

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time ***September 15, 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. 16	8:00 a.m.	Margaret Baxa +
Tuesday	Sept. 17	7:00 a.m.	Elizabeth (Liz) Haag
Wednesday	Sept. 18	5:30 p.m.	JoAnn Bode Waters +
6:00pm-10:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hour => Spend time with Jesus			
Thursday	Sept. 19	8:00 a.m.	John + & Helen Stec
Friday	Sept. 20	No Schedule	Mass - 10:00am Funeral=St. Patrick
Saturday	Sept. 21	5:00 p.m.	People of Our Parish
Sunday	Sept. 22	10:00 a.m.	Alayna Niesen

INTENTIONS

A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me.

— Psalm 51:12

Stewardship: September 8, 2019

Adult Envelopes:\$1,870.00
Loose Plate:\$120.00
Children:\$0.00
Holy Day:\$0.00
Total:\$1,990.00

Joy of the Gospel Campaign

Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
 Gifts last week:\$1,200.00
Total Gifts Received:.....\$827,373.05
 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:\$0.00

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. 15	11:30am: Pumpkin Festival Meeting	6:30pm: Theology on Tap, Nebraska Land Bank 3 rd Floor
Wednesday	Sept. 18	6:00pm – 10:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration	7:00pm – 9:00pm: RCIA Classes in Parish Hall
Thursday	Sept. 19	12:30pm: Adult Bible Study in Parish Hall	
Sunday	Sept. 22	11:30am: Daughters of Charity Meeting in Rectory Conference Room	

Catholic School News:

9/16 - 5:00pm - Res/JV VBall vs. McCook, 6:30pm - JV FBall @ Chase Co., 9/17 - 5:00pm - XC @ McCook, 5:00pm - VBall @ Gothenburg, 7:00pm - School Board Meeting, 9/18 - All Day - NHS Blood Drive @ St. Pat's Church Hall, **Spirit Catholic Radio broadcasting live from St. Pat's 6:40 AM – 9:00 AM**, 9/19 - 4:00PM - JH FBall vs. NPMS, 4:00PM - JV VBall @ Brady, 5:00pm - JH VBall vs. Perkins Co., 9/20 - 6:00pm - NLB Tailgate, 7:00pm - FB vs. Gibbon, 9/21 - 10:00am - VBall @ NPCC. 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.

All are welcome to pray the Rosary or attend Mass. **Wednesday, 9/18/19:** 7:30am - Rosary @ McDaid Chapel-Special Intention for Tim Garth-St. Pat's 2000 Grad. **9/18/19:** 9:45am - Mass @ McDaid. **Thursday, 9/19/19:**10:00am - Mass @ McDaid

Student of the month: Charlie Gale has been selected as the September student of the month. He's the son of David & Kristine Gale. Charlie is a senior and is involved in football, track, National Honor Society, the S.A.I.N.T.S. Club, Art and is on the Honor Roll. Outside of school, he's a volunteer, an Eagle Scout and is attending Confirmation Class at St. Pat's Catholic Church. Congratulations, Charlie!

North Platte Catholic School:
Faith and Knowledge for a Brighter Future

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 ... Oct. 1, Michele Chambers, CFCP, will be speaking about the health, hormonal, & charting implications of menopause. Event is free, pre-registration requested at <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/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.

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.regfox.com/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.

Holy Spirit Catholic Church Fall Festival ...
Sunday, Sep. 22, 11:00am – 2:00pm, 2801 West E St. A Turkey dinner with all of the trimmings! Come and enjoy time with family and friends. There is something for everyone!

- Children's activities: cake walk
 - Silent Auction and Country Store
 - Raffle / Lottery with cash prizes of \$1000, \$500 and \$250
- Cost: \$10.00 for adults; \$5.00 for children.

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 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 Nemecek 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"

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.

Bishop Vasa on Abortion ...

"There are just choices and there are unjust choices. Choices would be the preference for chocolate ice cream over vanilla ice cream or sherbet instead of ice cream. That is just a choice. A just choice would be to choose to pay a fair and living wage to employees as opposed to simply meeting the mandatory standard of minimum wage laws. An unjust choice would be to choose to terminate the life of another human being. This is not just a choice and it is not a just choice; it is an unjust choice. Furthermore, it is an unjust choice which is diametrically opposed to the clear and consistent teaching of the Catholic Church as well as to the clear and consistent teaching of God Himself in the Ten Commandments. The direct, intentional taking of the life of an innocent human being is inhumane and unjust. It is not just a choice!" *Bishop Robert Vasa, March 1, 2007*

Cursillo Movement ... Cursillo teaches that conversion is not limited to one experience. Though conversion does have a starting point, it is ongoing and, thus, occurs during every minute of every day. Cursillo gives you the tools to better understand your Catholic faith and then share it with those in your everyday life. Many of us have experienced a profound conversion on a retreat intending to make changes in our lives, but over time, we fall back into the same old ruts. Cursillo's follow-up tools help the cursillista to continue daily down the path of conversion and growing closer to Christ ... and we bring others with us, so that they, too, can encounter Christ! 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 (530-7587; glvandenberg@charter.net), or Kathy Springer, Women's Weekend Coordinator (402-826-2699; ks90710@windstream.net). There is also info on the Lincoln Diocese Cursillo webpage: <http://www.seas-np.org/cursillolincoln.html>.

FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:

RCIA Classes ... Fr. Mark Seiker will be leading an RCIA process (Inquiry class in the Faith) **which began 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 before our Pumpkin Festival.

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

Looking Back and Moving Forward

In the August 19, 2007 Bulletin, Fr. Seiker wrote: "*Some have commented that the grass isn't very green. For almost a week, the sprinkler system wasn't working. First it was a broken pipe, and then it was discovered that the windings in the motor were bad, and so the motor had to be replaced. Things should be 'greening up' a little.*"

The Parish Council met in Sept., 2007 & talked about the water issue under the Rectory. Over the last year or more, there was as much as 10 inches of water in the crawlspace due to problems with the sprinkler system around the Rectory, the berm being too close to the Rectory wall & actually directed water into the crawlspace below the Rectory, & some clay that was preventing the water from soaking into the ground. Jim Dodson & Fr. Joe Walsh had volunteered time to dig "French drains" inside the crawl space. Jim Dodson also applied waterproof sealer to the inside of the block walls in the crawlspace. After the Pumpkin Festival, volunteers moved the berm & the flowers & shrubs on the berm 10-15 feet south of the Rectory wall. After further study & much discussion over many months, the decision was made to install "French drains" around the outside of the rectory. The work was done in July 2008 with some donated equipment & labor for less than \$500.00. These interior & exterior "French drains" solved the water problems in the crawl space.

The Daughters of Charity purchased two new ovens for a total of \$1,000.00, which were installed in the Parish Hall Kitchen. The Daughters of Charity also decided to send a care package (*we appreciate you!*) once a month to a military person serving in Iraq or overseas. Names & APO addresses of family, friends, neighborhood kids, or someone who just needs a friend should be given to Mary Portz or Vivian Munsen. We had a Parish Garage - Yard Sale the last weekend of October, chaired by Charles & Toni Barron.

Liturgical Minister

	Sat., Sept. 21, 5:00pm	Sun., Sep. 22, 10:00am
Lector	Mike Krondak	Justin Pieper
Acolyte	Ed Rieker	Jerry Cooper
Server	William Krondak	Xavier Pieper
	Nicholas Krondak	Volunteer
Music	Matt & Ashley Perlinger	Buhrman/Niesen/Gregg
Gifts	Volunteer	Duane/Heather Johnson
Ushers	Steve Fear	Duane Johnsen
	Janet Fear	Heather Johnsen
Rosary		

Readings for the Week

Monday:	1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday:	1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6; Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday:	1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35
Thursday:	1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50
Friday:	1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday:	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Sunday:	Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13

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: 9/19 - Andy Butler, 9/20 - Jim Beckius.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... Although New Year's Day has been fixed firmly on January 1 for several hundred years, Labor Day has the feel of a great dividing line between leisure and routine. The pace of life has since picked up, and new schedules and commitments crowd us. In the background is God's call to consider the third commandment, still life giving and binding, to make holy the Lord's Day by worship and rest. Jews see the Sabbath, Saturday, not so much as a day of worship, but as a day of rest, a day of renewing friendship with God by delighting in the beauty of creation and the joy of family and friends. It is a day for contemplating the wonder of God's creation, but not disturbing it. For Christians in the first three centuries, the Lord's Day, Sunday, was not for rest, but worship. It was a regular work day. People met before dawn, and after Eucharist hurried off to daily routines. Today we come to Mass, but many hurry off to essential work, not a day of rest. The Lord's Day is not the Sabbath, but we can enhance Sunday's ability to transform us if we consider embracing some Sabbath values: having a family meal, going for a walk in a beautiful place, making room in our lives to open ourselves more fully to holiness of life in Christ. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

LOST AND FOUND ... Welcome to "Lost and Found Sunday!" Just in case being in church makes us proudly consider ourselves especially religious, today's Gospel suggests that we'd be wiser to admit that we're sometimes lost. Then we'll eventually be happily counted among Jesus' "found," because today Jesus focuses on a lost sheep, lost coin, lost son. Jesus does so because the Pharisees and scribes, proudly considering themselves especially religious, "began to complain" that Jesus "welcomes sinners and eats with them." So Jesus warns them – and us – to stop judging others. Marvel instead that God's amazing grace has found us! Indeed, we should become Jesus' friends lovingly trying to find others. So Exodus asks, if God "relented in punishment" and pardoned us, shouldn't we forgive fellow sinners graciously? Even Paul admits his "arrogance" as "foremost among sinners." We too, happy at being "mercifully treated," should share with everyone else Jesus' unfailing patience. —Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

NEEDED ... The thing that is most needed in homes today is a family. —Anonymous

REMOTELY SPEAKING ... Television remote controls encourage couch potatoes to exercise their options while broadening their base. — 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.