# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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# 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 7, 2019

**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 <u>8:30 a.m.</u> 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.

| Monday July 8 8:00 a.m. Marie Foley (-bap)  11:30 a.m. Totus Tuus Students & Team |    |
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| 11:30 a.m. Totus Tuus Students & Team                                             |    |
|                                                                                   |    |
| Tuesday July 9 <u>7:00 a.m.</u> Leona Clouatre +                                  |    |
| <u>11:30 a.m.</u> Totus Tuus Students & Team                                      | 1  |
| $9{:}00~p.m.$ Exposition / Holy Hour / Benediction <u>Gr9-1</u> :                 | 12 |
| Wednesday July 10 <u>11:30 a.m.</u> Elli Fugate                                   |    |
| Thursday July 11 8:00 a.m. Elizabeth (Liz) Haag                                   |    |
| 11:30 a.m. For our Benefactors                                                    |    |
| Friday July 12 <u>11:30 a.m.</u> Martha Burbach +                                 |    |
| 5:30 p.m. For our Benefactors                                                     |    |
| Saturday July 13 <b>5:00 p.m.</b> Bernadine Duryea +                              |    |
| Sunday July 14 <b>10:00 a.m.</b> People of Our Parish                             |    |

May I never boast
except in
the cross of our
Lord Jesus Christ.

- Galatians 6:14

# Stewardship: June 30, 2019

 Adult Envelopes:
 \$2,160.00

 Loose Plate:
 \$111.00

 Children:
 \$0.00

 Holy Day:
 \$0.00

 Total:
 \$2,271.00

| Joy of the Gospel Co        | ımpaign_       |
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| Total Pledged:              |                |
| Gifts last week:            | \$0.00         |
| Total Gifts Received:       | \$818,248.05   |
| 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:     | \$1,626,980.04 |
| Balance on DIAL LOAN:       | \$133.871.31   |

| Peter's Pence: | \$228.00 |
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#### Parish Calendar

| Sat – Fri | July | 6-12 | Totus Tuus team at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton                                                          |
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| Monday    | July | 8    | 7:00pm: Knights of Columbus Meeting, in Rectory Conference Room                                     |
| Wednesday | lulv | 10   | 6:00nm: Potluck Maal for All Parishinners NO Exposition of Riescad Sacrament this week due to Totus |

Sunday July 14 11:00am: Knights of Columbus Breakfast in Parish Hall

## **Catholic School News:**

A Reminder to all Currently Enrolled Families!: Please take time to log in to Sycamore and Re-Enroll your students for the 2019-2020 School Year. Once you have logged in please go to My School; Enrollment; Online Portal. This is also where you can add students if you have new preschooler to add to NPCS classes for next year. Need help with Sycamore: contact Jennifer Winder j.winder@npcschools.org.

Job opportunity at North Platte Catholic Schools:

9th – 12th Grade Theology Teacher.

Little Leprechaun Preschool. We are looking for a patient, energetic individual, who is passionate about teaching young learners.

Applicants need to hold or be eligible for a Nebraska Teaching Certificate, For more information or to apply, contact Kevin Dodson at k.dodson@npcschools.org.

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

**Treasures of the Church** ... Spirit Catholic Radio (*Spirit 103.9-FM / 91.5-FM / 90.1-FM*) presents Treasures of the Church – a relics exposition and healing ministry – at (St. Patrick Church, North Platte, July 15, 7:00pm or St. Michael Church, Hastings, July 16, 7:00pm). More than 150 sacred relics will be on display--some believed to be as old as 2,000 years. Among the treasures are relics of St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Faustina. In addition, there will be a piece of a veil believe to have belonged to Our Lady and one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. Presented by Fr. Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross. Attendees are encouraged to bring their articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc) and pictures of ill friends/family members which may be touched to the reliquaries as a means of intercessory prayer. The ministry has had reports of healing among a number of visitors to the exposition. More details at spiritcatholicradio.com/treasures. Event is FREE & open to the public.

<u>Knights of Columbus Meeting</u> ... Monday July 8, 7:00pm, Rectory Conference Rm. All Knights are invited to attend.

<u>Breakfast by Knights of Columbus</u> ... <u>Sunday,</u> <u>July 14</u>, 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.

**Pro-Life Booth at Lincoln County Fair** ... Wed, July 24 – Sunday, July 28. Please sign up on the sign up sheets available in the Narthex to volunteer at the pro-life booth at the Lincoln County Fair.

### BENEDICT XVI SCHOOL OF CATECHESIS ...

The Benedict XVI Diocesan School of Catechesis is for Catholics wanting to strengthen their intellectual and spiritual formation to empower their evangelical mission in the world. It covers the Creed, the Sacraments, the Commandments, and Prayer (Year I) as well as Salvation History, Church History, Faith and Reason, and Spirituality (Year II). The time commitment is one Saturday a month from September to April for two years. The cost is \$100 per semester, however, those who teach CCD, God-teen/CYO, or in Catholic schools would receive a 25% discount. For more information, go to www.lincolndiocese.org/bxvi or call 402-473-0631.

DIOCESAN SACRED MUSIC CLINIC ... The Diocesan Liturgical Commission hosting 4th annual Sacred Music Clinic on Sat., August 24, 2019, from 9:00am-5:00pm at the Newman Center in Lincoln. For more info., please go to https://www.lincolndiocese.org/liturgy or contact Fr. Daniel Rayer at fr.dan-rayer@lincolndiocese.org or 402-488-0921.

SACRED MUSIC SUMMER CAMP FOR YOUTH ... will be held for those ages 8-14 (unchanged voices) M-F, August 5-9, 2019, 9:00am -12:00pm at UNL Newman Center at the corner of 16th & Q St. No experience is necessary; all singers strongly encouraged! An additional rehearsal will be held on the evening of August 23. The choir will sing for two Masses on the mornings of August 11th (St. Francis of Assisi Chapel) and August 24 (Newman Center). Cost: \$75/child (\$200/family 3+). For more info. or to register: Nicholas Lemme nlemme@olgseminary.org. Space is limited; sign up today! Registration Deadline is July 15, 2019.

## TOTUS TUUS (A Summer Catechetical Program)

... A Totus Tuus team is at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church this week from  $\underline{\text{July 7} - 12, 2019}$ . This has been a very good program for our parish. Encourage youth to attend this week.

Please fill out a Registration Form (available in the Narthex or on Parish webpage: http://www.seas-np.org/). The cost is \$15.00 per child or \$40.00 for three or more family members. Parents of Children in Gr 1-8, please remember students need to bring a sack lunch each day and also bring pants to wear for Mass.

This year's Theme is <u>The Sacraments</u>, and <u>the Sorrowful</u> <u>Mysteries of the Rosary</u>. <u>Grades 1-8 meet Mon.-Fri. 9:00am</u> - 3:00pm. The day includes catechetical instruction, daily Mass, songs, games and recess. Participants in the grade school program should bring a sack lunch and recess equipment. Grades 9-12 meet Sun.-Thu., 8:00pm-10:00pm.

TOTUS TUUS combines catechesis and having FÜN!!! The youthfulness and energy of the team is contagious, come out and join us!!! All are invited to a potluck dinner on Wednesday at 6:00 pm. The Diocesan Coordinators & Team encourage those in Grades 7-8 to attend the day sessions rather than the High School sessions.

Stress in Your Marriage? ... Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential info. about or to register for the August program beginning with a weekend on August 23-25, 2019, call 888-317-5654 or 308-986-2351 or www.retrouvaille.org.

### RESPECT FOR LIFE IS THE PATH TO

 ${f PEACE}$   $\dots$  "The path to the attainment of the common good and to peace is above all that of respect for human life in all its many aspects, beginning with its conception, through its development and up to its natural end. True peacemakers, then, are those who love, defend and promote human life in all its dimensions, personal, communitarian and transcendent. Life in its fullness is the height of peace. Anyone who loves peace cannot tolerate attacks and crimes against life. "Those who insufficiently value human life and, in consequence, support among other things the liberalization of abortion, perhaps do not realize that in this way they are proposing the pursuit of a false peace. The flight from responsibility, which degrades human persons, and even more so the killing of a defenseless and innocent being, will never be able to produce happiness or peace. Indeed how could one claim to bring about peace, the integral development of peoples or even the protection of the environment without defending the life of those who are weakest, beginning with the unborn. Every offence against life, especially at its beginning, inevitably causes irreparable damage to development, peace and the environment. Neither is it just to introduce surreptitiously into legislation false rights or freedoms which, on the basis of a reductive and relativistic view of human beings and the clever use of ambiguous expressions aimed at promoting a supposed right to abortion and euthanasia, pose a threat to the fundamental right to life." -- Pope Benedict XVI, Message for the Celebration of the World Day of Peace - January 1, 2013, n.4.

# FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:

THANK YOU TO ... members of our 25th Anniversary Committee; the ministers at the Altar and those who led us in singing at Mass; those who decorated our Altar so beautifully with flowers and cared for them for 2½ weeks; those who helped with the meal for Bishop Conley and the visiting Priests on Friday afternoon, those who helped with the reception in the Parish Hall Friday evening; the members of the Knights of Columbus who served a great BBQ meal on Saturday; those who helped with the Brunch on Sunday; those who helped with the History Book, those who helped with the Historical Display in the Parish Hall. Thanks to all who helped in any way with our 25th Anniversary celebrations. It was a great three days as a Parish family!

## Looking Back and Moving Forward ....

In the October 21, 2001 Bulletin, Fr. Brouillette wrote: "Rectory update: We borrowed \$56,471 from the diocese to complete payment of the rectory project. We have \$30,000 yet to come back from Crossing the Threshold Campaign. That leaves only \$26,471 left to pay. If we begin payment on the rectory at \$2,205.92 per month for twelve months, it will take twelve months to pay the \$26,471. We have had a busy, busy past four weeks. We've completed and moved into the rectory, we've paved and extended the parking lot, we've had the best Pumpkin Festival in our brief history and we've had Bishop Bruskewitz here for Confirmation. Thanks to everyone for their patience and kindness to one another."

In the May 26, 2002 Bulletin, Fr. Brouillette wrote: "I'm considering having an extra Mass on Sunday mornings at 8:00 or 8:30am. Why? With more people entering the parish and the town of North Platte, it would be helpful in attracting newcomers with another optional time for Mass. Let me know what you think by communicating your thoughts to me or one of the parish council members. Also, I'm considering Saturday's Mass to be at 5:00 or 5:30pm instead of 6:00pm. Please let me know your thoughts about this also."

In the June 9, 2002 Bulletin, Fr. Brouillette wrote: "The NEBRASKAland Days Field Mass will be held on June 16th at 8:15am behind the Mid-Plains Community College Voc-Tech campus. We would like to encourage as many people and families as possible to participate in this special Mass. This is a NEBRASKA event!! Catholics and non-Catholics are both welcome to attend. Kim Baxter will be the music leader, Sheriff's Posse will direct traffic, and Boy Scouts will be helping. Coffee, juice and rolls will be served afterwards in the field! Some seating will be available or you may bring your own chair. This event has been sponsored by the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus for 34 consecutive years. Let's make this 34th year the best EVER!' It is important to note that this Field Mass was started by Ed & Mary Portz (founding members of our parish) in 1968. It has been prayed at the same location all those years. When St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish was started in 1994, since the location of the Field Mass was South of the South Platte River, the Pastor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church has been the Celebrant of the Field Mass since 1995.

In the July 21, 2002 Bulletin, Fr. Brouillette wrote: "Next weekend we will be taking up a second collection for two new signs for the Parish. One will be for the 'cemetery for the unborn' and one will be for 'adult instructions in the Catholic Faith.'" and in the August 4, 2002 Bulletin, "Thank you for your contributions for the two new signs. It has helped defray the costs of these beautiful and necessary signs."

In the December 15, 2002 Bulletin, Fr. Brouillette wrote: "\$7,500 has been sent to the Bishop to pay off the loan on the rectory. Congratulations! There is a current balance of \$24,000 in the New Church Fund. I will keep you updated in the bulletin as to the previous months giving to the building fund and the deposits made. There will be a check written once a month to the new church savings account. This month the check will be for \$2,000. At the end of January, I intend to deposit another \$2,000. [DIAL (Diocesan Investment and Loan)] Savings Balances as of December 10, 2002 Tuition Assistance Fund: \$2,500.00; School Endowment Fund: \$1,200.00; New Church Savings: \$24,000.00.

In the February 9, 2003 Bulletin, Fr. Brouillette wrote: "Crossing the Threshold report: We recently received a rebate check for \$4,743.00 from the CIT campaign. Our parish goal when we began the campaign in the Fall of 1999 was \$70,261. The pledges that were made to the campaign from our parish totaled \$115,195. Thus far, \$88,318.67 has been paid into the campaign. Rebates from the campaign to our parish total \$25,888.17 to date. Total future rebates are 22,844.88. More realistically, however, based on the people who made pledges but have moved out of the parish, the likely 'total future rebates' to our parish will be closer to \$15,000. Thank you for continuing your payments to the Crossing the Threshold Campaign."

Peter's Pence Collection ... Thank you for your support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! Our parish collected \$228.00. Our contributions, combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world, will help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need. If you missed the collection, make your gift this week!

Liturgical Minister

|                       | Sat., July 13, 5:00pm | Sun., July 14, 10:00am |                      | Readings for the Week                                                                                              |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Lector                | Jim Nisley            | Michael Lafleur        | Monday:              | Gn 28:10-22a;Ps 91:1-4,14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26                                                                         |
| Acolyte Jerry Volesky |                       | Conrad Buhrman         | Tuesday:             | Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b,2-3,6-7ab,8b,15; Mt 9:32-38                                                                  |
| Server                | William Krondak       | Jace Grunden           | Wednesday: Thursday: | Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a;<br>Ps 33:2-3,10-11,18-19; Mt 10:1-7<br>Gn 44:18-21,23b-29;45:1-5; Ps 105; Mt 10:7-15 |
|                       | Nicholas Krondak      | Weston Hammond         |                      |                                                                                                                    |
| Music                 | Greg Vandenberg       | Peggy Orr              | Friday:              | Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4,18-19,27-28,39- 40;                                                                    |
| Gifts                 | Don and Sheila Exner  | Jeff and Peggy Orr     | i naaj.              | Mt 10:16-23                                                                                                        |
| Ushers                | Jerry Beckius         | Jeff Orr Sa            | Saturday:            | Gn 49:29-32;50:15-26; Ps105:1-4,6-7; Mt 10:24-33                                                                   |
|                       | Sharon Beckius        | Shane Lowrey           | Sunday:              | Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37;                                                                   |
| Rosary                |                       |                        |                      | or Ps 19:8-11; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37                                                                            |

**Prayers for the sick:** Margaret Ruskamp (Donna Bode's mother), Flood Victims, Special Intention, Carolyn Cohen, Tim Garth (Theresa McCarthy-Garth's son), Jon Walz, Parishioner's friend's daughter (Sarah; severe headaches & medical issues), Those struggling with Alcoholism, Parishioners seeking adoption of a child, Dave Hoedel (Reiny Burbach's son-in-law), Mary Lou Robles & Patricia Zamora (Toni Barron's sisters), Renate Nordquist, Sharon Beckius, Mike & Kim Paul, Jim Beckius.

Prayers for the deceased: Carlos Fleury (Steve/Janet Fear's son-in-law), Ruby Ramirez (Toni Barron's sister), JoAnn Bode Waters (John Bode's sister), Fr. Paul Rutten, Fr. Brad Zitek, Eileen Boltz, Peggy Fleecs, Carol LaBrie (Loren Baxa's sister-in-law), Leona Clouatre, 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, Bernadine Duryea, Luke Ranck, Margaret Baxa, Mary Portz, Phyllis Beckius.

**Birthdays/Anniversaries:** 7/6 - John Barger, 7/7 - Rick Ryan, 7/11 - Nicole Behm, 7/13 - Ashley Perlinger, 7/14 - Tiffany Hampton.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... It's high summer now, school is out, the pace of work slows, and some people drift away. There are visitors in the churches every summer, and familiar faces are "among the missing." Some find the summer's call more appealing than the summons of the church bells. Many, however, would not dream of missing a Sunday, and so they make their way to Mass in unfamiliar places, watching the locals for clues as to when to sit or stand, where the Communion stations are. In answering the call, they keep the "sabbatical" rhythm of the Christian life: every seventh day, the Body of Christ assembles for worship. For centuries, there was no obligation to Sunday Mass in the sense of a written law, but Christians have always yearned to be together on Sunday. In the city of Abitina, during a persecution by the Emperor Diocletian, a group of Christians were urged to stop worshiping together on Sundays. They responded, "Then take our lives, for without the Sunday we cannot live." By a curious coincidence, the appointed readings today center us on thoughts of peace. On our Independence Day, the experience of worship situated us in community, and evoked a commitment from us to be advocates of peace in all aspects of our society's life. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

GOD'S PROVIDENCE ... Today's readings celebrate God's providence. No matter how wonderful (or heartbreaking) our relationships are, God always provides for us. No one cares for us the way God does. Isaiah delights us with a deeply intimate image of God caring for us "as a mother comforts her child." The prophet describes us not as the usual "children of God," but as "babies." We should not resist this image, but rejoice in it. Trusting in God's care, we can all let down our guard and rest like infants in the lap of our mother. Saint Paul's trust in God allows him to be at peace like this. He boldly declares that no one can "make troubles" for him, because he has given himself completely to Jesus. And when Jesus sends his disciples out to preach and heal, he challenges them not to provide for themselves, but to let faith be their guide. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

GOD'S SHADOW ... Love is God's shadow in our universe. —Anonymous

THE VOICE OF THE LORD ... What is more delightful than the voice of the Lord calling to us? —St. Benedict

LOVE AND TRUST ... Little love; little trust. —English proverb

<u>Pray for our Seminarians:</u> 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.

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** ... (July)

<u>Universal</u> – That those who administer justice may work with integrity, and that the injustice which prevails in the world may not have the last word.