

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time ***June 28, 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

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| Monday | June 29 | 8:00 a.m. | Book of Memories / Blessings |
| Tuesday | June 30 | 7:00 a.m. | Parishioners with Birthday in June |
| Wednesday | July 1 | 5:30 p.m. | Seven Sisters Group |
| 6:00pm–10:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hours => Spend time with Jesus | | | |
| Thursday | July 2 | 8:00 a.m. | Frank & Florena Schneweis + |
| Friday | July 3 | 5:30 p.m. | Martha Burbach + |
| <i>followed by: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & all night Adoration</i> | | | |
| Saturday | July 4 | 8:00 a.m. | Conversion of USA |
| | | 5:00 p.m. | People of our Parish |
| Sunday | July 5 | 10:00 a.m. | Jacob Buhrman |

INTENTIONS

***Think of yourselves
as dead to sin and
living for God
in Jesus Christ.***

— Romans 6:11

Stewardship: June 21, 2020

Adult Envelopes:\$2,045.00
Loose Plate:\$105.00
Children:\$0.00
Holy Day: 0 \$0.00
Total:\$2,150.00

Joy of the Gospel Campaign

Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
 Gifts last week:\$460.00
Total Gifts Received:\$887,353.05
 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:\$0.00

Parish Calendar

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| Wednesday | July 1 | 6:00pm – 10:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration |
| Thursday | July 2 | 1:00pm: Adult Bible Study via Zoom (contact Teri Volesky) |
| Friday | July 3 | 6:00pm – 8:00am (on Saturday): First Friday Holy Hours / Eucharistic Adoration |

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 NPCES Endowment Director Wendy Dodson: 308-534-5939, w.dodson@npcschools.org.

*The NPCES Campus will be open for the Alumni Open House on Saturday, July 4th from 11:00am – 1:00pm. Refreshments and yearbook display in the SPSHS 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

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.**

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!

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>

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

Catching up at Lincoln PP abortion clinic ...

Violence is not pro-life

In the wake of the killing of an African-American man (George Floyd) by police in Minneapolis on May 25, and the riots that raged around the country for the next two weeks and more, few people seem to have grasped the real core of this matter. The natural inclination by many was to decry racism that still exists. That includes politicians and many clerics, including church leaders.

Racism is a part of the bigger problem, and it still exists, but in a way that many of the indignant politicians ignore or deny all together. The one person in the world so far whom I think has addressed the issue most plainly and directly is Dr. Alveda King, the niece of civil-rights leaders Martin Luther King Jr. The core issue is respect for life.

Martin Luther King Jr. said, "When we learn to value the human personality, we won't kill anybody,"

Alveda King is an evangelical Christian who has worked many years with Priests for Life. She now works with other pro-life groups including Stand True, a youth outreach program, and National Black Catholic Apostolate for Life.

In an interview in the National Catholic Register (June 21-July 4, 2020), Alveda King was asked how her uncle would respond to the recent events. "I believe he would advise us to see each other as human beings, not separate races, not socioeconomic differences. Social gospel is different from the Gospel of Jesus Christ." She noted that George Floyd's brother and sister said they wanted justice, not violence. "If we're killing each other, we're not having life," she said. "The heart of a lawless nation leads to degradation."

"When we learn to value the human personality, we won't kill anybody," King quoted her uncle again. She said, "When I look at the issue of life, the little child in the womb, whether that child is black or white, male or female, going to be rich or poor, has some preexisting health condition – that's a person, in the womb."

She said we need to "embrace everyone, from the womb to the tomb. Abortion is an egregious sin. It needs to stop. A woman has a right to choose what she does with her body. The baby is not her body. Where is the lawyer for the baby? How can the dream survive if we murder our children?"

King said, "our work is to promote and share the love of God, in truth, to the born and to the unborn. So faith is very important. We should have faith rather than fear. We should have love rather than hate. We should pray rather than panic."

Prayers with Fr. Barak

Bi-monthly prayers sessions for the Helpers with Fr. Christopher Barak resumed Friday, June 19, at 1:00pm in the John XXIII Center at 37th and Sheridan Blvd. All Helpers are invited and welcome. The sessions last about 40 minutes. They are held in the Chapel. Entrance to the building is on the North side from the parking lot there.

For this first renewed group meeting, and the next few during the pandemic safety measures, we will observe spacing distances in the chapel. Those who have masks should consider wearing them. The next scheduled prayer meetings – all at 1:00pm at the John XXIII Center, will be July 10 and July 24.

—for the Helpers of God's Precious Infants, Jack Odgaard

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.

American Culture ... We are now witnessing the gradual restructuring of American culture according to ideals of utility, productivity and cost-effectiveness. It is a culture where moral questions are submerged by a river of goods and services and where the misuse of marketing and public relations subverts public life ... The losers in this ethical sea change will be those who are elderly, poor, disabled and politically marginalized. None of these pass the utility test; and yet, they at least have a presence. They at least have the possibility of organizing to be heard. "Those who are unborn, infirm and terminally ill have no such advantage. They have no 'utility,' and worse, they have no voice" (US Bishops, *Living the Gospel of Life*, 1998, n. 3-4).

Marriage Help ... *Retrouvaille* (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning August 21-23, 2020, in Schuyler, Nebraska call 1-888-317-5654 or 308-986-2351 or check the web site www.retrouvaille.org.

"How to Pray" Series ... (by Father Gary Coulter, director, Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House). If you missed any of the How to Pray Series. They are available on our webpage in one pdf file under the Resources Tab under [COVID-19 Resources](#) and also under the [Faith Resources](#). The Application: Prayer Exercises Series is also available there.

QUOTES FROM ST. THOMAS MORE ... the Duke of Norfolk said to Thomas: "O confound this Thomas, why can't you do as I did and come with us for fellowship?" Thomas More replied: "And when we die and you are sent to heaven for following your conscience and I am sent to Hell for not following mine, will you come with me, for fellowship?" Thomas More: "I die the King's good servant, but God's first." ... "When statesmen forsake their own conscience for the sake of public office, they lead their country on a short route to chaos."

Peter's Pence Collection ... (has usually been taken up the last Sunday of June. However, this year, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Peter's Pence Collection will be October 3-4, 2020)

Man of the Shroud display ... from Spirit Catholic Radio ... **will be at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church & Parish Hall from Aug. 30 – Sept. 3 ... including Jim Bertrand's presentation, Sunday, August 30 at 3:00pm. More information in coming weeks.**

FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:

New Digital Sign ... is nearly completed. The brick from the old sign was removed in Sept. 2019, the new digital sign was installed Sept. 30. New footings beside the existing footings were dug and the bottom bricks were laid in October. The top part of the sign [*manufactured for Condon Sign by an out-of-town company*] was installed Monday, Oct. 28. Due to schedule conflicts and the Winter weather, the brick contractor was not able to install the remaining bricks [*columns on either side of the Digital Sign*] until the last few weeks. Condon Sign installed the letters for the address of the Church and will soon connect the wires for the thermometer sensor. Thanks to all who made donations toward the sign!

New Software for the Church HVAC Controls ... will be installed over the next few weeks (*maybe one day this week, and then beginning July 6 for 2-3 weeks*). The HVAC controls installed 10 years ago for our new Church used JAVA software which now has security issues and is old technology. Johnson Controls, from Kearney will install a new software program and the necessary hardware at a cost of \$24,926.00. Thanks to all who made donations toward this needed and necessary expense!

Liturgical Ministers

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| Lector | | |
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| Music | | |
| Gifts | | |
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| Rosary | | |

Readings for the Week

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| Monday: | Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19 |
| Tuesday: | Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Ps 5:4b-8; Mt 8:23-27 |
| Wednesday: | Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Ps 50:7-13, 16bc-17; Mt 8:28-34 |
| Thursday: | Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 9:1-8 |
| Friday: | Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 20:24-29 |
| Saturday: | Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 9:14-17 |
| Sunday: | Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30 |

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: **Eloise Kramer** (Monica Kramer's mother), **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: 6/29 - Vivienne Johnsen, 6/30 - Gene Johnston, Kim Clouatre, 7/1 - Rowdy Johnston, 7/3 - Carol Torruella, Meghan Trevino, 7/5 - Kim Paul, Emily Krondak.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... Confirmation is complicated, at least in its history. It arose in response to real problems deeply felt, not the least of which was the desire of the bishop to minister to all who were baptized. But it also has to do with the early crisis of how to deal with persons baptized by congregations that had broken bonds with the greater church: heretics. People reasoned that no matter how wrong headed the minister might be, Christ would always work in the waters of baptism. No matter what, God would sweep aside all human obstacles to claim the new life in the water. They were not so sure about the ability of someone who had broken with the church to confer the Spirit. By the fifth century, already-baptized persons coming into the church were anointed with chrism but not rebaptized. This anointing with myron or chrism was seen as an act of reconciliation by the church, and a seal upon the commitments vowed by the newcomer. Today, we preserve this ancient practice by never "rebaptizing" Christians who have been baptized in water in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We affirm the candidates' baptismal dignity, and we celebrate confirmation at their first reception of the Eucharist. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

CHRISTIAN HOSPITALITY ... Day in and day out, we are required to make judgment calls informed by tough, durable, serviceable Christian love. We do what we can do, and God takes notice. God is in charge of rewards, and a glass of water will do when that is what we have to offer with a glad and open heart. Paul gives us a clear theology for the missionary work we do whenever anybody is close at hand. He reminds us that our work, our ministry, is carried on in concert with Christ. We have been baptized into his death and life. In any given moment both life and death are there, a kind of play of shadow and light. Sometimes it's difficult to tell where shadow leaves off and light begins. God will take care of that, too. —Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

FREEDOM ... Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves and under a just God cannot long retain it. — William Shakespeare

THE CROSS AND HOPE ... The cross of Christ is the true ground and chief cause of Christian hope. — Pope St. Leo I

Pray for our Seminarians: **William David Vogel**, from Cathedral of the Risen Christ in Lincoln. He entered the Seminary in 2016. He is in a Pastoral Year at Sacred Heart Parish in Lincoln.

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.

(July) Universal prayer intention - Our Families: We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.