

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time ***November 18, 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. 19	8:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Nov. 20	7:00 a.m.
Wednesday	Nov. 21	5:30 p.m.
Thursday	Nov. 22	9:00 a.m.
Friday	Nov. 23	5:30 p.m.
Saturday	Nov. 24	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Nov. 25	10:00 a.m.

INTENTIONS

Protection of Marriage: 1 man / 1 woman
 For those who struggle with addictions
 Fr. Mark Seiker (bd)
 Peace among families & nations
 Book of Memories / Blessings
 People of Our Parish
 Julian & Marty Estrada +

*Heaven and earth
 will pass away,
 but my words
 will not pass away.*

— Mark 13:31

Stewardship: November 11, 2018

Adult Envelopes:\$685.50
Loose Plate:.....\$130.00
Children:\$7.00
Holy Day ().....\$0.00
Total: \$822.50

Joy of the Gospel Campaign

Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
 Gifts last week:\$30,000.00
Total Gifts Received:.....\$738,183.05
 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:.....\$1,563,480.04
 Balance on DIAL LOAN:..... \$195,296.27

CCD Information ... Nov. - Dec. Schedule

Nov. 18..... CCD Class (regular schedule)
 Nov. 25...**NO Class** (Thanksgiving Vacation)
 Dec. 2..... CCD Class (regular schedule)
 Dec. 9...**NO Class** (McDaid Christmas Program)
 Dec. 16..... CCD Class (regular schedule)
 Dec. 23.....**NO Class** (Church Decorating)

Parish Calendar

Sunday	Nov. 18	11:00am	CCD CLASSES
Wednesday	Nov. 21		No RCIA Class
Thursday	Nov. 22	9:00am	Thanksgiving Day Mass
Sunday	Nov. 25		NO CCD CLASSES

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>.

Happy Thanksgiving Week from your friends at North Platte Catholic Schools:

Early Dismissal: School will dismiss at Noon on Wed-11/21.

IRISH One-Act Performance: The IRISH One-Act will put on a public performance of their production at 11AM Wed-11/21 on the stage in the SPSHS Gym.

NPCS Annual Family Turkey Trot!!: When: Thu - 11/22 8:30AM Where: Rec Center (1300 McDonald Rd.) Cost: **Individual 5k-Registration Fee \$25** (includes one T-shirt, Drinks, & Refreshments) **Family 1 mile-Registration Fee \$25.** Each family is given one race number, will run the race as a team, & finish at same time. Family registration includes one T-Shirt, Drinks, & Refreshments. Additional T-shirts can be ordered on the paper entry for \$15 per T-Shirt. Questions can be directed to Tim O'Neill at: topimages@msn.com. See Sycamore to print your forms.

November Rosary Dates: Wed-11/21, Thu-11/29

It's time to think SCRIP for the holidays! Shop the Endowment's SCRIP inventory, order online, or special order through the office. SCRIP has something for everyone on your list! Visit www.shopwithscrip.com to view a complete list of national retailers. Don't forget "SCRIP of Choice" certificates too! You choose the denomination, & the recipient can pick out their own gift cards. Perfect for teachers! Call Endowment office (534-5939) with SCRIP questions.

The Good News at NPCSI!

D.A.R.E. Graduation: D.A.R.E. Graduation for our 6th graders will be held on Tue-11/20. Congratulations to these students!

IRISH One-Act Competitions: The IRISH One-Act Team will begin their competitions season this Saturday in Minden. Next stop SPVA Play Production, 10am, Mon-11/19, North Platte High Auditorium.

North Platte Catholic School:

Faith and Knowledge for a Brighter Future

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.

Daughters of Charity (Altar Society) News: On

Sunday, December 9 after enjoying the Knights of Columbus breakfast, the Daughters of Charity will have a brief meeting, then they will assemble 'cookie plates' to be delivered to our home-bound Parish friends. The Daughters of Charity ask the following; parish families with the last name of:

- **A to H ...** bring one, six-count pack of single-serve applesauce, peaches, pears or mixed fruit. (This will keep better than fresh fruit.)
- **I to Q ...** bring one dozen, home-made cookies.
- **P to Z ...** bring one, CHRISTmas ornament.

Join together with your parish family to spread the JOY of Christmas with others! Please place your items in the K-1 classroom before Sunday, Dec. 9. If you have any questions call Heather Johnsen: 308-386-8530. Thankfully, The Daughters of Charity.

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!**

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.

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.

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).

Put a Retreat into Your Schedule ... You can register at www.goodcounselretreat.com & receive immediate confirmation or call Good Counsel Retreat House (402-786-2705).

November – July Schedule:

- Nov 30–Dec 2 Deacon James Keating Couples (Married/Engaged)
"Marriage & Intimacy: How God Wants to Secure Your Love"
- Dec. 14-16 Bishop Conley & Fr. Coulter Men/Women
(The Mysteries of Christmas)
- Jan 11-12 Fr. Lux & Fr. McGuire..... Women
(LDCCW Winter Symposium)
- Jan 18-20 Fr. Eric Clark / Knights of Holy Eucharist Men
"Acolyte / Lector Retreat: Discipleship at the Foot of the Cross"
- Feb 1-3..... Fr. William Holoubek Men / Women
"Unbound: Breaking Free from Spiritual Wounds"
- Feb 15-17..... Sr. Ann Shields..... Men / Women
"Faith: More Precious than Gold"
- Feb 22-24 Fr. Angelus Montgomery, CFR. Men/Women
"American Saints and Heroic Virtue"
- Mar 8-10..... Fr. Karl Millis..... Men / Women
"St. Teresa of Avila in Light of the Joy of the Gospel"
- Mar 18-21 Fr. Gary Coulter Men / Women
"Silent Directed Ignatian Retreat (Mon-Thur)"
- Mar 22-24 Fr. Sean Timmerman..... Men / Women
"Awareness of Christ: the Rosary and the Eucharist"
- Mar 29-31 Sharon Doran. Men / Women
"Scriptural Lenten Retreat on the Boundless Mercy of God"
- April 18-20 Marian Sisters..... Young Women
Triduum Retreat
- May 10-11 Janette Howe 2 Day Retreat for Women
"In Quiet and Trust Your Strength Lies"
- Summer 2019 8 Day Silent Ignatian Retreats... Men / Women
July 1-9; July 10-18 Fr. Dennis Brown, OMV

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!

Healing Mass: Sunday, Dec. 2, 4:00pm St. Patrick, McCook ... All are welcome to receive physical, spiritual, and mental healing. Celebrant: Rev. Christopher Barak, Lincoln. Come early to participate in the singing of Divine Mercy Chaplet and Confessions at 3:30pm.

Consecration to Jesus through Mary ... Bishop Conley is encouraging the faithful to consecrate/re-consecrate themselves to Jesus through Mary on Dec 8th, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. 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:](#)

Women at the Well ... is hosting an **Advent Retreat for all Women. Sunday December 2,** Spiritual Life Center, 6:30 - 7:30 = Dinner & Feather River Wine; 7:30 - 8:30 = Adoration & Confession. Advent is a special time of year to gain spiritual fruits, particularly peace and joy. A special mediator of these graces is our Blessed Mother Mary. This year, we have the opportunity to share these engaging Marian Advent reflections in video and journal form through Ascension's Rejoice! program. Every person will receive a Rejoice! Journal, filled with beautiful art and meaningful meditations to accompany them throughout the entire Advent season. Join us for a special evening as we prepare for this Advent Season. A free will offering is appreciated RSVP; Kira @ 308-532-0942.

FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:

Thanksgiving ... we will celebrate Thanksgiving this week. 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.** **Also, you are invited to bring some canned goods or non-perishable grocery items for the Catholic Food Pantry to the 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 contribution (cash / check to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton) to the Community Pantry, please put it in a separate envelope in the collection. The Parish will take one check (from Parish) to the Pantry with the canned goods. Thank the Lord with your fellow parishioners.

CONTEMPLATIVE SISTERS (Pink Sisters & Carmelite Sisters) COLLECTION ... For over forty-five 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 eighteen years, our Diocese has been blessed with another contemplative community of religious Sisters, the Carmelites, (whose Convent is near Valparaiso). Please help 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. 22 – Friday, Nov. 23.**

Stewardship ... One area of Stewardship 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? Reflect on your day & week.

Another area of Stewardship that is overlooked is the **Stewardship of our Talent.** **God has blessed each of us with various talents. Share them with your Parish Family ...** share them with others. Reflect on your gifts and talents. **Complete the Gifts and Talents Survey Form** (one form for each person, adult & high school student); **put in Collection Basket next Sat/Sun.**

Rejoice! Advent Meditations with Mary ... in preparation for Advent, there is **One session (offered two evenings)** to introduce Parishioners to a program they can do on their own at home (a meditation & journal book is available for \$3.00 each). **Tuesday, Nov. 27 or Thursday, Nov. 29 (both: 7:00pm-8:00pm)**

Liturgical Minister

	Sat., Nov. 24, 5:00pm	Sun., Nov. 25, 10:00am
Lector	Mike Krondak	Justin Pieper
Acolyte	Ed Rieker	Jerry Cooper
Server	William Krondak	Xavier Pieper
	Nicholas Krondak	Nicholas Niesen
Music	Volunteer	Buhrman/Niesen/Gregg
Gifts	Philip & Kelsey Heiman	Michael&Carissa Lafleur
Ushers	Steve Fear	Duane Johnsen
	Janet Fear	Heather Johnsen
Rosary		

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday:	Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday:	Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday:	Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 19:41-44 Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
Friday:	Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday:	Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday:	Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

Prayers for the sick: Dave Hoedel (Reiny Burbach's son-in-law), Annie Vieyra, Theresa McCarthy-Garth, 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: Carol LaBrie (Peggy Orr's mother), 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: 11/17 - Robert Folchert, 11/20 - Elijah Heimann, 11/21 - Kwei Kucera, Jo Ginapp, Garret Ryland, Fr. Mark Seiker.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... November is a month of remembrance for the dead, and cemeteries have long been a focus for prayer. Our tradition holds great respect for bodily remains, since the body was created and redeemed by God, was once the "dwelling place of the Holy Spirit," and has a destiny of life with God in glory. The funeral practices of the early church contrasted greatly with those of the pagans, who had a great dread of the dead body. The ancient Christian funeral liturgy ended with the relatives and friends giving a final kiss to the body. It expressed affection and showed their faith that the grave would not be the last word. This kiss horrified pagans, who thought that any contact with the dead was degrading. Every year on their loved one's "birthday to life," the Christians would return to the place of their burial to mark their profound communion with those whose lives were hidden in Christ. Typically, they buried the dead with their faces turned toward the east, symbolizing the rising of the Sun of Justice, Christ, at the end of days. They were attracted to the catacombs or burial grounds just as we are today. They would often celebrate the Eucharist at the tomb. Before long, as soon as Christians were allowed to build places for worship, they relocated cemeteries from beyond the city walls to surround the church. This was not so much because the church made the ground holy, but because the bodies of the saints hallowed the ground on which the church was built, a subtle but beautiful difference. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

ENCOURAGEMENT ... This Sunday's Gospel is our final selection from Mark for this liturgical year. It is taken from the end of Jesus' teaching in Jerusalem immediately preceding the account of his arrest and passion. In it Jesus gives his disciples hope to sustain them through his passion and death and any persecution or suffering that they would encounter after his resurrection. The words from the book of Daniel also provided hope and encouragement to the people of Daniel's time. The encouragement in these scriptures is meant for us as well, for none of us will escape tribulation in our lives. Followers of Jesus will be able to endure suffering with joyful hope, knowing that Christ's love will lead us along the way of discipleship and give us eternal life with God. —Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

THE GLORIOUS BIBLE ... It is one of the glories of the Bible that it can embrace many meanings in a single passage. —St. Thomas Aquinas

THANKS ... One act of thanksgiving when things go wrong with us is worth one thousand thank-yous when things are agreeable to our inclination. —St. John of Ávila

Pray for our Seminarians: Robert John Froeschl, from SS Peter & Paul, Falls City. He entered the Seminary in 2014. He is in Theology 3 at Mount St. Mary 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