

# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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## ***22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*** ***August 30, 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](mailto: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. 31	8:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Sept. 1	
Wednesday	Sept. 2	
<b>NO Eucharistic Holy Hours with Blessed Sacrament Exposed this week</b>		
Thursday	Sept. 3	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
Friday	Sept. 4	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
	<i>followed by: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament &amp; all night Adoration</i>	
Saturday	Sept. 5	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>
		<b>5:00 p.m.</b>
Sunday	Sept. 6	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>

## INTENTIONS

Book of Memories / Blessings  
 - No Scheduled Parish Mass -  
 - No Scheduled Parish Mass -  
 Otto, Virginia, Lynn Weskamp +  
 Eloise Kramer +  
 Parishioners with Birthday in September  
 Jacob Buhrman  
 People of our Parish

*Be transformed by the  
 renewal of your mind,  
 that you may discern  
 what is the will of God,  
 what is good and  
 pleasing and perfect.*

—Romans 12:2

## **Stewardship: August 23, 2020**

**Adult Envelopes:** .....\$1,700.00  
**Loose Plate:** .....\$130.00  
**Children:** .....\$0.00  
**Holy Day:** .....\$0.00  
**Total:** .....\$1,830.00

**Joy of the Gospel Campaign**  
 Total Pledged: .....\$958,770.00  
 Gifts last week: .....\$460.00  
**Total Gifts Received:.....\$893,413.05**  
 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**

Sunday	Aug. 30	6:00pm: <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary</b> followed by tea & lemonade outside after the Rosary (Weather permitting)
Wednesday	Sept. 2	<b>NO Eucharistic Holy Hours with Blessed Sacrament Exposed this week</b> (Fr. Seiker on "vacation")
Thursday	Sept. 3	1:00pm: Adult Bible Study via Zoom (contact Teri Volesky)
Friday	Sept. 4	6:00pm – 8:00am (on Saturday) First Friday Holy Hours / Eucharistic Adoration

## **Catholic School News:**

Upcoming Events: Aug. 31: 5:00pm- Res. VB vs. NPHS, 6:00pm- JV FB vs Gothenburg, Sept. 2: 6:00pm- PTO Meeting @ 701 Stewart Ave, Sept. 3: 5:00pm- XC @ River's Edge, 5:30pm- VB @ Perkins Co., Sept. 4: 7:00pm- FB vs. Hastings St. Cecilia, Sept 5: 9:00am- XC @ Cozad, 10:00am- VB @ Lexington.

**School Masses:** Our weekly Masses are still happening. We are so grateful to our Priests and Deacons for rearranging schedules to celebrate Masses with our students. This is such an important component of our faith-based education. We know that our Irish families and friends are missing the opportunity to participate in these Masses, but we are hopeful that one day we can all gather again. We are blessed!

**NOW is the Time Campaign Update:** The new school year opened with some amazing improvements at St. Pat's High School. Junior High restrooms, hallways, the faculty lounge, and the Honor Pass room all received (or are in the process of receiving) a facelift! Next summer we will update the main restrooms, locker rooms, offices, and kitchen. MANY THANKS to all of the campaign donors who are making these projects possible! \*It's not too late to become a part of this special campaign! Donations and pledges are still being accepted, and are greatly appreciated as we wrap up phase one of campaign projects. Contact Wendy Dodson at 308-534-5939, [w.dodson@npcschools.org](mailto:w.dodson@npcschools.org) or visit the North Platte Catholic Schools on Facebook or online at: [www.npcschools.org](http://www.npcschools.org).

**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](http://www.theChristusFoundation.org/events) or call 402-430-3732. You may email [gwroberts88@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:ckburr240@gmail.com) or text 308-991-1880.

## **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, 37<sup>th</sup> & 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.

**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](http://www.goodcounselretreat.com), 402-786-2705, or [goodcounsel@cdolinc.net](mailto:goodcounsel@cdolinc.net).

**Upcoming in-person and online retreats including:**

- Sept. 4-7, M/W, 3 or 4-Day Directed Spiritual Exercises, Fr. Christopher Barak & Fr. Gary Coulter
- Sept. 10-13, M/W, Work of the Holy Angels, Opus Sanctorum Angelorum
- Sept. 26: M, St. Joseph and Saints for Men, 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](http://www.jpilhealingcenter.org). Contact Annette Wemhoff at [JPILRetreatLincolnNE@gmail.com](mailto:JPILRetreatLincolnNE@gmail.com) for more information.

**“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](http://www.jpilhealingcenter.org). Invite your father. Invite your son. Attend together! Scholarships are available. Email Annette Wemhoff at [JPILRetreatLincolnNE@gmail.com](mailto:JPILRetreatLincolnNE@gmail.com) for more information.

**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](http://www.emmausinstitute.net).

**Pope Francis: Church Cannot Abandon Human Life** ... “Reason alone is sufficient to recognize the inviolable value of each single human life, but if we also look at the issue from the standpoint of faith, ‘every violation of the personal dignity of the human being cries out in vengeance to God and is an offence against the creator of the individual’ (John Paul II, *Christifideles Laici*, 37). Precisely because this involves the internal consistency of our message about the value of the human person, the Church cannot be expected to change her position on this question. I want to be completely honest in this regard. This is not something subject to alleged reforms or ‘modernizations’” -- Pope Francis, *Apostolic Exhortation “The Joy of the Gospel,”* November 24, 2013.

**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](http://www.immaculateheartcounseling.org) for more information or call 402-489-1834. [see inserts: 07/12/20 online Bulletin]

## **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.

**5<sup>th</sup> 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 invited outside the Church (weather permitting) to enjoy some cold drinks (Tea and Lemonade) at a social distance.

**Fr. Seiker’s schedule** ... Mon Aug 31 – Thur, Sep 3, I will be spending some “vacation time” with my parents in Lincoln.

## Liturgical Ministers

<b>Lector</b>		
<b>Acolyte</b>		
<b>Server</b>		
<b>Music</b>		
<b>Gifts</b>		
<b>Ushers</b>		
<b>Rosary</b>		

## *Readings for the Week*

Monday:	1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday:	1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday:	1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15,20-21; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday:	1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11
Friday:	1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39
Saturday:	1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-21; Lk 6:1-5
Sunday:	Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

**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:** 8/29 - Jace Grunden, 8/31 - Ermalinda Torres.

**Congratulations:** to **Jerry & Kay Cooper** who celebrate their **52<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary Aug. 31.**

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ...** We know for certain that the sacrament of penance was a fairly rare event in the life of a Christian in the early centuries, but that everyone had a duty to admit their sins and ask forgiveness before giving thanks in the Sunday Eucharist and receiving Christ's Body and Blood at the table. Everyone today is familiar with this same ancient pattern. We also know about Lent and its journey of renewal, and even those who are returning from summer vacations may speak of a fresh perspective on life and a resolve to do better. Saint Augustine spoke of a third kind of penance, beyond the turning of the catechumens to a different life, beyond the normal everyday fresh starts, to a form that is severe and serious. Certain sins broke faith with the community: the sinners were obliged to give their names to the bishop and were barred from participation in the Eucharist. Augustine mentioned sacrilege, adultery, and murder as the culprits, great wounds for the perpetrator, wounds that were serious, deadly, mortal. Penance was such a frightening prospect that many people delayed their baptism for fear that they would sin, a practice with which Augustine was well acquainted. Pastoral need would eventually call the church to reconsider its practice. —Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**THE CROSS OF JESUS ...** The perception of a cross changed dramatically after Jesus' crucifixion. Before that event, death on a cross was not only horrible, it was degrading. It was a penalty reserved only for the most wretched of criminals. The word "glory" would not have found its way into the same sentence containing the word "cross." But all that changed with Jesus. Over time, believers began to venerate and honor the cross. They painted, sculpted, and carved images of it. Many lost their own lives for their association with it. Today our reverence for and relationship with the cross recalls little of the contempt originally associated with it. As it has been through the ages, it is our perception of the cross that determines how we follow Jesus. —Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**PATIENCE ...** Wherever you see another, there I am. —Rabbinical saying

**TRAITS OF A TEACHER ...** All who undertake to teach must be endowed with deep love, the greatest patience, and, most of all, profound humility. The Lord will find them worthy to become fellow workers with him in the cause of truth. —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.

**(September) ... Universal Prayer Intention – Respect for the Planet's Resources:** We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.