

# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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## ***20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*** ***August 18, 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 19 8:00 a.m.  
 Tuesday Aug 20 **7:00 a.m.**  
 Wednesday Aug 21 **5:30 p.m.**  
**6:00pm-10:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hour => Spend time with Jesus**  
 Thursday Aug 22 8:00 a.m.  
 Friday Aug 23 **12:10 p.m.**  
 Saturday Aug. 24 **5:00 p.m.**  
 Sunday Aug. 25 **10:00 a.m.**

**INTENTIONS**

Alvin Kosmicki +  
 Mike Foley (-bap)  
 Marty Estrada +  
 Peggy Fleecs +  
 Martha Burbach +  
 People of Our Parish  
 Thanksgiving for 20<sup>th</sup> Anniv KC #12530

*[Jesus] endured the cross,  
 despising its shame, and  
 has taken his seat at the  
 right of the throne of God.*

— Hebrews 12:2

**Stewardship: August 11, 2019**

**Adult Envelopes:** .....\$1470.00  
**Loose Plate:** .....\$219.36  
**Children:** .....\$3.10  
**Holy Day:** (Assumption) ..... \$25.00  
**Total:** .....\$1,717.46

**Joy of the Gospel Campaign**

Total Pledged: .....\$958,770.00  
 Gifts last week: .....\$900.00  
Total Gifts Received:.....\$822,733.05  
 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: .....\$245.00

**Parish Calendar**

Sunday August 18 11:30am – 12:15pm: Parent's Meeting in Parish Hall  
 Wednesday August 21 6:00pm – 10:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration  
 Thursday August 22 12:30pm: Adult Bible Study in Parish Hall

**Catholic School News:**

The NPCCS 2019-2020 School Year Theme: GOD IS HERE! We've had many summer improvement projects happening across the Campus at NPCCS! We'd like to thank Carolyn Mavis and Melia Rose for giving some of our tired classrooms a new fresh coat of paint! Other improvements included: New lighting in the NPS high school gym, New carpet at the McDaid Front Offices, New divider walls in Deacon Davis & Mr. Weber's rooms. A complete facelift in the McDaid Chapel with new paint, new carpet, new doors and ceiling fans! The High School Library renovation is still underway with new carpet, paint, and much more! We are excited for our Students to Arrive! Mark your calendars for the following upcoming events! **8/17** - Field Clean Up day 9:00am, **8/18** - McDaid Open House 3:30 - 4:30, **8/18** - Back to School Mass 5:00pm, **8/19** - Freshman Report - 8:30am, **8/20** - 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Class at NPCCS Gr. K-12, **8/22** - Little Leprechaun Contract Day, **8/23** - FB Scrimmage 7:00pm, **8/25** - St. Pat's Parish BBQ, **8/26** - 1<sup>st</sup> Day for 4/5 LLPreschool, **8/27** - McDaid Photo Day, 1<sup>st</sup> Day for 3/4 LLPreschool, VB Jamboree - 5:00pm, **8/28** - SPVA Fall meeting, **8/29** - St. Pat's Photo Day, **8/30** - Tailgate 6:00pm, FB vs Sutton 7:00pm. The North Platte Catholic Schools is the only Preschool through 12<sup>th</sup> grade Faith Based Facility in the Diocese of Grand Island. We welcome families of all faiths to join our NPCCS Family! There are openings in all grade levels. Please call 532-1874 if you'd like to learn more about what North Platte Catholic Schools offers your family.

**North Platte Catholic School:**

**Faith and Knowledge for a Brighter Future**

**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/liturg> or contact Fr. Daniel Rayer at [fr.dan-rayer@lincolndiocese.org](mailto:fr.dan-rayer@lincolndiocese.org) or 402-488-0921.

**St. Patrick Parish BBQ ...** Please come join us for fun, food and friends at our annual parish Bar-B-Que. Kick-off begins **Saturday, August 24, 6:30-8:30pm** featuring music by Job Vigil! (Bring your lawn chairs) Free Will Donation. Hamburger &/or hot dog meal can be purchased. **Sunday, August 25, Noon-3:00pm** will offer a Silent Auction, Raffle, Fun Jumps, Ice Cream & Pie, Petting Zoo and MUCH MORE! Bring your family ... bring your friends ... bring your neighbors for a fun filled day!

**Meeting for Parents of Children K-12 ...** in the Parish Hall on **Sunday, August 18, 11:30pm – 12:15pm** to discuss the religious education of the children in our Parish.

**Indianola Deanery Altar Society Meeting ...** **Monday, Aug. 26** at St. Patrick Church, McCook. 5:00pm= Executive Board Meeting; 5:45pm= Mass, followed by Dinner (followed by meeting). **All women are invited & encouraged to attend.**

**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.

**Stress in Your Marriage? ...** There is less than a week left to sign up for Retrouvaille. Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness & simply shut down. Others experience conflict & arguments 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 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, 2019, call 888-317-5654, 308-986-2351 or [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

**Missionary Coop Appeal ...** Thank you for the generous hospitality and support given to Fr. Joseph Srambical V.C., a Vincentian Missionary Priest from India, who shared with us about the needs of the missions. Please remember him & his religious order in your prayers. It is a very noble to desire to give ongoing support to a missionary; however, each missionary that comes to our parish needs your help. Therefore, please help support the larger missionary needs of the universal Catholic Church by supporting the different missionary dioceses or orders who give appeals in our parish each year & by supporting all the dioceses & parishes who cannot even afford to send a missionary to this country by supporting the World Mission Sunday collection on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of October.

## **FLOOD Info from Catholic Social Services (CSS) ...**

If you know of anyone in your communities or your parishes that lost everything due to the March floods and would like some help, please pass along our contacts at Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska. We are distributing grant dollars to families who lost significant amounts and have unmet needs. Families would need to complete an application which would then be reviewed by a vetting panel of volunteer professionals. Grants would then be awarded depending upon need and severity. Grant applications are available online at [www.cssius.org/floodrelief](http://www.cssius.org/floodrelief).

Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska has given \$25,000 to the community of Peru for the maintenance and upkeep of their water supply, and \$14,000 to individual families, in addition to supplying bottled water for the community.

Outside of the Diocese we are also giving the community and families of Winslow, which was wiped off the map, \$40,000. We gave the community and families of North Bend a total of \$60,000. And we are giving the community and families of Fremont \$100,000. We are having check presentations in all of these communities and local leadership has been ecstatic with the generosity displayed to them through the CSS gifts. If you know of any other local communities that could use some funding have their leadership representatives get in touch with us. Again, please direct any local leadership to [www.cssius.org/floodrelief](http://www.cssius.org/floodrelief).

We are trying to help as many dire-need families as possible, especially in the Diocese of Lincoln and the state of Nebraska. If you know of any families who suffered burdens in our Diocese from the March floods please pass along our contact information. In addition, we are helping the greater community by giving funds that will help ease the local tax burden and Federal, State, and municipality emergency aid, which ultimately comes from all taxpayers.

We thank all of our benefactors, supporters and parishioners for their donations, their faith, and their help in response to the March floods that have severely impacted our state. Thanks and God bless!! Father Fulton

**2019 Pumpkin Festival ...** will be on **Sunday, October 13, 2019**. The Pumpkin Festival Committee will be meeting **Aug 25, Sept 15, Sept 29, Oct. 6** to discuss preparations for the Pumpkin Festival. The Raffle Tickets are being prepared and will be ready to distribute in September.

Please pray for good weather for the Pumpkin Festival. Ask the Lord to send us the weather that He knows we need and to get us ready to accept lovingly from His hands the weather that He sends us, and to work together as a Parish Family to build up the Kingdom of God.

**Seeking arts and crafts for the Pumpkin Festival ...** Anything you enjoy creating, we would love to sell! Some suggestions would be woodworking, sewing, painting, repurposed items, knitted or crocheted items, paper crafting, photography, quilts ... or anything creative you love doing and would like to donate. Autumn or Christmas items. Please have items ready by the first week in October (*for the Boutique*). Questions? Call Jan Daniel, 308-660-9407.

**Put a Retreat into Your Schedule ...** In an effort to remove some obstacles that might be keeping parishioners from enjoying a retreat, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church will be making a donation of \$1,500.00 to Good Counsel Retreat House. This donation will cover the Registration Fee for 9 parishioners. Car-pooling is also encouraged. If you are interested in attending a particular retreat, perhaps someone else is also interested. Let me know and a note can be put in the bulletin mentioning that there is a vehicle going to Good Counsel Retreat House for a particular Retreat. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton will also pay for the gas to a Retreat. Please put a Retreat into your schedule this year!

You can register [www.goodcounselretreat.com](http://www.goodcounselretreat.com) & receive immediate confirmation or call Good Counsel Retreat House 402-786-2705.

### **August – September Schedule:**

Aug 30-Sept 2... Fr. Chris Barak & Fr. Gary Coulter Men / Women

“3 or 4-day Directed Spiritual Exercises

Sept 5-8..... Opus Sanctum Angelorum..... Men / Women

Work of the Holy Angels (4-Day Thu-Sun)

Sept 13-15..... Matt Simms & Fr. Gary Coulter . Men / Women

“Unbound: Knowing the Heart of the Father”

## **Pope Francis: Abortion is Also a Form of the Abuse of Children ...**

“It is difficult to grasp the phenomenon of the sexual abuse of minors without considering power, since it is always the result of an abuse of power, an exploitation of the inferiority and vulnerability of the abused, which makes possible the manipulation of their conscience and of their psychological and physical weakness. The abuse of power is likewise present in the other forms of abuse affecting almost 85,000,000 children, forgotten by everyone: child soldiers, child prostitutes, starving children, children kidnapped and often victimized by the horrid commerce of human organs or enslaved, child victims of war, refugee children, aborted children and so many others.” – Pope Francis Address at the End of the Eucharistic Celebration at the Meeting “The Protection of Minors in the Church”, February 24, 2019

## **FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:**

**RCIA Classes ...** Fr. Mark Seiker will be leading an RCIA process (Inquiry class in the Faith) **beginning Sept 11, 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. Invite someone to study our faith with you.

## **Looking Back and Moving Forward ....**

In the April 22, 2007 Bulletin Fr. Walsh wrote: *“I’ve been working with Jim Dodson this past week, drilling holes through the clay base beneath the house, trying to get the water to drain out. Found a few muscles I didn’t know I had! We will work this spring with our sprinkler people to control watering around the house. Hopefully, we can eliminate this problem. A big thanks to Jim for his help. To date, I have received just over \$9,000 in pledges for the floor covering project. Thank you all for your support. I will continue to ask people and believe the money will be there to fund the project. I have contacted Swan’s Furniture and authorized them to install the new covering in the bathrooms & kitchen.”*

In the May 13, 2007 Bulletin Fr. Walsh wrote: *“I have decided, with the support of the Finance Committee of the Parish, with nearly 75% of the needed money pledged or donated, and the permission of Bishop Bruskewitz, to move forward with the floor covering project for our Parish Center. On June 3, our second collection at Mass will be for the floor project. The parish-wide phase of this drive is \$5,000. With it, we will completely finance the project! Please help. And thank you to all who have pledged, contributed and supported this project. This is a great blessing to our parish.”*

In the May 20, 2007 Bulletin Fr. Walsh wrote: *“The letter from Bishop Bruskewitz arrived this past Monday, reassigning me to Rome to complete my doctorate in Catholic Social Doctrine. Bishop Bruskewitz appointed Father Mark Seiker Pastor of our parish and Dean of the Indianola Deanery. The date of transfer is June 18, 2007. I am happy with this appointment because I want to get the doctorate project completed. I have also enjoyed being with you and am proud of the things we accomplished this past year. Thank you for all the acts of kindness and care you showed me this past year. May God bless us all as we journey toward Him, to the place of no more good-byes but only peace and fellowship and joy in God forever. Amen.”*

In the June 3, 2007 Bulletin Fr. Walsh wrote: *“Jean Mueller’s funeral was this past Wednesday. Saint Patrick’s Parish generously assisted us by allowing us to hold all the services in their Church and hall. Thank you Father Golka. The Daughters of Charity served over 200 people at the reception following the burial. It was a great meal with very nice dishes. Thank you ladies! May Jean now enjoy eternal rest and union with the Blessed Trinity.”*

In the June 10, 2007 Bulletin Fr. Walsh wrote: *“The flooring project received just over \$18,000 in gifts and pledges. We will be able to finance this project completely. Thank you very much. The workers were in this week, setting the slate in the vestibule. I think it will look beautiful when it is completed. We have arranged for Swan’s Furniture to begin installing the carpet and vinyl in the rest of the Parish Center beginning the week of July 16. It may take a couple of weeks to complete the project. ... Joan Ryland is planning a full-scale cleaning of the rectory around June 14. We will leave it in excellent shape for Father Seiker. You have truly provided for your priest with this rectory. You have been good to me in many ways this past year. Thank you.”*

## Liturgical Minister

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

## *Readings for the Week*

Monday:	Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday:	Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9,11-14; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday:	Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday:	Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14
Friday:	Ru 1:1,3-6,14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday:	Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Sunday:	Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1-2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

**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:** 8/17 - Craig Burbach, 8/19 - Ava Lowrey, 8/22 - Maria Pieper, Derek Bantam, 8/23 - Gisele Barger, 8/25 - Alayna Niesen.

**Congratulations:** to **John & Billie Rouzee** who celebrate their **59<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Aug. 20.**

**Congratulations:** to **Don & Sheila Exner** who celebrate their **54<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Aug. 21.**

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ...** In recent weeks, we have reviewed how the Churches of East and West have enriched one another, and this past Thursday's solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary was born in the Eastern Church. It is a gift from the ancient Church of Jerusalem, a commemoration of the death of Mary, and a feast charged with a deep sense of the Resurrection. Mary, the first disciple, is the first to share fully in Christ's victory over death. In the tradition of the East, August 15 is the "Dormition of the Theotokos," or the "Falling Asleep of the God bearer." There is no shadow of death or gloom in the theology, since this is seen as a transformation of Mary's life into a heavenly and immortal existence. There is a sense in the tradition that she who made earth heavenly and exalted the human race by her faithfulness is glorified today. A persistent legend among Orthodox Christians tells how all the disciples, except Thomas, who was preaching in India, were present at Mary's death and burial, and sat by the tomb for three days. On the third day, Thomas saw Mary's body rising to heaven. She greeted him as "my friend," and he was escorted by angels to proclaim her assumption to the others, who then realized her tomb was empty. Thus Thomas, the one who expressed doubt at the resurrection of Christ, received a gift from Mary: the chance to proclaim resurrection faith to the disciples. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**LISTEN TO JESUS AND THE PROPHETS ...** Prophets have always had a tough row to hoe. Their words, often unwelcome, are used against them to persecute and even kill them. Such was the fate of the Old Testament prophets, and Jeremiah is a great example of this. Jesus endured opposition from sinners, and did not turn back from a shameful death in order to rise to a glorious new life. The ultimate prophet, Jesus sought to warn the people of his time and ours of the divisions that his words would cause, showing himself to be the prophet of all time. We all need to look at our divisions and dilemmas in light of Jesus' teachings and warnings, and seek to understand all that he has proclaimed and taught about what will happen if we fail to listen. —Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**BUILDING PLANS ...** Whatever your lot in life, build something on it. —Anonymous

**OCCUPANCY ...** The value of life does not depend upon the place we occupy. It depends upon how we occupy that place. — St. Therese of Lisieux

**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".