

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time ***September 27, 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. 28	8:00 a.m.	Governor Pete Ricketts
Tuesday	Sept. 29		- No Schedule Parish Mass -
Wednesday	Sept. 30	5:30 p.m.	Marty Estrada +
6:00pm-10:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hours => Spend time with Jesus			
Thursday	Oct. 1	8:00 a.m.	Special Intention (jls)
Friday	Oct. 2	12:10 p.m.	Martha Burbach +
		5:30 p.m.	For our Benefactors
		<i>followed by:</i>	<i>Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & all night Adoration</i>
Saturday	Oct. 3	8:00 a.m.	Parishioners with Birthday in October
		5:00 p.m.	People of our Parish
Sunday	Oct. 4	10:00 a.m.	Eloise Kramer +

INTENTIONS

*Have in you
the same attitude
that is also
in Christ Jesus.*

—Philippians 2:5

Stewardship: September 20, 2020

Adult Envelopes:\$1,190.00
Loose Plate:\$147.11
Children:\$0.00
Holy Day: \$0.00
Total:\$1,337.11

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

Sunday	Sept. 27	11:30am: Family Formation Classes, Adults & Children
Wednesday	Sept. 30	6:00pm – 10:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration 7:00pm – 9:00pm: RCIA Classes in Person and via Zoom
Thursday	Oct. 1	1:00pm: Adult Bible Study via Zoom (contact Teri Volesky)
Friday	Oct. 2	6:00pm – 8:00am on Saturday: First Friday Holy Hours / Eucharistic Adoration
Sunday	Oct. 4	11:30am: Family Formation Classes, Adults & Children 11:00am-2:00pm: Holy Spirit Fall Festival (<i>Drive Thru Only</i>) 2:00pm-3:00pm: National Life Chain (<i>4th & Jeffers</i>)

Catholic School News:

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

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

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).

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.

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:

- Oct. 2-4: M/W, The Eucharistic Lord and Our Lady: Answers for Our Times, Fr. Zachary, SOLT, Eucharistic Knights of the Holy Eucharist

"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.jp2healingcenter.org. Invite your father. Invite your son. Attend together! Scholarships are available. Email Annette Wemhoff at JP2RetreatLincolnNE@gmail.com for more information.

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.

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.

No More Death ... "Dear friends, by seeking holiness and using the gifts God has given us to accomplish his will in our lives, we are contributing mightily to that kingdom we all long for, where there will be no more crying or pain or death. Certainly no abortion. No euthanasia. No assisted suicide. No deep freezing of embryos as though they were merchandise. And no destruction of human life in the name of science." -- Cardinal Justin Rigali, National Prayer Vigil for Life Opening Mass January 21, 2008

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.

Family Formation Parent's Meeting ...

our September Meeting is on Sunday, 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). **Our October Meeting is on Sunday, Oct. 4, 11:30am-12:30pm.**

Coffee & Rolls ...

considering current WCDHD guidelines, we are planning to begin hosting Coffee & Rolls in the Parish Hall after the Saturday 5:00pm Mass and the Sunday 10:00am Mass, **beginning this week (Sept 26-27). Face masks are suggested.**

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.**

Bishop's Appeal for Vocations ...

"Peace Be With You". Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, there is a different approach to BAV this year. **This week, Monday, (09/28/20),** pledge card for the Bishop's Appeal for Vocations 2020 will mailed to parishioners. You may place your contribution (*check only not cash*) in the enclosed envelope & mail to the Lincoln Drop Box. *If you do not receive a pledge card, or if you have questions, please contact Fr. Seiker (email or phone).* The goal for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is **\$4,630.00.** This is our share of the Diocesan goal of \$800,000 which has been established by Bishop Conley. Your gifts and your prayers for our seminarians are much appreciated! Please support the Bishop's Appeal for Vocations.

Fr. Seiker's schedule ... Mon Sep 28 – Tue Sep 29, meeting with Jesus Caritas Priests in Waverly; returning Wed. for 5:30pm Mass.

Liturgical Ministers

Lector					
Acolyte					
Server					
Music					
Gifts					
Ushers					
Rosary					

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
Wednesday:	Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15; Lk 9:57-62
Thursday:	Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12
Friday:	Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3,7-10,13-14ab; Mt 18:1-5
Saturday:	Jb 42:1-3, 5-6,12-17; Ps 119:66,71,75,91,125,130; Lk 10:17-24
Sunday:	Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

Prayers for the sick: Tucker Smith-Tucker, Robert Wessell, J.D. Troyer, Dean & Janice Large, Jennifer Schmid, Steve Haman, Sharon Beckius, Those affected with/by COVID-19, Theresa McCarthy-Garth, 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: 9/27 – Cindy Ryan, 9/28 - Evangeline Pieper, 9/29 - Teri Volesky.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... The sacrament of penance has a long and difficult history. The Church sometimes struggles with how best to be faithful to the image of an all-forgiving God. Once a very public rite with publicly visible participation on the part of the penitent, it became in time a very private matter. By the fourteenth century, when a prayer of absolution and a laying on of hands was still required in sacramental confession, theologians were saying that even that was too much liturgy. All that was required was confession itself, and the sacramental words Ego te absolvo, or "I absolve you." In 1614 the Council of Florence tried to flesh out this bare skeleton, requiring that if possible the priest should wear a stole, that the confession should be in church, and that there be questions about the person's state in life, occupation, and last confession. This is the first time the Church recommended that the penitent and priest be separated by a grill, thereby eliminating the ritual laying on of hands once so central to the sacrament, substituting the priest's raised right hand in blessing. This is the rite that remained in force until the sacrament became the subject of very stormy debates at the Second Vatican Council, leading to a major reform in 1974 that is still only partially received. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

FAMILIAR INSIGHTS ... Spiritual teachers tend to repeat themselves, and to repeat other teachers. Maybe there really aren't that many different truths to tell. Just a lot of slow, sleepy human beings – like us – who need to hear the basics over and over. Consider today's readings. People complain God isn't "fair," and Ezekiel answers that God is more than fair. People choose their own fates, and people can change. Even evildoers can turn, do right, and live. "Actions speak louder than words." A fresh new insight? Hardly. Paul tells the Philippians that he would truly be encouraged if those who claimed to be believers would, in fact, look to others' interests and not their own. "The proof of the pudding is in the eating." A novel idea? I don't think so. In Jesus' story of the farmer and his sons, everyone knows that the one who said he wouldn't work – but did – is way ahead of the one who said he would work – but didn't. "Talk is cheap." Heard that before? — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

GUARDIANS FOR VALUABLE SOULS ... So valuable to heaven is the dignity of the human soul that every member of the human race has a guardian angel from the moment the person begins to be. —St. Jerome

IMPOSSIBLE ... Start by doing what is necessary, then do what is possible; suddenly you are doing the impossible. —St. Francis of Assisi

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.

(October) Prayer Intention for Evangelization - The Laity's Mission in the Church: We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity faithful, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.