

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time ***September 8, 2019***

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

C.C.D. Programs

Sunday mornings (Sept-May) 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 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. 9	8:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Sept. 10	7:00 a.m.
Wednesday	Sept. 11	5:30 p.m.
6:00pm-10:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hour => Spend time with Jesus		
Thursday	Sept. 12	8:00 a.m.
Friday	Sept. 13	12:10 p.m.
Saturday	Sept. 14	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Sept. 15	10:00 a.m.

INTENTIONS

Junie Lee Folchert + Elli Fugate
Peace among Families & Nations
Spencer Bale
Shirley Rieker
Anna Lee
People of Our Parish

*Fill us at daybreak with
your kindness, that we
may shout for joy and
gladness all our days.*

— Psalm 90:14

Stewardship: September 1, 2019

Adult Envelopes:\$2,009.00
Loose Plate:\$139.00
Children:\$0.00
Holy Day:\$0.00
Total:\$2,148.00

Joy of the Gospel Campaign

Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
 Gifts last week:\$800.00
Total Gifts Received:\$826,173.05
 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:\$1,648,428.04
Balance on DIAL LOAN: \$115,052.11

Mission Coop:\$30.00

New, Updated Parish Webpage ...
 is now online! Thank you to Ashley Perlinger
 for all of her work on our new webpage!

Parish Calendar

Sunday	Sept. 8	11:00am: Knights of Columbus Breakfast
Monday	Sept. 9	7:00pm: Knights of Columbus Meeting
Wednesday	Sept. 11	6:00pm – 10:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration 7:00pm – 9:00pm: RCIA Classes in Parish Hall
Thursday	Sept. 12	12:30pm: Adult Bible Study in Parish Hall
Sunday	Sept. 15	11:30am: Pumpkin Festival Meeting

Catholic School News:

9/8- Grandparents' Day, 9/9 - 5:00am -Reserve VBall @ NPHS, 5:00pm -JV FB @ Gothenburg, 9/10 - 4:00pm - JH VBall vs. Maxwell, 5:15pm - VBall Tri @ Dundy Co., 9/11 - Little Leprechaun Preschool Photo Day for 4/5s, 9/12 - Little Leprechaun Preschool Photo Day for 3/4s, 4:30pm - XC @ Chase Co. 5:30pm - VBall Tri @ St. Pat's, 9/13 - 7:00pm -FBall @GICC, 9/14 - ACT TEST DATE, 10:00am - XC @ Broken Bow. It's time to think G.R.E.E.N.! Save the date for Saturday, October 19th and celebrate with the North Platte Catholic Schools. Dinner, drinks, games, prizes, Lucky Lotto, Spirit Wagons, and entertainment with the Fun Pianos! Watch the mail for your invitation, or contact the Endowment office for tickets:308-534-5939. The Endowment is accepting donations of new items for the silent and live auctions. Contact Wendy Dodson: w.dodson@npcschools.org, 308-534-5939.

North Platte Catholic School:

Faith and Knowledge for a Brighter Future

Catholic Daughters of America ... will be meeting Sept. 9 in Spiritual Life Center, St Patrick Church 7:00pm. Please bring your handbook with you. All women are welcome & encouraged to come.

Smart Driver Course ... There will be a Smart Driver Course on Wed., Sept. 11, 12:30pm – 4:30pm at St. Patrick Parish Hall. It is designed for drivers 50+, but all are welcome. For more information or to sign up, contact Joan (308-520-6800) or Brenda (308-532-0944).

UNBOUND Conference ... Participants will learn about Unbound through live presentations and videos and how it teaches 5 simple "keys" to break the chains of emotional, spiritual and mental bondage and unlock the doors to freedom. Join us at St Leo Church Hall, Palmyra, NE, Friday, October 18, 6:00-9:00pm & Saturday, October 19, 8:00am-5:00pm. The event is free but registration is required. Please register by going to: lincolndiocese.org/unbound.

Menopause Information Session ... On October 1, 2019, Michele Chambers, CFCP, will be speaking about the health, hormonal, and charting implications of menopause. Event is free, pre-registration requested at <https://lincolndiocese.org/menopause> Questions? Call NFP Office- 402-473-0630.

Daughters of Charity (Altar Society) Meeting:

(a Combined September/October meeting) on **Sunday, Sept. 22, at 11:30am** in Rectory Conference Room. All women are invited & encouraged to attend.

Knights of Columbus Meeting ... Mon, Sept. 9, 7:00pm, Parish Hall. All Knights are invited to attend.

Breakfast by Knights of Columbus ... Sunday, Sept. 8, in the Parish Hall after 10:00am Mass; serving pancakes, eggs, fixings, biscuits & gravy, coffee & juices. Free Will offering accepted ... Proceeds go to the purchase of Missallettes.

Single Ladies Intro Session ... A Single Ladies Introductory Session is being held October 6, 2019 at 7:00pm at John XXIII Diocesan Center. Learn how to chart with Creighton Model; includes a particular emphasis on reproductive and gynecological health. Please preregister at <https://lincolndiocese.org/singleladies> Questions? Call NFP Office- 402-473-0630.

Pro-Life Banquet & Conference ... The Nebraska Catholic Bishops invite you to join pro-life leaders across the state for the annual Bishops' Pro-Life Banquet and Conference: "Abound in Hope," Sept. 20-21. The Friday Banquet, Sept. 20 will feature keynote speaker Greg Schleppebach, *(former executive director of the Nebraska Catholic Conference and current associate director for the Pro-Life Secretariat at the USCCB)*, who will help us celebrate 50 years of work on behalf of life by the Nebraska Catholic Conference and look ahead to the hard work still to come. The Conference on Saturday, Sept. 21 will feature many "reasons for hope": in health care, community life, ecumenical partnerships, & pro-life political advocacy. For more information & to register, visit <https://necatholic.org/> or call 402.477.7517.

Meal for New Parents ... Spencer & Tiffany Hampton's baby, Cora, was born in September. A meal schedule has been established for them online via TakeThemAMeal.com. If you would like to make a dinner for them to bless them on the birth of Cora, you can sign up online at the site (search last name: Hampton; password: 0904), via the link on the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton FB page, or call Emily Krondak at 520-6673.

Put a Retreat into Your Schedule ... register at www.goodcounselretreat.com & receive immediate confirmation or call Good Counsel Retreat House at 402-786-2705 to register now.

September – May Schedule:

- Sept 13-15..... Matt Simmons & Fr. Gary Coulter Men / Women
“Unbound: Knowing the Heart of the Father”
- Sept 27-28..... Fr. Daniel Rayer (Fri-Sat) Men / Women
“St. Vincent de Paul Society”
- Oct 4-6..... Fr. Justin Wylie Men / Women
“Marian Retreat: Crown her with many crowns!”
- Oct 17-20..... Fr. Zachary, SOLT/Knights of Holy Eucharist . M / W
“Eucharistic Retreat: “Mary, Mother of the Holy Eucharist”
- Oct 25-27..... Fr. Christopher Stoley Men/Women(in Spanish)
“Conversación con Cristo: fundamentos de la oración”
- Nov 1-3..... Fr. Craig Doty Men / Women
“Jesus, Please Heal Me”
- Nov 15-17..... Msgr. Joseph Nemecc Men / Women
“Living the Little Way of St. Therese”
- Nov 22-24 Sr. Lucy & Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ ... Women
“(sponsored by Magnificat) Be Renewed in the Spirit”
- Dec. 6-8 Bishop Conley & Fr. Coulter Men/Women
“(Keeping Close to Mary)”
- Jan 10-12 Deacon James Keating Men
“Men: Christ Choose YOU ... Do You choose Him?”
- Jan 31 - Feb 2 ... Fr. William Holoubek Men / Women
“Unbound: Breaking Free from Spiritual Wounds”
- Feb 7-8..... Fr. Lux & Fr. McGuire (LDCCW)... Women
(LDCCW Winter Symposium Fri-Sat)
- Feb 28 - Mar 1 .. Fr. Christopher Goodwin..... Men / Women
“Living on God’s Word”
- Mar 6-8 Fr. Joseph Faulkner Men / Women
“Biblical Prayer and its Benefits”
- Mar 13-15..... Tony Brandt & Chris Stewart. Men/ Women
“Disciples on Mission: Discipleship, Evangelization & Stewards”
- Mar 23-26..... Fr. Chris Barak & Fr. Gary Coulter Men / Women
“4-day Directed Spiritual Exercises Mon-Thur”
- Apr 3-5 Fr. Sean Kilcawley Men / Women
“Rend Your Hearts: Living a Spirituality of Surrender”

Blue Mass ... On September 11, 2019, at 7:30pm, all three North Platte Knights of Columbus Councils are sponsoring a “Blue Mass” at Saint Patrick Catholic Church, 415 North Chestnut Street in North Platte. The first Blue Mass was celebrated on September 29, 1934, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Washington, DC. Since 1934, Blue Masses are celebrated annually in many American cities. Following the events of 9/11, Blue Masses are celebrated in cities from coast to coast to honor the many first responders who gave their lives so that others might live. It is estimated that 25,000 people were saved on 9/11 because of their courage. Though usually held in a Catholic church, the Mass is generally considered ecumenical or non-denominational. The public is encouraged to participate in the Blue Mass.

2019 Pumpkin Festival ... on Sunday, October 13, 2019.

The Pumpkin Festival Committee will meet **Sept 15, 29, Oct. 6** to discuss preparations for the Pumpkin Festival. The Raffle Tickets are available in the Narthex ... **Pick your tickets up & be a BIG seller!** Ask the Lord to send us the weather that He knows we need and to get us ready to accept lovingly from His hands the weather that He sends us, and to work together as a Parish Family to build up the Kingdom of God.

Seeking arts and crafts for the Pumpkin Festival ...

Anything you enjoy creating, we would love to sell! Some suggestions would be woodworking, sewing, painting, repurposed items, knitted or crocheted items, paper crafting, photography, quilts ... or anything creative you love doing and would like to donate. Autumn or Christmas items. Please have items ready by the first week in October (for the Boutique). Questions? Call Jan Daniel, 308-660-9407.

Cursillo Movement ... Are you where you want to be in your faith life? **Cursillo** is a great way to stop and take the time to reflect. Who are you? Where have you been? Where do you want to go? Ralph Martin, international Catholic speaker and author, commented that before he lived a Cursillo Weekend, he “knew that what attracted me to the Church wasn’t the buildings, wasn’t the stained glass, but it was the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is the mystery of the Church ... Jesus Christ is the heart of the Church ... and I knew that I needed to develop that personal dimension of relationship with Jesus if I was going to persevere ... that it wasn’t going to be enough to just be part of the crowd ... I needed to know Him ... I needed to be with Him ... I needed to let that grow.” How about you – do you need a better relationship with our Lord? Cursillo may provide the encounter you are looking for. Cursillo Weekends are scheduled at Sacred Heart Parish in Hebron, NE, October 24-27, 2019 (Men) and November 7-10, 2019 (Women). If you would like more information about Cursillo or the 2019 Weekends, call or email Greg Vandenberg, Men’s Weekend Coordinator (308-530-7587; glvandenberg@charter.net), or Kathy Springer, Women’s Weekend Coordinator (402-826-2699; ks90710@windstream.net). There is also information on the Lincoln Diocese Cursillo webpage: <http://www.seas-np.org/cursillolincoln.html>.

Abortion ... Mother Teresa of Calcutta has been declared a saint by the Catholic Church. Back in 1994, she spoke at the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, DC, and said the following words: *“I feel that the greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a war against the child, a direct killing of the innocent child, murder by the mother herself. And if we accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another? How do we persuade a woman not to have an abortion? As always, we must persuade her with love and we remind ourselves that love means to be willing to give until it hurts. Jesus gave even His life to love us. So, the mother who is thinking of abortion, should be helped to love, that is, to give until it hurts her plans, or her free time, to respect the life of her child. The father of that child, whoever he is, must also give until it hurts. By abortion, the mother does not learn to love, but kills even her own child to solve her problems. And, by abortion, the father is told that he does not have to take any responsibility at all for the child he has brought into the world. That father is likely to put other women into the same trouble. So abortion just leads to more abortion. Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want. This is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion.”* See more at www.PriestsforLife.org/MotherTeresa.

FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:

RCIA Classes ... Fr. Mark Seiker will be leading an RCIA process (Inquiry class in the Faith) **beginning Sept 11, 2019** until a few weeks after Easter (mid May 2020). 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 someone to study our faith with you!**

New Digital Sign ... through the generosity of a number of anonymous donors, construction will soon start on a new digital sign to replace the existing 22 year old sign along Walker Road. We received suggestions & direction from Fr. Hottovy and Jean & Char Kriz (who are mainly responsible for the beauty of our Church). A brick contractor will be digging footings beside the brick structure of our existing sign, which will support two columns/pillars of bricks (*one on each side of the sign*) resembling the structure around the front doors of our beautiful Church. The completion date of the sign is not known ... perhaps around four weeks or so.

Fr. Seiker at Nephew’s Wedding: (my brother Steve’s son) in Omaha on Saturday, Sept. 7. I left Sat., Sep 7; return Sun. afternoon.

Fr. Seiker at Cursillo Regional Encounter: I will be attending the Cursillo Fall Region VI Encounter in Wichita, KS. I will be leaving Friday, Sep 13, 1:00pm; return Sun. afternoon. Fr. John Rooney, (Priest at St. Gregory the Great Seminary) will be here for Sat/Sun Confessions & Masses both weekends. Please welcome him.

Liturgical Minister

	Sat., Sept. 14, 5:00pm	Sun., Sep. 15, 10:00am
Lector	Mike Krondak	Shane Lowrey
Acolyte	Jerry Volesky	Duane Johnsen
Server	Volunteer	Lakeland Lowrey
	Volunteer	Harmon Johnsen
Music	Volunteer	Matt & Ashley Perlinger
Gifts	AliceRobinson/Cindy Swanson	Michael / Carissa Lafleur
Ushers	Cindy Swanson	Volunteer
	Alice Robinson	Spencer Hampton
Rosary		

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday:	Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday:	Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday:	Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38
Friday:	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42
Saturday:	Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Sunday:	Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32

Prayers for the sick: Margaret Ruskamp (Donna Bode's mother), Flood Victims, Special Intention, Carolyn Cohen, Tim Garth (Theresa McCarthy-Garth's son), Those struggling with Alcoholism, Mary Lou Robles & Patricia Zamora (Toni Barron's sisters), Renate Nordquist, Sharon Beckius, Mike & Kim Paul, Jim Beckius.

Prayers for the deceased: 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), Fr. Paul Rutten, Fr. Brad Zitek, Eileen Boltz, Peggy Fleecs, Carol LaBrie (Loren Baxa's sister-in-law), Leona Clouatre, Virginia Waechter (Peggy Orr's mother), Mary Jane Vitt (Chris Behm's mother), Bob "Junior" Barron (Toni Barron's brother), Bernadine Torres, Father Jim Novakowski, Martha Burbach, Jerry Kenny, Bernadine Duryea, Luke Ranck, Margaret Baxa, Mary Portz, Phyllis Beckius.

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.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Christians share a love for the Byzantine liturgy because it is during the Eucharist that the Church is most true to its identity, expresses its integrity, and discovers its vocation. Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Christians celebrate essentially the identical liturgy, with only very slight variations. It is a fairly complex ritual weaving together three separate layers of prayers: a liturgy prayed in the sanctuary by priests, often hidden by a curtain or screen; a liturgy sung by the assembly and led by a deacon in front of a screen formed of painted icons; and a third layer of private prayer by the priest, who prays in support of the deacon and the faithful. It is an eyes-wide-open experience, gorgeous in visuals, and filled with the sound of God's people singing prayer. The energy of the worship centers on the presence of Christ, largely through an awareness of heaven touching earth when the Church gathers to celebrate. In the late twentieth century, Latin Rite Catholics were encouraged to embrace a style of worship that was "full, conscious, and active," a value that has never been lost in the East. The liturgy has great impact in its beauty, in its poetry and contemplation, and by the actions of bowing, signing with the cross, and chanting that are required of the assembly. Contact with the Eastern Church reveals some key values that have been obscured in our own Church and are slowly being recovered. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

POST-SUMMER CHALLENGES ... With any luck, summer delights will continue a while past last weekend's Labor Day: refreshing recreation (with maybe an occasional swim) or enjoyable relaxation on the deck (with tasty outdoor grilling). Truth is, for some of us, this year's Labor Day came way too early. With many schools back in session for a while already, mealtimes and driving schedules needed readjustment to coordinate youth sports with adult commitments. Some religious education and parish programs resumed, too. No surprise, then, that this weekend's scriptures sound a little like post-summer challenges. For instance, Wisdom reminds us that believers in God can never be content with "timid deliberations" and "unsure plans." Paul challenges longtime friend and follower Philemon to "let the good you do be voluntary." Jesus instructs "great crowds" traveling with him – including us – on three things necessary for all true disciples to accomplish. On this early autumn weekend, our scriptures describe disciples' lifelong labors. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

THE VALUE OF EDUCATION ... What greater or better gift can we offer the republic than to teach and instruct our youth? —Cicero

CONTINUE TO CHANGE ... When you're through changing, you're through. — 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 ... (September)

Universal: That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.