

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time ***August 4, 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

Monday	Aug 5	7:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Aug 6	7:00 a.m.
Wednesday	Aug 7	5:30 p.m.
6:00pm-10:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hour => Spend time with Jesus		
Thursday	Aug 8	8:00 a.m.
Friday	Aug 9	12:10 p.m.
		5:30 p.m.
Saturday	Aug. 10	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Aug. 11	10:00 a.m.

INTENTIONS

Special Intention (ms)
 - No Scheduled Parish Mass -
 Vincent & Theresa Seiker (65 Anniv)
 Special Intention(tc) & Leona Clouatre +
 Martha Burbach +
 Gabriele Young
 Margaret Baxa +
 People of Our Parish & Nicholas Niesen

*Teach us to number
 our days aright,
 that we may gain
 wisdom of heart.*

— Psalm 90:12

Stewardship: July 28, 2019

Adult Envelopes:\$1,497.00
Loose Plate:.....\$199.00
Children:\$0.00
Holy Day: 0 \$0.00
Total:\$1,696.00

Joy of the Gospel Campaign

Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
 Gifts last week:\$120.00
Total Gifts Received:.....\$821,833.05
 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:\$0.00
 Mission Coop:\$0.00

Parish Calendar

Sunday	August 4	1:00pm: 4 th Degree Knights of Columbus Picnic,	11:30am: Pumpkin Festival Meeting (Parish Hall)
Wednesday	August 7	6:00pm – 10:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration	
Thursday	August 8	12:30pm: Adult Bible Study in Parish Hall,	7:00pm: Parish Council Meeting
Sunday	August 11	11:00am: Knights of Columbus Breakfast in Parish Hall,	4:00pm: Theology on Tap Picnic

Catholic School News:

We are excited to start the 2019-20 School Year at North Platte Catholic Schools. Our Theme for this year is: God is HERE! Back to School Mass: August 18th! **Fall Sports Meeting:** All parents and students are asked to attend a mandatory fall sports informational meeting to be held at St. Patrick high school gym on August 11th at 6:30pm. This is for students in **grades 7-12** participating in **football, volleyball, cross-country, cheerleading, and Strutters dance team.** Meet your child's coaches and learn the expectations for their respective activity. We will also be collecting all important papers for your child to participate in activities at St. Patrick Jr/Sr high school. Please bring with you all completed physicals and agreement sheets, if you have not already turned them in. Your student is unable to participate without this proper paper work. Fundraising University will kick off the night with our discount card sales. This was a tremendous success last year and we expect it to grow even more this season. **UPCOMING DATES:** 8/11: Fall Sports Fundraising & Parent Meetings – 6:30pm at High School Gym, 8/12: Fall Practices Begin, 8/14: Registration/Contract Days: 8:00am – 4:00pm, 8/15: Registration/Contract Days – 10:00am – 6:00pm, 8/15: Faculty In-Service Day, 8/17: Campus Clean-Up Day, 8/18: McDaid Open House, 3:30, 8/18: Back to School Mass 5:00pm – McDaid Gym

INVEST IN KIDS ... On Friday July 26th, Bishop William Dendinger and Senator Lou Ann Linehan spent time in North Platte providing information on "Invest in Kids" with LB670, the Opportunity Scholarship Act. The Act would provide more scholarship opportunities for low-income and working-class children to attend a private school of their choice. Learn more at www.InvestInKidsNebraska.org.

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

4th Degree Knights of Columbus Picnic ... Sun., Aug. 4, 1:00pm, at Knights of Columbus Hall. Menu: Chicken & all the Fix-ins. All 4th Degree Knights & their spouses invited.

Theology on Tap Picnic ... at Lake Maloney Ski Club August 11. Children are welcome, beach, badminton, horseshoes, corn hole & other games will be available at 4:00pm. Food will be served at 6:00pm. **Pat Richards** speaks at 7:00pm. Come enjoy an afternoon / evening of fun & fellowship. Beverages will be available as usual.

Knights of Columbus Meeting ... Mon, Aug 12, 7:00pm, Parish Hall. All Knights are invited to attend.

Breakfast by Knights of Columbus ... Sunday, Aug. 11, 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.

Knights of Columbus #12530 ... at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is looking for a few more good men. As a member of the KofC, you will strengthen your faith and become a better Catholic, husband, and father. Knights of Columbus and their families have the opportunity to become involved in our Council's charitable, faith-based and social programs. Our programs for 2019-2020 are Faith, Family, Community & Life. If you are interested or to learn more, please contact Grand Knight, Loren Baxa.

CCD CLASSES ... for **2019-2020** for both the **Grade School (Gr K-8) & High School (Gr 9-12)** will be held on **Sunday after Mass from 11:00am-12:15pm.** The **first class is Sunday, August 18, 2019 at 11:00am.** **We are in need of a few more teachers ... please visit with Fr. Seiker**

Parish Council Meeting ... Thu Aug. 8, 7:00pm, Rector's Conference Room. (Members: Ken Bjornstad, Diane Gregg, Spencer Hampton, Marcie Minchow. Trustees: Jerry Volesky, Duane Johnsen)

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.

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.

Marriage Saving – the Post Session Phase ...

The post-weekend phase of Retrouvaille is as crucial to the healing of a troubled marriage as the initial weekend experience. During the post-weekend sessions, the weekend technique is further developed and combined with additional tools to explore other areas of the marriage relationship. For confidential info about or to register for the August program beginning with a weekend on Aug. 23-25, 2019, call 888-317-5654, 308-986-2351 or www.retrouvaille.org.

Jane Roe – Pro-Life Conversion ... Norma McCorvey was the “Jane Roe” of the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion in 1973. Years after winning that case, she had a conversion and became completely pro-life. Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director of Priests for Life, confirmed Norma as she entered the Church in 1998. For the rest of her life, she worked to overturn the very decision she won, and to end abortion. She died in 2017. Norma said, “I thought that I wanted to have an abortion with the baby that I was carrying, but I had no idea that it would lead up to such a controversial issue. I didn’t know that there was two sides to the abortion issue. I didn’t attend any of the court proceedings. In fact that’s why I used the name Jane Roe because I didn’t want my own personal name to be involved in it. Since August 8, 1995, I have been pro-life clear across the board. Abortion is totally wrong. I was the Jane Roe of Roe vs. Wade, but Jane Roe has been laid to rest.”

Missionary Coop Appeal ... All the missionary priests who speak in our parishes have great needs for which they give the appeal. Some may ask for additional support, such as sponsoring a seminarian or religious for several months, in addition to their appeal at Mass. Our diocesan regulations do not allow this so that people will be able to support the needs of other missionaries who will give appeals in our parish in the future. There are so many needs to be met from so many different dioceses & religious orders, & we must give each different group a fair chance to receive our support each year. Please be generous!

Fr. Joseph Srambical V.C., a Vincentian Missionary Priest from India will be at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church to speak to us on Saturday / Sunday, **August 10-11, 2019**. The Envelope for this collection was in your July-August packet (*we never know when the Missionary Coop Priest will be coming during the summer.*)

The Vincentian Congregation (V.C.), a Religious Congregation, was founded in Kerala, India in 1904, modeled after the Congregation of the Mission founded by St. Vincent de Paul. Members of this flourishing Religious Congregation are engaged in Mission Work in all parts of India, in East Africa, & in Peru. Please visit their web site, www.vincentians.in.

The Vincentian Missionaries need our help to carry out their many missionary, educational and charitable activities in their missions, and for the training of young men studying for priesthood. There will be special collection next Sat/Sun to help the good Missionary work of the Vincentian Fathers who are grateful for your help. Please keep Fr. Joseph & all Vincentian Missionaries in your prayers. Thank you.

Pumpkin Festival Planning & Preparation Meeting ...

on **Saturday, Aug. 3, 6:30pm** in **Parish Hall** (*after 5:00pm Sat. Vigil Mass*) and also **Sunday, Aug. 4, 11:30am** in **Parish Hall** (*after 10:00am Sunday Mass*). The Pumpkin Festival 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** which is scheduled for **Sunday, October 13, 2019**. Suggestions are good ... Please bring discussion topics and feedback! *The meetings will start promptly at 6:30pm & 11:30am and will end promptly at 7:30pm & 12:30pm, hopefully only 45 minutes ... 60 min maximum!*

FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:

New, Modern, Updated Parish Webpage ... We’ve been working on a new Parish Webpage. *Soon* it will be ready to go online!

Annual Serra Priests Golf Outing ... Monday, Aug. 5, 2019 ... Tee time at 10:30am in Lincoln (so there will be a **7:00am Mass** rather than the usual 8:00am Mass). I will spend Tue. & Wed. morning with my parents celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary.

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

In the September 10, 2006 Bulletin Fr. Walsh wrote: *“Bishop Bruskewitz is coming to our parish on September 27. He will celebrate the 5:30pm Mass, during which he will consecrate our new altar. Thank you to all of you who gave so generously to the altar. It is paid in full. God bless you. We will use the relic the parish has of Elizabeth Ann Seton in the altar. Does anyone have access to a relic of one of the Mexican Martyrs? I would like to place a first class relic of one of the Mexican Saints in the altar as well. Contact me if you can help. Thank you. God bless you all! Father Walsh”*

In the September 24, 2006 Bulletin Fr. Walsh wrote: *“Thank you to all the members of the Parish who have helped to prepare the Church, the new Altar and the young people for the Mass with Bishop Bruskewitz on Wednesday, September 27. You might notice a special candle burning during the celebration on a table in the sanctuary, between the statues of Joseph and Mary. It is the practice of our Church to have a special candle burning when the Bishop visits the parish and celebrates the Mass. The Bishop is a successor of the Apostles, the one who has responsibility for our eternal salvation, the guardian of our diocese and of our parish. Because the Bishop is uniquely configured to Christ, the High Priest with the fullness of His Priesthood, we honor Christ when we honor our Bishop. Following Mass on Tuesday morning until shortly before Mass on Wednesday evening (September 27), the relic of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton will be on a table in the sanctuary, for public veneration. During the Mass, this relic will be placed in a special box, attached to the underside of the Altar, which will be permanently sealed. The presence of a Saint’s relic does not make the Altar holy. The sacrifice of Christ makes the Altar holy. The Saints draw near the Altar to be close to the sacrifice of Christ. Bishop Bruskewitz will be joining us for the reception following the Mass of the Dedication of the Altar. Please join me in extending to him a very warm welcome. It is customary to give the Bishop a gift when he visits. In the past, I have given money, books, and religious articles. However, the best gift is a real simple one, a nice bottle of wine. He likes to cook and loves Italian cuisine. I think he will enjoy this gift.”*

In the Nov. 5, 2006 Bulletin Fr. Walsh wrote: *“You might have noticed the three-ring binder on the 7-day vigil light stand in front of the picture of our Blessed Mother. The petitions recorded in that booklet are sent at the end of the month to the Pink Sisters in Lincoln. Please make use of the booklet. Let us pray for one another. Let me further encourage the powerful companionship of the Pink Sisters in our lives.”*

In the November 12, 2006 Bulletin Fr. Walsh wrote: *“The knights are sponsoring a food drive in the parish between now and Thanksgiving. The donations will be given to the Catholic Food Pantry of North Platte. Please bring something for the needy and place it in the box in the Church entrance. Personal hygiene products as well as household cleaning products are much needed and most welcome.”*

In the December 3, 2006 Bulletin Fr. Walsh wrote: *“The estate of Herb Steffes has donated Herb & Eleanor’s 2003 Lincoln Town car to the parish. It is the family’s wish that we sell the car and use the proceeds to finance the Pumpkin Festival raffle prizes that Herb & Eleanor so generously donated each year. The vehicle is a 4-door Town car with 32,219 miles. If you are interested in purchasing the car, please call me.”*

In the December 31, 2006 Bulletin Fr. Walsh wrote: *“The Christmas decorations in our Church are beautiful. Thank you to all who helped with the decorating. In Rome, the Christmas decorations at Saint Peter’s Basilica remain on display until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple (February 2). This includes the magnificent manger scene in the Basilica and the life-size manger scene in the Piazza (as well as the 150-foot Christmas tree!). Providing our Poinsettias remain fresh, we will join in the Pope’s devotion and try for February 2 as well.”*

Liturgical Minister

	Sat., Aug. 10, 5:00pm	Sun., Aug. 11, 10:00am
Lector	Jim Nisley	Michael Lafleur
Acolyte	Jerry Volesky	Conrad Buhrman
Server	William Krondak	Jace Grunden
	Nicholas Krondak	Weston Hammond
Music	Matt & Ashley Perlinger	Peggy Orr
Gifts	Loren Baxa / Ed Rieker	Rick Ryan
Ushers	Jerry Beckius	Jeff Orr
	Sharon Beckius	Shane Lowrey
Rosary		

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36
Wednesday:	Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28
Thursday:	Nm 20:1-13; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Mt 16:13-23
Friday:	Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-16, 21; Mt 16:24-28
Saturday:	2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26
Sunday:	Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 12:32-48

Prayers for the sick: Margaret Ruskamp (Donna Bode's mother), Flood Victims, Special Intention, Carolyn Cohen, Tim Garth (Theresa McCarthy-Garth's son), Those struggling with Alcoholism, 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: 8/3 - Kelly Grauerholz, 8/7 - Zelie Wartman, 8/10 - Alex Krondak, 8/11 - Angela Johnston, Steve Fear, David Bratton.

Congratulations: to **Kevin & Denise Burbach** who celebrate their **40th Wedding Anniversary Aug. 11.**

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... Apart from the period from Thanksgiving through Christmas, the summer is a favored time for family reunions. We trace family trees and recall our origins. Worship has a family tree as well, and the way we celebrate today has been influenced by various styles and customs through the centuries. We are Western Christians of the Latin Rite. By far, we are the most numerous Western Christians, but there are other ritual families as well. The Archdiocese of Milan in Italy follows the Ambrosian Rite, Toledo in Spain preserves the Mozarabic Rite and the Arab language, and Lyons in France is home to the Gallican Rite. Other liturgical families, such as the Celtic in Ireland and the Sarum in England, faded away after the Reformation. Until recent times, members of some ancient religious orders such as Carmelites and Trappists followed a pattern of Mass that varied slightly from the plan observed in Latin Rite parishes. Isn't the Catholic Church the same everywhere? Not at all. It never has been! The existence of so many liturgical families in the West reminds us that unity, not uniformity, is what the Church seeks to achieve among her children. We are united in faith, but wonderfully diverse in rituals, ceremonies, languages, customs, and spirituality. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

USING OUR TIME WISELY ... A jar of honey lasts practically forever. The oldest jar of honey ever discovered was over five thousand years old. Honey is quite different from market-fresh produce, then; because most fruits and vegetables last only a few days, we treat them carefully. At this time of summer, we rush to find recipes for cherries and cucumbers so we won't waste a single one. We wouldn't feel that same urgency about honey. In our own way, we are as delightful and fragile as ripe produce. Today's readings urge us not to spoil, but to make good use of our limited time on earth. Ecclesiastes reminds us that because God provides for us now and always, we can manage our daily affairs without anxiety. Saint Paul encourages the Colossians to keep thoughts of heaven in everything they do, and Jesus himself asks us to treasure not earthly wealth, but God alone. —Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

NO ONE'S ENEMY ... May I be no one's enemy, and may I be the friend of that which is eternal and abides.
— St. Eusebius of Vercelli

THE EFFECTS OF PRAYER ... Whoever prays much by night, that person's face is fair by day. — Islamic saying

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 ... (August)

Evangelization —That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth".