

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time ***August 16, 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. 17	8:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	John M Perlinger + For our Benefactors
Tuesday	Aug. 18	7:00 a.m.	Elizabeth (Liz) Haag
Wednesday	Aug. 19	5:30 p.m. 6:00pm-10:00pm	Otto, Virginia, Lynn Weskamp + Eucharistic Holy Hours => Spend time with Jesus
Thursday	Aug. 20	8:00 a.m.	Ned & Adela Hernandez & Family +
Friday	Aug. 21	12:10 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Martha Burbach + Parishioners with Birthday in August
Saturday	Aug. 22	2:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Mass Margaret Ruskamp +
Sunday	Aug. 23	10:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	People of our Parish Confirmation Mass

INTENTIONS

***Observe what is right,
do what is just;
for my salvation is
about to come,
my justice,
about to be revealed.***

—Isaiah 56:1

Stewardship: August 9, 2020

Adult Envelopes:\$1,185.00
Loose Plate:.....\$95.00
Children:\$0.00
Holy Day: 0\$0.00
Total:\$1,280.00

Joy of the Gospel Campaign
Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
Gifts last week:\$0.00
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:.....\$0.00
Southern NE Register:\$0.00

Parish Calendar

Wednesday Aug. 19 **6:00pm – 10:00pm:** Eucharistic Adoration
Thursday Aug. 20 **1:00pm:** Adult Bible Study via Zoom (contact Teri Volesky)

Catholic School News:

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.

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).

Christus Foundation Golf Tournament ... Join us at the benefit for the Catholic apostolates of Regnum Christi, such as Mission Trips and Leadership Camp. The 4-person scramble is Sept 17-18, 10:00am at Crooked Creek, Lincoln: \$125/player includes lunch, prizes and more: visit www.theChristusFoundation.org/events or call 402-430-3732. You may email gwroberts88@gmail.com, too.

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. 28-30,** Unbound Retreat with Matt Simmons/Fr. Gary Coulter

Benedict XVI Diocesan School of Catechesis ...

This class is now virtual and in-person! It 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, and Prayer (Year I) as well as Salvation History, Church History, Faith and Reason, and Spirituality (Year II). The time commitment is one Saturday a month from September to April for two years. The cost is \$100 per semester, however, those who teach CCD, God-teen/CYO, or in Catholic schools would receive a 25% discount. For more information, go to www.lincolndiocese.org/bxvi or call 402-473-0631.

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.

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

a Pro-life Prayer Service will be **Monday, Aug. 17, at 6:00pm** (after 5:30pm 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.

Pumpkin Festival CANCELLED for 2020 ...

the Pumpkin Festival Committee held two meetings via Zoom over the last two weeks. Shannon Vanderheiden from the West Central 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!**

Stress in Your Marriage? ... *There is less than a week left to sign up for Retrouvaille.* Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness and simply shut down. Others experience conflict and arguments in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. 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.HelpOurMarriage.org on the web.

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 (IHMCC) 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]

“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.

The Pope and the Abortionist ... On the morning of April 11, 2014, the Holy Father Pope Francis spoke to the Italian Movement for Life. Here is an excerpt of his address: *“Human life is sacred and inviolable ... Every civil right is based on the recognition of the first, fundamental right, the right to life, which is not subject to any condition, of a qualitative, economic and certainly not of an ideological nature. ... Therefore it is necessary to reaffirm our solid opposition to any direct offence against life, especially when innocent and defenseless, and the unborn child in its mother’s womb is the quintessence of innocence. Let us remember the words of Vatican Council II: ‘Therefore from the moment of its conception life must be guarded with the greatest care while abortion and infanticide are unspeakable crimes’. ... I remember once, a long time ago, I participated in a conference with doctors. After the conference I greeted them and while I spoke to them, one of them called me to one side. He had a package and he said to me, ‘Father, I want to leave this with you. These are the instruments I have used to carry out abortions. I have encountered the Lord and repented, and now I fight for life’. He gave me all those instruments. Let us pray for this good man.”*

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.

Emmaus Institute Classes ... There’s still time to register 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, Book of Job, Saints & Scriptures. Learn more & register at www.emmausinstitute.net.

“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. This event is sponsored by Spirit Catholic Radio 102.7 FM. Learn more & register online www.jpilhealingcenter.org. Invite your father. Invite your son. Attend together! Scholarships are available. Email Annette Wemhoff at JPilRetreatLincolnNE@gmail.com for more info.

FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:

RCIA Classes ... Fr. Mark Seiker will be leading an RCIA process (Inquiry class in the Faith) **beginning in Sept, 2020** until a few weeks after Easter (mid May 2021). 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. Begin praying and thinking about persons that you want to invite to study our faith with you. Our faith is to be treasured, preserved, and lived, but it is also to be shared ... share your faith with a friend by coming to these RCIA classes.

POSSIBLE Eucharistic Procession ... there is still a possibility that we will be able to have a Procession with the Blessed Sacrament through town on Saturday, August 22, 2020 in the morning. There are still a number of details to work out, but I encourage you to consider setting aside an hour to “Walk with Jesus” in a “*the public square or street*”. When details are confirmed I will send an email to all of our Parishioners.

Liturgical Ministers

Lector		
Acolyte		
Server		
Music		
Gifts		
Ushers		
Rosary		

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday:	Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday:	Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday:	Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14
Friday:	Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday:	Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday:	Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

Prayers for the sick: J.D. Troyer, 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: 8/17 - Craig Burbach, 8/22 - Maria Pieper, Derek Bantam, 8/23 - Gisele Barger.
Congratulations: to **John & Billie Rouzee** who celebrate their **60th Wedding Anniversary Aug. 20.**
Congratulations: to **Don & Sheila Exner** who celebrate their **55th Wedding Anniversary Aug. 21.**

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... In recent weeks, we have looked at the evolution of how Roman Catholics initiate children into the life of the Church. How did customs evolve in the Eastern Church? At one time, Christians in both East and West preferred to celebrate baptism in a community setting, with large numbers of adults and children initiated at Easter. The two branches of Christianity began to split on the proper time to do this. In the East, water was blessed in abundance on the feast of the Epiphany, which marked, among other things, the baptism of the Lord. Once infant baptism was fixed on that day, local customs marking a birth began to evolve. One celebration was the giving of a name on the eighth day, another was the "purification" of the mother on the fortieth day after birth. In that blessing, re-enacting Mary and Joseph's journey to the temple, the priest took the baby in his arms and placed the child before the altar. Just as Simeon received the child Jesus, so the priest received the new Christian while chanting Simeon's prayer. Later, normally on Epiphany, the priest would baptize, chrismate (confirm), and give a few drops of the Precious Blood to the child in a joyous celebration of the whole community. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

WHY PRAY? ... The "foreigners" as Isaiah calls them, the "Gentiles" as Paul calls them, or the "Canaanites" as Matthew calls them are called to worship the one true God in prayer. As we listen to today's readings, perhaps we are tempted to ask: Why pray? The question is rhetorical; it is tantamount to asking why should friends talk to one another or people in love kiss one another. Prayer is a way of relating to God, a way of talking to God. The apostles had the opportunity to talk to Jesus in the flesh. We have the opportunity to talk to Jesus Christ in prayer. Our relationship with him must be enthusiastic; it cannot be faint-hearted. John Donne, a fifteenth-century poet, knew what the qualities of good prayer were. Donne asks God to treat him differently from most Christians. The poet does not want God to merely "knock, breathe, shine, and seek to mend," but also to "break, blow, burn, and make me new" (Holy Sonnets, XIV). It takes a dynamic faith on our part to come to God in prayer. As Jesus once said, "Knock and the door will be opened to you" (Matthew 7:7). It may take pounding the door down, but if we are as persistent as the woman in today's Gospel, the results will follow. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

GRATITUDE ... O Thou who has given us so much, mercifully grant us one thing more – a grateful heart. — George Herbert

GOOD EXAMPLE ... A faithful Christian, illumined by the rays of grace like a crystal, ought to illumine his neighbor with the light of good example, through word and deed. — St. Anthony

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)

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.