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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time ***June 21, 2020***

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

Family Formation Program

Sunday mornings (Sept-May) 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 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	June 22		
Tuesday	June 23		
Wednesday	June 24	4:00pm 5:30 p.m.	Otto, Virginia, Lynn Weskamp + 6:00pm-10:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hours => Spend time with Jesus
Thursday	June 25	5:30pm 9:00 a.m.	MaKenna Ketter
Friday	June 26	5:30 p.m.	Special Intention (kvs)
Saturday	June 27	5:00 p.m.	Margaret Ruskamp +
Sunday	June 28	10:00 a.m.	People of our Parish

INTENTIONS

- No Scheduled Parish Mass -
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*Sing to the Lord,
praise the Lord,
for He has rescued
the life of the poor.*

— Jeremiah 20:13

Stewardship: June 14, 2020

Adult Envelopes:\$805.00
Loose Plate:\$85.05
Children:\$0.00
Holy Day: \$0.00
Total:\$890.05

Joy of the Gospel Campaign

Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
Gifts last week:\$0.00
Total Gifts Received:\$886,893.05
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:\$1,702,428.04
Balance on DIAL LOAN: \$61,613.45

Southern NE Register:\$15.00

Fr. Seiker spending time with Dad and Mom ... Sun, Jun 21 - Wed, Jun 24.

Fr. Seiker at Jesus Caritas meeting ... Mon., June 22 in Waverly.

Parish Calendar

Wednesday June 24 **6:00pm – 10:00pm:** Eucharistic Adoration
Thursday June 25 **1:00pm:** Adult Bible Study via Zoom (contact Teri Volesky)

Catholic School News:

St. Pat's Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament! ... When: Friday, July 3rd, 2020 *Shotgun Start at 1:00pm. Where: River's Edge Golf Course Cost: \$200 per team *Registrants may pay in advance by check, OR Pay with cash, check, or credit card the day of the event *E-mail team registration info to: w.dodson@npcschools.org or call 308-534-5939 Teams: 4 players per team *Players do not have to be St. Pat's Grads. ALL are welcome! *Team Check-In begins at 12:30pm in the clubhouse *Carts provided *Mulligans available for purchase. *Send registration fee to: SP Alumni Golf PO Box 57 North Platte, NE 69103. *Proceeds benefit the St. Pat's Activities Association.

Reception: Join us for a reception following golf to honor retiring Principal/AD Mark Skillstad! 5:30pm – 7:30pm at Another Round. Cash bar & light hors d'oeuvres. Stop by to wish him well! Contact NPC's Endowment Director Wendy Dodson: 308-534-5939, w.dodson@npcschools.org.

*The NPC's Campus will be open for the Alumni Open House on Saturday, July 4th from 11:00am – 1:00pm. Refreshments and yearbook display in the SPHS Cafeteria. The Saturday evening alumni reunion banquet has been cancelled.

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

Retreat for Moms of Young Children ...

Join Fr. Ben Holdren on July 11th at Good Counsel Retreat house for a one-day retreat specifically for moms of young children. Babies are welcome & rooms available for pack n plays, etc. More info at <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/ymretreat>. Questions? Contact marilyn-klein@cdolinc.net

Couples' Retreat ...

The Family Life Office is offering a one-day retreat for couples experiencing infertility on June 27th at St. Patrick Parish in Lincoln. Retreat will also be live-streamed. See <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/infertilityretreat> for more information. Questions? Contact marilyn-klein@cdolinc.net

Totus Tuus ... will NOT be in North Platte or any of the parishes this year due to COVID-19.

Creighton Model FertilityCare System ...

Creighton Model is a women's health science that allows users to learn more about their fertility and, in conjunction with NaProTECHNOLOGY, treat many reproductive disorders. Introductory sessions for July are scheduled for 7:00pm on 9th & 28th at John XXIII Diocesan Center. For more info or to register, <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/creighton-introductory-session>.

New FertilityCare App ... Attention, Creighton Model Fertility Care users! There is a new app available for charting! Go to www.fertilitycareapp.com/app_features_and_faqs, for more info, and then contact your teacher or Certified Fertility Care Practitioner, Kathy Burr, to schedule a follow up or get signed up for the app. Email ckburr240@gmail.com or text 308-991-1880.

RUNBORN Across Nebraska ...

RUNBORN is a mission to support both women in crisis and unborn children. Steve Sousek will be running approximately 520 miles across Nebraska from June 20-29 to raise money for St. Gianna Women's Homes and the Women's Care Center of Lincoln. He will be starting on Saturday, June 20, west of Grant and going for 10 days east to Plattsmouth on Monday, June 29. He plans to stop at every Catholic Church along the way and pray a decade of the rosary. If there are any priests or parishioners along the way who would like to run with Steve they are most welcome! To make a donation or see more information on Runborn, visit www.runborn.org!

Scheduled Masses: All Masses are being livestreamed over ZOOM. See Meeting ID at <http://seas-np.org/covid-19-mass-videos-at-seas/> Videos of Masses available on parish webpage 1 hr after Mass ends -<http://seas-np.org/covid-19-mass-videos-at-seas/>

Scheduled Times for Confession (in Parish Hall):

- **30 minutes before Daily Masses and 60 minutes before Saturday and Sunday Masses.**

Diocesan Canoe Trip ...

While many activities have been cancelled, the Diocesan Canoe Trip is still on the calendar! It will be held **July 5-7 or 7-9**, near Valentine, Nebraska. \$100 covers registration and food. Each attendee/family will need to bring their own tent. Due to current health conditions, we can only take a limited number of students, & will not be providing transportation, so it will be important to register soon to secure a spot. To register, <https://www.lincolndiocese.org/camps/diocesan-canoe-trip>

A Mother's Poem to Her Child Lost by Abortion ...

"Forgive me. I am sorry my baby, my little one. You were killed by the one who loved you the most. For the months I carried you, Flesh of my flesh, flesh of his flesh. I felt your every move, I could feel you. But I was too young, I did not know. Your father, my little one, did not know you. You are a boy, a man like him. I call you Stewart William, like him. You have curly, brown hair like him. Your face is his face. I love you like I love him. I have no excuses. I saved you from a world where babies are killed by the ones who should love them the most. You are safe with God now. If I should ever have another child, You must remember that I will always love. You the most, my first baby. Sleep well, my little one." *For healing after abortion, visit www.AbortionForgiveness.com.*

Religious Freedom Week ... Every year, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops designates a week to celebrate and learn about our most cherished freedom - religious liberty. This year from **June 22 to June 29**, we will be celebrating with Nebraska Catholics with a brief daily email, some videos with reflections from priests and religious, and two discussion panels.

While these panel discussions have been held in person in years past, we realize that the silver lining of Covid-19 restrictions means that more of you from across the state will be able to attend and participate this year! Register for one or both free events below.

Protecting Our Most Cherished Freedom ... Monday, June 22 at 12:00pmCDT. Join the Thomas More Society and the Nebraska Catholic Conference for a panel discussion on religious liberty issues facing our state and nation. We will spend time in particular diving into state legislative issues, the recent Supreme Court decision (*Bostock v. Clayton County*), Covid-19 related cases, and big SCOTUS decisions still to come. Featured panelists include Matt Heffron and Michael McHale from the Thomas More Society, & Tom Venzor from the Nebraska Catholic Conference.

Register at: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1VFP7fB0RDmQLjrmAFQVvW

Religious Liberty: Our Freedom to Believe ... Wednesday, June 24 at 12:00pmCDT. Join the Nebraska Catholic Conference for an important discussion about religious freedom. Our panelists will discuss biblical and constitutional principles which shape our most cherished freedom, as well as, recent court decisions and legislation which supports or threatens this liberty. Our featured panelists are Vern Steiner, President of the Emmaus Institute for Biblical Studies, Karen Bowling, Executive Director of the Nebraska Family Alliance, and Tom Venzor, Executive Director of the Nebraska Catholic Conference. Register at: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_OKJF5L4JRbeqz9HqcKraCQ

The events will also be recorded and shared on our Facebook page. Note: only panelists will be shown on video, but participants can ask questions live. We look forward to you joining us for these discussions, & we're excited to share with you during Religious Freedom Week 2020.

Catching up at Lincoln PP abortion clinic ...

Helpers Update – June 18, 2020 ... It seems that some people may have become a bit lazy with the covid-19 pandemic. As for me, I must plead the 5th Amendment. (*In this new age of social communications, I realize that many literary forms, including popular idioms have gone out of use – or are forgotten entirely. So, for any of our very young Helpers who may be reading this, to plead the 5th means that one doesn't have to say anything that might incriminate him or her.*) Oh, yes, and incriminate means to give or have the appearance of guilt.

I hope most of you Helpers will tolerate this bit of aging humor – it's really for us older folks. Well, that is, those of us who are approaching old age (whatever that is).

A Good Samaritan and some "saves" ... The very next day after the last Update (on Dec. 30), three Helpers were praying during late morning of the cold New Year's Eve when a Good Samaritan dropped off cups of hot chocolate. This happens every winter, and in each instance no one recognizes the Good Samaritan. It's always an otherwise anonymous man or woman who doesn't give his or her name. But they always have a thank-you for those standing in witness for life outside the abortion clinic.

This is a reminder that our peaceful, prayerful presence is noticed by the public. So, the Judeo-Christian witness we show of caring about

the lives and souls of babies, clients and abortion clinic staff is important beyond those immediately involved.

A further confirmation of our noticeable public presence happened in January when a young woman in mid-morning drove through the PP lot from the North and stopped before pulling onto the street. She rolled down the window of her car and spoke to the sidewalk advocate standing by the driveway. "What you're doing is very good," she said. She said she had come to have an abortion a year ago and she saw the pill reversal sign when she was leaving. She changed her mind and today she has a beautiful baby. "Keep it up," she said, and drove off.

Sidewalk advocates have been able to talk to several PP clients. A couple have gone to the Lincoln Pregnancy Center instead of into the abortion clinic. Helpers have also observed three or four other probable "saves" when people have arrived at the clinic, sat in their cars for a long time, and then drove away without going in.

Advocates replace counselors ... In the past year, the sidewalk counseling portion of the Helpers of God's Precious Infants in Lincoln has undergone a change. Some of the counselors took training from Sidewalk Advocates for Life (SAFL), and Lincoln Right to Life now sponsors this program. The sidewalk counselors up to this time had various amounts of training, through Lincoln Right to Life programs, Msgr. Philip Reilly's Helpers of God's Precious Infants, and other organized programs. Most of the "old hands" and several new people have taken the SAFL training. Cathy Turner is the group representative, and Lisa McInerney coordinates the scheduling for abortion Tuesdays.

The term "advocate" better describes what the traditional sidewalk counselors do anyway. Counseling is more often associated with professional psychological training. Whereas, women and men as "advocates" offer support and encouragement for women to have their babies and not have abortions. So, if you hear reference to an advocate and not a sidewalk counselor, you'll know what it means.

The SAFL program also tries to pair each advocate with a prayer partner. The partner is someone who just agrees to be there at the same time as the advocate, but standing off a short distance. This ensures a second person always there with an advocate, and someone who is praying for lives and souls, and support of the advocate. Anyone interested in serving in either of these volunteer capacities can contact Cathy Turner (402-202-1614) or Lisa McInerney (402-435-0918).

Helpers parking spaces ended Feb. 28 ... Lincoln Right to Life had leased six parking spaces just west of Sonic Drive-in from The Lodge apartment complex. The Lodge management wouldn't renew the lease this year & it ended Feb. 28. Last summer, someone from the Lodge had removed the LRTL reserved parking signs without saying anything to LRTL. When LRTL pressed the lease with management company, the signs were replaced; but the company said it would not renew the lease.

The management company is located in Kansas City, but the parent company that owns it is a Lincoln-born and headquartered company. Two men who attended the University of Nebraska incorporated Perry Reid Properties in 2001. It is a development and management company. It has several firms under it in a multi-state area. One of those, in Kansas City, manages The Lodge.

LRTL acquires building – Women's Care Center planned Lincoln Right to Life completed arrangements to acquire the building it has been renting the past three years at 5630 S. 48th Street, across from the PP abortion clinic. A Small group put up the money to buy the entire building complex. It will continue some rentals with businesses in the far end (East) of the building.

LRTL is moving from its present location in the front of the building to a space further East. That's to make room for a new Women's Care Center that will open a free pregnancy health clinic there. The WCC is a non-profit organization established in 1986 in Gary, Indiana. It now has 32 pregnancy health clinics in 11 states. The Lincoln center will make Nebraska the 12th state.

The Women's Care Center needed to raise nearly \$200,000 to remodel & equip the center. So far it has raised about half that amount. Donations are tax-deductible. To donate, go to the WCC site. Under the Donate tab, enter the amount and Pick Your Location, then choose Nebraska and Lincoln on the drop-down menus. <https://supportwomenscarecenter.org/donate/>

Liturgical Ministers

Lector		
Acolyte		
Server		
Music		
Gifts		
Ushers		
Rosary		

Readings for the Week

Monday:	2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday:	2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday:	Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80
Thursday:	2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Mt 7:21-29
Friday:	2 Kgs 25:1-12; Ps 137:1-6; Mt 8:1-4
Saturday:	Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-7, 20-21; Mt 8:5-17
Sunday:	2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

Prayers for the sick: Jennifer Schmid, Steve Haman, Sharon Beckius, Those affected with/by COVID-19, Theresa McCarthy-Garth, Young woman (with many difficult situations), Troy Tickle, Iris Wyman Lloyd, Peggy Lawler, J.D. Troyer, Matt Reisen (Matt & Ashley Perlinger's friend), Special Intention, Carolyn Cohen, Tim Garth (Theresa McCarthy-Garth's son), Those struggling with Alcoholism, Mary Lou Robles (Toni Barron's sister), Renate Nordquist, Mike & Kim Paul, Jim Beckius.

Prayers for the deceased: Nellie Rodriguez (Toni Barron's sister), Reyes Robles (Toni Barron's brother-in-law), Margaret Ruskamp (Donna Bode's mother), Dolores Kosmicki, Patricia Zamora (Toni Barron's sister), Teresa Clouatre, Gordon Swanson (Cindy Swanson's father), 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), Eileen Boltz, Leona Clouatre, Bernadine Torres, Martha Burbach, Luke Ranck.

Birthdays/Anniversaries: 6/20 - Spencer Hampton, Xavier Pieper, 6/22 - Steve Clouatre, 6/23 - Luke Devore, 6/23 - Sophia Krondak, Graham Butler.

Congratulations: to Jerry & Teri Volesky who celebrate their 35th Wedding Anniversary June 22.

Congratulations: to Gary & Jan Bush who celebrate their 54th Wedding Anniversary June 25.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... Every rectory office has received a panicked phone call from a person who has been invited to serve as a godparent, or from someone newly engaged, who suddenly "needs to get confirmed." While the lack of confirmation is not an obstacle for marriage, it is for godparenting. Many are surprised that the Church seems to be looking for a kind of sacramental "seal" on one's baptism before the door opens fully to this ministry. Yet if you think about it, would you want someone to guide you to a place that he or she had not yet been? A godparent has to be someone who has "been there" and knows the way. Although signet rings and wax seals have passed from use, our society depends on "seals of approval" ranging from certificates of quality to the familiar safety seals on medicines and foods. While Eucharist is the "seal" of the sacrament of baptism, there is a sense in which one's Christian initiation is also incomplete without confirmation. Have you been confirmed? Perhaps it's time to inquire now, before you have to make that dreaded phone call! — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

ENTHUSIASM AND GRAMMAR ... There is a good reason that the writings of St. Paul don't show up as examples in grammar textbooks. Today's reading is a case in point. It begins with one of those long Pauline run on sentences that leave lectors gasping for breath. So what? Take a closer look at how Paul's fervor for his subject matter derails the grammar. There is something admirable about being so caught up in his convictions that the words cannot come fast enough to express them, much less in an orderly fashion. Scripture scholars usually take this grammatical ineptness as a sign of a passage's early importance in the Christian community, something they were so ardent about that their language never got refined. What leaves us in this condition? Re-telling the plot line of an action movie or the play-by-play of a sporting event? When was the last time any of us was so excited by our faith in Christ that we were left grasping for words, stumbling over our own errors in speech? It may be bad grammar, but it is an excellent way to inspire others with the message of Christ! —Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

FATHERHOOD ... When a father gives to his son, both laugh; when a son gives to his father, both cry. — William Shakespeare

WHAT WE LOVE ... We cannot help conforming ourselves to what we love. — St. Francis de Sales

Pray for our Seminarians: David Patrick Tines, from St. Joseph Parish in Lincoln. He entered the Seminary in 2018. He is in College 2 at St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

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 ... (June)

Prayer Intention for Evangelization: The Way of the Heart: We pray that all those who suffer may find their way of life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.