

# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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## ***29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*** ***October 20, 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](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. 21 8:00 a.m.  
Tuesday Oct. 22 **7:00 a.m.**  
Wednesday Oct. 23  
**NO Eucharistic Holy Hours this week**  
Thursday Oct. 24  
Friday Oct. 25  
Saturday Oct. 26 **5:00 p.m.**  
Sunday Oct. 27 **10:00 a.m.**

## INTENTIONS

For an end to Contraception  
For an end to Abortion  
- NO Scheduled Parish Mass -  
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- NO Scheduled Parish Mass -  
People of Our Parish  
Florena Schneweis +

*I lift up my eyes toward the  
mountains; whence  
shall help come to me?  
My help is from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.*

— Psalm 121:1-2

## **Stewardship: October 13, 2019**

**Adult Envelopes:** .....\$1,280.55  
**Loose Plate:** .....\$141.00  
**Children:** .....\$0.00  
**Holy Day:** 0 .....\$0.00  
**Total:** .....\$1,421.55

### Joy of the Gospel Campaign

Total Pledged: .....\$958,770.00  
Gifts last week: .....\$50.00  
**Total Gifts Received: .....\$830,538.05**  
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. 20 **3:30pm:** Cursillo Ultreya at St. Patrick Church, McCook  
Wednesday Oct. 23 **NO Eucharistic Adoration This Week** **7:00pm – 9:00pm:** RCIA Classes in Parish Hall  
Thursday Oct. 24 **1:00pm:** Adult Bible Study in Parish Hall  
Saturday Oct. 26 **10:00am (Central Time):** Magnificat Brunch at Ole's in Paxton

## **Catholic School News:**

**Upcoming Events:** 10/21 - NO SCHOOL (Faculty In-Service), 4:30pm - JH VBall vs. Sutherland, 5:30pm - Res & JV VBall @ Hershey, 10/22 - 5:00pm - VBall Tri @ Sutherland, 10/23 - 7:00pm Jr./Sr. High Fall Music Concert, 10/25 - NSAA State XC, 6:00pm - NLB Tailgate, 7:00pm - FBall vs. Gordon-Rushville (Parent's Night).

**God is Here T-Shirts...** Green only: \$10 each. Order forms can be picked up in the McDaid office from JoJo. Payment must accompany order. Due Oct. 23. No late orders or phone orders. Thank you!

**Fall Music Concert & Soup Supper:** The Jr/Sr. High Concert will be held at the St. Pat's High School Gym on Wednesday, October 23 @ 7:00pm. A free will donation will be accepted for the meal. Chicken Noodle, Broccoli & Cheese or Chili will be served. A cookie reception will follow the concert. Provided by the Irish Music Department!

**Who Doesn't Love a Good Story?** Most would agree that few things compare with the experience of being in the presence of a great storyteller -- someone who can spin a tale so well that we get caught up in its threads and lose all sense of time or space. Periodically, guest speakers make a surprise appearance in the grade school classrooms. They talk to the students and read them stories. This month, Fr. Saqar and our McDaid Principal, Mrs. Wood took time out of their busy schedules to read to the second graders. Not only does regular reading help make us smarter, but it can actually increase your brain power. Thanks for helping our students grow in their faith and intelligence!

### **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 4<sup>th</sup>, Ogallala, 308-289-6766, jakrajewski45@gmail.com.

**Pro-Life Diaper Drive ...** One of the non-truths in the abortion debate is the notion that pro-life advocates care about the child in the womb and do nothing for pregnant women or for the children once born. The Diaper Drive is a great opportunity to support the women that choose life rather than abortion. Let's all work together to make this Pro-Life Diaper Drive a great success. Listen to Spirit Catholic Radio for 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.

**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.

**WRAP Means White Ribbon Against Pornography ...** The purpose of white ribbon against Pornography is to raise awareness about the Hardcore pornography problem. The Catholic Daughters will be handing out white ribbons on Oct. 26 and 27. Display the white ribbon in your home or car as a reminder to pray for protection for your family.

**I Had Four Abortions ...** I had 4 abortions. The first when I was 18 after the first time I had sex. My parents didn't know. The boy offered to pay for the abortion. Basically, my friend took me by the hand and led me to the clinic where there was no discussion about alternatives, just an appointment made. The second one, I took myself. The third one – my same boyfriend was involved. The fourth one I did alone. When I gave birth to my first baby, the reality of what I had done hit me like a ton of bricks. My husband and I have been profoundly affected. Our sex life is nil – we have unresolved guilt and anger. There's no telling what the impact has been on me, I am just opening the door to it all. But I know one thing – if it hadn't been legal, I would not have been so promiscuous. No way! –Mary, CA

**2019 PUMPKIN FESTIVAL Report ...** Many have asked how we did on the Pumpkin Festival. We haven't received all of the bills yet, so the net profit is not known. However, the very preliminary gross income is about \$16,000 (which is about \$5,100 more than last year, \$3,500 less than 2 years ago; \$4,700 less than 3 years ago.) There was good weather for the set-up on Saturday and very good weather on Sunday. Some have guessed that the "visiting crowd" was close to one of our largest. Through all of it, our parishioners worked together well & welcomed visitors to our Pumpkin Festival.

Thanks to the committee: Alice Robinson (Overall Chair), Cindy Swanson (Publicity Chair), Spencer & Tiffany Hampton (Games Chairs), Ed Rieker & Jim & Shirley Nisley (Silent Auction Co-Chairs), Chuck Burr (Raffle Chair), and Alice Robinson (Food Booths Chair), for the gift of their time and efforts. There are many persons who gave many hours of their time this year as they have many years before, throughout the year and especially on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, preparing for the Pumpkin Festival, setting up, donating food & craft items, silent auction and raffle ticket items, selling raffle tickets, working during the event, & cleaning up after. Thank you!

It was a good Pumpkin Festival, not just because we made some money, but more importantly because we worked together as a Parish Family! Many people used the opportunity to talk to their neighbors (*those persons next to them at various times throughout the day*) about our Lord or about our faith. May the Lord continue to draw us closer to Himself & to one another in all that we do!

Raffle prize winners are listed below. A complete financial report will be given when the bills are paid. 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 Retreat or WYD.

**Pumpkin Festival: Raffle Winners:**

<b>Prize (Donor)</b>	<b>Winner</b>
½ oz. of Gold .....	Dillon Higgins
¼ Beef & Processing (Bob/Tracy Ryland) .....	Ed Rieker
\$250.00 Cash.....	Catherine Sullivan
Canyon 55 Cooler (Reiny Burbach).....	Kenny McConnell
\$200 Grocery Certificate (Jerry/Teri Volesky).....	Jason Bryant
½ Hog & Processing (Chuck/Kathy Burr) .....	Logan O'Malley
\$150.00 Visa Gift Card (NebraskaLand Bank).....	Amanda Baxa
Two Fire Extinguishers (Nebraska Safety & Fire) ...	Linda Delgado
NE/Illinois Football Tickets (Jerry/Teri Volesky) .....	Jerry Campbell

**Daughters of Charity: Quilt Raffle Winner:**

<b>Prize</b>	<b>Winner</b>
57" x 57" "Labyrinth" pattern (Alice Robinson) .....	Mary Frary

**Cowboy Christmas arts and craft show ...**

This year's Cowboy Christmas arts and craft show will be held on Saturday, Nov. 2, 9:00am – 6:00pm and Sunday, Nov. 3, 9:00am–4:00pm at the D & N Event Center. This event greatly benefits out Catholic Community Food Pantry as the admission to the event is a canned food or free-will monetary donations, all of which our food pantry receives.

**FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:**

**New Digital Sign ...** The brick contractor laid bricks on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Now we are waiting for the top part of the sign [*which is being manufactured for Condon Sign by an out-of-town company*] to be completed and shipped here. When the top of the sign is installed, then the brick contractor will be able to install the remainder of brick [*the columns on either side of the Digital Sign*] as weather permits.

**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. Please welcome Fr. Joseph Bernardo (Priest Chaplain, Pius X High School).

**Looking Back and Moving Forward ....**

The Parish Building Committee began meeting in September 2008. As part of the discussions involved in deciding to build a new church, for a few weeks, there was a discussion about the possibility of selling the approximately 10 acres of land referred to as "the Farm" immediately south of the approximately 10 acres of land on which the Hall, Rectory, and Church have been built. This rental property was purchased in 2001 by our parish. After much discussion, we were advised by the Diocesan Building Committee not to sell the rental property.

The Parish Building Committee met five times between September – November 2008. After interviewing three different architects, the Committee decided to ask **C G Architects from North Platte** to work with us in designing our new church building. Members of the Parish Building Committee went on a "road trip" Nov. 14-15 to see other churches throughout the diocese, to view different styles of architecture and get ideas.

In preparation for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Marian Mass, Rosary, and Candlelight procession on Wed, Oct. 8, 2008, our parishioners were encouraged to do the 33 day preparation for a Consecration to Jesus through Mary.

On Sundays and Wednesdays during Lent 2009, our parishioners were invited to participate in **The Great Adventure: A Journey through the Bible**. In this study, Jeff Cavins explains the major Bible events in chronological order so anyone can grasp the overall story of the Bible.

In the March 29, 2009 Bulletin, Fr. Seiker wrote: "This past week, a crew from Paulsen, Inc (from the Cozad office) was here to repair the cracks in the blacktop on our parking lot. They put a hot tar sealer in the cracks. They did a nice job, but the best thing about the job is that they did it for FREE! So, if you are in need of concrete or gravel, you might remember Paulsen's. Also, thank you to Ed Rieker for making the contacts and arrangements with Paulsen's."

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton sponsored a 12 week study and video series called: **Light Weigh** where you learn how to be at peace with food. The study was during June - August. Another session was held in October – December 2009. A third session was held in February – April 2010.

Our Parish also participated in the year long celebration of the "Year for Priests (*June 19, 2009 – June 19, 2010*) called for by Pope Benedict XVI to encourage priests to strive for spiritual perfection so that their ministry might be more effective. The year was chosen because it is the 150th anniversary of the death of the Holy Curé d'Ars, John Mary Vianney. All Catholic Churches in the North Platte area are invited to celebrate with our area priests and religious at a "Priest Appreciation Dinner" on Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm. As St. John Vianney, Universal Patron of Priests said: "If we fully realized what a priest is, we would die of love."

Thanks to all those who came to help with the parish grounds clean-up and the clean-up day at the "Farm" in June 2009. It was warm work, but we got the job done, and it looks better. Thanks!

On Oct. 7, 2009, the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, parishioners were invited to make a Consecration of oneself to Jesus Christ, Wisdom incarnate, through the hands of Mary during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Marian Mass, Rosary, and Candlelight Procession. In order to better understand and prepare for this consecration, there is a 33 day period of preparation for the consecration which began on September 4.

Fr. Seiker wrote in the September 6, 2009 Bulletin "The Parish Building Committee has met many times over the last eight months with Stephen Granger of C G Architects from North Platte & reviewed many different versions of possible floor plans for the new church. The Building Committee met with the Parish Council/Finance Committee to review the proposed plans two times. On Friday, Aug. 7, some members of the Parish Building Committee met with the Diocesan Building Committee in Lincoln. There was a Parish Meeting scheduled on Saturday, August 15 and another Parish Meeting on Sunday, September 13, 2009 for the entire parish. The meeting will last one hour. Stephen Granger, our architect, and members of the Parish Building Committee will be available to answer questions."

## Liturgical Minister

	Sat., Oct. 26, 5:00pm	Sun., Oct. 27, 10:00am
<b>Lector</b>	Mike Krondak	Justin Pieper
<b>Acolyte</b>	Ed Rieker	Jerry Cooper
<b>Server</b>	William Krondak	Xavier Pieper
	Nicholas Krondak	Volunteer
<b>Music</b>	Volunteer	Buhrman/Niesen/Gregg
<b>Gifts</b>	Steve & Janet Fear	Duane/Heather Johnson
<b>Ushers</b>	Steve Fear	Duane Johnsen
	Janet Fear	Heather Johnsen
<b>Rosary</b>		

## *Readings for the Week*

Monday:	Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday:	Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday:	Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48
Thursday:	Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53
Friday:	Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94; Lk 12:54-59
Saturday:	Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9
Sunday:	Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

**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:** Gordon Swanson (Cindy Swanton'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), 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:** 10/22 - Heather Johnsen, 10/23 - Tracy Ryland, 10/26 - Trudy Brosius, 10/27 - Carissa Lafleur.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ...** Although the hours of daylight are rapidly dwindling, many people would say that these October days bring the year's most splendid weather. Americans are riders and joggers, not strollers, and so the pleasures of the season are often lost on us. This is not the case with many Jewish people, who observe an ancient rule in walking to synagogue on the Sabbath. On city streets and suburban sidewalks in many cities, we may notice around sunset the nicely dressed families walking and chatting on Friday afternoon. After a short prayer at dusk, the families stroll home again for a relaxing and festive meal. They return to synagogue in the morning, and then spend an afternoon in family leisure until three stars appear in the night sky and Sabbath ends. Catholics, on the other hand, pile into the car and drive even a short distance to Mass; some even divide the family to participate at different hours. For Jews, the leisurely walk marks a dividing line between hectic life commitments and a day of abundant joy and enrichment. Before we became an automobile culture, Catholics embraced a similar pace, and in most places walked to church. These lovely days of fall invite us to tap into an old and life-giving tradition. If you live within a mile of your church, walk next week. If you must drive, park at a good distance and walk the rest of the way. Talk about your life, greet strangers, notice the crunch of leaves under your shoes. You may be surprised at how different Sunday Mass feels when it is framed by leisure! — James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**PERSISTENCE ...** Today's readings are about persistence, passionate persistence. Exodus tells of a battle won despite weariness because Moses, with help from Aaron and Hur, held his hands raised. Timothy asks that same persistence of his community and us. Luke tells of a court case won by a widow, despite the dishonesty of the judge, because she will not leave him alone. The psalm reminds us that God is everywhere, guarding us from harm day and night, coming and going, now and forever. The readings are about persistence, the relentless, unwavering pursuit of what must not be lost. The readings are about God's passionate persistence in pursuing us, seeking to win our hearts. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**FRAGRANT FORGIVENESS ...** Forgiveness is the fragrance a violet sheds on the heel that has crushed it. — Mark Twain

**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.