

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time ***November 19, 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. 20	8:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Nov. 21	7:00 a.m.
Wednesday	Nov. 22	7:30 p.m.
Thursday	Nov. 23	9:00 a.m.
Friday	Nov. 24	5:30 p.m.
Saturday	Nov. 25	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Nov. 26	10:00 a.m.

INTENTIONS

John + & Helen Stec
 Fr. Mark Seiker
 Otto, Virginia, & Lynn Weskamp +
 Loretta Pilakowski +
 Margaret Baxa +
 People of Our Parish
 Conrad & Carmen Buhrman Family

**“Blessed are you who
 fear the LORD.**

— Psalm 128:1a

Stewardship: November 12, 2017

Adult Envelopes:\$1,381.00
Loose Plate:\$92.00
Children: \$0.00
Total: \$1,473.00

Joy of the Gospel Campaign
 Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
 Gifts last week:\$945.05
Total Gifts Received:.....**\$584,859.05**
 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:.....\$1,379,295.04
 Balance on DIAL LOAN:..... **\$368,758.78**

Propagation of Faith:\$0.00
 All Saints Day:\$0.00

LastWk Donations "Farm" Sewer.....\$50.00
Total Donations "Farm" Sewer\$3,005.00

Parish Calendar

Sunday Nov. 19 11:00am CCD Classes ... 12:15pm Pumpkin Festival Follow Up Meeting.
 Wednesday Nov. 22 **7:30 pm Mass For Thanksgiving followed by Coffee and Pie** **NO RCIA Class**
 Thursday Nov. 23 **9:00 am Thanksgiving Mass**
 Sunday Nov. 26 **NO CCD Classes** (due to Thanksgiving vacation)

Catholic School News:

Oil Change Fundraiser ... happening at Modern Tire Pro until Nov. 25th. Pick up your coupon at the front office to help earn money towards the IRISH Music Department.

Remember to use SCRIP ... for holiday shopping and gift-giving! Purchase gift cards after Mass in the gathering area, or at the Endowment office (601 S. Tabor) during the week. Local and national retailers available! Designate 2% back from all purchases toward your family's NPCS tuition, or for the family of your choice. Contact the Endowment with any SCRIP questions: 534-5939, w.dodson@npcschools.org.

One Act Public Performance and Dessert Theater will be held on Monday, November 27th at 7:00pm. A FREE WILL offering will be accepted at the door to help defray costs of registrations, costumes, and props.

FAMILY 1mile / 5K-TURKEY TROT: Thursday, Nov. 23rd at 8:30am at Rec Center. Please see Sycamore or stop in at School for a registration form. Packet and Pick-up & Race Day Registration begins at 7:30am. The individual 5k Registration is \$25 & includes a t-shirt, drink & refreshments.

Good News at NPCS ... IRISH }}On Campus}} Rosary Group will begin at 7:30am starting November 30th lead by: Senior, Libby Calhoun. All School Supporters are Welcome! *Rosaries and prayer cards provided.*

Supplies for our Seminarians! SPHS students will be providing gift boxes for our Diocesan Seminarians. Suggested items include: Black Socks sizes 9-11, Stamps, Thank You Cards, Paper, Notebooks, Pens, Staplers, Scotch Tape. Suggested Gift Cards: Walmart-Applebees-McDonalds - Pizza Hut-Sonic-Subway-Burger King. Casey's Gas Card, Sinclair Gas Cards, Homemade Cookies/Goodies and most of all your Prayers. Items are to be at school by December 7th to ensure their delivery before Christmas. REMEMBER SCRIP makes great gifts and helps you earn money toward your tuition for the 2018-2019 school year. Contact the Endowment office if you have questions.

North Platte Catholic School:

Faith and Knowledge for a Brighter Future

Pro-Life Diaper Drive ... The LDCCW October Pro-Life Diaper Drive will continue until Thanksgiving ... you still have an opportunity to donate this week! Thanks to those who already donated.

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.

Keep Christ in Christmas! The Knights of Columbus will sell religious Christmas cards after Mass for the next few Weekends. The supply is limited. Send your relatives and friends a card that expresses the true meaning of the Christmas season.

Bargain Bin BLACK FRIDAY SALE ... The Bargain Bin is having its very first BLACK FRIDAY SALE on November 24! From 10:00am - 3:00pm. EVERYTHING is ½ off except for holiday decorations and jewelry. Shop, save and enjoy! Happy Thanksgiving from all the Volunteers at the Bargain Bin!

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!

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

Doe v. Bolton case based on deceit & fraud ...

In 1973, the Supreme Court's Doe vs. Bolton decision was the companion case to Roe vs. Wade, making abortion legal throughout pregnancy. Sandra Cano, the "Mary Doe" plaintiff of Doe vs. Bolton, technically won the case and the right to have an abortion – except that she never wanted one. Sandra was always a pro-life Christian until her death in 2014. On March 23, 1997, she declared these memorable words: "I am Sandra Cano. I became know as Mary Doe when the U.S. Supreme Court released Doe v. Bolton, which allowed abortion for virtually any reason. I am against abortion; I never sought an abortion; I have never had an abortion. Abortion is murder. For over twenty years, and against my will, my name has been synonymous with abortion. The Doe v. Bolton case is based on deceit and fraud. I stand today in this place of healing, the National Memorial for the Unborn, and pledge to the memory of these innocent children, that as long as I have breath, I will strive to see abortion ended in America."

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 it 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!

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.

December – May Schedule:

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"

Pumpkin Festival Follow-up Meeting ... Sun., Nov. 19, 12:15pm in the Hall. The Committee would like at least one member from each Food Booth & other booths to be at the meeting as we make plans for our next Pumpkin Festival, suggestions are good.

True Reformers: Saints of the Catholic Reformation ... three of the six videos are now available on FORMED.org. The Fourth will be released on Monday, 5th on 11/27, 6th on 12/04. This is a great opportunity to better understand what happened 500 years ago and to apply it to our own times.

CCD Information ... Nov. - Dec. Schedule

Nov. 19 **CCD Class** (regular schedule)
Nov. 26 **NO Class** (due to Thanksgiving Vacation)
Dec. 3 **CCD Class** (regular schedule)
Dec. 10 **NO Class** (due to McDaid Christmas Program)
Dec. 17 **NO Class** (due to Church Decorating)
Dec. 24 **NO Class** (due to Christmas Vacation)

Magnificat Brunch ... Sat, Dec. 9, 2017 9:00amMT, Quality Inn Hotel, 201 Chuckwagon Rd, Ogallala; hear Sr. Mary Brigid.

FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:

Thanksgiving ... we will celebrate Thanksgiving this week. Please remember the word "Eucharist" means "Thanksgiving". Every time we are present at Mass, we are expressing our Thanks to the Father for the gift of the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of His Son Jesus in the Eucharist. So, every day that we are at Mass is Thanksgiving Day in a sense. Please come to Mass on Thanksgiving Day at 9:00am and/or come to Mass on Wednesday evening at 7:30pm. For those who come to the Wednesday 7:30pm Mass, you are invited to come to the social after Mass. **This year, you do NOT NEED to bring a Pie; we have Donated Pumpkin Pies. Also, you are invited to bring some canned goods or non-perishable grocery items for the Catholic Food Pantry to the 7:30pm Wed or 9:00am Thanksgiving Day Mass!** You may set them in front of the Altar or bring them up during the Offertory Procession. If you would like to make a cash contribution to the Community Pantry, please put it into a specially marked envelope in the collection. The Parish will take one check from our parishioners to the Pantry with the canned goods. Thank the Lord with your fellow parishioners.

CONTEMPLATIVE SISTERS (Pink Sisters & Carmelite Sisters) COLLECTION ... For over forty-four years now, our Diocese has been blessed to have a Religious Community of Sisters who spend the greatest part of their day before the Blessed Sacrament in their Chapel, praying for us. This community is affectionately known as the Pink Sisters, since the color of their religious habit is pink! It has been a custom in our Diocese to express our thanks to the Pink Sisters by taking up a **special collection on Thanksgiving Day** for the Pink Sisters. In the last seventeen years, our Diocese has been blessed with another contemplative community of religious Sisters, the Carmelites, whose Convent is near Valparaiso. Please help to financially support both these communities who are spiritually supporting us with their prayers!

Fr. Seiker at Family Dinner ... in Lincoln on Thanksgiving Day, **Thursday, Nov. 23 – Friday, Nov. 24.**

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, 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 ... plan ahead for a great Pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

Liturgical Minister

	Sat., Nov. 25, 5:00pm	Sun., Nov. 26, 10:00am
Lector	Mike Krondak	Justin Pieper
Acolyte	Jon Walz	Jerry Cooper
Server	William Krondak	Drew Connelly
	Nicholas Krondak	Lakeland Lowrey
Music	Greg Vandenberg	Buhrman/Niesen/Gregg
Gifts	Steve & Janet Fear	Chuck & Kathy Burr
Ushers	Steve Fear	Shane Lowrey
	Janet Fear	Duane Johnsen

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd,5-6,8b,15; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2,5-6,14-15; Lk 19:41-44
Thanksgiving Day, Suggested: Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37,52-59; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

Prayers for the sick: Mickey Kirwan (Teri Volesky's brother), Luke Ranck, Patti Caudillo, Leona Cloutre, 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: 11/18 - Lia Werle, 11/20 - Elijah Heimann, 11/21 - Jo Ginapp, Garret Ryland, Kwei Kucera, Fr. Mark Seiker, 11/25 - Claudette Wielechowski.

Congratulations: to Jim & Shirley Nisley who celebrate their 45th Wedding Anniversary Nov. 25.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... Earlier this autumn, we looked at how our Eucharistic Prayers have been enriched by the approval of several new prayers to augment the old Roman Canon. For us, there are the four standard prayers, three for Masses with Children, and the most recent addition, the former Swiss Eucharistic Prayer with four alternative forms (now known as the Eucharistic Prayer for Masses for Various Needs and Occasions).

We also have two Eucharistic Prayers for Masses of Reconciliation. The source for these two prayers is the request by many bishops for a special prayer for the "Holy Year" of 1975. Originally, the committee in charge was commissioned to write a single prayer, but the theme proved so rich that it gave rise to two. The first is based on and develops biblical texts on reconciliation. The second starts with the experience of living in today's fractured world, and how the Spirit calls us to reconciliation and peace. Not everyone was happy with all this creativity, saying that if too many were published, it would be difficult for the Vatican to control further requests. Everyone thought the pope would put strict limits on the prayers, but in the end he said he was willing to open doors that had long been closed. Although he approved them for a period of only three years, they were never formally removed from the *Sacramentary* and have been incorporated into the new Roman Missal. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

SHARING OUR GIFTS ... Autumn is the season for harvesting and sharing the fruits of our labors. This week's scriptures use images of the harvest, family life, pregnancy, and investment to describe the abundant harvest in the reign of God. We discover that sharing the gifts we have been given brings eternal rewards for everyone.

In the Gospel parable a master entrusts his possessions to three servants before going on a journey. Each is given some talents. What they do with those talents determines what the master will do with them when he returns. How about us? What are we doing with our talents? How will our Master treat us when he returns? Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

USING TALENTS ... If we use God's talents, we shall find that they become multiplied in the use. We thought we had two; we find we have five. —Richard Meux Benson

A THANKFUL HEART ... A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all the other virtues. —Cicero

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.