

# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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## ***27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*** ***October 4, 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](mailto: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	Oct. 5	8:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Oct. 6	7:00 a.m.
Wednesday	Oct. 7	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
<b>6:00pm-10:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hours =&gt; Spend time with Jesus</b>		
Thursday	Oct. 8	8:00 a.m.
Friday	Oct. 9	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>
		<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
Saturday	Oct. 10	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>
Sunday	Oct. 11	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>

## INTENTIONS

Jacob Buhrman
MaKenna Ketter
Zachary Gregg
Liv/Dec mem. Bode/Ruskamp families
Denise Wieseler
For our Benefactors
People of our Parish
Virginia Marie Waechter +

*Have no anxiety at all,  
but in everything,  
by prayer and petition,  
with thanksgiving,  
make your requests  
known to God.*

—Phillipians 4:6

## **Stewardship: September 27, 2020**

<b>Adult Envelopes:</b> .....	\$2,207.50
<b>Loose Plate:</b> .....	\$106.00
<b>Children:</b> .....	\$0.00
<b>Holy Day:</b> 0 .....	\$0.00
<b>Total:</b> .....	\$2,313.50

### Joy of the Gospel Campaign

Total Pledged: .....	\$958,770.00
Gifts last week: .....	\$530.00
<b>Total Gifts Received: .....</b>	<b>\$894,763.05</b>
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
<b>Balance on DIAL LOAN: .....</b>	<b>\$54,536.89</b>

Peter's Pence: .....	\$0.00
Mission Coop: .....	\$0.00
Southern NE Register: .....	\$0.00

### **Parish Calendar**

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

## **Catholic School News:**

**Upcoming Events:** Oct. 5: No School, Diocesan In-Service, Oct. 6: 4:30pm- JH VB @ McCook, 5:00pm- JV VARS VB Triangular, Oct. 7: 8th Grade Career Day, Oct. 8: 4:00pm- JH VB vs NPMS, 4:00pm- VB @ Brady Res/JV/Vars., 5:00pm- SPVA XC @ Perkins Co., 6:00pm- JH FB vs Hershey, Oct. 9: 7:00pm- FB vs. Gordon-Rushville, Oct. 10: ACT Test Date, 5:15pm- Confirmation @ Holy Spirit, VB Tri @ Maxwell, Oct. 11: 8:30am Confirmation @ St. Pat's.

**Perfect ACT Score:** Very few achieve a perfect ACT score of 36, and only 1% of students in Nebraska qualify as semifinalists for the National Merit Scholarship program. Samuel Dekleva accomplished both. Superintendent Dodson said, "The entire North Platte Catholic School community is proud of Samuel's achievements." Samuel is the son of Debbie and Ed Dekleva. Their family is parishioners of Holy Spirit.

**G.R.E.E.N. is Going Virtual:** G.R.E.E.N. Generating Resources for Educational Excellence Now — each year brings in more than \$100,000 toward operating costs for the Catholic schools. This year you can join us online for an exciting night of fundraising for NPCS on October 17. Bid on auction items, donate to our cause, purchase Lucky Lotto ticket, all from the comfort of your phone or computer! Every donation makes a difference! Purchase your tickets today and make your plans to enjoy some great live entertainment by our Endowment Director, Wendy Dodson and her co-host, Joe Swift. It will be reality TV at its best! Proceeds from the event support NPCS' 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 NPCS. Please join us!

**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 4<sup>th</sup> & Jeffers as we have in the past. Signs will be available in the parking lot North of courthouse. For more info, visit [lifechain.net](http://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 14<sup>th</sup> until Election Day on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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](http://lincolndiocese.org/evangelization). Questions? Email [Annette-Wemhoff@cdolinc.net](mailto:Annette-Wemhoff@cdolinc.net).

**Good Counsel Retreat House Retreats** Register for Online & in person Retreats sponsored by Good Counsel Retreat House [www.goodcounselretreat.com](http://www.goodcounselretreat.com), 402-786-2705, or [goodcounsel@cdolinc.net](mailto:goodcounsel@cdolinc.net).

### **Upcoming in-person and online retreats including:**

- Oct. 17: Men, with John Paul II Healing Center at St. Peter Church, Men, Men on Fire Men's Conference
- Oct. 30-Nov. 4: M/W, Fr. Craig Doty, *Jesus, Please Heal Me!*

**Give The Knights Your Cans ...** Profit from recycling the cans used for Knights of Columbus charitable works. Place cans in the barrels in front of the storage shed (southwest corner of parking lot).

## **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!**

## **“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](http://www.jpilhealingcenter.org). Invite your father. Invite your son. Attend together! Scholarships are available. Email Annette Wemhoff at [JPILRetreatLincolnNE@gmail.com](mailto:JPILRetreatLincolnNE@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](http://www.emmausinstitute.net).

## **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](mailto:naturalfamilyplanning@cdolinc.net).

## **Mercy Triumphs ...**

The Church opposes abortion, but embraces with mercy those who have made this mistake. Let's all take encouragement from these words of Pope John Paul II: “I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. Certainly what happened was and remains terribly wrong. But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. Try rather to understand what happened and face it honestly. If you have not already done so, give yourselves over with humility and trust to repentance. The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To the same Father and to his mercy you can with sure hope entrust your child.” (*The Gospel of Life, #99*).

## **Family Formation Parents' Meeting ... Our October**

**Meeting is on Sunday, Oct. 4, 11:30am–12:30pm** in the 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).

## **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 virtual. 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](mailto: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](http://www.lincolndiocese.org/bxvi) or call 402-473-0631.

## **LDCCW October Pro-Life Diaper Drive ...**

The LDCCW is sponsoring the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual October Pro-Life Diaper Drive, collecting diapers throughout the month of October in each of the Lincoln Diocese parishes. The assistance of everyone in the Lincoln Diocese is requested. Donations will be shared with the Pregnancy Centers approved by the Bishop's Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities and Catholic Social Services across the Diocese and St. Gianna Women's Homes.

## **Don't Miss Out: Pro-Life Conference ...**

We are excited to offer the Pro-Life Conference ONLINE this year on **Saturday, October 24**, featuring **keynote speaker George Weigel!**

This year's theme, **“Redeeming the Time”**, is inspired by *Ephesians 5:15-16*: “See therefore, brethren, how you walk circumspectly: not as unwise, But as wise: redeeming the time, because the days are evil.” Throughout the course of the conference, we hope to better understand the times we are living in, and learn how we, through our faith and pro-life witness, can redeem our culture.

The conference will feature live talks and an opportunity for group discussion. The talks will be available to watch after the conference, as well. There is no cost to attend, but you will have an opportunity to give a free will donation. Any funds not used to cover the cost of the conference will be used for post-abortion healing. Registration is open now! <https://necatholic.org/news-events/event-calendar.html/event-form/registration-form/51640/tickets> You will receive instructions for logging onto the conference a week beforehand.

## **FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:**

**Parish Council Meeting ... Monday, October 5, 7:00pm**, in person & via ZOOM. (Members: Mickey Morlang, Jeff Orr, Kanen Hammond, Spencer Hampton. Trustees: Jerry Volesky, Duane Johnsen).

**RCIA Classes ...** (Inquiry class in Faith) on Wednesdays in Parish Hall 7:00pm – 9:00pm, will continue until mid May 2021. **It is not too late to join!** Classes for Catholics & non-Catholics. Come, learn more about your faith; 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. Pledge cards and a letter for the Bishop's Appeal for Vocations 2020 to parishioners were put in the mail 10/03/20. 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 **\$4,510.00**. 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.

## Liturgical Ministers

<b>Lector</b>		
<b>Acolyte</b>		
<b>Server</b>		
<b>Music</b>		
<b>Gifts</b>		
<b>Ushers</b>		
<b>Rosary</b>		

## *Readings for the Week*

Monday:	Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday:	Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday:	Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday:	Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13
Friday:	Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-6; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday:	Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 11:27-28
Sunday:	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14

**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:** 10/5 - Harmon Johnsen, 10/6 - Calie Troyer, 10/7 - David Clouatre, 10/8 - James Krondak, Kanen Hammond, 10/10 - Chris Behm.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ...** The confessional is a familiar setting in literature and drama. Everyone from Doestoevsky and Shakespeare down the line to Seinfeld has used the sacrament to tragic or comic effect or to reveal aspects of character otherwise hidden. All of this theater, from world classics to slapstick, has had a numbing effect on our own expectations, and has skewed how the culture looks at us and our struggle with sin and forgiveness, hope and healing. Yet the artists are on to something. The reconciliation chapel is a place where hearts are laid bare, where honesty is the watchword, and people confess their deepest needs. It is also a place of rebirth, or at least realignment. It is, like the baptismal font, a place where something dies, and where something else is born. Today, although literature has barely caught up, the place is usually not the dark and gloomy cabinet of old; rather it is a chapel that speaks of peace, serenity, and the comfort of a welcome home. People in one parish were astonished recently to see their children skipping with delight as they left the place of their first confession. We have to wait a bit for world literature to catch up with this reality, but at least we can experience the joy of penance, the thrill of a new beginning, the assurance of God's love. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**THE GIFT OF THE REIGN OF GOD ...** Matthew's Gospel today expands on Isaiah's ballad considerably. A comparison with the same story in Mark's Gospel clearly shows us that here the author is busy teaching this community of Jewish Christians: "This is a story about Israel a long time ago; this is also a story about Jesus and the skeptical leaders." Jesus as much as told these Jewish leaders that they were the tenants who first stoned their own prophets. And he told the leaders they were the tenants who would soon even dispose of him – Jesus – and, in doing so, would forfeit their privileged place of presenting to the world the promised Messiah. "And this," says Matthew's Gospel, "is a story about you, the inheritors of what was first offered to Israel." The reign of God was first opened to Israel and is now given to the whole world, but it must be received as a gift. The first Christians are the new tenants in the vineyard. The deeper reality of the reign or kingdom of God is that it is available to everyone on the face of the earth – Israel included. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**"Evil Wants Us to fall asleep, give up, stay locked in fear, despair, Stop Praying, Never God Back to Mass, and Live as if God Does Not Exist."** — Bishop Donald Hying

**ASK FOR HELP ...** Ask Our Lady to help you. Ask her to entreat her Son to let you know what you should do. —Bl. Marie Rose Durocher

**MASTER AND SERVANT ...** Money is a terrible master but an excellent servant. —P.T. Barnum

**Pray for our Seminarians:** **Santiago Jose Izquierdo**, from St. Peter Parish in Lincoln. He entered the Seminary in 2016. He is in Theology 1 at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary.

**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 ...**

**(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.