

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ***November 10, 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. 11 8:00 a.m.
 Tuesday Nov. 12 **7:00 a.m.**
 Wednesday Nov. 13 **5:30 p.m.**
6:00pm-10:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hours => Spend time with Jesus
 Thursday Nov. 14 8:00 a.m.
 Friday Nov. 15 **5:30 p.m.**
 Saturday Nov. 16 **5:00 p.m.**
 Sunday Nov. 17 **10:00 a.m.**

INTENTIONS

President Donald J. Trump
 Carlos Fleury +
 Otto, Virginia, Lynn Weskamp +
 Anna Lee
 Elizabeth (Liz) Haag
 People of Our Parish
 Florena Schneweis +

*My steps have been
 steadfast in your paths,
 my feet have not faltered.
 I call upon you, for you will
 answer me, O God.*

— Psalm 17:5-6a

Stewardship: November 3, 2019

Adult Envelopes:\$1,784.00
Loose Plate:\$122.00
Children:\$0.00
Holy Day: (All Saints Day)\$721.00
Total:\$2,627.00

Joy of the Gospel Campaign

Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
 Gifts last week:\$575.00
Total Gifts Received:.....\$833,553.05
 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:\$0.00
 (Mission Sunday)

Parish Calendar

Sunday Nov. 10 **11:00am:** Knights of Columbus Breakfast **11:30am:** Daughters of Charity Meeting **6:30pm: Theology on Tap**
 Wednesday Nov. 13 **6:00pm – 10:00pm:** Eucharistic Adoration **7:00pm – 9:00pm:** RCIA Classes in Parish Hall
 Thursday Nov. 14 **1:00pm:** Adult Bible Study in Parish Hall
 Sunday Nov. 17 **1:00pm: Church Tour** (for RCIA) ... **everyone is welcome** to come and learn about our beautiful Church!
 Sunday Nov. 24 **11:30am – 12:30pm:** Family Formation Parents' Meeting & Classes for Students

Catholic School News:

Upcoming Events: 11/11 – Veteran's Day; 11/11-15 - Scholastic Book Fair - McDaid Library; 11/11 – 2:00pm - JH WR @ Hershey.

God is here ... Our Holy Spirit Parish hosted the 7th Grade students as they attended their religious retreat. Each grade will attend a retreat at some point during the school year. These are organized and conducted by our Parish priests and Theology teachers.

The **purpose** of a **spiritual retreat**, in addition to daily **spiritual** activities, is to temporarily leave behind the usual distractions we all face to allow relaxation and for an inner change to occur: the ongoing conversion of heart that is critical to deepening faith.

"Our students were able to grow in their relationship with God through prayer, adoration, confession and the Eucharist. They also grew in their relationships with each other through conversation, activities and some fun!" shared Mrs. Pandorf, St. Pat's Theology teacher.

New School Board Members: Steve Budke of the Holy Spirit Parish and Kristin Lake of the St. Patrick's Parish have been elected to serve on the North Platte Catholic Schools Board of Education. They will be ratified at the School Board meeting on Tuesday, November 19. We appreciate all of the candidates that agreed to make the commitment to serve our schools. Congratulations. Thank you and God Bless!

#iGiveCatholic on Giving Tuesday! - Giving Tuesday, Dec. 3, is an international day of charitable giving, held every year on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving. This year, the Diocese of Grand Island is joining together to promote giving through #iGiveCatholic. Find the North Platte Catholic Schools online by visiting: www.igivecatholic.org. Donations to the North Platte Catholic Schools on Giving Tuesday will be designated for the Endowment's "Great Teaching Fund" for educators. Please join us online on Tuesday, December 3rd!

SCRIP: Support our School – The SCRIP program is perfect for holiday shopping! SCRIP is your one-stop shop for gift cards! SCRIP offers both local and national retailers, with hundreds of options to choose from. PLUS, 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, endowment@npcschools.org.

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

LDCCW October Pro-Life Diaper Drive ...

The Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women thanks everyone for their donation during the October Pro-Life Diaper Drive. The new mothers will appreciate your generosity through the coming year. God Bless you all.

Always Remembered ... The Omaha Province Council of Catholic Women is inviting you to submit names of your deceased loved ones to the officer of your diocese/archdiocese during November 2019 to be remembered at 12 monthly Masses in 2020. The Masses will be offered by the current and past A/DCCW spiritual advisers. Your free will offering will be directed toward registration grants to the 100th NCCW convention. Contact LDCCW President: Kay Wessel 3600 W. Wittstruck Rd, Martell, NE 68404 (402-817-8842)

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.

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. 17 4p. 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; 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, flows from a deep life of prayer, praise & ongoing conversion in loving commitment to one another. www.goodcounselretreat.com=register. For info., contact Rhonda Litt (402-525-6396) or Barb Bechtolt (402-489-6905).

Campaign for Intellectual Disabilities (Tootsie Roll Drive) ... The Knights of Columbus will be conducting a drive to help people with intellectual disabilities **November 23 - 24** after the Masses. Please be prepared to donate to this worthy cause.

Terrible Miscalculation ... “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”*

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 it 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!

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 Nov. 7-10, I will be in Omaha, at a National Secretariat meeting. **Please welcome Fr. John Rooney (Priest at St. Gregory the Great Seminary).**

Looking Back and Moving Forward

There was some “extra” concrete from pouring the nave floor and some parishioners gave of their time on the “spur of the moment” to pour the “extra” concrete for a pad underneath the K-C aluminum can barrels near the shed, along the south side of the driveway off of Echo Drive, & beside the horse tank in the corral on the “Farm”. Thank you!

In September workers installed the “red iron steel” in the nave, transepts, and sanctuary. The metal studs on the exterior walls were installed, and then on the interior walls. The OSB (particle board) was installed on the outside walls. In October, Covert Construction in Kearney installed the floor for the Choir Loft and with the assistance of Troyer Crane Service from North Platte, installed the roof trusses over the nave of the church. The TGI rafters were installed in the roof.

From August – June workers installed electrical conduit, electrical boxes, and finally electrical fixtures. During November – December workers from Weathercraft Roofing Co from North Platte installed Heritage 30 year composition shingles to match Parish Hall & Rectory. Tyvek commercial building wrap material was installed over the exterior walls of the church. In November plastic was installed over the window openings to get the building weather tight for winter.

From January – May workers from Mitchell Drywall installed drywall and textured the interior walls and ceilings. The ductwork for the HVAC system was installed from January – March. In January – February insulation was installed. From February – June, workers from Kucera

Painting from Kearney, painted the interior walls of the church. The sprinkler pipes and sprinkler heads were installed in February – June, and workers from Nebraska Fire and Safety from North Platte installed the emergency fire system in the church.

From April – September, workers from Engineered Controls from Lincoln, installed the control wires and connections to operate the Heat Pump units in the building. From April – May, workers from Larry’s Glass from North Platte installed the metal frames and the clear glass (thermal pane, exterior window) for the stained glass windows.

During April workers from Ambiance by Design from Lincoln, sealed and stained the trusses and painted some gold stars on the ceiling in the Nave and the Sanctuary. From April – September, workers from Ambiance by Design installed the flooring, the corbels, Communion rail, choir loft rail, Altars, Pulpit, the display case frame for the Throne of Grace (Blessed Trinity) stained glass windows and the decorative trim.

In June workers from Lambrecht Glass Inc, from Omaha, installed the stained glass windows (*which they had inspected and made some minor repairs to over the last 11 months*). The low-voltage light switches for the church lights were programmed and adjusted. In June six of the pews that we used in the Parish Hall were moved to the Choir Loft.

In August the concrete in front of the church was installed as well as the sidewalks around the building. Workers from Troyer Enterprises and Troyer Crane Service from North Platte, installed two solid brass crosses which they manufactured and “clear powder coated” above the front door and on the top of the front façade of the church.

In mid August the new pews for our new Church arrived and were installed. After the new pews were unloaded from the semi-truck, our old pews (which we have been using in our Parish Hall for 15 years) were loaded into the semi-truck to be taken back East to St. Michael Parish in Cheney/Lincoln, to be used in their “daily Chapel” in their new school. Members of the Building Committee discussed this and suggested that we were the beneficiaries of many items over the years and that we should donate these old pews to St. Michael Parish in Cheney/Lincoln.

In late August & September, volunteers from our parish installed Creston landscaping blocks and did the finish landscaping around the three buildings. Many have expressed amazement that our parish could have completed such a large and beautiful landscape plan (around the Church, Rectory, Parish Hall) ourselves. Working together all things are possible ... but tractors, bob cats, special skills, hard work, and the oversight of St. Joseph are very helpful!

We were able to pray the Saturday/Sunday Masses for Sept 17-18 and Sept 24-25 in the new Church! The weekday Masses for those weeks were prayed in the Parish Hall. Thank you to those who helped with the cleaning of the church on Saturday, Sept 17 before we prayed the first Mass in our new Church!

The last week before the dedication of our new Church on Sunday, October 2, 2011, many items made by Ambiance By Design were delivered and installed: the Altar of Sacrifice, the Pulpit/Ambo, Baptismal Font, Altar of Repose, Side Altar of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Side Altar of St. Joseph. They also made the large cross & installed the cross & corpus over the main Altar. They also did restoration work & touch-up painting on the plaster image of the Last Supper which was installed in the Altar of Sacrifice. They installed gold leafing on most of the Liturgical furniture. Workers from Sacred Heart Church Art, from Beatrice, have been working throughout the last year on the restoration of the Stations of the Cross as well as the restoration of statues of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, the Sacred Heart of Jesus, St. Therese, the corpus of Jesus for the new crucifix, and the large Angel. The Stations of the Cross and Statues were delivered during the week before the Dedication.

Thank you to all who helped with the preparations for the 4:00pm Mass of the Dedication of our New Church, during the Mass itself, with preparations for the Dinner & the 6:30pm Dinner at Quality Inn & Suites following the Dedication. It was all very beautiful ... as is our new Church! Many Priests & visitors at the Dedication Mass commented on the beautiful singing & chanting by the choir (made up of our own parishioners)!

Based on the reservations we received (including some last minute reservations), we made reservations for 200 for the Dedication Meal. We served about 141, perhaps a few more. The cost for the dinner from Quality Inn & Suites was \$3,070.20. We received donations for the dinner totaling: \$2,438.00. Thus, the parish only paid \$632.20 for the dinner.

For a month or two after the dedication, various contractors did “punch list work”.

Liturgical Minister

	Sat., Nov. 16, 5:00pm	Sun., Nov. 17, 10:00am
Lector	Mike Krondak	Volunteer
Acolyte	Jerry Volesky	Duane Johnsen
Server	Volunteer	Brock Johnsen
	Volunteer	Harmon Johnsen
Music	Volunteer	Greg Vandenberg
Gifts	Alice Robinson/ Cindy Swanson	Volunteer
Ushers	Cindy Swanson	Volunteer
	Alice Robinson	Spencer Hampton
Rosary		

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-10; Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday:	Wis 2:23 — 3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-19; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday:	Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19
Thursday:	Wis 7:22b — 8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25
Friday:	Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5ab; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday:	Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8
Sunday:	Mal 3:19-20a; Ps 98:5-9; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19

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: 11/11 - Ron Jones, George Kucera, 11/13 - Mitch Gregg, Addison Belgium, 11/14 - Brandon Niesen, 11/15 - Nicholas Volesky, 11/17 - Zelig Perlinger, Robert Folchert.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... In the seventeenth century, English Catholics, many of them wealthy and well educated, looked to the American colonies as a place to regain a measure of religious freedom. In Ireland, the so-called penal laws were even harsher than in England, as a minority Parliament tried to force the conversion of the population by denying the majority political and economic power. Beginning in 1691, laws were passed that punished dissenters, principally Catholics, but also causing hardship for Jews, Quakers, and others. There were acts forbidding "mixed marriage" or sending children "beyond the seas" for schooling. Catholics were taxed at double the common rate, barred from the legal professions and from university, and not allowed to build churches or own a decent horse.

In 1793 the situation began to change, as it became clear that the economic persecution would not drive the majority away from Catholicism. Gradually, laws were repealed until by 1829 freedom was won, although Catholics at university were ineligible for honors, and until the 1920s when the Republic was formed, the Church of Ireland was the state church, funded by the taxes of all citizens. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

CONFIDENCE IN THE LORD ... We are nearing the end of the liturgical year. Today's readings remind us that our own lives will draw to a close one day, and we can be certain that the Lord will encourage, strengthen, and save us – both now and at the last. The astonishing story of the Maccabees invigorates our faith as we behold an entire family willing to die rather than deny the Law of Moses. The psalm response echoes the faithful cries of the Maccabees: "I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God." That same confidence appears in Saint Paul's letter to the Thessalonians. "The Lord is faithful," he testifies; "he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one." In the Gospel, Jesus explains just how long God's protection will endure. The children of God whom God guards, Jesus says, will live forever like angels. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

PERSPECTIVE ... We must often draw the comparison of time and eternity. This is the remedy of all our troubles. How small will the present moment appear when we enter that great ocean! —St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

PROCRASTINATION ... Tomorrow is always the busiest day of the year. —Anonymous

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.