

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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

INTENTIONS

Rev. Harold Kurtenbach +
 Vocations
 Otto, Virginia, & Lynn Weskamp +
 Loretta Pilakowski +
 Elli Fugate
 Margaret Baxa +
 People of Our Parish

**“The greatest
 among you must
 be your servant.”**

— Matthew 23:11

Stewardship: October 29, 2017

Adult Envelopes:\$2,001.80
Loose Plate:\$145.00
Children: \$0.00
Total: \$2,146.80

Joy of the Gospel Campaign
 Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
 Gifts last week:\$320.00
Total Gifts Received:.....\$583,302.03
 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:.....\$1,379,295.04
 Balance on DIAL LOAN:..... \$368,758.78

Propagation of Faith.....\$100.00
 Assumption of Mary..... \$10.00
 All Saints Day..... \$30.00

LastWk Donations "Farm" Sewer..\$1,215.00
Total Donations "Farm" Sewer\$2,955.00

Parish Calendar

Sunday	Nov. 5	11:00am	CCD Classes
Monday	Nov. 6	7:00pm	<u>True Reformers: Saints of the Catholic Reformation. #5: "St. Teresa of Avila"</u>
Wednesday	Nov. 8	7:00pm	<u>RCIA Class</u>
Thursday	Nov. 9	7:00pm	<u>True Reformers: Saints of the Catholic Reformation. #5: "St. Teresa of Avila"</u>
Sunday	Nov. 12	11:00am	CCD Classes

Catholic School News:

Hurricane Relief ... Students at NPCCS 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.

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

Magnificat ... MAGNIFICAT FALL PRAYER MEAL Saturday morning November 11, 9:30am at Hillcrest Country Club, 9401 East O Street, Lincoln, NE. Special guest speaker Kris Sarver. Join us for "A Magnificat of forgiveness and healing"! Kris was baptized Catholic but renounced her Faith when she was 10 years old, claiming to be an atheist and later an agnostic. Concentrating on becoming "Wonder Woman" and marrying a man she made into a "personal god", circumstances brought her to her knees! Come hear Kris' testimony of her journey of great joy, seeking Christ's Will to be with Him forever in Paradise! Register by sending a \$20 check payable to Magnificat c/o Tina Colgan, 521 N 56 ST, Lincoln, NE 68504. (students \$10) For information call Rhonda Litt at 402-525-6396 or Barb Bechtolt at 402-489-6905.

Juniors & Seniors – Come on a TEC Retreat! ... Take a weekend for yourself as an opportunity to encounter Christ with other teens. The next retreats is **Nov. 17-19 in McCook**. For more info or to register: www.lincolndiocese.org/retreats/tec.

Church Magnets ... This year, as part of our Pumpkin Festival, we handed out magnets with **prayers before meals** and **prayers after meals**. There are also magnets with an **image of our church, address, phone number, website, and Mass times**. They are located on the table in the Narthex.

Daughters of Charity (Altar Society) Meeting: will be **Monday, November 6, at 10:00am** at the Parish Hall. All women are invited and encouraged to attend.

Pro-Life Diaper Drive ... The LDCCW October Pro-Life Diaper Drive will be concluding soon but you still have an opportunity to donate this week! Thanks to those who donated.

Evening Bargain Bin Bag Sales ... have been a huge success! For all of you who can't make it to the Bargain Bin during regular business hours, the **2nd Monday of every month will be an evening BAG SALE**. The next one is Monday, Nov. 13, 5:00pm – 8:00pm. Regular business hours are Tue. – Sat. 10:00am – 3:00pm. Daytime Bag Sales are 15th and 30th of each month. (421 E 3rd St) If those dates fall on a Sunday or Mon, it will be the preceding Saturday. Thank you to all of our generous donors and volunteers!

Knights of Columbus Meeting ... **Mon, Nov. 13, 7:00pm**, Parish Hall. All Knights are invited to attend.

Breakfast by Knights of Columbus ... **Sunday, Nov. 12**, 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.

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!

True Reformers: Saints of the Catholic Reformation ... during Oct. & Nov., join in a Study by Dr. Christopher Blum (from Augustine Institute) in 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.

	7:00pm – 8:15 or 8:30pm	7:00pm	7:00pm
#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

Freedom and Choice ... On May 7, 2005, Pope Benedict XVI said the following in a homily in Rome: “The freedom to kill is not true freedom, but a tyranny that reduces the human being to slavery.”

In our day, some try to justify the killing of the unborn by appealing to “freedom of choice.” Tragically, however, women getting abortions feel that they have no freedom and no choice. They feel trapped, and this is why the pro-life movement provides alternatives to abortion. Moreover, this “freedom to kill” leaves no freedom or choice for the child who is killed. Freedom is not the ability to do whatever we want; freedom is the power to do what is right, to always respect the truth and to choose life.

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. (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.

THANK YOU ... to Alice Robinson, Teri Volesky, & Chris Behm for the cinnamon rolls & brownies for the morning snack for the Habitat for Humanity Workers. Thanks to Charles & Toni Barron for the lunch. It was all very good, and much appreciated by the workers.

Pumpkin Festival Follow-up Meeting ... will be in a week or so ... the Committee would like at least one member from each of the Food Booths and other booths to be present for the meeting as we make plans for our next Pumpkin Festival, suggestions are good.

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.

November – May Schedule:

- 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. 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”
- Mar 2-4..... Fr. Joseph Faulkner Men / Women
“The Bible lets you talk to God better”
- Mar 16-18 Magnificat with Susan Potvin Women
“Life in the Spirit Retreat”
- Mar 19-22 Fr. Gary Coulter Men / Women
“Silent Directed Ignatian Retreat (Mon-Thur)”
- Mar 23-25 Fr. Robert Young, O.F.M. Men / Women
“Finding Peace in the Will of God”
- Mar 29-31 Marian Sisters..... Young Women
Triduum Retreat
- Apr 6-8 Fr. Christopher Kubat..... Men / Women
“Divine Mercy Weekend”
- Apr 20-22 Fr. Benjamin Holdren..... Men / Women
“Deepening your Prayer Life”
- May 4-6 Fr. Anthony Baetzold, CFR... Men / Women
“Totus Tuus: A Retreat with Mary, Mother of the Church”

Parish Council Meeting ... Mon Nov. 20, 7:00pm, Rectorry Conference Room. (Members: Jerry Beckius, Shane Lowrey, Philip Heimann, Jim Nisley. Trustees: Jerry Volesky, Duane Johnsen).

FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:

RCIA Classes ... RCIA (Inquiry class) Wed. in Parish Hall, 7:00–9:00pm. For Catholics/non-Catholics. It’s not too late to join.

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”. 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. To date, \$6,234.00 has been given. Your gifts and your prayers for our seminarians are much appreciated! Please support the Bishop’s Appeal for Vocations. If you have not made your gift, please contact Fr. Seiker or put your gift in the collection. No gift is too small.

Update on Sewer Problems at “the Farm” ... the contractors finished the work on the Sewer to the Farm on 09/08/17. Thus far, we have received \$2,955.00 in “hoped for and appreciated” voluntary donations from Parishioners. Other donations are welcome. Please put in an envelope in the Collection during November. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, or a member of the Parish Council, or a Trustee.

Fr. Seiker at Priest Study Day ... in Seward, Tue, Nov. 7. I will return Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 8.

Liturgical Minister

	Sat., Nov. 11, 5:00pm	Sun., Nov. 12, 10:00am
Lector	Jim Nisley	Michael Lafleur
Acolyte	Rex Walz	Conrad Buhrman
Server	William Krondak	Jace Grunden
	Nicholas Krondak	Kevin Bantam
Music	Greg Vandenberg	Peggy Orr
Gifts	Jerry & Teri Volesky	Harris & Joanie Grunden
Ushers	Jerry Beckius	Duane Johnsen
	Sharon Beckius	Heather Johnsen

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday:	Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday:	Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday:	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
Friday:	Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday:	Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-15
Sunday:	Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13

Prayers for the sick: Luke Ranck, Patti Caudillo, Leona Clouatre, 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: 11/4 - Samuel Heimann, Hope Johnston, Jenni Clouatre, 11/6 - Cecily Smock, 11/7 - Toni Barron, John Brosius, Dennis Chilcott, 11/8 - Matt Perlinger, 11/11 - Chase Clouatre, Ron Jones, George Kucera.

Congratulations: to Jerry & Betty Steffes who celebrate their **58th Wedding Anniversary Nov. 7**

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... What is the name of the pope's cathedral? If you said the Vatican, or St. Peter's, you were off by a few miles, since the answer is the Basilica of St. John, the Lateran, the "Mother Church" of all the churches of the world and the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome. It takes its name from the Lateran family, the Trumps of their day, who somehow ran afoul of the Emperor Nero. He seized all their property, including their vast Roman palace and estate. We don't know how Plautius displeased Nero so badly, but eventually all the Lateran property came to Constantine, the first Christian emperor, through his wife, Fausta. Early in the fourth century, when Christianity was at last legalized, Constantine gave the property to the church. Soon the great meeting halls were expanded and adapted.

Over the centuries, the church building has been sacked by armies, ruined by fire, torn down, and rebuilt. The oldest and most unchanged part of the Lateran is a vast, separate baptistery with steps leading down to a huge green basalt pool. Imagine what a triumphal moment the dedication of this public church building was for a community that had worshiped in secret for so long! This Thursday's feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica is really about the tradition of consecrating space for worship, and so by extension, a feast for your parish church building and, given the beautiful second reading, for its baptistery as well. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

THE GREATEST AMONG US ... Whom do you admire? Is it the President of the United States or a movie star or a billionaire? These are people whom the world exalts as great. Like the Pharisees in today's Gospel, they have places of honor wherever they go. Would you like to follow in their footsteps?

The scriptures for today offer different examples for us to follow. Jesus tells us that the greatest among us are the servants. These are the people we are to honor and imitate. We are called to be like Paul, who worked hard to serve the needs of his communities, and Jesus, who gave his life in service to the world. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

RIGHT AND WRONG ... What is morally wrong can never be politically right. —Anthony Ashley Cooper

LOVE NEEDED HERE ... No one needs love more than someone who doesn't deserve it. —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 (November):

Christians in Asia: That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.