

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time ***September 20, 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. 21	8:00 a.m.	John + & Helen Stec
Tuesday	Sept. 22	7:00 a.m.	Eloise Kramer +
Wednesday	Sept. 23	5:30 p.m.	Otto, Virginia, Lynn Weskamp +
6:00pm-10:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hours => Spend time with Jesus			
Thursday	Sept. 24	8:00 a.m.	Ned & Adela Hernandez & Family +
Friday	Sept. 25	12:10 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Martha Burbach + Bishop James Conley
Saturday	Sept. 26	5:00 p.m.	Cindy Ryan
Sunday	Sept. 27	10:00 a.m.	People of our Parish

INTENTIONS

**Turn to the Lord
for mercy;
to our God,
who is generous
in forgiving.**

—Sirach 28:2

Stewardship: September 13, 2020

Adult Envelopes:\$1,375.00
Loose Plate:\$64.00
Children:\$0.00
Holy Day: \$0.00
Total:\$1,439.00

Joy of the Gospel Campaign

Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
 Gifts last week:\$0.00
Total Gifts Received:\$894,233.05
 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. 23	6:00pm – 10:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration 7:00pm – 9:00pm: RCIA Classes in Person and via Zoom
Thursday	Sept. 24	1:00pm: Adult Bible Study via Zoom (contact Teri Volesky)
Sunday	Sept. 27	11:30am: Family Formation Classes, Adults & Children

Catholic School News:

Upcoming Events: Sep. 21: No School- PT Conferences, 5:00pm- Res JV VB vs. NPHS, Sep. 22: 4:30pm- JH VB vs. Sutherland, Sep. 23: 12:00pm- Sr. Financial Aid Meeting, Sep. 24: 4:00pm- XC @ Ogallala, 4:30pm- JH VB @ Hershey, 6:30pm- JH FB @ Hershey, Sep. 25: 7:00pm- FB @ Bridgeport, Sep. 26: 10:00am- VB Tourney @ Sutherland.

NOW is the Time Campaign: Our campaign is making a big difference at NPCCS. We repaired the roof at McDaid, updated flooring and lighting at St. Pat's High School, and are nearing completion on phase one of bathroom remodels at St. Pat's. Thank you to all of the donors who have supported the "NOW is the Time" campaign! Can we count on your support to complete the rest of our campaign projects? There are many projects yet to be completed, and the NPCCS Endowment is still accepting pledges and donations are still being accepted. EVERY gift makes a difference! Contact the Endowment office to learn more: 308-534-5939, w.dodson@npcschools.org.

G.R.E.E.N. is Going Virtual: Join us online for an exciting night of fundraising for NPCCS 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 NPCCS, 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 NPCCS. 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 NPCCS earn 2% back toward their own tuition. It's a win-win.

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

50 Days of Prayer and Fasting ... Join us as we lift our nation in prayer for 50 days from September 14th until Election Day on November 3rd. Pray for a different state each day. Participants are encouraged, but not required, to add sacrifices or some fasting to their prayers in a manner that is appropriate for their state in life. More details at "50 Days of Prayer and Fasting" on Facebook (search "50 Days of Prayers and Fasting") or Twitter (@50daysUSA).

3-Part Evangelization Series ... Matt Simmons, Director of Evangelization & Spiritual Formation, will present talks on **October 7:** Repentance & Faith; **October 28,** The Meaning and Value of the Cross; and **November 18,** Experiencing the Resurrection, from 7:00pm-8:30pm on Zoom. "In the midst of this cultural chaos the simplicity of the gospel is the answer. Jesus is calling us to a deeper repentance in order to experience his resurrection." The workshop is free. Registration is required if you wish to participate on Zoom. To register please visit: lincolndiocese.org/evangelization. Questions? Email Annette-Wemhoff@cdolinc.net.

National Life Chain ... Please plan to attend the National Life Chain this year. Life Chain is the largest, peaceful, prayerful pro-life witness in the world. More than 1,000 cities across the US and Canada are expected to participate on **Sunday, October 4,** from **2:00pm-3:00pm.** The North Platte Life Chain will line up & spread out on 4th & Jeffers as we have in the past. Signs will be available in the parking lot North of courthouse. For more info, visit lifechain.net or call Peggy (308-520-7843).

Holy Spirit Catholic Church Fall Festival ... **Sunday, October 4, 11:00am – 2:00pm, 2801 West E St.** A Turkey dinner with all of the trimmings! **DRIVE-THRU ONLY.** (please follow the signs at Church).

- Raffle / Lottery with cash prizes of \$1000, \$500 and \$250
- Special Raffle: a chance to win Fr. Sagar's "Indian" dinner for eight. Cost: \$10.00 for adults; \$5.00 for children (10 and under).

Family Formation Parent's Meeting ... Sun., Sept. 27, 11:30am-12:30pm in Parish Hall, for all parents of School age children, and in person classes for children Grades K-6. Children, Teachers, and Parents will all be asked to wear masks during the classes (similar to what is being done in many schools).

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 Oct. 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. 26: M, St. Joseph and Saints for Men, Fr. Gary Coulter
- Oct. 2-4: M/W, The Eucharistic Lord and Our Lady: Answers for Our Times, Fr. Zachary, SOLT, Eucharistic Knights of the Holy Eucharist

"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.

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.

Life and Choice ... "'Choice' is a positive concept, and an attractive concept. That's why abortion apologists use it. But the way they use it is a lie and, increasingly, Americans are catching on. There is hope in this development. Increasingly, Americans are recognizing what a moral evil is embodied in Roe. Increasingly, they are aware of the vast network of lies that have been spun and fortified to sustain the illusion that abortion is somehow a good, or at least a morally neutral procedure; that it is a standard part of health care and family planning; that it is a proper exercise of a woman's freedom; that it is a solution to intractable social problems. It is, of course, none of these things. What it is, is an unfettered right to take an innocent, human life from the mother's womb. All this, more and more Americans are coming to know.'" -Cardinal William H. Keeler, Former Archbishop of Baltimore January 23, 2005, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

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

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.

FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:

RCIA Classes ... Fr. Mark Seiker is leading an RCIA process (Inquiry class in the Faith) **which began 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 & non-Catholics. **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 & come with your friend to study together. Our faith is to be treasured, preserved, & lived, but it is also to be shared. Share your faith with a friend at these RCIA classes. **Class offered in person (with social distance) & virtually.**

Parish Council Meeting ... **Tentatively scheduled for Thursday, September 24, 7:00pm, in person and via ZOOM.** (Members: Mickey Morlang, Jeff Orr, Kanen Hammond, Spencer Hampton. Trustees: Jerry Volesky, Duane Johnsen).

Liturgical Ministers

Lector		
Acolyte		
Server		
Music		
Gifts		
Ushers		
Rosary		

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday:	Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday:	Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday:	Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9
Friday:	Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday:	Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday:	Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32

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: 9/19 - Andy Butler, 9/20 - Jim Beckius, 9/27 – Cindy Ryan.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... Over time, the severe form of one-chance penance collapsed under lack of enthusiasm for its burdens and its public nature. As ordinary Christians prayed for the great sinners, it must have occurred to them that they were sinners no less, and they required a form of penance also. The Irish came to the rescue, never having had a public form of penance, but inventing a system called “tariff penance,” which was completely private, available to everyone, and wildly popular. After a detailed confession, priest and penitent would lie on the floor before the altar and recite a number of psalms. The priest then pronounced a judgment, a tariff, giving a task or a prayer to complete before reconciliation. The surviving guidebooks for confessors make for hair-raising reading as the sins of which the Irish people were supposedly capable were catalogued and keyed to penances. Cattle or sheep rustling might require stripping down to sing psalms in an icy brook, for example, or adultery could be the occasion for rolling in a thicket of thorns. All of this might have stayed in Ireland had not the monks had a desire to travel, blazing across Europe with their theology and their rituals, and their sense that Christians needed strong medicine for sin and the assurance of God’s forgiveness. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

FORGIVENESS ... Isaiah tells us something that we already know, and yet seem to forget every now and then. He tells us, essentially, that God is God and we are not. When we’re confused and troubled and can’t figure everything out, it might be wise to recall Isaiah speaking on the Lord’s behalf and explaining that God – who is on a much more, well, Godly wavelength than we are – moves in ways we can’t even imagine. Saint Paul, by comparison, has everything figured out. Kind of. At least he understands his calling in life – to magnify Christ in everything he does. That should give all of us the direction we need. Jesus gives us direction, too, explaining to us once again in the parable of the workers in the vineyard that the last will be first, and the first, last. —Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

AUTUMN ... Listen! The wind is rising, and the air is wild with leaves. We have had our summer evenings, now for October eves! —Humbert Wolfe

HUMILITY ... No human being is too big to be humble, but some human beings are too small. —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 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.