

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time ***September 22, 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. 23 8:00 a.m.
 Tuesday Sept. 24 **5:30 p.m.**
 Wednesday Sept. 25 **5:30 p.m.**
6:00pm-10:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hour => Spend time with Jesus
 Thursday Sept. 26 8:00 a.m.
 Friday Sept. 27 **12:10 p.m.**
5:30 p.m.
 Saturday Sept. 28 **5:00 p.m.**
 Sunday Sept. 29 **10:00 a.m.**

INTENTIONS

Junnie Lee Folchert +
 MaKenna Ketter
 Zachary Gregg
 Dick McCracken +
 Martha Burbach +
 Parishioners with Birthday in September
 People of Our Parish
 Marty Estrada +

*God... wills everyone
 to be saved and to
 come to knowledge
 of the truth.*

— 1 Timothy 2:4

Stewardship: September 15, 2019

Adult Envelopes:\$1,440.00
Loose Plate:.....\$147.00
Children:\$1.01
Holy Day: 0 \$0.00
Total:\$1,588.01

Joy of the Gospel Campaign

Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
 Gifts last week:\$1,795.00
Total Gifts Received:.....\$829,168.05
 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**

Fr. Seiker at Jesus Caritas

meeting ... Mon., Sep. 23 - Tue., Sep. 24.

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. 22 **11:00am:** Holy Spirit Fall Festival **11:30am:** Daughters of Charity Meeting in Rectory Conference Room
 Tuesday Sept. 24 **6:30pm:** Women's Resource Center 2019 Fundraiser
 Wednesday Sept. 25 **6:00pm – 10:00pm:** Eucharistic Adoration **7:00pm – 9:00pm:** RCIA Classes in Parish Hall
 Thursday Sept. 26 **12:30pm:** Adult Bible Study in Parish Hall
 Sunday Sept. 29 **11:30am:** Family Formation Parent's Meeting

Catholic School News:

UPCOMING EVENTS: 9/23 - **NO SCHOOL** - Parent Teacher Conferences, 5:00pm - Res/JV VBall @ NPHS, 9/24 - 4:30pm - JH VBall @ Sutherland, 9/26 - 4:00pm - CC @ Ogallala, - 4:30pm - JH VBall vs. Hershey, - 6:30pm - JH FBall vs. Hershey, 9/27 - 7:00pm - FB @ Hershey, 9/28 - 10:00am - VBall @ Sutherland.

It's getting closer to 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.

God is Here. Come pray with us! September 26: 7:30am, St. Pat's Chapel & September 30: 7:30am – Rosary led by a Senior Student.

North Platte Catholic School:

Faith and Knowledge for a Brighter Future

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 Office402-473-0630.

Single Ladies Intro Session ... is being held Oct. 6, 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 <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/singleladies> Questions? Call NFP Office- 402-473-0630.

Fall Care-a-Thon ... Catholic Women will be speaking Tue., Sept. 24 on Spirit Catholic Radio Fall Care-a-thon, Noon-1:00pm. All Catholic women are encouraged to call with a pledge during that hour to support our radio station. All pledges are matched by Challenger money. Let's make this the hour with the most money pledged. Call 855-571-1027.

Family Formation Parent's Meeting ... Sun., Sept. 29, 11:30am-12:30pm in Parish Hall, for all parents of School age children.

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.

Public Square Rosary Crusade ... Please join us on Saturday, Oct. 12, 12:00pm (Noon) at the Northeast corner of Lincoln County Court House to pray that our nation will "stop offending God" and avert His wrath. Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy. Please bring a lawn chair. For more info, call Joan (308-520-6800) or Mary (308-520-4568).

Servant Workshop ... Matt Simmons, Director of Evangelization & Spiritual Formation, will continue this 3-part series workshop on Oct. 7 & Nov. 4, 2019 at John XXIII Diocesan Center from 6:30-8:30pm. The workshop is intended for anyone involved in apostolic work, i.e., St. Vincent de Paul society, Catholic school teachers, Marriage Encounter, etc. and is designed to help you manifest Jesus more fully as you serve the people of God. The workshop is free and registration is kindly requested. For topic details and to register please visit <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/03-oe-servant-workshop-fall-2019>. Questions? Call 402-473-0615 or email Annette-Wemhoff@cdolinc.net.

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.

Life Chain ... Plan now to attend the 32nd Annual National Life Chain on Sunday, October 6, from 2:00pm – 3:00pm. Signs will be available at 4th and Jeffers. What better way to express solidarity with all human life than to spend an hour in silent prayer to our Creator? For more information about how to participate, call 308-520-7843. For more information about the history of Life Chain, go to <http://www.nationallifechain.org/>.

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 – April 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 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.

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.

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.

Cain vs. Abel ... "Brother kills brother. Like the first fratricide, every murder is a violation of the "spiritual" kinship uniting mankind in one great family, in which all share the same fundamental good: equal personal dignity. Not infrequently the kinship "of flesh and blood" is also violated; for example when threats to life arise within the relationship between parents and children, such as happens in abortion or when, in the wider context of family or kinship, euthanasia is encouraged or practiced" (*John Paul II, The Gospel of Life, n.8*).

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.

Looking Back and Moving Forward

Our Knights of Columbus Council #12530 hosted a *Monday Night at the Movies* on Monday, Oct. 22, 2007, in the Parish Hall. Popcorn, water and tea was provided, as we watched the movie *Therese: Ordinary Girl, Extraordinary Soul*. In October 2007, the Knights of Columbus began a new program of collecting aluminum cans. The cans will be sold and the profit from recycling the cans will be used for the charitable works of the Knights of Columbus. You may drop off the cans in the two barrels in front of the storage shed (*on the southwest corner of the parking lot*). Your cans CAN make a difference! Our Knights of Columbus Council #12530 also hosted various soup suppers and soup lunches in the Parish Hall in February and March 2008, and also hot dogs and brats in June 2008.

On Thursday, Nov. 1, at 1:15 pm, our Parish started the annual tradition of meeting at the North Platte Cemetery to walk around the Cemetery and pray the Rosary for the repose of the souls of our relatives, friends, and parishioners. Also in November, parishioners were invited to complete a Census Information Form to keep our Parish Census up-to-date. Parishioners were also asked to complete a Gifts and Talents form of how they would like to be good stewards of their time and talent.

Liturgical Minister

| | Sat., Sept. 28, 5:00pm | Sun., Sep. 29, 10:00am |
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| Lector | Jim Nisley | Michael Lafleur |
| Acolyte | Jerry Volesky | Jerry Cooper |
| Server | William Krondak | Volunteer |
| | Nicholas Krondak | Jace Grunden |
| Music | Volunteer | Greg Vandenberg |
| Gifts | Volunteer | John & Donna Bode |
| Ushers | Volunteer | Volunteer |
| | Volunteer | Duane Johnsen |
| Rosary | | |

Readings for the Week

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| Monday: | Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18 |
| Tuesday: | Ezr 6:7-8,12b,14-20; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 8:19-21 |
| Wednesday: | Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6 |
| Thursday: | Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9 |
| Friday: | Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22 |
| Saturday: | Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45 |
| Sunday: | Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31 |

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: 9/27 - Cindy Ryan, Jim Boots, 9/28 - Evangeline Pieper, 9/29 - Teri Volesky.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... Although June is the month most associated with weddings in the United States, September has become more popular in recent years. Wedding celebrations always require some savvy planning, and people who have a talent for hospitality in the mix. At the wedding feast at Cana, the mother of Jesus was recruited to deal with some of the details of the banquet, and when a very understandable crisis arose, she did what she could to rescue the party. Anyone who has ever run out of ice, dessert, or table settings knows the stress! Slowly, the memory of Jesus Christ's blessing of this marriage feast led the Church to form a way to bless marriages. A thousand years ago weddings migrated from the family home to the doors of the church, where the celebration was held in public view. From this practice came a prayer called the "Nuptial Blessing," one of the most solemn prayers in our tradition. It is very much like the prayers by which baptismal water and chrism are consecrated, the ordination prayer over a priest, and the Eucharistic Prayers over bread and wine. Four hundred fifty years ago, weddings moved inside the church building. All of this gives married couples good reason to celebrate their anniversaries well, especially with the clinking of glasses filled with good wine. — James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

GOD IS ON THE SIDE OF THE POOR ... Two of today's readings make it quite clear that God is on the side of the poor. Amos describes in detail the exploitation of the poor and needy. The psalm repeats that God acts to benefit the poor and lowly. But Luke turns things upside down, telling a tale of a conflicted steward, about to be fired, who demonstrates his cleverness and is rewarded. Like the community to whom Paul writes in Timothy, these readings are personal, directed to believers, members of the Jewish and Christian communities, who struggle to deal with personal choices about how to conduct their lives. They offer an outline for how God wishes us to live in a world as complicated and as confusing as our own. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TIMING ... It is never the wrong time to do the right thing. —Anonymous

RE-DIRECTION ... Love does not consist in gazing at each other, but in looking outward in the same direction.
— 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.