

# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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## *The Solemnity of All Saints* *November 1, 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	Nov. 2	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> <i>All Souls Day</i>	[12:00pm=Rosary, 12:30pm Funeral for Juanita Garvin at St. Patrick Church]
		<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday	Nov. 3	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	Defense of Marriage 1 man & 1 woman
Wednesday	Nov. 4	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Margaret Baxa +
		<b>6:00pm-10:00pm</b>	<b>Eucharistic Holy Hours =&gt; Spend time with Jesus</b>
Thursday	Nov. 5	8:00 a.m.	Jacob Buhrman
Friday	Nov. 6	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>	Special Intention (jls)
		<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Parishioners with Birthday in November
		<i>followed by:</i>	<i>Exposition of Blessed Sacrament &amp; all night Adoration</i>
Saturday	Nov. 7	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Book of Memories / Blessings
		<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	People of our Parish
Sunday	Nov. 8	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	Virginia Marie Waechter +

## INTENTIONS

*See what love the Father  
has bestowed on us  
that we may be called  
the children of God.*

—1 John 3:1

*Please join us on  
Sunday, Nov. 1, 2020  
for a 1:15pm Rosary at  
North Platte Cemetery*

## **Stewardship: October 25, 2020**

**Adult Envelopes:** .....\$2,930.00  
**Loose Plate:** .....\$65.00  
**Children:** .....\$0.00  
**Holy Day:** 0 ..... \$0.00  
**Total:** .....\$2,995.00

### Joy of the Gospel Campaign

Total Pledged: .....\$958,770.00  
 Gifts last week: .....\$530.00  
Total Gifts Received:.....\$895,793.05  
 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

Propagation of the Faith: ..\$25.00

### **Parish Calendar**

Sunday	Nov. 1	11:30am: Family Formation, Parents & Children
Wednesday	Nov. 4	6:00pm – 10:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration 7:00pm – 9:00pm: RCIA Classes in Person and via Zoom
Thursday	Nov. 5	1:00pm: Adult Bible Study via Zoom (contact Teri Volesky)
Friday	Nov. 6	6:00pm – 8:00am (on Saturday): First Friday Holy Hours / Eucharistic Adoration

## **Catholic School News:**

**Thank You!** Many thanks to all of those that participated and tuned into our broadcast. What an amazing event for the NPCCS. Net proceeds will be well over \$150,000. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! Congratulations to our prize winners: **Lucky Lotto \$5,000** - Dr. David Cantral of Kearney, **Lucky Lotto \$5,000** - Toni Guthrie of North Platte, **Spirit Wagons** - Jessica Braithwait of North Platte, Karen Lenczowski of Papillion, and Charlie Burwick of North Platte were the winners of Spirit Wagons. Funds raised at G.R.E.E.N. help the Endowment reach an annual goal for support of school operations, teacher salaries, and tuition assistance. In addition, G.R.E.E.N. donors also contributed to special Fund-A-Need projects announced during the virtual event. Nearly \$40,000 was contributed for new touchless drinking/water bottle fountains, security camera system for St. Pat's & McDaid, and a new phone system at St. Pat's High School. Thank you for being a part of this important event for our Catholic Schools!

**School Board Elections 2020-21:** At this time there are two positions open on the NPCCS' Board. One member will represent the Holy Spirit Parish and one member will represent St. Patrick Parish. Candidates Cassie Condon, Natalie Gifford & Dr. Lannae Phelps are running for the seat available for St. Patrick Parish. Todd Brosius and Erika Miles are running for the seat available at Holy Spirit Parish. Next weekend parishioners will have an opportunity to cast their vote to determine which one of these candidates will help lead our schools.

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

**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).

## **Family Formation Parent's Meeting ... Our November Meeting is on Sunday, November 1, 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).

## **Day of Equipping, Dec. 4-5 in Hastings ...**

Do you desire to be equipped to live into the fullness that Christ intended for each of His followers? If so, this Two Day Equipping Event, led by Bart Schuchts of the John Paul II Healing Center, is for you! During the training, you will learn the foundations of abiding in Christ, hearing His voice and becoming empowered to pray for others as Jesus did. If you desire to do the works that Jesus did and to live more fully into the calling Christ described in John 14:12, we invite you to attend! This Two Day Equipping event takes place at St. Michael Parish (Hastings), Dec. 4-5. Register online [www.jpilhealingcenter.org](http://www.jpilhealingcenter.org). Scholarships available.

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

will soon be coming to an end, but you still have an opportunity to donate. Cash donations can be placed in the collection basket or in the Church collection slot by the Rectory in a marked envelope "Daughters of Charity Diaper Drive." Make checks payable to the "Daughters of Charity." The Daughters of Charity will write one check to Women's Resource Center to purchase diapers as needed. Thank you to those that have already donated. God Bless You.

## **Nebraska Catholic Voter Guide ...**

The Nebraska Catholic Conference invited all state legislative and federal legislative candidates on the upcoming ballot to answer a survey indicating their support or opposition on a variety of important public policy issues currently facing our state and nation. We also gave them the opportunity to offer a special message to you, the Catholic voter. Please reference the Voter Guide at: <https://www.nebraskacatholicvoter.com/>

**Healing After Abortion ...** Bishop Michael W. Warfel of the Diocese of Juneau, AK had this to say about cultivating a culture of life: *“The toleration and promotion of abortion, socially and legally, has clouded individual consciences and made it difficult for many to distinguish between good and evil, even when what is at stake is the fundamental right to life. If we reject the value and dignity of human life, our culture becomes more and more based on a lie and its structures cannot long endure. But how do we help others to understand this? By transforming our culture into one that respects and defends human life! In addition to encouraging laws that protect innocent human life, it is necessary to speak of the deeper truth behind such laws: that all human life is sacred; that God is its author; that we do not own life.”*

**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:**

- Nov. 13-15: M/W, Fr. Matt Rolling, *Couch to Saint: Training to Be an Authentic Follower of Christ. (in-person and online)*
- Dec. 4-6: M/W, Fr. Ben Holdren, *The Mystery of Marriage Revealed*

**QUOTES ...** The Lord sees not only how much we give, but also how much we keep. \*\*\* Some people make things happen, some people watch things happen, and some people wonder what’s happening. \*\*\* Life’s greatest achievement is the continual remaking of yourself so that at last you know how to live. \*\*\* **Life takes on new interest when we invest in the lives of others.** \*\*\* **No one is ever too old to learn, but some people keep putting it off.**

**Did You Miss the Pro-Life Conference? ...** If you missed our online conference last Saturday which featured keynote speaker George Weigel, you can still watch the recording! Full uninterrupted recording on our Facebook page ([https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?v=385268052607577&ref=watch\\_permalink](https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?v=385268052607577&ref=watch_permalink)). You can also access the Zoom recordings of each talk on our website: (<https://necatholic.org/news-events/pro-life-conference.html>)

“**We are the Times**” - Panel Discussion with Bishop Hanefeldt, Cristina Barba Whalen, Founder of the Culture Project, and Kevin Grillot, Executive Director of weDignify.

“**JPII as a Model for Redeeming the Time**” - George Weigel

“**Roe v. Wade and Redeeming the Law**” - Marion Miner

**Archbishop Lucas: The right to life is a “human right”** ... Responding to an essay misrepresenting Catholic social teaching, Archbishop George J. Lucas offered a clear and direct statement in the Omaha World-Herald regarding the preeminence of the abortion issue in our culture today:

“Catholic social teaching is multifaceted, but it is not complicated. Its central focus is the life and dignity of every human person. Our opposition to the injustice of abortion will not be credible when we fail to recognize and work to eliminate other serious threats to human life and dignity, including racism, the environmental crisis, the inhumane treatment of migrants and refugees, poverty and the imposition of the death penalty. At the same time, work to establish justice in other areas is undercut by any perceived lack of strong support for the protection of the right to life in the womb of the most vulnerable members of the human family.” **The full response is at** [https://omaha.com/opinion/columnists/midlands-voices-abortion-remains-a-preeminent-moral-concern-archbishop-writes/article\\_7f4b60d1-9833-52c0-952a-4152c9e1aacd.html](https://omaha.com/opinion/columnists/midlands-voices-abortion-remains-a-preeminent-moral-concern-archbishop-writes/article_7f4b60d1-9833-52c0-952a-4152c9e1aacd.html)

**PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD ...** “It is a holy & pious thought to pray for the dead.” (2 Macc 12:45). One of the corporal works of mercy is to pray for the dead. Those persons whom we have loved during their life here on earth, we should still remember to pray for after they have died. **The best prayer of all is the Mass.** Envelopes are available at the Bulletin Board in the Narthex to request Masses to be offered for the repose of the soul of any of your loved ones. The usual Mass stipend is \$10.00. Simply write the name of the deceased person on the envelope and your name and enclose \$10.00. If you write a check, please make the check payable to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church and write “Mass Stipend” in the memo. The Mass intentions are listed in the Bulletin. Pray for the dead!

An **indulgence** is granted the Christian faithful who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, if only mentally, for the dead. This indulgence is applicable only to the souls in purgatory. **This indulgence is a plenary (full) one from Nov. 1 – 30 (all of Nov.) & can be gained on each one of these days.** On other days of the year this indulgence is a partial one.

An **indulgence** is the remission of the temporal punishment due to sins that have already been forgiven. An indulgence can be gained by doing certain works of devotion, penance & charity, under conditions that the Church has set down. An indulgence is partial or plenary, as it removes either part or all of the temporal punishment due to sin. An indulgence can be gained for oneself or for souls in punishment due to sin. (CCC 1471) The official list of works & prayers that have an indulgence attached to them, as well as the conditions that must be met, are contained in The Handbook of Indulgences.

Besides the exclusion of all attachment to sin, even venial sin, the requirements for gaining a plenary indulgence are the performance of the indulgenced work and fulfillment of three conditions: sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion, prayer for the pope’s intentions. The three conditions may be carried out several days before or after the performance of the prescribed work. But it is more fitting that the communion & the prayer for the pope’s intentions take place on the day the work is performed.

**On Sunday, Nov. 1, at 1:15pm, we will meet at the North Platte Cemetery (on West Rodeo Road).** We will meet at the Flag, and walk around the Cemetery and **pray the Rosary for the repose of the souls of our relatives, friends, and parishioners.** All are invited!

**PRAYER TO ST MONICA ...** The Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women has designated the month of November to the Indianola Deanery Council for prayers to St. Monica. We offer our prayers through St. Monica’s intercession for the spiritual and physical safety of our children. **Please take time and pray this prayer each day during November.** **PRAYER TO ST. MONICA**

O God, You are the comfort of those who mourn and the savior of all who trust in You. Blessed Monica’s loving tears moved You to convert her son, Augustine. Help us who pray to You for the salvation of our sons and daughters, too. May we also grieve for our own sins and win the grace of Your pardon through the intercession of this loving Saint, through Christ our Lord. Amen **St. Monica, Pray For Us!**

**FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:**

**Bishop’s Appeal for Vocations ... “Peace Be With You”.** 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 did 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.**

**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.**



## 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:	Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11, Jn 6:37-40
Tuesday:	Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26b-32; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday:	Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday:	Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10
Friday:	Phil 3:17 — 4:1; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday:	Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9; Lk 16:9-15
Sunday:	Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13

**Prayers for the sick:** Cathy Leathers, Tucker Smith, 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:** Shirley Lindekugel, 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:** 10/31 - Drew Connelly, 11/2 - Billie Rouzee, 11/7 - Toni Barron, 11/8 - Matt Perlinger.

**Congratulations:** to Jerry & Betty Steffes who celebrate their **61<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary Nov. 7.**

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ...** In the days ahead, we celebrate the saints who live in glory, and the vast number of people who have gone before us in the Christian life as “works in progress.” Reading any saint’s biography, you quickly become aware that they were persons singularly aware of their faults and sins, their human propensity to miss the mark. Penance is a recurring theme in their lives, and many found a “confessor” who coached them in the spiritual life. Today, a new form of penance can coach us in our journey, because the setting is an assembly of the faithful. In this form, there is time given for people who wish to confess and be absolved to meet privately with a priest for a few moments. Before the community is dismissed, everyone joins in an act of praise for God’s mercy, usually by singing a hymn together. The individual part is not compulsory, and you can certainly participate fully and fruitfully without the individual confession. The joy of this liturgy is itself an impetus to change and to open up more fully to this wonderful gift of our faith. You have already been forgiven, of course. That was accomplished for you on the cross. It is the Christian task to open ourselves up, as did the saints, to the reality of that gift. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**OUR HOPE AND GOD’S PROMISE ...** The Church uses these waning November days and darker skies as the season to remind us of the last things. Today’s feast, the Solemnity of All Saints, is the centerpiece of three days that point to doctrines we proclaim each time we say the Apostles’ Creed: “We believe in the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting.” And while the days and our hearts may be dark, the readings today are bright with the light of faith. John’s vision in the book of Revelation reveals dazzling angels and white-robed saints gathered in triumph around the throne of God. In the responsorial psalm we sing our longing to see God’s face, and in the second reading John writes that we are God’s children and will, in fact, see God “as he is” (1 John 3:2). This is our hope. This is God’s promise. Today we celebrate the triumph of those who already gaze on the face of God. Tomorrow we cry out for mercy with those in purgatory, who, like us on earth, still long to see God’s face. —Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**LIMITS TO SAINTHOOD ...** All saints can do miracles, but few of them can keep a hotel. —Mark Twain

**CHARACTER ...** The only difference between the saint and the sinner is that every saint has a past, and every sinner has a future. —Oscar Wilde

**Pray for our Seminarians:** Tyler Wade Johnson, from St. John Parish in Lincoln. He entered the Seminary in 2019. He is in College 2 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 ...**

**(November) Universal Prayer Intention – Artificial Intelligence:** We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.