

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time ***November 15, 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

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. 16 **8:00 a.m.**
 Tuesday Nov. 17 **7:00 a.m.**
 Wednesday Nov. 18 **5:30 p.m.**
6:00pm-10:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hours => Spend time with Jesus
 Thursday Nov. 19 8:00 a.m.
 Friday Nov. 20 **12:10 p.m.**
5:30 p.m.
 Saturday Nov. 21 **5:00 p.m.**
 (masks are required at 6:30pm Mass) **6:30 p.m.**
 Sunday Nov. 22 **10:00 a.m.**

INTENTIONS

Carolos Barron, Sr +
 Elizabeth (Liz) Haag
 Otto, Virginia, Lynn Weskamp +
 Fr. Mark Seiker
 In Thanksgiving
 Liv/Dec mem. Bode/Ruskamp families
 People of our Parish
 Fr. Mark Seiker
 Bernie Pieper +

*Blessed are you
 who fear the
 Lord.*

—Psalm 128:1a

Stewardship: November 8, 2020

Adult Envelopes:\$1,445.00
Loose Plate:.....\$153.00
Children:\$0.00
Holy Day: (All Saints Day) \$50.00
Total:\$1,648.00

Joy of the Gospel Campaign
 Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
 Gifts last week:\$150.00
Total Gifts Received:.....\$896,293.05
 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:\$0.00
 Contemplative Sisters:.....\$20.00

Parish Calendar

Wednesday Nov. 18 **6:00pm – 10:00pm:** Eucharistic Adoration; **7:00pm – 9:00pm:** RCIA Classes in Person and via Zoom
 Thursday Nov. 19 **1:00pm:** Adult Bible Study via Zoom (contact Teri Volesky)

Catholic School News:

Upcoming Events: Nov. 16: Winter Sports Begin, 4:00pm- JH WR @ St. Pat's, Nov. 19: 4:30pm JH GBB @ McCook, Nov. 20: 11:00am- JH WR @ Mullen.

Free Tuition: NPCS is excited to announce that we are now offering transfers and new families FREE tuition for the 2020-21 2nd Semester.

- * Welcoming students of all Faiths
- * High Average ACT--currently @ a 27
- * 100% Graduation Rate
- * Numerous NSAA Activities.

An application and interview process is in place, with a deadline of December 18, 2020. The free semester will begin on January 4, 2021. We aim to educate the whole child, and promise that you will be making a priceless investment in your child's future. If you or someone you know would be interested in learning more about our schools, please contact PR/Enrollment Director, Gwen Covey (308-532-1874) or g.covey@npcschools.org.

School Board Elections 2020-21: Todd Brosius of the Holy Spirit Parish and Cassie Condon of the St. Patrick Parish have been elected to serve on the NPCS Board of Education. They will be ratified at the School Board meeting on Tuesday, November 17. We appreciate all of the candidates that agreed to make the commitment to serve our schools.

It's the holiday season – Purchase 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, 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. There are easy ways to purchase SCRIP gift cards: 1) Purchase in-person at the Endowment Office, 601 S. Tabor Ave. between 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. daily. 2) Create an online SCRIP account at: www.shopwithscrip.com using the NPCS enrollment code 41B837676942 Contact Endowment office any time with SCRIP questions, or place your order: 308-534-5939, w.dodson@npcschools.org.

New Endowment Website: The NPCS Endowment has a new online giving website! Memorial donations, Annual Fund gifts, Campaign pledge payments, Year-End donations ... can all be made securely online! Please visit: <https://apps.npcschools.org/donate-now>

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

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.**

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!

Results of All Things Pumpkin Bake Sale ...

Thank you to all who made items for the Daughters of Charity Bake Sale and all those who purchased items from the Bake Sale. The total raised was \$400.05. God Bless You.

Birthday Gathering ... Fr. Seiker's birthday is November 21. Cake and ice cream will be served after the Saturday 5:00pm Mass and after the Sunday 10:00am Mass. Coffee and rolls will also be served after the 10:00am Mass. For both gatherings, social distance is encouraged.

Keep Christ in Christmas! The Knights of Columbus will sell religious Christmas cards after Mass beginning Nov. 21/22 until the all the cards are sold. **Buy yours early!** Send your relatives and friends a card that expresses the true meaning of the Christmas season.

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. Scholarships available.

Christmas Card Writing Party! ... Who: YOU

– each of you! **When:** Sunday, December 13 after the 10:00am Mass. **What:** Join us for music, pre-packaged food, coffee & Hot Chocolate. We will be writing notes into Christmas Cards for parish member who are in Nursing Homes or “staying home” this season. The Kiddos can color bookmarks or holiday pictures while you write a Christmas wish to someone. These cards will be sent in lieu of the usual cookie / fruit plates. If you have a set or a few cards left from another Christmas season, you are welcome to bring them. All other materials will be provided. Please join us for this fun, parish activity. *Joyful, The Daughters of Charity.*

Emmaus Institute Classes ... Register now for the following in-person or online winter classes with The Emmaus Institute for Biblical Studies (www.emmausinstitute.net), running **Nov. 30 - Feb. 18:** Studying Ecclesiastes: A Journey Toward a Meaningful Life, The Historical Books (Joshua-Maccabees), Heaven Help the Home: Recapturing a Biblical Vision of Marriage & Family, and Encountering Jesus in The Gospel of Luke.

Good Counsel Retreat House Retreats Register for Online & in person Retreats sponsored by Good Counsel Retreat House www.goodcounselretreat.com, 402-786-2705, or goodcounsel@cdolinc.net.

Upcoming in-person and online retreats including:

- Dec. 4-6: M/W, Fr. Ben Holdren, *The Mystery of Marriage Revealed* (in-person and online)
- Dec. 19: M/W, Fr. Jeff Eickhoff, *God is Not Socially Distant* (9:00am – 4:00pm; in-person and online)

Doe vs. Bolton ... In 1973, the Supreme Court’s Doe vs. Bolton decision was the companion case to Roe vs. Wade, making abortion legal throughout pregnancy. Sandra Cano, the “Mary Doe” plaintiff of Doe vs. Bolton, technically won the case and the right to have an abortion – except that she never wanted one. Sandra was always a pro-life Christian until her death in 2014. On March 23, 1997, she declared these memorable words: “I am Sandra Cano. I became known as Mary Doe when the U.S. Supreme Court released Doe v. Bolton, which allowed abortion for virtually any reason. I am against abortion; I never sought an abortion; I have never had an abortion. Abortion is murder. For over twenty years, and against my will, my name has been synonymous with abortion. The Doe v. Bolton case is based on deceit and fraud. I stand today in this place of healing, the National Memorial for the Unborn, and pledge to the memory of these innocent children, that as long as I have breath, I will strive to see abortion ended in America.”

PRAYERS 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 plenary indulgence is from Nov. 1 – 30 (all of Nov. due to COVID-19) & can be gained on each one of these days. On other days of the year this indulgence is a partial one. **Due to Pandemic:** The elderly, the sick and all those who for serious reasons cannot leave their homes, for example because of restrictions imposed by the competent authority in this time of the pandemic, ... will be able to obtain the Plenary Indulgence as long as they join spiritual with all the other faithful, completely detached from sin and with the intention of complying as soon as possible with the three usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion, and prayer according to the Holy Father’s intentions), before an image of Jesus or the Blessed Virgin Mary, recite pious prayers for the deceased, for example ... the Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, other prayers for the deceased dearest to the faithful, or read a Gospel passage used at Funerals, or perform a work of mercy by offering to God the sorrows and hardships of their own lives.

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 the Church has set down. 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.

FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:

Diocese of Lincoln Guidelines (issued 11/10/20):

- Governor Ricketts announced on Monday new Directed Health Measures that take effect tomorrow, Nov. 11, and go through Nov. 30. <http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/COVID-19-Directed-Health-Measures.aspx>
- It is now required that there be 6 feet of separation between parties for churches and indoor gatherings. For churches, weddings, and funerals, parties are considered household members only.
- In light of the increased number of positive cases for Covid-19, all parishes are asked to follow the following guidelines for the Diocese of Lincoln up through November 30 and then we will re-evaluate:
 - Every other pew is to be blocked off in order to help facilitate the 6 feet social distancing requirement. *[St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church has done this since May.]*
 - Encourage people to wear masks. *[St. Elizabeth Ann Seton = since May.]*
- **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church will begin offering a 6:30pm Saturday evening Mass (beginning Saturday, Nov. 14) where MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE WORN BY ALL THOSE WHO PARTICIPATE IN MASS. This is will continue as long as is needed, and/or possible (taking into account schedule limitations). This Mass is in addition to the usual Saturday 5:00pm Mass & Sunday 10:00am Mass. This is will continue as long as is needed and/or possible (taking into account schedule limitations).**
 - Priests and acolytes are to wear masks when distributing Holy Communion. *[St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church has done this since May.]*
 - There should be no congregational singing. Parishes may provide organ or other instrumental music. They may have a single cantor sing. *[St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church will continue to invite Cantors to lead the singing at Sunday Masses (& Saturday Vigil Masses). The Congregation may join in the singing in their minds, but not with their voices during this time.]*
 - Missalettes & hymnals should not be provided for common use but may be provided for single use. *[St. Elizabeth Ann Seton = since Aug. 22.]*
 - Continue to clean & disinfect church pews, doors, bathrooms, etc. between Masses. *[St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church has done this since May.]*
- The Governor’s changes now limit Indoor gatherings to 25% of rated occupancy. This does not apply to churches provided 6 feet of social distancing is kept. However, this does apply to use of your social halls or CCD centers. *[St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church will continue to encourage parishioners to observe a social distance when in the Parish Hall. Teachers and Students have been and will continue to wear masks during the monthly classroom sessions for Family Formation.]*
- You may want to consider splitting your CCD students and having the children attend on alternate weeks. *[Not necessary at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church due to small classes & monthly Family Formation meetings.]*
- Please check with & follow your local county health department recommendations & guidelines. *[The WCDHD risk dial is now in the Red area at 3.65. The WCDHD webpage states: “This is guidance and does not replace federal, state, or local directed health measures. At-risk and vulnerable populations should take stringent precautions. The below is recommended guidance to help prevent and control the spread of COVID-19.”]*
- Thank you for all your efforts to cooperate with the local health guidelines so that we can keep our churches open. There are many states where churches aren’t allowed to be open. We have been fortunate in that regard and we want this to continue to be the case.

Father Mark Seiker will continue to wear a mask when distributing Holy Communion. He will also begin wearing a mask when visiting with Parishioners after Mass either outside or in the Narthex. God gives us a free will. No one of us can make decisions for another person. God does not make decisions for us. Parishioners are encouraged to follow the guidance given by the Lincoln Diocese, as well as the local and State DHM’s as well as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention webpages: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/need-to-know.html> It is also important to remember that Archbishop Lucas has suspended the obligation to attend Sunday and Holy Day Mass since March. This was done and continues to be done, so that someone who is not comfortable participating in Mass in-person, knows that they are not required to participate in Mass in person. There is the option for high risk / elderly persons who are choosing to not participate in Mass on Sunday in order to avoid the higher crowds to participate in a daily Mass during the week when there is plenty of social distance. In this way, they will stay safe and also be able to receive the spiritual sustenance of the Sacraments. If there are questions or concerns, I will attempt to answer them. We continue to pray for each other.

Liturgical Ministers

Lector		
Acolyte		
Server		
Music		
Gifts		
Ushers		
Rosary		

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday:	Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday:	Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday:	Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 19:41-44
Friday:	Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14,24,72,103,111,131; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday:	Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b,2,9-10; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday:	Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

Prayers for the sick: Rick Ryan, Sheila Exner, Leo Walz, Cathy Leathers, Tucker Smith, Robert Wessell, J.D. Troyer, Cindy Ryan, 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: Bonnie Greco (Ashley Perlinger's grandmother), 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 Cloutre, Gordon Swanson (Cindy Swanson's father), 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), Eileen Boltz, Leona Cloutre, Bernadine Torres, Martha Burbach, Luke Ranck.

Birthdays/Anniversaries: 11/14 - Brandon Niesen, 11/15 - Nicholas Volesky, 11/17 - Zelig Perlinger, Robert Folchert, 11/20 - Elijah Heimann, 11/21 - Jo Ginapp, Fr. Mark Seiker, Kwei Kucera.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... All Christians in both East and West embraced the care of the sick as essential to church life. In the West, the importance of the visit of the priest is stressed, while in the East, the sick person is brought to the church for a full Liturgy of the Word. Some, such as the Armenians, even call it the "Ritual of the Lamp," since the oil is poured out of the lamp by which the Word is read. This may be why Eastern Christians sometimes anoint the sick with this oil, since the trip to church might kill them. Our tradition in the West also unfolded in monasteries, where it was possible for infirm monks to be attended with a full and beautifully consoling liturgy. In 950 the monks of St. Alban's Abbey in Mainz produced a ceremonial book that was instantly a pastoral hit everywhere. There were two lengthy rituals for the sick, one an extended vigil, and the other a liturgy of anointing that included Communion under both species. While this ritual was a house formula for monks, it is easy to see how monks who had the care of parishes desired to serve their parishioners in a similar way. The first form included the chanting of penitential psalms, and the second form required a confession beforehand. Both forms included a laying on of hands, which everyone understood as being an essential part of penance. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

CHANGE OUR LIVES ... The letters of Paul to the Thessalonians are among his earliest writings, and are driven by his belief and the belief of the entire early Christian community that the return of Christ was imminent, and that devoting time or attention to anything else was foolish. As time progressed, this fervor subsided a bit. Today we may wonder, when we hear these readings about the coming end-times, if we should take them to heart, if we really believe that Christ still may come upon us as a "thief at night" (1 Thessalonians 5:2). Does this mean that we are to stop our long-range goal-setting, get rid of our yearly calendars and planners, or stop putting money in the college education fund? Of course not. What it does mean is that we need to change our lives, living like children of the light and illuminating the world around us with the light of the gospel. Then, on that day, when the details of our daily living become unimportant, we will be ready to find our peace and security in Christ Jesus. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

USE YOUR TALENT ... Having only modest talent is no excuse for not using it. Think what the morning would be like if only talented birds sang! — Anonymous

LIVING PRAYER ... Who prays as they ought will endeavor to live as they pray. — Anonymous

Pray for our Seminarians: **John William McDonald**, from St. Patrick Parish in Lincoln. He entered the Seminary in 2017. He is in Theology 2 at Mount Saint Mary 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.