

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time ***November 3, 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 Nov. 4 8:00 a.m.
 Tuesday Nov. 5 **7:00 a.m.**
 Wednesday Nov. 6 **5:30 p.m.**
6:00pm-10:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hours => Spend time with Jesus
 Thursday Nov. 7 8:00 a.m.
 Friday Nov. 8
 Saturday Nov. 9 **5:00 p.m.**
 Sunday Nov. 10 **10:00 a.m.**

INTENTIONS

Carlos Barron +
 Rick Ryan
 Otto, Virginia, Lynn Weskamp +
 Book of Memories/ Blessings
 - NO Scheduled Parish Mass -
 People of Our Parish
 Elli Fugate

*The Lord lifts up
 all who are falling
 and raises up all
 who are bowed down.*
 — Psalm 145:14

Stewardship: October 27, 2019

Adult Envelopes:\$1,670.00
Loose Plate:\$170.68
Children:\$1.41
Holy Day: 0\$0.00
Total:\$1,842.09

Joy of the Gospel Campaign
 Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
 Gifts last week:\$195.00
Total Gifts Received:.....\$832,978.05
 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:..... \$112,052.11

Propagation of the Faith:.....\$55.00
(Mission Sunday)

Parish Calendar

Sunday Nov. 3 **11:30am – 12:30pm:** Family Formation Parents' Meeting & Classes for Students
 Wednesday Nov. 6 **6:00pm – 10:00pm:** Eucharistic Adoration **7:00pm – 9:00pm:** RCIA Classes in Parish Hall
 Thursday Nov. 7 **1:00pm:** Adult Bible Study in Parish Hall
 Sunday Nov. 10 **11:00am:** Knights of Columbus Breakfast **11:30am:** Daughters of Charity Meeting **6:30pm:** Theology on Tap

Catholic School News:

Upcoming Events: 11/3 - Daylight Savings Time: Turn your clocks back an hour Saturday night. 11/7 – 2:00pm - JH WR @ Sutherland, 11/8 - FBall Quarter Finals, 11/11 - McDaid Book Fair Starts this week.

School Board Elections 2019: The NPCSC Board elections are taking place this weekend. Renae Brandt, Steve Budke and Marcy Hunter are the three candidates running for the available position for Holy Spirit Church. Dr. Kristin Lake and Dr. Lannae Phelps are the two candidates running for the position available for St. Patrick Church.

God is here ... A huge thank you to everyone that steps up on a weekly basis (and sometimes more) to prepare food for our concession stand, work the gates at our events, and help clean up. We believe that parental involvement is essential for children to succeed in school, and we encourage all parents/guardians to become participants in their child's educational journey. We appreciate the involvement of parents/guardians and encourage participation in school activities and events.

Thank you! Our Fall Jr/Sr High Concert was a huge success. Many thanks to all that contributed by donating food, refreshments, helping with set-up & clean up, and attending. We are so happy with the results and we can't thank you enough! *Your music leaders: Mrs. Winder and Mrs. Ward*

SCRIP: Remember to utilize the Endowment's SCRIP program for your holiday shopping! SCRIP is your one-stop shop for gift cards! SCRIP offers both local and national retailers. 2% from all SCRIP purchases is designated for tuition assistance for families at the North Platte Catholic Schools. Contact the Endowment office for additional SCRIP information: 308-534-5939, www.endowment@npcschools.org.

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

Encounter Christ in Adoration & Prayers for Healing ...

You are invited to an afternoon of Eucharistic Adoration & Intercessory Prayer on Sunday, Nov. 10, 2-4 pm, St. Peter Church, Lincoln (4500 Duxhall Drive), with music led by Mother Ann Marie, MS & Sr. Amy Marie, MS. Receive prayer, including prayers for healing. Pray boldly & fearlessly for others. Experience the love & healing power of Jesus! (Hosted by Lincoln Equipping Team for Prayer & Healing)

LDCCW October Pro-Life Diaper Drive ...

will soon be coming to an end. Would you like the LDCCW to shop for you? You can mail a check payable to LDCCW to Kay Wessel, 3600 W Wittstruck Rd, Martell NE 68404. The LDCCW can purchase the needed diaper sizes in volume at a discounted price. Thanks to those who already donated. God Bless You.

Teens Encounter Christ Retreats ...

An opportunity to personally encounter Christ & build relationship with other high school & college students: #111: Nov. 22-24, McCook; #112: Feb. 15-17, Wahoo; #113: Apr. 4-6, Camp Kateri; #114: June 6-8, David City. Open to High School 2nd semester Sophomores through College Freshmen. Cost \$120. To register, go to www.lincolndiocese.org/tec.

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.org/03-oe-servant-workshop-fall-2019>. Questions? Call 402-473-0615 or email Annette-Wemhoff@cdolinc.net.

2020 National March for Life... January 21-26,

2020, Cost: \$450, Chaperone: \$250, Chaperone Couples: \$325 each. To Register, go to: <https://www.lincolndiocese.org/M4L>.

Theology on Tap ...

Blake Brouillette will speak Nov. 10, 6:30pm, Nebraskaland Bank, 3rd floor. It is for young adults in 20s & 30s.

Be Renewed in the Spirit...

Magnificat of Lincoln is sponsoring a Women's Retreat Nov. 22-24 at Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly. Leaders are: Sr. Lucy Lukasiewicz, Sr. Christine Marie Liebsch, & Sr. Marguerite Marie Waghorn from the Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ. They are a Franciscan Charismatic Religious Community of Diocesan Rite. Called to witness to the Gospel, they seek to draw all people into a personal relationship with Jesus through the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. This flows from a deep life of prayer, praise and ongoing conversion in loving commitment to one another. Register at www.goodcounselretreat.com. For information, contact Rhonda Litt at 402-525-6396 or Barb Bechtolt at 402-489-6905.

Catholic Daughters ...

Catholic Daughters will hold a memorial service for deceased members at their regular meeting on Monday, November 4 at 7:00pm. The meeting will be in the Spiritual Life Center at St. Patrick Church in the Mary/Martha rooms. Please bring your handbook. All Catholic women are invited.

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/Food Booths Chair), Cindy Swanson (Publicity Chair), Spencer & Tiffany Hampton (Games Chairs), Ed Rieker & Jim & Shirley Nisley (Silent Auction Co-Chairs), Chuck Burr (Raffle 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!

Disposable Children? ... "The so-called right to abortion has pitted mothers against their children and women against men. It has sown violence and discord at the heart of the most intimate human relationships ... It has portrayed the greatest of gifts - a child - as a competitor, an intrusion, and an inconvenience. It has nominally accorded mothers unfettered dominion over the independent lives of their physically dependent sons and daughters ... The right to life does not depend, and must not be declared to be contingent, on the pleasure of anyone else, not even a parent or a sovereign." - *Mother Teresa 1994*

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 through Nov. 8 & 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.

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:

New Digital Sign ... the top part of the sign [*manufactured for Condon Sign by an out-of-town company*] was installed on Monday, Oct. 28. When the weather is warm enough, the brick contractor will be able to install the remaining brick [*columns on either side of the Digital Sign*].

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, This week, Thursday, Nov. 7 - Sunday, Nov. 10, I will be in Omaha, at a National Secretariat meeting in my role as National Spiritual Advisor. Please welcome Fr. John Rooney (Priest at St. Gregory the Great Seminary).

Looking Back and Moving Forward

In the May 2, 2010 Bulletin, Fr. Seiker wrote: "*Ground Breaking Ceremony for the new church was on Saturday, April 17, 2010 at 6:00pm (after the 5:00pm Mass). This date was chosen because Bishop Fabian Bruskewitz was already scheduled to be in McCook for the Diocesan Altar Society Convention on April 16-17. May we continue to pray with the psalmist: "Prosper the work of our hands!" (Ps 90:17) May we continue to ask the Lord to guide the Parish Building Committee, the Parish Council, the Finance Committee, the architect & contractors, and all those involved in the process of building this new church, for "Unless the Lord build the house, they labor in vain who build." (Ps 127:1) A big thank you to those parishioners who volunteered their time and energy to remove the sidewalk leading up to the Rectory, relocate the shrubs/bushes and transfer some sod to the area south of the driveway into the parking lot. It looks nice. Also, a big thank you to Stan at the NMC-Cat Rental Store in North Platte, for allowing us to use a 'bobcat', a concrete saw, & a sod cutter for free. Having the right equipment makes the job much easier. Having it donated helps even more! Thank you!"*

Since our last Picture Directory in 2000, it was decided to have the *LifeTouch* Picture Directory company take pictures the last week of April 2010.

Simon Contractors began working on Monday, May 3. The Lord chose to bless us with some cool, wet weather in mid-May, and many rainy days in June which prevented the contractors from doing much work. During May and June contractors prepared the ground and filled and re-compacted the trenches for the footings until the soil test samples passed the soil compaction tests. In July, the footings and footing pads were dug and the footings were poured and finished. The geothermal wells were dug from July-September. The split-face blocks, bricks, and pre-cast blocks were laid during November - May.

In July and August adjustments needed to be made to the dimensions and stain color of the big glue laminated trusses which caused a little delay in manufacturing and shipping the trusses. In August, electrical conduits and plumbing pipes were installed in the sand under the Nave of the church and the geothermal pipes for the in-floor radiant heat were installed in the cry room, transepts, and Nave of the church. In August 2010, the concrete floor was poured for the Narthex, Nave, and Transepts. In early September the concrete for the sanctuary steps and sanctuary was poured.

Liturgical Minister

	Sat., Nov. 9, 5:00pm	Sun., Nov. 10, 10:00am
Lector	Jim Nisley	Michael Lafleur
Acolyte	Jerry Volesky	Conrad Buhrman
Server	William Krondak	Jace Grunden
	Nicholas Krondak	Weston Hammond
Music	Greg Vandenberg	Peggy Orr
Gifts	Mike & Emily Krondak	Charles & Toni Barron
Ushers	Jerry Beckius	Jeff Orr
	Sharon Beckius	Volunteer
Rosary		

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31,33-34,36; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday:	Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1bcd-e-3; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday:	Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday:	Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27:1bcd-e, 4, 13-14; Lk 15:1-10
Friday:	Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Sunday:	2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15; 2 Thes 2:16 — 3:5; Lk 20:27-38

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: 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), 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, Luke Ranck, Margaret Baxa, Mary Portz, Phyllis Beckius.

Birthdays/Anniversaries: 11/2 - Billie Rouzee, 11/4 - Jenni Clouatre, 11/7 - Toni Barron, John Brosius, 11/8 - Matt Perlinger.

Congratulations: to Jerry & Betty Steffes who celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary Nov. 7.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... Every week, some treasures from our tradition are shared here. Where does all this history come from? The history of God's people of prayer is always coming to light, mostly because scholars have dedicated their lives to research. They translate and ponder prayers and songs; explore the places used for worship; look at the vessels, books, and vestments; and read works from legal documents to letters and diaries. In the 1930s, Hitler's rush to arm Germany closed seminaries as priests and seminarians alike were drafted into service. One professor, Father Josef Jungman, forced from his classroom, spent the war years in an Austrian library. His careful work disclosed much of what we know of the history of the Mass. His great work, *The Mass of the Roman Rite*, describes the evolution of Eucharistic celebration and inspired generations of scholars to explore a tradition surprisingly rich and varied. It was said of him that he had a command of the past that cast new light on the present, and opened up a clear direction to the future. His contributions to the Second Vatican Council helped shape the way that we worship today. At the end of his life, in 1975, his studies completed, he told a friend that he was waiting patiently for the Lord's knock at the door to take him to the heavenly banquet. — James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

A GREAT AND GLORIOUS GOD ... Our readings today ponder two powerful truths: God is infinitely greater than we are; and God provides every kind of help so we can discover and share in God's glory. The reading from Wisdom reminds us that we are tiny compared to "the LORD of the whole universe." Nevertheless, God preserves and nurtures us out of perfect love. If we feel tiny, weak, and sinful compared to God, we are blessed! God's greatness sustains and strengthens us. Saint Paul encourages the Thessalonian Christians with the same message. He reminds them that God alone makes the Church holy. He prays that everything they undertake will be for the glory of God. Luke's Gospel shows us what this looks like in real life: Zacchaeus, feeling small and excluded, looks for Jesus. Jesus finds him and gives him the strength he needs to repent of his sins and glorify God. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

BEGIN WITH ARDOR ... If we wish to make any progress in the service of God, we must begin every day of our life with new ardor. — St. Charles Borromeo

GOVERNMENT ... Government is a trust, and the officers of the government are trustees; and both the trust and the trustees are created for the benefit of the people. — Henry Clay

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 ...

(November) Universal: That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.