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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time ***August 23, 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. 24 8:00 a.m.
 Tuesday Aug. 25
 Wednesday Aug. 26 **5:30 p.m.**
6:00pm-10:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hours => Spend time with Jesus
 Thursday Aug. 27 8:00 a.m.
 Friday Aug. 28 **12:10 p.m.**
 Saturday Aug. 29 **5:00 p.m.**
 Sunday Aug. 30 **10:00 a.m.**

INTENTIONS

MaKenna Ketter
 - No Scheduled Parish Mass -
 Otto, Virginia, Lynn Weskamp +
 Special Intention (jls)
 Janet Nyffeler
 Liv/Dec mem. Bode/Ruskamp families
 People of our Parish

Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.
 —Matthew 16:19

Stewardship: August 16, 2020

Adult Envelopes:\$3,372.00
Loose Plate:\$161.00
Children:\$0.00
Holy Day: (Assumption of Mary) \$695.00
Total:\$4,228.00

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. 26 **6:00pm – 10:00pm:** Eucharistic Adoration
 Thursday Aug. 27 **1:00pm:** Adult Bible Study via Zoom (contact Teri Volesky)
 Sunday Aug. 30 **6:00pm:** 5th **Sunday Rosary** followed by Tea & Lemonade outside after the Rosary (*Weather permitting*)

Catholic School News:

Upcoming Events: Aug. 24: 4/5 Preschoolers' First Day. Aug. 25: McDaid Photo Day, 3/4 Preschoolers' First Day, 5:00pm: Volleyball Jamboree @ SPSHS. Aug. 27: St. Pat's Photo Day. Aug. 28: 7:00pm, Football @ Doniphan-Trumbull. Aug. 29: 9:00am, XC @ NPHS Iron Eagle; 10:00am, Volleyball @ Overton.

Back to School: On Aug. 18, our K-12 students returned to school. This is the first time our classrooms were filled with students since Wednesday, Mar. 11. We look forward to having our preschoolers start this coming week. A warm welcome to all of our families. We are grateful that you have chosen North Platte Catholic Schools and we look forward to having you on our campus for many years! May God continue to bless our Irish family!

SCRIP: SCRIP sales have resumed after weekend Masses! Visit the table in the gathering area to purchase gift cards in support of the North Platte Catholic Schools. A variety of local and national retailers available. You pay nothing extra! All purchases help support tuition assistance for families at NPCS. SCRIP is sold after weekend Masses at St. Pat's and Holy Spirit, and during the week at the Endowment Office (601 S. Tabor). The office is open 10:00am-3:00pm daily.

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.

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 ... 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.

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]

Pumpkin Festival CANCELLED for 2020 ... the Pumpkin Festival Committee held two meetings via Zoom a few weeks ago. 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!**

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

“Undone” Women’s Retreat ... In person or virtual via livestreaming. Ladies – Do you desire to live in greater freedom with your true feminine identity. St. Peter Catholic Parish in Lincoln, Sep. 24-26, 2020. Register online www.jpilhealingcenter.org. Contact Annette Wemhoff at JPilRetreatLincolnNE@gmail.com for more information.

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.

“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**. **In person or virtual via livestreaming.** 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 information.

The Pope and the Abortionist ... “Nowadays efforts are made to deny them [unborn children] 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. Frequently, as a way of ridiculing the Church’s effort to defend their lives, attempts are made to present her position as ideological, obscurantist and conservative. Yet this defense of unborn life is closely linked to the defense of each and every other human right. It involves the conviction that a human being is always sacred and inviolable, in any situation and at every stage of development.” -- Pope Francis, *Apostolic Exhortation “The Joy of the Gospel,”* November 24, 2013.

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.

QUOTES ... Some people use religion like a bus -- they ride on it only when it’s going their way. *** Though you may ask God to do something FOR you, He generally wants to do something IN you. *** Be careful of your thoughts, for they may break into words at any moment. *** You don’t get to choose how you’re going to die or when. You only decide how you’re going to live. Now! *** Good judgement comes from experience -- usually experience which was the result of poor judgement. *** Freedom is not a question of doing as we like but doing as we ought. *** An apology is a good way to have the last word. *** The best kind of pride is that which compels a man to do his very best work, even if no one is watching. *** When you pray, don’t give God orders -- report for duty.

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.

Lectors & Acolytes ZOOM meeting ... this week, I will be contacting the Lectors and Acolytes to arrange a time for a ZOOM meeting with all of them. Please watch your email and plan to participate.

Missalettes are available ... beginning this Saturday/Sunday, Missalettes will be available in the Narthex of the Church. **Parishioners are asked to pick up a Missalette** and to use it during Mass for the Scriptures, Prayers, and the Music. **After Mass, Please take the Missalette home with you and BRING It Back each week!** This is YOUR MISSALETTE from now until November 28. Whenever you come to Mass, bring it with you. You might want to leave your Missalette in your vehicle. There will also be Missalettes available for Visitors to use for Saturday/Sunday Mass. After Mass, Visitors will be asked to put their Missalettes in a tub in the Narthex. They will be set aside for a week, and then brought out the next week for visitors.

5th Sunday Rosary Program ... by Knights of Columbus Council #12530 on **Sunday, August 30, 2020 at 6:00pm**. We will pray the Angelus & the Rosary in the Church. Following the Rosary, at 6:30pm all are outside the Church (weather permitting) to enjoy some cold drinks (Tea and Lemonade) at a social distance.

Fr. Seiker’s schedule ... Mon Aug 24 – Tue Aug 25, meeting with Jesus Caritas Priests in Waverly; returning Wed. for 5:30pm Mass.

Liturgical Ministers

Lector		
Acolyte		
Server		
Music		
Gifts		
Ushers		
Rosary		

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Tuesday:	2Thes 2:1-3a14-17; Ps 96:10-13;Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday:	2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday:	1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51
Friday:	1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday:	1Cor1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13,18-21; Mk 6:17-29
Sunday:	Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

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: 8/22 - Maria Pieper, Derek Bantam, 8/23 - Gisele Barger, 8/25 - Alayna Niesen, 8/26 - Robin Bartlett, Alex Pineda, 8/27 - Kevin Burbach, Teresa Bjornstad, 8/28 - Mike Ginapp, 8/29 - Jace Grunden.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... One of the most memorable images from the pontificate of Pope John Paul II is not his shocked expression as he is hit by a bullet, but rather his tender meeting with his assailant, and his forgiveness. It is far more compelling because, although people are struck by bullets every day, true reconciliation is in relatively short supply. An outside observer might list attempting to kill the pope as an unforgivable sin, but of course we know that forgiveness of sin is woven deeply into our tradition of living as Christ did. Interestingly enough, the Church took a hard line on these matters early on. Until the second century, people expected Christ's return in the near future, so they deferred judgment to him. Soon, however, bishops began to grant forgiveness for sin after baptism, but only once. What we know as the sacrament of penance takes its life from Jesus' work of reconciliation, but just as scripture shows Jesus forgiving people in one life changing encounter, so the church granted one chance only. Great sins were the target, such as idolatry, adultery, and murder. Penance was lengthy, difficult, and public, and the bishop was in charge of the process. For the next several weeks, we'll look at subsequent creative and helpful changes in the celebration of this sacrament. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TRUST ... Keys hold great significance for those who carry them. They represent the trust and authority of the owner when given to another person. We may give our house key to a trusted friend to take care of our matters while we are away. We may give keys to someone responsible for maintaining or working in a particular building. Keys to vehicles are given to people who have proven themselves responsible drivers. The readings today focus on this kind of trust – the trust that conveys authority and responsibility. In the first reading, the symbol is specifically that of a key; but the second reading and the Gospel also speak of trust and leadership as they refer to the earthly church that Jesus established. —Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

PATIENCE ... Patience is the companion of wisdom. —St. Augustine

THE TRUE MEASURE ... When I die, God won't measure my head to see how clever I was. God will measure my heart to see how loving I was. — Anonymous

A GOOD TEST ... A test of worship is how sensitive it makes me to the needs of those around me. —Anonymous

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.