

# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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## ***19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*** ***August 11, 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](mailto: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 12 8:00 a.m.  
 Tuesday Aug 13 **7:00 a.m.**  
 \*\*\* \*\* *Solemnity of Assumption of Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)* \*\*\* \*\*  
 Wednesday Aug 14 **5:30 p.m.**  
**6:00pm-10:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hour => Spend time with Jesus**  
 Thursday Aug 15 **7:00 a.m.**  
**12:10 p.m.**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
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 Friday Aug 16 **12:10 p.m.**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
 Saturday Aug. 17 **5:00 p.m.**  
 Sunday Aug. 18 **10:00 a.m.**

## INTENTIONS

Elli Fugate & Fr. Michael McGivney +  
 Ellie Buhman & Fr. Michael McGivney +  
 Anna Lee  
 Elizabeth (Liz) Haag  
 People of Our Parish  
 Fr. James Cooper +  
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 Martha Burbach +  
 Roma Seiker (bap)  
 People of Our Parish  
 Katlyn Polzin

*Our soul waits  
 for the LORD,  
 who is our help  
 and our shield.*

— Psalm 33:20

## Stewardship: August 4, 2019

**Adult Envelopes:** .....\$1,332.00  
**Loose Plate:**.....\$176.00  
**Children:** .....\$0.00  
**Holy Day:** 0 ..... \$0.00  
**Total:** .....\$1,508.00

### Joy of the Gospel Campaign

Total Pledged: .....\$958,770.00  
 Gifts last week: .....\$0.00  
**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 11 11:00am: Knights of Columbus Breakfast in Parish Hall, 4:00pm: Theology on Tap Picnic  
 Monday August 12 7:00pm: Knights of Columbus Meeting in Parish Hall  
 Wednesday August 14 6:00pm – 10:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration

## 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 18<sup>th</sup>! **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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.InvestInKidsNebraska.org).

### North Platte Catholic School:

### Faith and Knowledge for a Brighter Future

**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 some more teachers ... please visit with Fr. Seiker**

**DIOCESAN SACRED MUSIC CLINIC** ... The Diocesan Liturgical Commission hosting 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://www.lincolndiocese.org/bxvi) or call 402-473-0631.

**OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL** ... Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly announces its new schedule of 2019-2020 retreats. Please save the brochure insert in this week's Southern Nebraska Register to see the full schedule of upcoming retreats and themes, or visit [www.goodcounselretreat.com](http://www.goodcounselretreat.com).

**FATHER SON PROGRAM** ... "In His Image" for boys age 10-14 & their father will be held Sunday, Sept. 22, from 1:30-4:30pm at John XXIII Diocesan Center. This program is designed to educate boys on growing up & becoming a man. Pre-registration is required. Cost=\$20 per father/son or \$30 per family. To register, visit <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/father-son-program>. Questions, please call the NFP Offices 402-473-0630 or email [naturalfamilyplanning@cdolinc.net](mailto:naturalfamilyplanning@cdolinc.net)

**2 weeks to Sign up for Retrouvaille** ... Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential info about or to register for the August program beginning with a weekend on Aug. 23-25, call 888-317-5654, 308-986-2351 or [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

**A Letter from an Unborn Child** ... Dear Christians, I was very much looking forward to my life in this world. I wanted to have dolls, ride a bike, go to the circus, and see the zoo. I looked forward to celebrating Christmas and receiving Jesus in Holy Communion. I'm very sad I never got to do any of these things. My parents did not let me be born. But I just don't understand one thing -- why didn't any of you help me? I wish you had. Nobody heard my crying voice. From, *An unborn baby*.

**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 THIS 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](http://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.

## **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!

**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 January 14, 2007 Bulletin Fr. Walsh wrote: *"Herb Steffes designated a Knights of Columbus annuity in his estate for the New Church Fund. We received the gift last week \$57,632.50 and have deposited it with the Diocese in our New Church account. May God bless Herb, Eleanor and all the members of the Steffes family for their generosity to Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish."*

In the January 21, 2007 Bulletin Fr. Walsh wrote: *"Begin planning now for a great summer catechetical experience for your children. We have Totus Tuus coming to our parish in July 8 through 13. Totus Tuus will meet in the evening with our young people (High School) and during the day with our grade school children. We will invite the children & young people from parishes all around to join us for this week. It will be a great experience for our kids."*

In the January 28, 2007 Bulletin Fr. Walsh wrote: *"Janet and Steve Fear have graciously offered to host a Lenten Adult Education program for men and women of the parish. Catholic Answers developed the materials we will use for our program. I will be the teacher. The topics include contemporary issues that we face daily in our homes and work places. The survey in this bulletin lists the topics we will study. Sign up by indicating your preference for morning or evening meetings and the day of the week most convenient for you to meet."*

In the February 4, 2007 Bulletin Fr. Walsh wrote: *"The Finance Committee will meet on February 13 at 8:00pm. Included in our discussion will be the various facility issues in the parish (tile in the Church bathroom, painting and carpeting the Church, smaller maintenance and equipment needs for the Church) repairing the Church parking lot, small repairs in the Rectory, addressing the water issue under the rectory [presently it is dry], completing the electrical project for the Pumpkin Festival food booths, purchasing the computer for the office. Financing and appropriately sequencing these projects will be important. I am praying for a Holy Lent for us all." ... and from Parish Council minutes ... "Father Walsh suggested that the strategy for building the parish would include evangelization. Reiny Burbach mentioned the positive effect of the Christmas radio message within the Catholic community of North Platte, on both sides of the river. Father Walsh suggested that use of the media would be an important part of the evangelization strategy in the future."*

In the Feb. 11, 2007 Bulletin Fr. Walsh wrote: *"Since last August, we have registered three new families in our parish: Blake and Teresa Niesen, Matt and Amy Masek and most recently, Luke and Becky Deaver. All three families have already become involved in parish life: the Niesen's with playing music, singing, Catholic School and serving; the Masek's with our High School Youth Group & the Deaver's with our music ministry. Thank you all & welcome to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish!"*

In the February 25, 2007 Bulletin Fr. Walsh wrote: *"Bishop Bruskewitz gave me permission to proceed with the floor-covering project of the Parish Center, which includes raising the money and securing the services of a contractor to install our desired coverings. The committee to oversee this project composed of Toni Barron, Kathy Camby, Jane Schmid, Carol Torruella and myself, who met on Thursday to begin our discussions. We will develop a proposal and submit it to the Finance Committee for review and then present our idea to the parish community. It's a great spring project for Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish!"*

In the March 25, 2007 Bulletin Fr. Walsh wrote: *"The Parish Center Floor Covering Committee has completed its job and the Parish Finance Committee has signed off on the project. Samples of the materials we are recommending on display in the vestibule of our Parish Center. The cost of the project is \$16,527. This cost includes removal of all carpet and vinyl, and installation of the new materials, including the slate for the vestibule. As mentioned last week, I am interested in your input. Do you favor the project? Will you support it financially? Thank you ahead of time for your thoughtful consideration of these questions and providing me your input. A big thanks to the Committee for their work in pulling together this project."*

## Liturgical Minister

	Sat., Aug. 17, 5:00pm	Sun., Aug. 18, 10:00am
<b>Lector</b>	Mike Krondak	Shane Lowrey
<b>Acolyte</b>	Jerry Volesky	Duane Johnsen
<b>Server</b>	Volunteer	Lakeland Lowrey
	Volunteer	Harmon Johnsen
<b>Music</b>	Volunteer	Greg Vandenberg
<b>Gifts</b>	Alice Robinson/Cindy Swanson	Chuck & Kathy Burr
<b>Ushers</b>	Cindy Swanson	Volunteer
	Alice Robinson	Spencer Hampton
<b>Rosary</b>		

## *Readings for the Week*

Monday: Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27  
 Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8; Dt 32:3-4ab, 7-9, 12; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14  
 Wednesday: Dt 34:1-2; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20  
 Thursday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;  
 Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56  
 Friday: Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24;  
 Mt 19:3-12  
 Saturday: Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15  
 Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2-4, 18; Heb 12:1-4;  
 Lk 12:49-53

**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:** 8/10 - Alex Krondak, 8/11 - Angela Johnston, Steve Fear, David Bratton, 8/12 - Mary Bratton, 8/13 - Diane Gregg, 8/14 - Isaiah Heimann, Conrad Buhrman, 8/17 - Craig Burbach.

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

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION** ... When Pope Pius XII died in 1958, there was the usual buzz of speculation about likely successors. Cardinal Agagianian, Patriarch of the Armenians, was highly thought of as a likely choice. This took many Catholics by surprise, since he had never celebrated the same liturgy as Pope Pius, but followed ancient Armenian customs according to the Eastern Church, which veils the Eucharistic liturgy from sight by a series of curtains, and in which the priest kneels while the people stand for Communion. In the years that followed, the Second Vatican Council would affirm the dignity and independence of the Eastern Churches, in complete union with Rome, yet different in patterns of life and worship. We have the same faith, the same sacraments, and the same pope. Yet everywhere in the world our separate Churches are combined into families held together by the ministry of bishops. All of this serves as warning: If you ever say, "But we've always done it this way," you are on very thin ice indeed! —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**FAITH AND HOPE** ... Faith and hope are closely united in today's readings. The Israelites knew when the Passover was coming, and so were not in fear, but had faith and courage, "putting into effect with one accord the divine institution." In this we can see a foretelling of the Eucharist that we celebrate according to Christ's command, "Do this in memory of me." We see that Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, and Jacob died in faith, although they did not see fulfillment of the promise. We live in hope that our faith will be fulfilled every time we celebrate this sacrament. We too are not to be afraid, but to have hope that our faith will be fulfilled in the coming of Christ. —Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**POSSIBILITIES** ... All things are possible for one who believes, more to one who hopes, even more to one who loves.  
 — St. Lawrence

**THE PAIN OF WAR** ... War is as much a punishment to the punisher as to the sufferer. — Thomas Jefferson

**NOT EASY** ... Faith makes all things possible – it does not make them easy. — 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 ... (August)**

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



# Please Join Us

To kick off the new school year on a faith-filled note!

**WHAT: OPEN HOUSE and MASS**

**WHEN: Sunday, August 18th**

McDaid Open House – 3:30–4:45 p.m.

“Back to School” Mass – 5:00 p.m.

**ALL** parishioners, students, parents & families are  
encouraged to attend!

\*Bring your school supplies, meet your teacher,  
see your classroom and classmates at McDaid!

\*Join us for Mass in the McGahan Activities  
Center at 5:00 p.m.

*\*At the request of our Parish Priests, Mass is being held inside the McDaid gym.*

Let's celebrate the gift of our faith, the gift of our  
Catholic education, and the opportunities awaiting in  
the new school year!

Food and fellowship on the McDaid lawn following Mass.  
Hot dog meal sponsored by NebraskaLand National Bank.

We hope to see you on August 18th!