

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time ***October 11, 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	Oct. 12	
Tuesday	Oct. 13	
Wednesday	Oct. 14	6:00pm–10:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hours => Spend time with Jesus
Thursday	Oct. 15	
Friday	Oct. 16	
Saturday	Oct. 17	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Oct. 18	10:00 a.m.

INTENTIONS

Brooke Tracy
Fr. Mark Seiker
Beatrice Estrada +
Anna Lee
Elizabeth (Liz) Haag
Elli (Fugate) Schmidt
People of our Parish

*I can do
all things
in Him who
strengthens me.*
—Philippians 4:13

Stewardship: October 4, 2020

Adult Envelopes:\$2,685.00
Loose Plate:\$176.00
Children:\$0.00
Holy Day: \$0.00
Total:\$2,861.00

Joy of the Gospel Campaign
Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
Gifts last week:\$350.00
Total Gifts Received:\$895,113.05
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

**Funeral Arrangements for
Beatrice Estrada**
Tuesday, October 13, 2020
7:00pm Rosary at Church
Wednesday, October 14, 2020
10:00am Funeral Mass

Parish Calendar

Sunday	Oct. 11	11:30am: Daughters of Charity Meeting, In person in Parish Hall (<i>observing a social distance</i>) and via Zoom
Monday	Oct. 12	7:00pm: Knights of Columbus Meeting, In person in Parish Hall (<i>observing a social distance</i>) and via Zoom
Wednesday	Oct. 14	6:00pm – 10:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration 7:00pm – 9:00pm: RCIA Classes in Person and via Zoom
Thursday	Oct. 15	1:00pm: Adult Bible Study via Zoom (contact Teri Volesky)
Saturday	Oct. 17	St. Pat's G.R.E.E.N. (<i>access the G.R.E.E.N. website at: www.bidpal.net/green20</i>)

Catholic School News:

Upcoming Events: Oct. 12: 4:00pm-JV VB Quad, Oct. 13: 4:30pm - JH VB vs. McCook, 5:00pm - VB @ Ogallala, Oct. 14 – PSAT, Oct. 15 - DISTRICT XC, 4:30pm - JH VB vs. Hershey, Oct. 16 - End of 1st Quarter, 7:00pm - FB @ Hershey, Oct. 17 - G.R.E.E.N. 2020, ACT Test Date, 11:00am - VB SPVA @ Perkins County.

God is Here: Our students have been sharing their faith and showing their faith in many ways. Last year NPCS students started covering the ministries once a month at Holy Spirit's weekend Masses. We are excited to provide the same at St. Patrick's parish, beginning this month! You'll notice our St. Patrick's and McDaid students in their school uniforms. This helps our students put their faith into action, and also serves as a THANK YOU to our Parish family for financially supporting our schools and allowing students to receive a faith-based education! Every week we have a Senior class member lead the Rosary in one of our school chapels. You are welcome to participate online, on the North Platte Catholic Schools Facebook page.

The G.R.E.E.N. countdown is ON! We have started our countdown to G.R.E.E.N.—Generating Resources for Educational Excellence Now — the Endowment's largest, and most important, fundraiser of the year! Join us, Saturday, October 17. 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, purchase Lucky Lotto 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. **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 the general operations of NPCS ... 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 NPCS. 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

Daughters of Charity (Altar Society) Meeting:

will be **Sunday, October 11, at 11:30am** in person in the Parish Hall (*observing a Social Distance*) **and** via Zoom. All women are invited & encouraged to participate either in person or virtually through Zoom. All of the women (*for whom we have emails*) will receive an email invitation to join the Zoom meeting later this week. *If you have never used Zoom before or have questions, please contact Fr. Seiker BEFORE the meeting begins.*

Knights of Columbus Meeting ... Mon, Oct. 12,

7:00pm, in person in the Parish Hall (*observing a Social Distance*) **and** via Zoom. All Knights are invited to participate. *If you have never used Zoom before or have questions, please contact Fr. Seiker BEFORE the meeting begins.*

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.

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).

LDCCW October Pro-Life Diaper Drive ...

The LDCCW is sponsoring the 11th 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 & Catholic Social Services across the Diocese & St. Gianna Women's Homes. Diapers given at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church go to Women's Resource Center.

Life is Primary ... A major Vatican document reminds us that the right to life is primary: "The teachings of Pope John XXIII, the Second Vatican Council, and Pope Paul VI have given abundant indication of the concept of human rights as articulated by the Magisterium. Pope John Paul II has drawn up a list of them in the Encyclical Centesimus Annus ... The first right presented in this list is the right to life, from conception to its natural end, which is the condition for the exercise of all other rights and, in particular, implies the illicitness of every form of procured abortion and euthanasia" (*Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, Vatican City, 2004*).

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. 16-18: Women's Retreat: A Biblical Walk from Nazareth to Jerusalem, with Fr. Jay Buhman at Retreat House in person for Women only. Men can watch from home online.
- Oct. 17: Men on Fire Men's Conference, with John Paul II Healing Center at St. Peter Church, 9:00am – 3:00pm
- Oct. 23-25: M/W, Fr. Karl Millis, *St. John of the Cross (a Carmelite themed weekend retreat for men or women (in-person and online))*
- Oct. 30-Nov. 4: M/W, Fr. Craig Doty, *Jesus, Please Heal Me! Prayer Teams available to pray in-person. (in-person and online)*
- Nov. 13-15: M/W, Fr. Matt Rolling, *Couch to Saint: Training to Be an Authentic Follower of Christ. (in-person and online)*

"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.

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.

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

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.

Nebraska Catholic Conference ... suggestions:

October is Respect Life Month ... Reflection excerpts by +Joseph Hanefeldt, Bishop of Grand Island. Full message: <https://gdiocese.org/statements>

There are many challenges to the dignity of the human person in our society today. From the moment of conception until the time of death, life is being assaulted in countless ways. Violence seems to be the common answer for everything: the violence of abortion, the violence of human trafficking, violence against immigrants, the violence of racism, the violence of suicide and assisted suicide, the violence of rioting and the destruction of property, the violence of Planned Parenthood selling aborted fetal body parts for profit, violence from those who will not tolerate the freedom of religion. Living the Gospel of Life challenges us to present a different way of living to our violent, broken world.

Each of us must look within our own conscience and consider how we think of others and notice how we treat them. What we say and do to them, and what we say about them to others, comes from the deepest recesses of our hearts. Consistently living the gospel of life requires a deeper conversion, beginning within our own hearts. We must repent of any disregard we may have had for the dignity of others. We must adhere to the gospel of life at all times, seeking God's mercy for the times when we have not lived by the Golden Rule. Reflection by +Joseph G. Hanefeldt, Bishop of Grand Island

Online School Choice Event with Cardinal Dolan ... On **Wednesday, October 14**, Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York, will lead a discussion about one of the greatest social justice issues of our time. "Educational Choice: A Path to Justice in America" will highlight the need for more school choice for kids and families, and how we can bring about change behind the scenes and in the public square. Register at <https://rsvp.theworldsbest.events/rr99x>

FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:

Fr. Seiker in Self-Quarantine ... I had a close contact/exposure with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 on Sunday (10/04/20). I will be living in the Rectory at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church during my 14-day self-quarantine (which ends Sunday evening, Oct. 18). All daily Masses will be prayed privately in Rectory. Fr. Bernard Lorenz will pray Saturday/Sunday Masses (Oct. 10-11, Oct. 17-18) and hear Confessions in the Parish Hall before Mass. The Sat/Sun Masses Fr. Lorenz prays at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church will not be livestreamed.

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

Lector		
Acolyte		
Server		
Music		
Gifts		
Ushers		
Rosary		

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 — 5:1; Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday:	Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday:	Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:42-46
Thursday:	Eph 1:1-10; Ps 98:1-6; Lk 11:47-54
Friday:	Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday:	Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-7; Lk 12:8-12
Sunday:	Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

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: Beatrice Estrada, 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: 10/10 - Chris Behm, 10/12 - Joanie Grunden, 10/16 - Belle Soto, Amanda Lott, 10/17 - Shirley Nisley.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... When the fathers of the Second Vatican Council met to discuss the sacrament of penance, they were required to draw up a new rite, including several forms. The hot button for debate was so-called "general absolution," by which a penitent could be absolved of sin without confessing to a priest. This was a difficult debate, compounded by widely varying traditions in both East and West. Some were surprised to learn that the Holy See had already given permission, during the First and Second World Wars, for this form. In 1944 the Vatican issued a decree saying this form was valid under extreme conditions, which bishops in mission lands and Latin America took as a kind of "blanket permission." Thus, the fathers of the Council were alarmed to find this practice fairly widespread, not only in war, but in peaceful places with huge numbers of faithful and few priests. Although they eventually produced a ritual with three different forms, the forms are not considered equal, and the enriched and revised individual form is preferred. The enrichments include a welcome of the penitent, a sign of the cross with an encouragement to trust in God's compassion, new texts rich in the Word of God, praise for God's mercy, and a dismissal. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

GOD REVEALED TO THE NATIONS ... What wonderful images we have today of the reign of God! Isaiah speaks to us of a great feast – a heavenly feast – a feast of abundance with rich foods and choice wines. It is the Lord's own affair, Isaiah explains, when God will unite all nations, dry every tear, and destroy death forever. Then, too, will the entire earth rejoice in the Lord and bask in God's saving grace. Jesus speaks of heaven in terms of a feast as well. Here, the kingdom of heaven is likened to a king's wedding feast given for his son. This is a feast of abundance also, with the fattened cattle prepared just so. But many of the people invited don't want to come, so the king invites anyone who would honor his son by their presence there. And Paul tells us that whether we live abundantly or in humble circumstances, we can do all things in the Lord who strengthens us. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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

ACTION ... What I began by reading I must finish by acting. — Henry David Thoreau

REPENTANCE ... Of all human acts, repentance is most divine. — Thomas Carlyle

Pray for our Seminarians: Matthew Elton Davis, from St. Joseph Parish in Alma. He entered the Seminary in 2020. He is in College 1 at St. Gregory the Great 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.