

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time ***July 21, 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 **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

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| Monday | July 22 | 8:00 a.m. |
| Tuesday | July 23 | 5:30 p.m. |
| Wednesday | July 24 | 5:30 p.m. |
| 6:00pm-10:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hour => Spend time with Jesus | | |
| Thursday | July 25 | 8:00 a.m. |
| Friday | July 26 | 12:10 p.m. |
| | | 5:30 p.m. |
| Saturday | July 27 | 5:00 p.m. |
| Sunday | July 28 | 10:00 a.m. |

INTENTIONS

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| Governor Pete Ricketts |
| Mary Martinez |
| Seven Sisters Group |
| Eileen Boltz + |
| Martha Burbach + |
| Parishioners with Birthday in July |
| People of Our Parish |
| Marinn Niesen |

*It is Christ whom we
proclaim, admonishing
everyone and teaching
everyone with all wisdom,
that we may present
everyone perfect in Christ.*

— Colossians 1: 28b

Stewardship: July 14, 2019

Adult Envelopes:\$1,770.00
Loose Plate:\$207.21
Children:\$0.00
Holy Day: 0 \$0.00
Total:\$1,977.21

Joy of the Gospel Campaign

Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
 Gifts last week:\$0.00
Total Gifts Received:\$819,468.05
 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:\$80.00
 Mission Coop:\$160.00

Parish Calendar

Wednesday July 24 **6:00pm – 10:00pm:** Eucharistic Adoration
 Thursday July 25 **12:30pm:** Adult Bible Study 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 NPCCS 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

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.

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/liturg> 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.

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.

A Lifeline for Marriage ... *Retrouaille* (pronounced *retro-vi*) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped tens or thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential info about or to register for August program beginning with a weekend on Aug. 23-25, 2019, call 888-317-5654, 308-986-2351 or www.retrouaille.org.

TOTUS TUUS (A Summer Catechetical Program)

... Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,

Thank you for allowing Totus Tuus to come to your parish! It was great to get to know all the wonderful families at the parish! You all have a great Catholic community here in North Platte. I'm excited to see what the future holds for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton! You all will be in our prayers. Also, thank you for providing lunch for us all week and for cleaning and setting up the Parish Hall for the potluck dinner. *John McDonald, Joe Bieker, Lucy Long, Brianna Fritz.*

TOTUS TUUS Thank You's ... Thanks to all of the children who attended Totus Tuus last week. Thanks to the parents who provided cookies, those who helped with the lunches & evening meals for the Team, those who helped with the pot-luck meal, & those who assisted with the snacks, lunch & many of the other details behind the scenes. Thanks especially to the Team! It was a very good week! (Fr. Seiker)

COMPASSION ... The Church prays for all who have had abortions, and welcomes them back in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. At www.AbortionTestimonies.com, you can read, in their own words, the experiences of women and men who have lost children to abortion. One woman writes, "My abortion was very painful, physically and mentally. It affected me in the worst way. I felt very guilty. I couldn't look at any kids. I know I won't ever do it again. I tell other people how it felt and what I felt like after I did it and hope that they won't do the same thing I did. It gave me a totally different view on life."

FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:

National Cursillo Encounter ... I left Wed, July 17 to go to the University of Scranton, in Scranton, PA for the National Encounter (which is from Thursday, July 18 – Sunday, July 21). I will return Sunday, July 21. Fr. Jeff Eickhoff (*the Rector of St. Gregory the Great Seminary in Seward, NE*) will be here for Sat/Sunday Confessions & Masses on July 20-21.

Fr. Seiker at Jesus Caritas meeting ... with priests in my Jesus Caritas Fraternity in Waverly, **Mon, July 22 – Tue, July 23**. I will return for the **Tuesday 5:30pm Mass (& 5:00pm confessions)**.

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 2 ½ 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!

Fr. Seiker on Retreat ... I will be gone from the Parish **NEXT WEEK**, Sunday to Thursday (**July 28 – Aug. 1**) for my annual retreat at Good Counsel Retreat House (the Retreat is from Sunday evening – Thursday evening).

RCIA Classes ... Fr. Mark Seiker will be leading an RCIA process (Inquiry class in the Faith) **beginning in Sept, 2019** until a few weeks after Easter (mid May 2020). Classes will usually be held on **Wednesdays in the Parish Hall from 7:00pm – 9:00pm**. These classes are open to Catholics and non-Catholics alike. For Catholics, it is a good opportunity to learn more about your faith. If you are interested call the Rectory or see Fr. Seiker. Begin praying and thinking about persons that you want to invite to study our faith with you. Our faith is to be treasured, preserved, and lived, but it is also to be shared ... share your faith with a friend by coming to these RCIA classes.

Looking Back and Moving Forward

The May 8, 2005 Bulletin mentioned: "*Coffee & Rolls / Survey Results: Many thanks to all of you (62) that completed the recent survey regarding the desire for after Mass coffee service. Overwhelmingly, you indicated the desire to continue this tradition and most of you preferred it every week. We had over 35 families offer to assist in providing the coffee, juice and rolls so many of you look forward to. Consequently, after reviewing the results with Fr. Zitek, weekly coffee service will again be provided beginning May 7th. Thank you all for your input!*" ... and ... "*We will have a baccalaureate Mass for our two graduating seniors at the 10:00am Mass, on Sunday, May 15.*"

The June 12, 2005 Bulletin mentioned: "*Potluck Dinner: On Sunday, the 26th of June following 10:00am Mass, St. Elizabeth's will host a potluck dinner to welcome all our new parishioners. Pork or beef sandwiches and drinks will be provided. Please plan to bring a side dish or dessert.*" ... and ... "*You are Invited! During the Year of the Eucharist, St. Elizabeth's Parish invites all men and women to become*

members of their spiritual family. There are no dues and no works, yet the benefits are tremendous! Members simply visit the Church once a week for at least an hour. To join, sign up for an hour in the book in the vestibule. If you already have an hour you are automatically enrolled. Contact Fr. Zitek or Ted Mueller @ 532-5308 for more information."

The August 7, 2005 Bulletin mentioned: "*Thank You also to the Nisley family for the memorial gift of another ciborium to match the set we already have. The gift is in memory of Shirley's parents Otto and Virginia Weskamp.*"

The October 23, 2005 Bulletin mentioned: "*A generous & anonymous donor has agreed to donate \$10,000 to the new Church Building Fund in matching contributions. Our giving in fiscal year 2005 [July 1 through October 16] totals \$4,340.00. The Church received a check this week for \$5,000.00 towards this pledge. Please keep up your generous contributions to our new church. We also received \$1,368.90 in interest for this quarter. Both amounts will be added to the October totals, putting us over one hundred forty-five thousand!*"

The May 14, 2006 Bulletin mentioned: "*Father's Notes: Special thanks to our anonymous donors who purchased the new crucifix. It is beautiful! ... and ... "The Present Altar is in very poor condition. We are looking into purchasing a new altar, which could eventually be used in the new church. Please check out the picture in the entryway. If you are interested in contributing, please sign up with Fr. Zitek or mail your contribution to the office earmarked for the new altar.*"

The June 4, 2006 Bulletin mentioned: "*The new altar has been ordered and should be here in the next two to four weeks. Thank you to the Rouzees, Ed Rieker, Joan Ryland, Paul and Doris Muchlinski, Rex and Kristi Walz, Gene Johnston, and the Harold Mathews estate for this beautiful addition to our parish! The altar is in memory of their deceased family members and Harold.*"

The June 11, 2006 Bulletin mentioned: "*The new altar has been ordered and should be here in the next two to four weeks. Thank you to the Rouzees, Ed Rieker, Joan Ryland, Paul and Doris Muchlinski, Rex and Kristi Walz, Gene Johnston, and the Harold Mathews estate for this beautiful addition to our parish! The altar is in memory of their deceased family members and Harold.*" ... and ... "*The new green vestments, altar cloth and lectern drape are in memory of Gary Ryland. Thanks Ryland family!*"

In the July 2, 2006 Bulletin Msgr. Ivan Vap wrote: "*I am privileged to be the administrator of this parish for the month of July. Though it will be long distance, I will be here on weekends. If you have questions, Please call Billie at the rectory or my home phone. Msgr. Ivan Vap*"

In the August 6, 2006 Bulletin Fr. Walsh wrote: "*Thank you for your warm welcome to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. You might know that during the past year, I have been in Rome, pursuing a doctorate in Catholic Social Doctrine from the Pontifical Gregorian University (Jesuit's). In June, Bishop Bruskewitz assigned me the role of administrator for the Parish, effective August 1st. His plan is that I serve you in this capacity, and next summer return to Rome to resume my doctoral studies. My plan is to accomplish his plan, which I believe to be the plan of God for me and for us all. The Father of us all knows what lies before us. I believe it will be a wonderful year, because it will be our year together in the Lord, who has united us together in Himself and made us the sons and daughters of God, our Father. The sign outside our Parish Church invites us to Pray, Hope and Don't Worry. That's how I want to live the coming year. God Bless You! Fr. Joe Walsh*"

Liturgical Minister

| | Sat., July 27, 5:00pm | Sun., July 28, 10:00am |
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| Lector | Mike Krondak | Justin Pieper |
| Acolyte | Ed Rieker | Jerry Cooper |
| Server | William Krondak | Xavier Pieper |
| | Nicholas Krondak | Volunteer |
| Music | Greg Vandenberg | Buhrman/Niesen/Gregg |
| Gifts | Steve & Janet Fear | Duane/Heather Johnsen |
| Ushers | Steve Fear | Duane Johnsen |
| | Janet Fear | Heather Johnsen |
| Rosary | | |

Readings for the Week

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| Monday: | Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18 |
| Tuesday: | Ex 14:21 — 15:1; Ex 15:8-10,12,17; Mt 12:46-50 |
| Wednesday: | Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Mt 13:1-9 |
| Thursday: | 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28 |
| Friday: | Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23 |
| Saturday: | Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30 |
| Sunday: | Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-3, 6-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13 |

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: Florena Schneweis (Emily Krondak's mother), 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: 7/20 - Jerry Cooper, 7/25 - Audrey Frary.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... There's a different pace to a summer Sunday, especially on those days when we dream of air conditioning and wave any available paper to stir the air. Yet we persist in gathering, even with so many breaks from the usual routines. We distance ourselves not only from routines, but from schedules and familiar well-worn paths. These are playful days and contemplative days. We see long-lost friends and visit almost-forgotten places. We have more leisure than any people before in the history of the world, and we need it because our lives are so care-worn and tiring. More of us walk barefoot and look up at the stars or dip our toes in the lake or sea, sing around campfires, read novels on the beach, and eat comfort food with our fingers. We see how beautiful life can be, and are more aware than usual of how God is always breaking in with signs of love. In Genesis today, Abraham and Sarah practice hospitality to their visitors, who turn out to be God dropping in. During the summer months, God practices hospitality in return, inviting us into a season of celebration. Keeping Sunday holy is a good habit to cultivate in these days when our spirits are especially receptive to God's deep desire for us to know divine love. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

A MINDSET OF SERVICE ... There's a lot of traveling, delivering, and visiting going on in our readings today. In Genesis Abraham cares for the needs of three mysterious travelers. The psalm responds, celebrating the kind of righteousness that Abraham practices. Then, in his letter to the Colossians, Saint Paul describes his own ministry as almost like a delivery service: he, God's steward, brings the word of God to their community. Finally, Luke's Gospel shares the well-known story of Mary and Martha, and the different ways they welcome Jesus into their home. Amid all this coming and going, we are invited to pay attention to the ways we tend to the needs of others. Each of us can ask, *How am I present to God and others in my life?* —Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

HOSPITALITY ... Christians should offer their brethren simple and unpretentious hospitality. —St. Basil

FORGIVENESS ... To forgive is to set a prisoner free and to discover that the prisoner is *me*. —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.

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)

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