Parish Calendar

Sunday	Nov. 4	11:00am	CCD CLASSES 12:00pm Parish Dinner (brats/burgers)
		3:00pm	Eucharistic Procession Around the Capital (Lincoln)
Wednesday	Nov. 7	7:00pm	RCIA Class
Sunday	Nov. 11	11:00am	Knights of Columbus Breakfast – CCD CLASSES – 11:30am=Daughters of Charity
Monday	Nov. 12	7:00pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting in Parish Hall

Catholic School News:

Find a full list of activities or follow our IRISH as they compete ... follow North Platte Catholic Schools on Facebook or visit <http://npcschools.org>.
November Rosary Dates: Mon-11/5, Tue-11/13, Wed-11/21, Thu-11/29

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

Holy Spirit Youth Group Meeting ... All youth grades 9-12 are welcome to join us for Fun, Food and Faith! Holy Spirit Youth Group will meet on Wednesday Nov. 14th, 6:30pm at the Faith Formation Building. We will roast marshmallows, enjoy s'mores and hot chocolate AND complete a Christmas Service Project for our deployed troops. Follow HSNPYG on Facebook and Twitter for more information.

TEC Retreats ... for high school Juniors and Seniors can totally change your attitude towards God, your family, and your Catholic faith – and they are enjoyable. There a TEC in McCook on Nov 18-20 (Sat – Mon). For more info, or to register, call 488-2040, or online: www.LincolnDiocese.org.

TEC #107 Nov. 17-19, 2018 McCook

TEC #108 Feb. 16-18, 2019 Wahoo

TEC #109 April 27-29, 2019 Camp Kateri

TEC #110 June 8-10, 2019 David City

QUEST Retreats ... QUEST is a retreat for young Catholics between the ages of 14 and 16 who are freshmen and sophomores in high school. It is woven around the theme of the Three Circles of Love: Love of Self, Love of Others, and Love of God. The name QUEST implies "searching for" and "seeking out". As such, this retreat is designed to bring young people together and invite them to search for and seek out a deeper understanding and appreciation of themselves, others, and God. For more information, or to register, call 488-2040, or go online to: www.LincolnDiocese.org.

QUEST #34 Nov. 3-4, 2018 St. Stephen Church, Lawrence

QUEST #35 March 23-24, 2019 St. Joseph Church, Auburn

Daughters of Charity (Altar Society) Meeting:

will be **Sunday, Nov. 11, at 11:30am** in Rectory Conference Room. All women are invited & encouraged to attend.

Breakfast by Knights of Columbus ... Sunday, Nov. 11, in the Parish Hall after 10:00am Mass; serving pancakes, eggs, fixings, biscuits & gravy, coffee & juices. Free Will offering accepted ... Proceeds go to the purchase of Missalettes.

Knights of Columbus Meeting ... Mon, Nov 12, 7:00pm, Parish Hall. All Knights are invited to attend.

Pro-Life Diaper Drive ... continues until Sun, Nov. 11. Thank you to those that have made a donation. God Bless You.

PRAYER TO ST MONICA ... The Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women has designated the month of November to the Indianola Deanery Council for prayers to St. Monica. We offer our prayers through St. Monica's intercession for the spiritual and physical safety of our children. **Please take time and pray this prayer each day during November.** **PRAYER TO ST. MONICA**

O God, You are the comfort of those who mourn and the savior of all who trust in You. Blessed Monica's loving tears moved You to convert her son, Augustine. Help us who pray to You for the salvation of our sons and daughters, too. May we also grieve for our own sins and win the grace of Your pardon through the intercession of this loving Saint, through Christ our Lord. Amen **St. Monica, Pray For Us!**

St. Gianna's Art and Gift Gallery ... Artists will display and sell their unique collection of Christian artwork and gifts on Friday, Dec. 7, 6pm-9pm & Saturday, Dec. 8, 9am-6pm in Guadalupe Center by Gianna's Java & Gelato, 2241 O St, Lincoln, NE. 15% of all proceeds donated to benefit St. Gianna's Women's Homes, Lincoln.

Campaign for Intellectual Disabilities (Tootsie Roll Drive) ... The Knights of Columbus will be conducting a drive to help people with intellectual disabilities **November 17 - 18** after the Masses. Please be prepared to donate to this worthy cause.

Vote this Tuesday! ... We encourage all citizens, particularly Catholics, to embrace their citizenship not merely as a duty and privilege, but as an opportunity meaningfully to participate in building the culture of life. Every voice matters in the public forum. Every vote counts. Every act of responsible citizenship is an exercise of significant individual power. We must exercise that power in ways that defend human life, especially those of God's children who are unborn, disabled or otherwise vulnerable. We get the public officials we deserve. Their virtue -- or lack thereof -- is a judgment not only on them, but on us. Because of this, we urge our fellow citizens to see beyond party politics, to analyze campaign rhetoric critically, and to choose their political leaders according to principle, not party affiliation or mere self-interest" (*US Bishops, Living the Gospel of Life*, n. 34).

Election Day! ... A diocesan-specific guide in Oct. 12 issue of Southern Nebraska Register & <https://www.nebraskacatholicvoter.com/>.

From Bishop Conley ... Greetings in the Lord. The U.S. bishops are joining together in a commitment of prayer and reparation leading up to the bishops' general assembly, where we will be making critical decisions in response to the clergy sexual abuse crisis. With my brother bishops across the nation, I will be dedicating myself to seven days of intensified prayer & fasting, from Mon., Nov 5 – Sun., Nov 11. The intentions for this period of prayer and sacrifice are three-fold:

- For the healing and support of all victims of clergy sexual abuse.
- For the conversion and just punishment of the perpetrators and concealers of sexual abuse.
- For the strength of the bishops to be holy shepherds in protecting and leading our sheep from all harm.

If you feel called to do so, you are welcome to join me in praying for these intentions. I would also be grateful for any prayers for me and my brother bishops during our general assembly, that we may follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit in responding to the tragedy of clergy sexual abuse in the Church.

Please be assured of my prayers for you, as well. Bishop Conley.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD ... "It is a holy & pious thought to pray for the dead." (2 Macc 12:45). One of the corporal works of mercy is to pray for the dead. Those persons whom we have loved during their life here on earth, we should still remember to pray for after they have died. **The best prayer of all is the Mass.** Envelopes are available at the Bulletin Board in the Narthex to request Masses to be offered for the repose of the soul of any of your loved ones. The usual Mass stipend is \$10.00. Simply write the name of the deceased person on the envelope and your name and enclose \$10.00. If you write a check, please make the check payable to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church and write "Mass Stipend" in the memo. The Mass intentions are listed in the Bulletin. Pray for the dead!

An **indulgence** is granted the Christian faithful who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, if only mentally, for the dead. This indulgence is applicable only to the souls in purgatory. **This indulgence is a plenary (full) one from Nov. 1 through Nov. 8 & can be gained on each one of these days.** On other days of the year this indulgence is a partial one.

An **indulgence** is the remission of the temporal punishment due to sins that have already been forgiven. An indulgence can be gained by doing certain works of devotion, penance & charity, under conditions that the Church has set down. An indulgence is partial or plenary, as it removes either part or all of the temporal punishment due to sin. An indulgence can be gained for oneself or for souls in punishment due to sin. (CCC 1471) The official list of works & prayers that have an indulgence attached to them, as well as the conditions that must be met, are contained in The Handbook of Indulgences.

Besides the exclusion of all attachment to sin, even venial sin, the requirements for gaining a plenary indulgence are the performance of the indulgenced work and fulfillment of three conditions: sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion, prayer for the pope's intentions. The three conditions may be carried out several days before or after the performance of the prescribed work. But it is more fitting that the communion & the prayer for the pope's intentions take place on the day the work is performed.

Consecration to Jesus through Mary ...

Bishop Conley is encouraging the faithful to consecrate/re-consecrate themselves to Jesus through Mary according to the method of St. Louis deMontfort on Dec 8th, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. **The 33 day preparation period begins November 5th.** The Rosary Crusade (*specifically Br. Julian, KHE*) has made video meditations for each day as a way to go deeper with our consecration this year. [Links on our Parish webpage and here:](#)

Bishop Conley's appeal to consecration: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9VjPr70TefQ>; **Playlist of daily meditations:** <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLdESOVDQz8cmEhdepOWFVImMBa3Bqh9bS>; **Daily Prayers and reading from St. Louis:** <https://totalconsecration.newevangelizers.com/schedule/#part-1>

Parish Council Meeting ... Thur. November 15, 7:00pm

RectoryConferenceRm. (Members: Ken Bjornstad, Diane Gregg, Philip Heimann, Jim Nisley. Trustees: Jerry Volesky, Duane Johnsen).

FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:

RCIA Classes ... on Wednesday in Parish Hall, 7:00pm – 9:00pm, will continue until mid-May 2019. [It's not too late to join.](#)

Consecration to Jesus through Mary ... I

highly encourage each of our parishioners to participate in the Consecration to Jesus through Mary. There are short daily meditations (*5-6 min each*) and also daily prayers (in print and audio files; it might be helpful to some persons to click on the audio file link in one browser window and then in another browser window to click on the prayers/text link ... in this way, you can listen and read at the same time, thus using more senses to apply the message to your life). There are also 2-3 **paperback books** of the Consecration prayers available for those who do not have and/or use the internet.

Stewardship ... God wants all of us to be Saints, and to proclaim the Gospel by our actions as well as with our words. Jesus wants to use our weaknesses, wounds, and inadequacies, to allow His Light and His Glory to shine through us. St. Paul said "When I am weak, it is then that I am strong" ... that Christ shines through me!

One area of Stewardship that is often overlooked and needs to be put first, is the **Stewardship of our Time.** God has given each one of us the same 24 hours each day and the same 168 hours every week. Each one of us should ask ourselves: How am I using the time that God has given to me? Is God a "**part** of my life" or is God "**in** my life"? Reflect on your day or your week. Ask yourself:

- Do I have a daily "appointment" with God for prayer, Scripture reading, study of Faith, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, etc?
- Do I have a weekly Eucharistic Holy Hour ... time with Jesus in the "classroom of silence"?
- Do I give Jesus the first and the best of my time ... of my day ... or do I give Jesus the "left over's"?
- Do I give of my time to my spouse / to my family?
- Do I give of my time to my Parish Family?
- Do I give of my time to share my Faith with those that I meet?

Bishop's Appeal for Vocations ... "Gift and Mystery". Our Parish Goal is \$4,810.

This is our share of the \$800,000 Diocesan goal which has been established by Bishop Conley. **To date, \$7,752.00 has been given.** Your gifts & your prayers for our seminarians are much appreciated! If you haven't made your gift, please contact Fr. Seiker or put your gift in the collection.

Parish Dinner Nov. 4 (Today) ...

in the Parish Hall at **12:00pm (Noon).** We have some hamburger, brats, chips, beans, pumpkin pie and ice cream (*all left over from the Pumpkin Festival*). This would be a good time to enjoy each other's company as we enjoy some good food and thank the Lord for His blessings to us. (**12:15pm=CCD Students/teachers join us**)

For a number of years, we have had a Wednesday 7:30pm Mass (*evening before Thanksgiving*) and after Mass served pie & ice cream at a social gathering in the Hall. [This will replace that Wed. Mass & social.](#)

Liturgical Minister

	Sat., Nov. 10, 5:00pm	Sun., Nov. 11, 10:00am
Lector	Jim Nisley	Michael Lafleur
Acolyte	Jerry Volesky	Conrad Buhrman
Server	William Krondak	Jace Grunden
	Nicholas Krondak	Weston Hammond
Music	Volunteer	Peggy Orr
Gifts	Loren Baxa, Ed Rieker	Spencer & Tiffany Hampton
Ushers	Jerry Beckius	Jeff Orr
	Sharon Beckius	Shane Lowrey
Rosary		

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday:	Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26b-30ab,30e,31-32; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday:	Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday:	Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10
Friday:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Saturday:	Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9; Lk 16:9-15
Sunday:	1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7-10; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44

Prayers for the sick: Annie Vieyra, Theresa McCarthy-Garth, Sherry Kahl (Yvette Troyer's mother), Mary Lou Robles & Patricia Zamora (Toni Barron's sisters), 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: Leona Cloutre, 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, Luke Ranck, Margaret Baxa, Mary Portz, Phyllis Beckius.

Birthdays: 11/4 Jenni Cloutre, 11/7 - Toni Barron, Marcise Albrecht, 11/8 - Matt Perlinger, 11/11 - Chase Cloutre, Ron Jones, George Kucera.

Congratulations: to Jerry & Betty Steffes who celebrate their **59th Wedding Anniversary Nov. 7.**

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... Just two years ago, we engaged in one of the core activities of our democratic system: a presidential election. Actually, the institution of election can be traced to traditions in the Church, and although bishops are no longer chosen in this way, abbots and abbesses (heads of monastic communities) have almost always been elected by full voting members of their communities. The lifetime appointment begins when the monks or nuns are gathered in "chapter" at the death or resignation of the abbot, and fortunately for all involved, campaigning is not allowed! The members of the community discern, with prayer to the Holy Spirit, who among them is the best suited for leadership. Once chosen, the new leader requests the blessing of the local bishop, who usually presides at a ceremony of consecration or investiture. The ballots are always secret, and a simple majority must be achieved. In our American system the Electoral College is the determining voice in the presidential election, not the popular election on a November Tuesday, just as the monastic chapter is the electorate. Today, most religious orders elect general superiors in "chapter" by delegates of the professed members, and usually for a term of six years. A few, like the Jesuits, elect for life. At least we don't have that weight on our shoulders when we choose a president. Four years at a time will do! —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

GOD'S LAWS ... God's laws are not intended to burden or torment us. Instead they are guideposts that point us in the direction of good living. Accordingly, good living requires loving God and loving one another. We should not follow God's laws out of fear of what might happen if we don't, but rather view them as a foundation for building relationships and trust with one another and with God. The Shema prayer of Orthodox Jews is based on the reading from Deuteronomy today, "Hear, O Israel." Every morning people recite the prayer as a profession of their love for God and pledge their obedience to God throughout the day. They pass on their love of God to their children, from one generation to the next. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

PRAY FOR THE DEAD ... Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and offer our prayers for them.
—St. John Chrysostom

NEITHER DESPAIR NOR PRESUME ... Two criminals were crucified with Christ. One was saved; do not despair. One was not; do not presume. —St. Augustine

Pray for our Seminarians: James Michael Beran, from Risen Christ Cathedral, Lincoln. He entered the Seminary in 2013. He is in Theology 2 at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary.

Pray for our Religious Sisters: School Sisters of Christ the King, Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln, Sisters at the Carmel of Jesus, Mary & Joseph, Pink Sisters, Sisters of Mary, Queen of Mercy.

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS ...

(November) Universal: In the Service of Peace - That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict