

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time ***August 9, 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	Aug. 10	8:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Aug. 11	7:00 a.m.
Wednesday	Aug. 12	5:30 p.m.
6:00pm-10:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hours => Spend time with Jesus		
Thursday	Aug. 13	8:00 a.m.
Friday	Aug. 14	12:10 p.m.
* ** * ** * Solemnity of the Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary * ** * ** *		
Friday	Aug. 14	5:30 p.m.
Saturday	Aug. 15	8:00 a.m.
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Saturday	Aug. 15	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Aug. 16	10:00 a.m.

INTENTIONS

Margaret Baxa +
Elli (Fugate) Schmidt
Otto, Virginia, Lynn Weskamp +
Alvin Kosmicki +
Special Intention (jls)
For our Benefactors
Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
People of our Parish
Anna Lee

**Truth shall spring
out of the earth,
and justice shall
look down
from heaven.**

—Psalm 85:12

Stewardship: August 2, 2020

Adult Envelopes:	\$1,012.50
Loose Plate:	\$157.00
Children:	\$0.00
Holy Day: 0	\$0.00
Total:	\$1,169.50

<u>Joy of the Gospel Campaign</u>	
Total Pledged:	\$958,770.00
Gifts last week:	\$100.00
Total Gifts Received:	\$892,953.05
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

Peter's Pence:	\$0.00
Mission Coop:	\$5.00
Southern NE Register:	\$0.00

Parish Calendar

Sunday	Aug. 9	11:30am: Daughters of Charity Meeting (In person in Parish Hall <i>observing a Social Distance</i> and via ZOOM)
Monday	Aug. 10	7:00pm: Knights of Columbus Meeting (In person in Parish Hall <i>observing a Social Distance</i> and via ZOOM)
Wednesday	Aug. 12	6:00pm – 10:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration
Thursday	Aug. 13	1:00pm: Adult Bible Study via Zoom (contact Teri Volesky)

Catholic School News:

Kinder Kick-Off: Thursday, Aug. 13th, 5:00pm-7:00pm. Our kindergarten students will have a chance to meet their teachers and see their classroom. Parents should have received a letter with instructions on how to schedule your appointment. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Wood at the school.

Supply Drop-Off: There will be no back to school Mass this year. Students (K-6) will have an opportunity to drop off their supplies on **Sunday, Aug. 16th between 3:00pm-5:00pm.** Teachers will be lined up outside McDaid and Mrs. Cooley will be outside Little Leprechaun Preschool. Please be sure to mark your items with child's name & grade.

Registration Dates for all grades Pre-K to 12th: We have extended registration hours this year. **Mon., Aug. 10th: 9:00am-1:00pm; Tue, Aug. 11th: 9:00am-1:00pm; Wed., Aug. 12th: 8:00am-1:00pm; Thu, Aug. 13th: 10:00am-6:00pm; Fri., Aug. 14th: 9:00am-1:00pm.** Please contact the front office if you are unable to make it to school on one of these days.

Back to School: It feels good to type those words! **7th grade** students will report on **Mon., Aug. 17th** and all other grades will start on **Tue., Aug. 18th.** We are ALL looking forward to having our students, teachers and staff back on campus. Thank you for all the prayers as we continue through these unprecedented times. Keeping God at the core and our faith in focus has helped us all!

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

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.**

Give The Knights Your Cans ... Profit from recycling the cans used for Knights of Columbus charitable works. Place cans in the barrels in front of the storage shed (southwest corner of parking lot).

Daughters of Charity (Altar Society) Meeting:

will be **Sunday, August 9, 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, Aug. 10,

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.*

2 weeks to Sign up for Retrouvaille ...

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? This program has helped tens of 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.retrouvaille.org on the web.

Good Counsel Retreat House Retreats

Register for Online & in person Retreats sponsored by Good Counsel Retreat House www.goodcounselretreat.com, 402-786-2705, or goodcounsel@cdolinc.net.

Upcoming in-person and online retreats including:

- **Aug. 14-16,** a women's retreat with Fr. Sean Kilcawley
- **Aug. 28-30,** Unbound Retreat with Matt Simmons/Fr. Gary Coulter

Pumpkin Festival CANCELLED for 2020 ...

the Pumpkin Festival Committee held two meetings via ZOOM over the last two weeks. Shannon Vanderheiden from the West Center District Health Department suggested that we complete a "Plan" on their webpage indicating how we would host our Pumpkin Festival and take precautions to limit the spread of the coronavirus and keep workers and attendees safe at our Pumpkin Festival. **After reviewing the questions and suggestions on the WCDHD plan page, all of us realized that our small parish is not able to host our Pumpkin Festival and at the same time ensure the safety of our volunteer parishioners and those visitors who would attend our Pumpkin Festival.**

The Pumpkin Festival has been an important part of our Parish Life for 24 years. It has not just been about "making money", but rather about inviting people to visit our Parish, and for us to take the opportunity to talk with others about Jesus and our faith. However, because of the requirements of "social distancing" and the extra efforts needed to care for the safety of all present, our time to share our faith would be limited. **God willing, we are planning to host our next Pumpkin Festival on October 10, 2021!**

Catholic Social Services Assistance ... Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska has funds available for rent, utilities, and emergency cash assistance help. They have funds set aside for every region of southern Nebraska, not just the towns where they have offices. If you know of anyone that needs help, please have them call in for assistance. There is an application process for those wanting to receive assistance. Imperial and SW Nebraska area, please call (402) 327-6299 during daytime hours. [see inserts in 07/12/20 online Bulletin]

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. [see inserts: 07/12/20 online Bulletin]

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. Intro sessions for September are scheduled for 7:00pm on the 3rd and 22nd at John XXIII Diocesan Center. An online session is scheduled for Sept. 19, 1:00pm. For more info or to register, <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/creighton-introductory-session>. You may also contact a Certified Fertility Care Practitioner, Kathy Burr, to schedule a follow up or get signed up for the better understanding NFP. Email ckburr240@gmail.com or text 308-991-1880.

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. An introductory session for July is scheduled for 7:00pm on the 28th at John XXIII Diocesan Center. For more info or to register, <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/creighton-introductory-session>.

Healing Hearts Support Sessions ... for those who have suffered the loss of a loved one are being offered to assist Catholics in the grief process. The sessions will be held on six weekly Tuesday evenings beginning Sept. 22, 2020, 7:00pm-9:00pm, at John XXIII Diocesan Center, 37th & Sheridan Blvd. Suggested Donation: \$25 (for materials). To register, please call 402-473-0620. Social distancing measures & precautions will be in place. Attendees are asked to wear a mask for entrance into the building.

Pope Francis: Abortion is Not "Progressive"

In November of 2013, Pope Francis issued his Apostolic Exhortation called "The Joy of the Gospel." In it he says, *"Among the vulnerable for whom the Church wishes to care with particular love and concern are unborn children, the most defenseless and innocent among us. Nowadays efforts are made to deny them their human dignity and to do with them whatever one pleases, taking their lives and passing laws preventing anyone from standing in the way of this ... Human beings are ends in themselves and never a means of resolving other problems ... Once this conviction disappears, so do solid and lasting foundations for the defense of human rights ... It is not 'progressive' to try to resolve problems by eliminating a human life."* Together with Pope Francis, let us defend life!

"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.ipiihealingcenter.org. Scholarships, student and missionary discounts are available. Contact Annette Wemhoff at JPiIRetreatLincolnNE@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.ipiihealingcenter.org. Invite your father. Invite your son. Attend together! Scholarships are available. Email Annette Wemhoff at JPiIRetreatLincolnNE@gmail.com for more info.

"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.

FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:

ROSARY DURING AUGUST ... *Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ. It has been said that we live in unprecedented times. But do we really? After all, any amateur student of history and especially Church history can attest that Holy Mother Church has already experienced everything we are living through and even far worse, things like plagues and pandemics, persecutions of Christians, violent attacks against persons for reason of color or other discriminatory traits, the shameless desecration of churches and statues and acts that cause scandal, even by those who are called to serve as leaders of the faith. These are among the things that are clearly seen in our modern day, but the Church has been here before. The only difference between then and now is us. We are the ones whom God has chosen and destined to live at this time in history, bringing our faith to bear, as did our predecessors, so that with God's grace and by God's grace alone, we too will triumph and overcome all adversity and grow stronger in faith, hope and love in the process. +The Most Reverend Carl A. Kemme (Bishop of Wichita)*

Liturgical Ministers

Lector		
Acolyte		
Server		
Music		
Gifts		
Ushers		
Rosary		

Readings for the Week

Monday:	2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26
Tuesday:	Ez 2:8 — 3:4; Ps 119:14,24,72,103,111,131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday:	Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Ps 113:1-6; Mt 18:15-20
Thursday:	Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21 — 19:1
Friday:	Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 [59-63]; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday:	Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Sunday:	Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

Prayers for the sick: Dean & Janice Large, 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, 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: 8/10 - Alex Krondak, 8/11 - Angela Johnston, Steve Fear, David Bratton, 8/12 - Mary Bratton, 8/13 - Diane Gregg, 8/14 - Isaiah Heimann, Conrad Buhrman.

Congratulations: to **Harris & Joanie Grunden** who celebrate their **20th Wedding Anniversary Aug. 12.**

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... In many church buildings constructed in the early twentieth century, there is a window or statue of Pope St. Pius X. Often, these windows were purchased with coins collected by grateful children, since in 1910 a decree admitted much younger children to First Communion. Before then, only teenagers were customarily confirmed and then admitted to the Eucharist. What we often think is ancient practice in fact sometimes has fairly shallow roots, in this case only ten decades. For centuries, Communion had marked the end of formal religious education, but a hundred years ago, Pius X located it at the point at which a child could express a desire for the sacrament and receive it with understanding. In 1917 a new code of canon law determined that age to be about seven, and this practice was observed almost everywhere until the beginning of the Second Vatican Council forty years ago. In a growing number of dioceses, recent practice has restored the sacramental order that Pius X's generous decree upset, and increasingly confirmation is celebrated before First Communion. But the gift Pius gave to the children of the Roman Church remains firm: everywhere we admit children to the Lord's table. Where the traditional order has been restored, seven-year-old children are confirmed before First Communion. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

THE PRESENCE OF GOD ... After the miracle of Jesus walking on water, the disciples exclaimed, "Truly, you are the Son of God" (Matthew 14:33). Most Christians will probably never experience such a dramatic miracle. Like Elijah, we await the manifestation of God in other moments. Perhaps the biggest challenge for the believer is to be constantly attuned to the possible presence of God in the everyday events of life. This is a stance that takes some people years to develop. Others seem to find the Lord easily in the simple things. As the week unfolds, let us look for the presence of God in the little things around us. Perhaps, like Elijah, we will be surprised at what we find. And, like the disciples, we can add our voice to the confession, "Truly you are the Son of God." — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

GOD'S IMAGE ... Nature has perfections in order to show that she is the image of God, and defects to show that she is only God's image. — Blaise Pascal

SING ... Alas for those who never sing, but die with their music within them. — Oliver Wendell Holmes

Pray for our Seminarians: **Rev. Mr. Brian Robert Wirth**, from St. Mary & St. Benedict Parishes in Nebraska City. He entered the Seminary in 2015. He is in Theology 4 at Mount Saint Mary Seminary.

** He was ordained a Priest on Saturday, May 23, 2020. He is the Parochial Vicar at St. Patrick Church, McCook with Mission Parishes of St. Ann, McCook and Sacred Heart, Hayes Center, and additionally does Hispanic Ministry. **

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)

Universal prayer intention - The Maritime World: We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.