

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time ***October 13, 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

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. 14	8:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Oct. 15	7:00 a.m.
Wednesday	Oct. 16	5:30 p.m.
6:00pm-10:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hour => Spend time with Jesus		
Thursday	Oct. 17	8:00 a.m.
Friday	Oct. 18	12:10 p.m.
		5:30 p.m.
Saturday	Oct. 19	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Oct. 20	10:00 a.m.

INTENTIONS

Anna Lee
Elizabeth (Liz) Haag
Otto, Virginia, Lynn Weskamp +
Pope Francis
Martha Burbach +
Ray + & Margaret Ruskamp
People of Our Parish
Florena Schneweis +

*If we have died with
[Christ Jesus], we shall
also live with Him; if we
persevere, we shall also
reign with Him.*

— 2 Timothy 2:11-12a

Stewardship: October 6, 2019

Adult Envelopes:	\$1,579.00
Loose Plate:	\$326.22
Children:	\$1.05
Holy Day: 0	\$0.00
Total:	\$1,906.27

Joy of the Gospel Campaign

Total Pledged:	\$958,770.00
Gifts last week:	\$375.00
Total Gifts Received:	\$830,488.05
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

Parish Calendar

Sunday	Oct. 13	11:00am – 3:00pm: Pumpkin Festival;	6:30pm: Theology on Tap at Occasions (125 E. North Lake Rd.)
Monday	Oct. 14	7:00pm: Knights of Columbus Meeting in Parish Hall	
Wednesday	Oct. 16	6:00pm – 10:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration	7:00pm – 9:00pm: RCIA Classes in Parish Hall
Thursday	Oct. 17	1:00pm: Adult Bible Study in Parish Hall	
Saturday	Oct. 19	G.R.E.E.N. Fundraiser for North Platte Catholic Schools	
Sunday	Oct. 20	3:30pm Cursillo Ultreya at St. Patrick Church, McCook	

Catholic School News:

Upcoming Events: 10/14 - Columbus Day, 4:00pm - JV VBall @ Chase Co., 6:00pm - JV FBall vs. Hershey, 10/15 - 4:30pm - JH VBall @ McCook, 5:30pm - VBall vs Ogallala - Senior Night & Pink Out, 10/16 - 7:30am Rosary @ the McDaid Chapel, 10/17 - 4:30pm - JH VBall @ Hershey, NO FBall GAME vs. Southern Valley (Southern Valley has forfeited their 2019 FB season), 10/18 - End of First Quarter.

God is Here... Congratulations to all of the North Platte Catholic School students that were confirmed last weekend: Rachel Heiss, Samuel Dekleva, Genna Blakely, Nathan Moats, Logan O'Malley, Charlie Gale, Corby Condon, Hunter Deeds, Ashley Tolstedt, Johnny Waltman, Alex Davies, Jackson Lake & Trayton White.

Homecoming Royalty 2019: Graci Castillo, Charles Aufdenkamp, Queen - Brooklyn Childers, King - Charlie Gale

It's getting closer to G.R.E.E.N.! Join us **Saturday, October 19** for G.R.E.E.N.! Celebrate the North Platte Catholic Schools. It's an evening you don't want to miss! Tickets still be purchased at the Endowment office. Contact Wendy Dodson: w.dodson@npcschools.org, 308-534-5939.

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

Magnificat Brunch ... Fr. Jim Janovec of Grand Island, will be the featured speaker at the Magnificat Brunch hosted by Our Lady of the Harvest Chapter on Oct. 26, 2019 at Paxton, NE at 9:00am(MT), at Ole's Steakhouse. Fr. Jim's topic is "Invitation to Priesthood Shrouded in Clouds of Doubt, then Enlightened by Faith." RSVP by Oct. 21 to Jean Krajewski, 902 E 4th, Ogallala, 308-289-6766, jakrajewski45@gmail.com.

Theology on Tap ... Fr. Jim Golka will speak will speak about the spirit world at the next Theology on Tap on October 13 at 6:30pm at Occasions, 125 E. North Lake Rd. It is for young adults in their 20s / 30s. Food at 6:30pm; presentation at 7:00pm.

Knights of Columbus Meeting ... Mon, Oct 14, 7:00pm, Parish Hall. All Knights are invited to attend.

Pro-Life Diaper Drive ... The Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (LDCCW) is sponsoring the 10th Annual October Pro-Life Diaper Drive, collecting diapers throughout the month of October in each Lincoln Diocese parish. A baby in one year will use approximately 2,100 diapers, that's an average of only 6 diapers per day. The LDCCW goal is to collect 90,000 diapers. Diaper sizes 4, 5 and 6 are most needed. Your assistance is greatly appreciated; thanks to those who already donated. Listen to Spirit Catholic Radio Diaper Drive announcements.

Catholic Coffee House ... "Personal Testimonies on How an Encounter with God Leads to a Mission" is the theme for the Catholic Coffee House. Personal testimonies will be Sunday evenings at Gianna Java and Gelato, 2241 O Street, Lincoln, NE from 7-8:30pm. The presenters are: November 10, 2019, Dr. Matthew Hecker; CAO of Education, December 15, 2019, Lori Weskamp, Unbound Prayer Team member; January 19, 2020, Bob Sullivan, Attorney/Apologist; and February 16, 2020, Diane Reiber, Artist/Author. There is no fee or registration. Please call 402-473-0615 for questions.

UNBOUND Conference ... Participants will learn about Unbound through live presentations & videos & how it teaches 5 simple "keys" to break the chains of emotional, spiritual & mental bondage & unlock the doors to freedom. Join us at St Leo Church Hall, Palmyra, NE, Fri., Oct. 18, 6:00-9:00pm & Sat., Oct. 19, 8:00am-5:00pm. Event is free; registration is required. Please register at: lincolndiocese.org/unbound.

Servant Workshop ... Matt Simmons, Director of Evangelization & Spiritual Formation, will continue this 3-part series workshop on 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.

2019 Pumpkin Festival is TODAY ... Sunday, Oct. 13, from 11:00am – 3:00pm.

Again this year, 10% of Pumpkin Festival net profit will be donated to charity: 5% to Women's Resource Center and 5% to Youth from our Parish going to a Youth Event or WYD.

Food Booths: good food at each of the booths.

Raffle Tickets: Ten great prizes.

Silent Auction: many fine items to bid on.

Games: for kids of all ages.

Cursillo Movement ... Would you like to have an encounter with Christ? That's what **Cursillo** is all about. Cursillo came to the Lincoln Diocese in 1965 with the first three-day weekend being held at Pius X High School in Lincoln on July 22-25, 1965. Born out of a spirit of renewal in the Church that preceded the Second Vatican Council, the Cursillo Movement originated in Spain in the early 1940s, which is why many Cursillo terms are of Spanish origin. Cursillo came to the U.S. in 1957 and spread rapidly throughout the United States, and provided the catalyst for such movements as **Marriage Encounter, Teens Encounter Christ (TEC), Christians Encounter Christ, Catholics Encounter Christ; Residents Encounter Christ (REC), and KAIROS**, each of which addressed the needs of a specific group. Cursillo Weekends scheduled at Sacred Heart Parish in Hebron, NE, October 24-27, 2019 (Men) and November 7-10, 2019 (Women) have been **postponed until Spring 2020**. If you would like more information about Cursillo or the 2019 Weekends, call or email Greg Vandenberg, Men's Weekend Coordinator (308-530-7587; glvandenberg@charter.net), or Kathy Springer, Women's Weekend Coordinator (402-826-2699; ks90710@windstream.net). There is also information on the Lincoln Diocese Cursillo webpage: <http://www.seas-np.org/cursillolincoln.html>.

More Children, More Love ... "The terrible miscalculation of young women is that abortion can make them 'un-pregnant,' that it will restore them to who they were before their crisis. But a woman is never the same once she is pregnant, whether the child is kept, adopted, or killed. Abortion may be a kind of resolution, but it is not the one the woman most deeply longs for, nor will it even preserve her sense of self." (Paul Swope, "Abortion: A Failure to Communicate")

FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:

RCIA Classes ... on Wednesdays in Parish Hall, 7:00pm – 9:00pm, will continue until mid-May 2020. It's not too late to join.

New Digital Sign ... A brick contractor poured the footings for the new pillars of brick on either side of the digital sign on Wed, Oct. 9. The brick will be installed as weather permits and the remainder of the structure around the sign will be installed as materials are available.

Cursillo National Spiritual Advisor ... in June 2019, the Cursillo National Secretariat elected me to serve a three year term as the National Spiritual Advisor which began Oct 1, 2019. From Oct 22-29, I will be on a trip to Mallorca, Spain (an island southeast of Spain) for a Cursillo de Cursillos weekend, to help me in my role as National Spiritual Advisor.

Looking Back and Moving Forward

In Feb. 2008, our Parish was included in the list of nine different locations in the Lincoln Diocese where an image of Our Lady of Lourdes was available. A plenary indulgence for the 150th anniversary of the apparitions at Lourdes was granted from Feb. 2 - Feb. 11, 2008, for all who visit a blessed image of the Blessed Virgin Mary or Lourdes solemnly displayed for public veneration in any church, oratory, grotto.

During the summer of 2007, our parish hosted a Totus Tuus team for one week during the summer to come to present a summer catechetical program to Grade School and High School children in a way that was fun and also educational. Our parish has continued to offer this very fine program every summer since 2007.

On the Friday before Palm Sunday, in 2008, our parish showed *Mel Gibson's PASSION OF THE CHRIST* movie in the

Parish Hall. It was a great preparation for Holy Week, to reflect on Christ's passion and love for us.

In March of 2008, we elected new members to the Parish Council (Janet Fear, Shirley Nisley, Al Robinson, Bob Ryland, Rex Walz). It was a very close election and there was a 3 way tie for 3rd, 4th, and 5th place. So, instead of having 4 parish council members, we will have 5 members. Thank you to those whose names were on the ballot and to those who voted. Thank you to Teresa Bjornstad, John Daigger, Rebecca Nordquist, & Mike Paul, for their many years of service on the Parish Council.

At the Easter Vigil 2008, Holy Water in little plastic bottles was blessed & made available near the Holy Water font (near the Pulpit) for parishioners to take home with them & use it during the Easter Season & throughout the year. The Holy Water reminds us of our Baptism ... that we are members of God's family, & is often used in blessings & invokes God's blessings.

On April 13, 2008, Bishop Bruskewitz came to our parish to Confirm seven of our students (Grades 5-7).

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton sponsored a study program called: 7 Steps to Becoming Financially Free: A Catholic Small Group Study, by author & speaker, Phil Lenahan from Veritas Financial Ministries. All were invited to this faith-based personal money management small group study held on Wednesday evenings in June and July 2008.

Pope Benedict XVI proclaimed a Holy Year in honor of St. Paul (from June 28, 2008 – June 29, 2009). Our parishioners and Catholics throughout the world were encouraged to learn more about St. Paul, and imitate his example of living their faith and inviting others to come closer to Jesus.

In the Fall of 2008, after surveying parents and CCD teachers, our Parish switched from having CCD classes on Wednesday evenings to having them on Sunday mornings after the 10:00am Mass. Generally, this change of day and time has made it easier for more parents and students to participate in our religious education classes.

During the summer of 2008, the Parish Council began discussing the possibility of beginning plans to build our new Church. Fr. Seiker wrote in the Bulletin: "Some have asked if we have enough money. Others have asked if we have enough parishioners. Some items that have been an important part of the discussion and the decisions are:

- Construction/building prices are not going down. The same building will cost more to build in 3 years than it will cost to build now.
- Through the Diocesan Investment and Loan (DIAL) the interest rates have remained the same for over 35 years. We get 4% interest on our investments and we pay 4½% on our loans. (By the way, it has been decided that on a monthly basis, we will make a larger deposit into our "new church" DIAL account, since our parish checking account does not pay interest.)
- So, it is better to build the new church now at current prices and pay for it at a fixed (4½%) interest rate, rather than build the new church at a higher cost a number of years in the future and still pay for it at the same interest rate.
- There have been many Saturday or Sunday Masses in recent months with a rather large congregation ... we could use a bigger space! Having a new church would also make it easier for coffee & rolls, breakfasts, pot-luck dinners, etc ... not to mention funerals and weddings.

So, a Parish Building Committee has been formed & will meet for the first time Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2008, 7:00pm in the Rectory Conference room. I encourage all of our parishioners to pray for each other and our parish during this new phase of journey as a parish family. Pray for an openness to God's leading us, and for our willingness to follow His lead.

The members of the **Parish Building Committee** are: Toni Barron, Steve Fear, Paul Nordquist, Luke Ranck, Ed Rieker, Betty Steffes, Rich Wielechowski. If you have questions about the new Church or other concerns about our buildings, you're invited to contact the members of the Parish Building Committee or me."

Liturgical Minister

	Sat., Oct. 19, 5:00pm	Sun., Oct. 20, 10:00am
Lector	Mike Krondak	Shane Lowrey
Acolyte	Jerry Volesky	Duane Johnsen
Server	Volunteer	Lakeland Lowrey
	Volunteer	Harmon Johnsen
Music	Matt & Ashley Perlinger	Greg Vandenberg
Gifts	AliceRobinson/CindySwanson	Michael/Carissa Lafleur
Ushers	Cindy Swanson	Volunteer
	Alice Robinson	Spencer Hampton
Rosary		

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday:	Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday:	Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9; Lk 11:42-46
Thursday:	Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-6ab; Lk 11:47-54
Friday:	2Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13,17-18; Lk 10:1-9
Saturday:	Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12
Sunday:	Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121:1-8; 2 Tm 3:14 — 4:2; Lk 18:1-8

Prayers for the sick: Matt Reisen (Matt & Ashley Perlinger's friend), 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 Schneewis (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: 10/12 - Tyler Behm, Joanie Grunden, 10/16 - Amanda Lott, 10/17 - Shirley Nisley.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... Christian liturgy has always contained an opportunity to make a choice for sharing. From the beginning, Christians pooled their resources, especially for the care of widows and orphans, at the weekly Eucharist. Over the years, the collection became detached from the liturgy and baskets or plates would be passed through the community while the Mass was going on at the altar, or contributions would be collected at the doors. In Milan's Ambrosian Rite, these gifts have always been brought to the altar by lay people in procession. In German countries, the ancient custom was for the entire assembly to process with their gifts – first the men, then the women, then the priests and deacons – to offer their gifts at the altar. The old ceremony of canonization included a curious vestige of this procession: people would present the pope with two loaves of bread, two barrels of wine and water, five candles, and three cages containing pigeons or turtledoves! — James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

HEALING AND SALVATION ... The readings today speak of healing and salvation. In Second Kings, Naaman, a commander of the army of the king of Syria, develops leprosy. He goes to a stranger, a prophet from Israel, when no one else can cure his disease. Much to his surprise, after a simple bath in the river, he is cured. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus cures ten lepers and sends them to the priest. Only one, a Samaritan, returns to thank Jesus for his cure and only he hears the words, "Your faith has saved you." The psalm and Timothy remind us that salvation involves justice, kindness, and faithfulness and forever links us with Jesus. In a world as broken as ours, both healing and salvation are necessary. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

BIBLE STUDY ... Let sleep find you holding your Bible, and when your head nods, let it be resting on a sacred page.
— St. Jerome

NOTHING BUT GOD... I need nothing but God, and to lose myself in the heart of God. —St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

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 ... (October)

Evangelization: That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the church.