

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time ***September 6, 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	Sept. 7	8:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Sept. 8	7:00 a.m.
Wednesday	Sept. 9	5:30 p.m.
6:00pm-10:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hours => Spend time with Jesus		
Thursday	Sept. 10	8:00 a.m.
Friday	Sept. 11	12:10 p.m. 5:30 p.m.
Saturday	Sept. 12	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Sept. 13	10:00 a.m.

INTENTIONS

Bishop Emeritus Fabian Bruskewitz
Amy Manzer
Otto, Virginia, Lynn Weskamp +
Elli (Fugate) Schmidt
Charlotte Connelly
Peace among families & nations
Spencer Bale
People of our Parish

If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.”

—Matthew 18:19

Stewardship: August 30, 2020

Adult Envelopes:	\$2,332.50
Loose Plate:	\$151.00
Children:	\$0.00
Holy Day: (Assumption of Mary) ..	\$50.00
Total:	\$2,533.50

Joy of the Gospel Campaign

Total Pledged:	\$958,770.00
Gifts last week:	\$520.00
Total Gifts Received:	\$893,933.05
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:	\$1,712,678.04
Balance on DIAL LOAN:	\$54,536.89

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

Parish Calendar

Wednesday	Sept. 9	6:00pm – 10:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration	7:00pm – 9:00pm: RCIA Classes in Person and via ZOOM
Thursday	Sept. 10	1:00pm: Adult Bible Study via Zoom (contact Teri Volesky)	
Sunday	Sept. 13	11:30am: Daughters of Charity Meeting (In person in Parish Hall <i>[observing a Social Distance]</i> and via ZOOM)	
Monday	Sept. 14	7:00pm: Knights of Columbus Meeting (In person in Parish Hall <i>[observing a Social Distance]</i> and via ZOOM)	

Catholic School News:

Upcoming Events: Sept. 7: No School, Labor Day. Sept. 8: 4:00pm- JH VB @ Maxwell, 5:00pm- VB Tri @ Cambridge. Sept. 9: 4/5 LLP Photo Day, 7:00pm- Senior Parent Meeting. Sept. 10: 3/4 LLP Photo Day, 4:30pm- XB @ Chase Co., 5:30pm- VB Tri @ Cozad, 6:00pm- JH FB @ Chase Co. Sept. 11: 7:00pm- FB @ Centura. Sept. 12: ACT Test Date, 10:00am- XC @ Broken Bow.

Irish Rosary: It's our hope and prayer that we can soon return to praying the Irish Rosary as a group in person. Until then, you can pray with us anytime by replaying the videos found on our North Platte Catholic Schools Facebook page. Go to the menu button on our page and select the respective video.

G.R.E.E.N. is Going Virtual: Join us online for an exciting night of fundraising for NPCS on October 17th. Even though we can't gather together, we can still join in spirit and online to support our schools and students! Bid on auction items, donate to our cause, and purchase Lucky Lotto and Spirit Wagon tickets, all from the comfort of your phone or computer! We hope that our entire Catholic community will come together to support this fun event. G.R.E.E.N. is the Endowment's largest and most important fundraiser of the year. Proceeds from the event support the general operations of NPCS, which are our most basic and important needs! Your generosity at G.R.E.E.N. provides for teacher salaries, facility operations, tuition assistance, technology, and special projects at NPCS. Please join us! Text "green20" to 243725 to register. Or, access the G.R.E.E.N. website at: www.bidpal.net/green20.

Shop with SCRIP! SCRIP is fundraising while you shop, and anyone can use it! Purchase a variety of gift cards from local and national retailers through the Endowment, and the earnings support tuition assistance at the North Platte Catholic Schools. Plus, families enrolled at NPCS earn 2% back toward their own tuition. It's a win-win.

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.**

Daughters of Charity (Altar Society) Meeting:

will be **Sunday, September 13, 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, Sept. 14,

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.*

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.

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).

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:

- 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. Contact Annette Wemhoff at 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. Invite your father. Invite your son. Attend together! Scholarships are available. Email Annette Wemhoff at JPILRetreatLincolnNE@gmail.com for more information.

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. The intro session for September is scheduled for 7:00pm on the 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.

Pope Francis: Church Cannot Abandon Human Life ...

"On what reasonable grounds and with what imaginable right can anyone suggest that any human life since that time of Abram, is less precious or valuable than that of Isaac? Or has less potential in the plan of our Creator? What a savage, unconscionable, heinous act it would have been to have put this special gift of God, Isaac, to death in his mother's womb. And to how many potential Isaacs has that happened and is still happening. The right to life is the greatest civil rights issue of our time. This is the issue that will determine whether America remains a hospitable society, committed to caring for women in crisis and their unborn children, -- or whether America betrays our heritage and the truths on which the founders staked their claims to independence. No one has to have an abortion. To all those in crisis pregnancies, I pledge our support and our financial help. Come to the Catholic Church. Let us walk with you through your time of trouble. Let us help you affirm life. Abortion need not be an answer." -Archbishop Edwin O'Brien Maryland March for Life St. Mary's, Annapolis, March 13, 2008

Mother/Daughter Program ...

"Fearfully and Wonderfully Made" for girls age 9-13 and their mothers will be held Saturday, October 3rd, 2020 from 9:00am to Noon at John XXIII Diocesan Center **and virtually**. This program is designed to educate girls on growing up and becoming a woman. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$25 per mother/daughter or \$35 per family in person & \$10 virtually. To register, <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/motherdaughter> Questions, please call Jen Davis (402-261-6375) or email jmdavis17@gmail.com.

Father/Son Program ...

"In His Image" for boys age 10-14 & their fathers will be held Sunday, October 4, 2020, 1:30pm-4:30pm at Blessed John XXIII Diocesan Center **and virtually**. This program is designed to educate boys on growing up and becoming a man. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$25 per father/son or \$35 per family in person; \$10 virtually. To register, <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/fatherson>. Questions, please call the NFP Offices 402-473-0630 or email naturalfamilyplanning@cdolinc.net.

Menopause Info Session ...

Michele Chambers, CFCP, will be speaking about the health, hormonal, and charting implications of menopause on October 26, at 7:00pm at the John XXIII Diocesan Center. **The event will also be held virtually.** Event is free, pre-registration requested at <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/menopause> Questions, please call NFP Office (402-473-0630) or email naturalfamilyplanning@cdolinc.net

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.

FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:

RCIA Classes ... Fr. Mark Seiker will be leading an RCIA process (Inquiry class in the Faith) **beginning Wed, Sept 9, 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. Invite your friend to participate in the classes and come with your friend to study our faith together. 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. **Class will be offered in person (with social distance) & virtually.**

Liturgical Ministers

Lector		
Acolyte		
Server		
Music		
Gifts		
Ushers		
Rosary		

Readings for the Week

Monday:	1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11,
Tuesday:	Mt 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
Wednesday:	1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12,14-17; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday:	1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3,13-14ab,23-24; Lk 6:27-38
Friday:	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42
Saturday:	1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49
Sunday:	Sir 27:30 - 28:7; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

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**.

<p>Birthdays/Anniversaries: 9/7 - Lynda Johnson, 9/8 - Ava Downey, 9/9 - Ben Heskett, 9/11 - Rhett Morlang, 9/12 - Jane Schmid, Randy Nordquist, Lyuba Hendricks.</p>
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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... In the early years of the church, most people never availed themselves of once-in-a-lifetime penance. Yet penitents were highly visible. They wore distinctive garments or chains, and they were relegated to special zones in the church. They might be dismissed from the Sunday assembly after the Word, forbidden to join in the Prayer of the Faithful or the Eucharist. This dismissal was done with great affection and tenderness as the bishop laid his hands on the heads of the sinners. During Lent almost everyone would identify with penitents by clothing, insignia, or by following the penitents' regular diet. Rather than sit in judgment over them, the church desired to intercede for them before the Lord. "Let Mother Church weep for you and wash away your sins with her tears," said St. Ambrose to his penitents in Milan. Ambrose liked to think of them as Jonah in the whale, meditating on his errors. In a letter to his sister he said that Jonah is also a sign of Christ in the tomb, and so he had great faith in the penitents' future proclamation of the Resurrection with their reclaimed status in the assembly. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

A MESSAGE OF LOVE ... In the final verses of today's Gospel reading Jesus says that when two or three are gathered in his name, "there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). So we understand that fraternal correction is always undertaken with Jesus present to us. Likewise, encouraging the good in others is not only the right thing for us to do, it is a necessity. The Lord tells the prophet Ezekiel that if he "does not speak out" to dissuade a person from evil, then he too will be held responsible. We live in a "do your own thing" age when moral objectivity is often ignored. Clearly when the message we share with others is one of love, our motives cannot ever be misinterpreted. As St. Paul writes, "Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law" (Romans 13:10). —Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

LABOR ... A truly American sentiment recognizes the dignity of labor and the fact that honor lies in honest toil. —Grover Cleveland

TRAITS OF A TEACHER ... We can never love our neighbor too much. —St. Francis de Sales

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 ... (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.