

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time ***July 5, 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 July 6 8:00 a.m.
 Tuesday July 7 **7:00 a.m.**
 Wednesday July 8 **5:30 p.m.**
6:00pm–10:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hours => Spend time with Jesus
 Thursday July 9 8:00 a.m.
 Friday July 10
 Saturday July 11 **5:00 p.m.**
 Sunday July 12 **10:00 a.m.**

INTENTIONS

Marie Foley (bap)
 Elizabeth Foley (-bap)
 Beatrice Estrada
 Elli (Fugate) Schmidt
 - NO Scheduled Parish Mass -
 People of our Parish
 Frank & Florena Schneweis +

*Come to me,
 all you who labor and
 are burdened, and
 I will give you rest.*

— Matthew 11:28

Stewardship: June 28, 2020

Adult Envelopes:\$2,460.00
Loose Plate:\$50.00
Children:\$0.00
Holy Day: \$0.00
Total:\$2,510.00

Joy of the Gospel Campaign

Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
 Gifts last week:\$320.00
Total Gifts Received:\$887,673.05
 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

Wednesday July 8 6:00pm – 10:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration
 Thursday July 9 1:00pm: Adult Bible Study via Zoom (contact Teri Volesky)

Catholic School News:

Superintendent Dodson wants to share a few updates with you. Remodel progress continues in the high school, along with regular summer repairs and campus improvements. Enrollment for all grade levels is open. To register, contact Gwen Covey at 308-532-1874. Students have started summer weight training and follow all required COVID guidelines. The 2019-20 school year is being closed out and we are preparing for the Fall registration days. Families will receive letters with info about tuition and registration dates in late July. There is no need to do anything prior to those dates unless contacted by the school office. Mr. Dodson has weekly meetings with the state regulators regarding COVID-19 restrictions and what our Fall schedule may look like. At this time, nothing has been determined ... we repeat ... nothing has been determined. As we have experienced since March, everything changes on a daily basis. However, we are optimistic and plan to keep our start date of Tuesday, August 18th. So, for now just enjoy family. Progress continues in the High School along with the regular summer time, sunshine and these lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer! God Bless.

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

Immaculate Heart of Mary Counseling Center ...

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Counseling Center (IH MCC) with Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska continues to support mental health for the Diocese of Lincoln through the use of telehealth. If you or someone you know is experiencing mental health difficulties that adversely impact daily functioning or shadow the joy of living, please reach out. Visit their website at www.immaculateheartcounseling.org for more information or call 402-489-1834.

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.

Daughters of Charity (Altar Society) Meeting:

will be **Sunday, July 12, at 11:30am** in person in the Parish Hall (*observing a Social Distance*) **and** via Zoom. All women are invited & encouraged to participate either in person or virtually through Zoom. All of the women (*for whom we have emails*) will receive an email invitation to join the Zoom meeting later this week. *If you have never used Zoom before or have questions, please contact Fr. Seiker BEFORE the meeting begins.*

Knights of Columbus Meeting ... Mon, July 13,

7:00pm, in person in the Parish Hall (*observing a Social Distance*) **and** via ZOOM. All Knights are invited to participate. *If you have never used ZOOM before or have questions, please contact Fr. Seiker BEFORE the meeting begins.*

Emmaus Institute for Biblical Studies ...

Register now for the following in-person or online fall classes with The Emmaus Institute for Biblical Studies, running Sep. 8 – Nov. 16: The Letter of James, Leviticus through Deuteronomy, Interpreting the Bible, the Book of Job, The Saints and the Scriptures. Learn more and register at www.emmausinstitute.net.

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.

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 Mass; 60 minutes before Sat/Sun Mass.**

“Undone” Women’s Retreat ... Ladies, do you desire to live in greater freedom? Are you longing for an authentic encounter with your true feminine identity? Join us for the Undone women’s retreat where you will experience a weekend of truth, beauty and transformation, as the knots of Eve’s disobedience are “undone” through Mary’s model of radical receptivity. Bring yourself, your mother, your sister, your daughters and friends. This is a weekend you won’t want to miss! Undone: Freedom for the Feminine Heart will be held at St. Peter Catholic Parish in Lincoln, NE **September 24-26, 2020**. Register online www.jpilhealingcenter.org. Scholarships, student and missionary discounts are available. Contact Annette Wemhoff at JPilRetreatLincolnNE@gmail.com for more information. This event is sponsored by Spirit Catholic Radio, 102.7 FM, KVSS.

“Men on Fire” Conference ... St. Peter Catholic Parish in Lincoln, NE is hosting the Men on Fire Men’s Conference on Saturday, October 17, 2020 from 9:00am-3:00pm. A Leaders Summit will also be held on Friday, October 16 from 7:00pm-9:00pm. It’s time to live the life that God intended for you! Become a man “on fire” for God. The Men on Fire Conference, led by Bart Schuchts of the John Paul II Healing Center, with worship led by Mark McKellar, will help you become who you are. At Pentecost, the power of the Holy Spirit propelled each of the apostles into the fullness of their destiny. St. Irenaeus once said, “the glory of God is man fully alive.” Step into your own personal Pentecost, know who you are in Christ, live into God’s purpose for your life, and take back what belongs to you and God. This event is sponsored by Spirit Catholic Radio 102.7 FM. Learn more and register online at www.jpilhealingcenter.org. Invite your father. Invite your son. Attend together! Scholarships are available. Email Annette Wemhoff at JPilRetreatLincolnNE@gmail.com for more info.

Good Counsel Retreat House, July Retreats
Register for Online Retreats sponsored by Good Counsel Retreat House www.goodcounselretreat.com, 402-786-2705, or goodcounsel@cdolinc.net.
Throughout July – “Surrender!” on-demand retreat with Fr. Larry Richards. **July 11-13 – “Surge of the Heart”**, a Parish Mission style Retreat with Jon Leonetti. **July 24-25 – “We are Not Alone”** retreat on John 14 with Bart Schuchts of the John Paul II Healing Center.

Plan ahead for Upcoming in-person retreats including:

- **July 12-20**, 8-day and 4-day Directed Ignatian Retreats
- **Aug. 14-16**, a women’s retreat with Fr. Sean Kilcawley
- **Aug. 28-30**, Unbound Retreat with Matt Simons & Fr. Gary Coulter

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>

From a Former Abortion Worker ... “All [the clients] were told about the procedure itself was that they would experience slight cramping similar to menstrual cramps, and that was it. They were not told about the development of the baby. They were not told about the pain that the baby would be experiencing or the physical effects or the emotional effects that it would have on them. They had no idea who was going to be there to help them when they fell apart afterwards. They were taken into the room then, and, as I said, there was no counseling done. These women basically had no idea what they were getting themselves into.” - *Testimony of Deborah Henry, former Abortion Provider*

“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.

Rediscover Your Marriage ... *Retrouvaille* (pronounced retro-vi) simply means ‘rediscovery’. The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. Tens of thousands headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending. *Retrouvaille* is a not spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. *Retrouvaille* helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped tens or thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. 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 www.HelpOurMarriage.org on the web.

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.

Three Reasons Why People Go to Mass ...
“Kids say the funniest things ... and they also have great insight. Children’s wonder and innocence bring a perspective that can lead adults closer to Christ. As adults foster the creativity & knowledge of children, knowledge is given back.”

“One nine-year-old gave his parents three reasons why people go to Mass, as he was playing Mass with his sister. Here are his three reasons: from the ‘Tightrope’ podcast on why people should go to Mass.”

- *We go to Mass because it is what we do.*
- *We get to receive Jesus.*
- *We go because we love God.*

“Isn’t that a great way to sum it up?”

“One of the greatest ways to foster a child’s knowledge of God is through reading the Bible in a way that the child can understand.” (Copied from an email from Ascension Press)

FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:

New Digital Sign ... is now 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 last week they connected 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 this week and maybe next week. 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. Most days there will be 1-2 contractors working in the building. **Thanks to all who made donations toward this needed and necessary expense!**

Time with Family ... I will be spending some time with Family this week. (Tue.–Wed. and Thu.–Fri.). Thus there will NOT be a daily Mass on Friday.

Liturgical Ministers

Lector		
Acolyte		
Server		
Music		
Gifts		
Ushers		
Rosary		

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-9; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday:	Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-10; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday:	Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-7; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday:	Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday:	Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday:	Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10-14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23

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 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), **Eileen Boltz**, **Leona Clouatre**, **Bernadine Torres**, **Martha Burbach**, **Luke Ranck**.

Birthdays/Anniversaries: 7/5 - Kim Paul, Emily Krondak, 7/6 - John Barger, 7/7 - Rick Ryan, 7/10 - Cathy Leathers, 7/11 - Nicole Behm.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... With the Reformation, some early Protestants, including the "Anabaptists," rejected infant baptism in favor of "believer's baptism." Against Orthodox and Catholic practice, which favored baptism as soon as possible for a newborn, these movements desired that the candidate for baptism speak for him - or herself at a mature age, not through godparents as an infant. Today, it is clear that they were rejecting a very ancient practice (even as early as the second century) of baptizing children of all ages. Children came first in ancient baptismal ceremonies, and someone would speak for them. Gregory of Nazianzen wanted to delay the baptism of children to three years of age, since at that age they could retain at least some impression of the liturgy. He made an exception for the very ill, who were to be baptized ahead of the annual Easter baptism. That means that infants and children were normally baptized together with adults, and that everyone received confirmation and the Eucharist. The tone of the early bishops' writings is generous and compassionate, and seeks to build up the eucharistic assembly by widely celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit. If a priest celebrated baptism, then the gift of the Spirit was postponed for the bishop, but with no regard for the person's age. So, until the fifth century, confirmation was for infants, too. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

SHARE THE BURDEN ... "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). These words of our Savior seem to be in stark contrast to the previous chapter from the same Gospel, when we were told that if we do not take up our crosses, we are not worthy of Christ. Connecting these two messages might help us on our faith journeys. Being a follower of Christ surely means that we must embrace the cross, in its mystery of both suffering and triumph. This is something that we need not do alone, for the burden is often too heavy for us to carry by ourselves. Who, then, do we turn to? We can turn to the Body of Christ – the community of disciples gathered for worship. When we find the burden too heavy, let us remember that we can share that burden with our Christian sisters and brothers, who can help bring us rest. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

THE RIGHT DIRECTION ... If we walk one step toward God, God will run ten steps toward us. — Anonymous

FINDING PEACE ... If you want peace, work for justice. — Pope Paul VI

GOING HOME ... Life is a voyage that's homeward bound. — Herman Melville

Pray for our Seminarians: **Rev. Mr. Joseph Claussen Wahlmeier**, from St. Michael Parish in Hastings. He entered the Seminary in 2013. He is in Theology 4 at The North American College in Rome. He was ordained a Priest on Saturday, May 23, 2020. He is the Parochial Vicar at Sacred Heart Church, Crete until Aug 2 when he goes to Rome for further studies.

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