

# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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## *21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time* *August 25, 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 26 8:00 a.m.  
 Tuesday Aug 27 **7:00 p.m.**  
 Wednesday Aug 28 **5:30 p.m.**  
**6:00pm-10:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hour => Spend time with Jesus**  
 Thursday Aug 29 8:00 a.m.  
 Friday Aug 30 **12:10 p.m.**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
 Saturday Aug. 31 **5:00 p.m.**  
 Sunday Sep. 1 **10:00 a.m.**

## INTENTIONS

MaKenna Ketter  
 Joseph Connelly (bd)  
 Janet Nyffeler  
 Charlotte Connelly (-bd)  
 Martha Burbach +  
 For our Benefactors  
 People of Our Parish  
 Virginia Marie Waechter +

***Strengthen your drooping  
 hands and your weak knees.  
 Make straight paths for your  
 feet, that what is lame may not  
 be disjointed but healed.***

— Hebrews 12:12-13

## **Stewardship: August 18, 2019**

**Adult Envelopes:** .....\$1,317.00  
**Loose Plate:**.....\$93.00  
**Children:**.....\$30.00  
**Holy Day:** (Assumption) ... \$550.00  
**Total:** .....\$1,990.00

### Joy of the Gospel Campaign

Total Pledged: .....\$958,770.00  
 Gifts last week: .....\$1,920.00  
**Total Gifts Received:.....\$824,653.05**  
 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: .....\$225.00

### **Parish Calendar**

Sunday August 25 **11:30am – 12:30pm:** Pumpkin Festival Meeting in Library **12:00pm – 3:00pm:** St. Patrick's Parish BBQ  
 Wednesday August 28 **6:00pm – 10:00pm:** Eucharistic Adoration  
 Thursday August 29 **12:30pm:** Adult Bible Study in Parish Hall

### **Catholic School News:**

GOD is HERE is the theme for the 2019-2020 school year. To learn more about the North Platte Catholic Schools and stay up-to-date on all our happenings, follow us on Facebook @ North Platte Catholic Schools and McDaid Elementary. First day of 4/5 preschool is Monday, August 26th. First day of 3/4 preschool is Tuesday, August 27th. Openings still available! Our new teacher, **Shalea Cooley** & Preschool Aide, **Ashlee Halsted**, are excited to teach your students! *Upcoming Events:* 8/25 - St. Pat's Parish BBQ, 8/26 - 1st Day for 4/5 LL Preschool, 8/27 - McDaid Photo Day, 1st Day for 3/4 LL Preschool, Volleyball Jamboree - 5:00pm, 8/28 - SPVA Fall meeting, 8/29 - St. Pat's Photo Day, 8/30 - Tailgate 6:00pm, Football vs Sutton 7:00pm. September: Monday 9/2 - No school - Labor Day, 9/4 - 7:00pm - Senior Parents Meeting, 9/5 - XC @ River's Edge 5:00pm, Vball vs Perkins Co @ 5:30, 9/6 - 7:00 - FB @ Chase Co., 9/7 - 9:00am - XC @ Cozad, 10AM - VBall @ Lexington.

### North Platte Catholic School:

***Faith and Knowledge for a Brighter Future***

**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!

### **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.**

**Smart Driver Course ...** There will be a Smart Driver Course on Wednesday, September 11th from 12:30pm – 4:30pm at St. Patrick's Parish Hall. It is designed for drivers 50+, but all are welcome. For more information or to sign up, contact Joan at 308-520-6800 or Brenda at 308-532-0944.

### **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, & Prayer (Year I) as well as Salvation History, Church History, Faith & Reason, & Spirituality (Year II). The time commitment is one Saturday/month from Sept.-Apr for 2 years. Cost: \$100 / semester, however, those who teach CCD or Catholic schools would receive a 25% discount. For more information, [www.lincolndiocese.org/bxvi](http://www.lincolndiocese.org/bxvi) or call 402-473-0631.

### **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 community of Peru for maintenance/upkeep of their water supply, & \$14,000 to individual families, 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

**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 – May 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"*  
 Sept 27-28..... Fr. Daniel Rayer (Fri-Sat) ..... Men / Women  
*"St. Vincent de Paul Society"*  
 Oct 4-6..... Fr. Justin Wylie ..... Men / Women  
*"Marian Retreat: Crown her with many crowns!"*  
 Oct 17-20..... Fr. Zachary, SOLT/Knights of Holy Eucharist . M / W  
*"Eucharistic Retreat: "Mary, Mother of the Holy Eucharist"*  
 Oct 25-27..... Fr. Christopher Stoley Men/Women(in Spanish)  
*"Conversacion con Cristo: fundamentos de la oracion"*  
 Nov 1-3..... Fr. Craig Doty ..... Men / Women  
*"Jesus, Please Heal Me"*  
 Nov 15-17..... Msgr. Joseph Nemecek ..... Men / Women  
*"Living the Little Way of St. Therese"*  
 Nov 22-24 Sr. Lucy & Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ ... Women  
*"(sponsored by Magnificat) Be Renewed in the Spirit"*  
 Dec. 6-8 ..... Bishop Conley & Fr. Coulter .... Men/Women  
*(Keeping Close to Mary)*  
 Jan 10-12 ..... Deacon James Keating ..... Men  
*"Men: Christ Choose YOU ... Do You choose Him?"*  
 Jan 31 - Feb 2 ... Fr. William Holoubek ..... Men / Women  
*"Unbound: Breaking Free from Spiritual Wounds"*  
 Feb 7-8..... Fr. Lux & Fr. McGuire (LDCCW)... Women  
*(LDCCW Winter Symposium Fri-Sat)*  
 Feb 28 - Mar 1.. Fr. Christopher Goodwin..... Men / Women  
*"Living on God's Word"*  
 Mar 6-8..... Fr. Joseph Faulkner ..... Men / Women  
*"Biblical Prayer and its Benefits"*  
 Mar 13-15..... Tony Brandt & Chris Stewart. Men/ Women  
*"Disciples on Mission: Discipleship, Evangelization & Stewards"*  
 Mar 23-26..... Fr. Chris Barak & Fr. Gary Coulter Men / Women  
*"4-day Directed Spiritual Exercises Mon-Thur"*  
 Apr 3-5 ..... Fr. Sean Kilcawley ..... Men / Women  
*"Rend Your Hearts: Living a Spirituality of Surrender"*  
 Apr 9-11 ..... Marian Sisters..... Young Women  
*Holy Week Retreat for Young Women*  
 Apr 17-19 ..... Fr. John Rooney ..... Men / Women  
*"Receiving Mercy & Being Merciful"*  
 May 1-3 Marian Sisters (Mother Ann Marie & Sr. Serena). Women  
*Women's Retreat on Mary – Mother of God*

**Testimony of a Dad After Abortion ...** "Quite often I even wake up in the morning thinking painfully of the undeniably selfish act I did over 11 years ago - STILL! I know I overrode in my core being my conscience (dulled at the time) and my Fatherhood instinct. No two ways about it: I acted - no, I was a coward. My action, despite my confession and repentance before my Creator - continues to rob much of the joy from my life. I would do anything (if God would accept the bargain) to reverse that fateful mistake." — See more testimonies at [www.AbortionTestimonies.com](http://www.AbortionTestimonies.com).

**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.

### Knights of Columbus, One Life, One Rose, Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Program

... a Pro-life Prayer Service will be **Monday, Aug. 26, at 8:30am** (after 8:00am Mass) at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. The service will last about 45 minutes, & will include Eucharistic Adoration. All are invited!

The Knights of Columbus of Nebraska will participate in a North American effort paying special tribute to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas through the Silver Rose Program. This program involves carrying a Silver Rose from Ontario, Canada through the USA to Monterrey, Mexico.

The Silver Rose program symbolizes a commitment to restoring respect for the sanctity of human life from natural conception until natural death. As we think in terms of 'One Life, One Rose', it is most appropriate that we turn to Our Lady of Guadalupe who made known her will through Juan Diego and the miracles of the roses.

### FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:

**New, Modern, Updated Parish Webpage ...** will be online sometime between Monday – Wednesday of this week! Much to see.

**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.

**New Digital Sign ...** through the generosity of a number of anonymous donors, beginning this week, construction will be starting on a new digital sign to replace the existing 22 year old sign along Walker Road. Bishop Conley has given his approval, and we have received suggestions & direction from Fr. Hottovy and Jean & Char Kriz (who are mainly responsible for the beauty of our Church). A brick contractor will be digging footings beside the brick structure of our existing sign, which will support two columns/pillars of bricks (*one on each side of the sign*) resembling the structure around the front doors of our beautiful Church. The completion date of the sign is not known ... perhaps around four weeks or so.

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

On June 18, 2007 Fr. Joseph Walsh left St. Elizabeth Ann Seton to return to Graduated Studies in Rome, and Fr. Mark Seiker arrived to be the Pastor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish.

During the last two weeks of July 2007, workers from Swan's Furniture replaced the carpet (*in the Hall and classrooms*) and tile (*in the restrooms and kitchen*) in the Parish Hall. The flooring served us well for 13 years, but was showing wear, and needed to be replaced. Two weekday Masses were prayed in the Rectory Conference Room while the carpet was being installed in the Hall. The cost of the flooring replacement was paid for by donations specifically given for this project.

## Liturgical Minister

	Sat., Aug. 31, 5:00pm	Sun., Sep. 1, 10:00am
<b>Lector</b>	Loren Baxa	Mike Krondak
<b>Acolyte</b>	Ed Rieker	Bob Ryland
<b>Server</b>	Volunteer	Kevin Bantam
	Volunteer	Tyler Bantam
<b>Music</b>	Matt / Ashley Perlinger	Choir
<b>Gifts</b>	Volunteer	Volunteer
<b>Ushers</b>	Ken Bjornstad	Derek Bantam
	Teresa Bjornstad	Jennifer Bantam
<b>Rosary</b>		

## *Readings for the Week*

Monday:	1 Thes 1:1-5,8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a,9b; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday:	1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday:	1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday:	1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab, 17; Mk 6:17-29
Friday:	1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday:	1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday:	Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

**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 Schneewis (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:** 8/25 - Alayna Niesen, 8/26 - Robin Bartlett, Alex Pineda, 8/27 - Kevin Burbach, Teresa Bjornstad, 8/28 - Mike Ginapp, 8/29 - Jace Grunden, 8/31 - Ermalinda Torres.

**Congratulations:** to Jerry & Kay Cooper who celebrate their 51<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary Aug. 31.

**Congratulations:** to Blake & Teresa Niesen who celebrate their 35<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Sept. 1.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ...** The wonderful diversity of life and worship among Roman Catholics of East and West is an example of God writing straight with crooked lines. The steady hand of the villainous Emperor Diocletian drew a line across Europe and Africa that split the empire in two, and for the most part determined how Christians would worship two thousand years later. Italy's heel and the far northern city of Trieste fell on the Eastern side, and have had a form of Eastern liturgy ever since. Constantinople, which soon became the seat of the Roman Empire, became a base for Christianizing the East up to Russia and Poland. Poland was on the Eastern side, but a series of wars and medieval mayhem pushed the religious boundary back to the Ukraine, and Poland remains an outpost of the Latin Church to this day. An old rule of thumb declared that whatever religion was observed by the local prince, the people had to follow. This gave rise to persecution and migration as people sought toleration for their expressions of faith. In the United States, we are accustomed to peaceful collaboration among Christians of East and West, a situation that challenges churches that still feel the pinch of age-old division. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**WELCOME THE STRANGER ...** We have become accustomed to seeing pictures in the media and stories on the news about immigrants from Latin America and refugees from Syria fleeing violence and destruction in their own countries, trying to make their way to a safe place. We have also seen the reactions of people who want to keep them away from their countries, who fail to welcome the stranger and the helpless children. Have we forgotten Jesus' call to comfort the homeless and the stranger? "They shall bring all your brothers and sisters from all the nations . . . to Jerusalem, my holy mountain, says the LORD." In the three readings for this day, we are told that we are to welcome these strangers, to welcome the discipline of the Lord, which leads to peace, and to "strive to enter through the narrow gate" into the glory of God's own homeland, the reign of God. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**GRACE AND STRUGGLE ...** The gift of grace increases as the struggles increase. — St. Rose of Lima

**ACTS OF THE APOSTLES ...** I never heard anything about the resolutions of the apostles, but a great deal about their acts. — Horace Mann

**HOW TO PRAY ...** Grant us grace, Almighty Father, so to pray as to deserve to be heard. — Jane Austen

**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".