

# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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## ***33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*** ***November 17, 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	Nov. 18	8:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Nov. 19	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>
Wednesday	Nov. 20	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
<b>6:00pm-10:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hours =&gt; Spend time with Jesus</b>		
Thursday	Nov. 21	8:00 a.m.
Friday	Nov. 22	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>
		<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
Saturday	Nov. 23	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>
Sunday	Nov. 24	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>

## INTENTIONS

Protection of all human life  
 Carlos Fleury +  
 Otto, Virginia, Lynn Weskamp +  
 Fr. Mark Seiker  
 Martha Burbach +  
 For our Benefactors  
 People of Our Parish  
 Seth / Megan (Niesen) Warden

*Sing praise to the  
 Lord with the harp,  
 with the harp and  
 melodious song.*

— Psalm 98:5

## **Stewardship: November 10, 2019**

**Adult Envelopes:** .....\$975.00  
**Loose Plate:** .....\$208.00  
**Children:** .....\$0.00  
**Holy Day:** .....\$0.00  
**Total:** .....\$1,183.00

### Joy of the Gospel Campaign

Total Pledged: .....\$958,770.00  
 Gifts last week: .....\$0.00  
**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. 17 **1:00pm: Church Tour** (for RCIA—All are welcome!) **6:30pm: Theology on Tap**  
 Wednesday Nov. 20 **6:00pm – 10:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration** **7:00pm – 9:00pm: RCIA Class** in Parish Hall  
 Thursday Nov. 21 **1:00pm: Adult Bible Study** in Parish Hall **Friday, Nov. 17, 1:00pm: Church Tour** (for RCIA—All welcome!)  
 Sunday Nov. 24 **11:30am-12:30pm: Family Formation Parents' Meeting/Classes** **6:30pm-8:30pm: Women's Advent Retreat** (H.Sp.)  
 Tues / Wed Nov. 26 or 27 **7:00pm-8:00pm: Rejoice! Advent Meditations with Joseph** (come to 1 of the 2 Sessions) **7:00pm -8:00pm.**

## **Catholic School News:**

**Upcoming Events: 11/17 to 11/19** — Senior Retreat, 11/18 — *Winter Sports Begin*, 4:00pm - JH WR @ St. Pat's, 7:00pm Jr./Sr. High Christmas Program, 11/19 — 7:00pm- School Board Meeting, 11/21 — 4:30pm - JH GBB vs. McCook, 11/22 — 11:00am - JH WR @ Mullen

**God is here ...** On Monday, November 11, St. Pat's High School held a Veterans Day Assembly. Our flag ceremony was led by members of Boy Scout Troop 292. Our keynote speaker was North Platte Police Chief, Daniel K. Hudson. Principal Skillstad recognized the veterans in attendance. A trumpet trio performed the Taps and the St. Pat's High School band played the song "I'm Proud to be an American," while the students stood and sang along. We are proud and honored to have four heroes on staff at St. Pat's High School. Thank you for your service and God Bless YOU, Mr. Weber, Mrs. Pasquinely, Mr. O'Neill & Mr. Elsasser!

**Student of the Month:** Teya Carlini is the student of the month for November. Teachers and Student Council members vote on a student to receive this honor. Teya, a sophomore, is the daughter of Lewys and Holly Carlini of North Platte. Her school activities include volleyball, track, Speech, One-Act performances, chorus, band, elite band, Quiz Bowl, S.A.I.N.T.S. Club and is on the honor roll. Teya also serves as the Vice President for the sophomore class. Outside of school she finds time to volunteer at parish events, craft fairs and the Prairie Arts Center here in North Platte. She and her family are members of the St. Patrick Catholic Church. Teya has three older siblings, Zandra, Brianna and Dane, which all attended and graduated from St. Pat's High School.

**#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](http://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!

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

## **Women's Advent Retreat ...**

Women at the Well is inviting all women to join them for a Mission Night retreat to kick off our journey through Advent together. Join us Sunday, November 24 from 6:30pm – 8:30pm at Holy Spirit Catholic Church for a retreat using *"Rejoice! Advent Meditations with Joseph."* Cost is \$5 and books will be provided. To register, call 308-534-6623. All women are invited.

## **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 100<sup>th</sup> NCCW convention. Contact LDCCW President: Kay Wessel 3600 W. Wittstruck Rd, Martell, NE 68404 (402-817-8842)

## **Mass of the Holy Innocents ...**

The annual Mass of the Holy Innocents will be celebrated on Saturday, Dec. 28. All are invited to attend this Memorial Mass, especially those families who have suffered the loss of a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death or abortion. Reading of names will begin at 6:30pm with Mass at 7:00pm at John XXIII Diocesan Center Chapel, 3700 Sheridan Blvd, Lincoln. If you would like your child's name to be remembered & placed on the banner, please call the Office of Family Life (473-0620) before 5:00pm, Dec. 19. If you placed your child's name previously, it will remain on the list.

## **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 2<sup>nd</sup> semester Sophomores through College Freshmen. Cost \$120. To register, go to [www.lincolndiocese.org/tec](http://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>.

## **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.

**Theology on Tap ...** Blake Brouillette will speak **Nov. 17, 6:30pm**, Nebraska Land Bank, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. It is for young adults in 20s & 30s.

**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!**

**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](http://www.goodcounselretreat.com)—register. For info., contact Rhonda Litt (402-525-6396) or Barb Bechtolt (402-489-6905).

**My One Regret ...** "My abortion is definitely the one thing I regret. There will always be remorse and sadness. The feeling of the loss of a child will always be there. I wish I could have known then what abortion was all about and its devastating effects on the woman. So many women feel that if they had more support and truth during their crisis pregnancy many lives would have been saved." - - from the testimonies of those who have had abortions - see [www.AbortionTestimonies.com](http://www.AbortionTestimonies.com)

**PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD ...** "It is a holy & pious thought to pray for the dead." 2 Macc 12:45. The best prayer of all is the Mass. Envelopes are available in the Narthex.

## **FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:**

### **Rejoice! Advent Meditations with Joseph ...**

in preparation for Advent, there is One session (offered two evenings) to introduce Parishioners to a program they can do on their own at home (a meditation & journal book is available for \$3.00 each). **Tuesday, Nov. 26 or Wed., Nov. 27 (both: 7:00pm-8:00pm)**

**Thanksgiving ...** in 1½ weeks, we celebrate Thanksgiving. The word "Eucharist" means "Thanksgiving". Every time we are present at Mass, we are expressing our thanks to the Father for the gift of the Body, Blood, Soul, & Divinity of His Son Jesus in the Eucharist. So, every day that we are at Mass is Thanksgiving Day in a sense.

**Thanksgiving Mass ...** there will be a 9:00am Mass on Thanksgiving Day. Thank the Lord with your fellow parishioners.

### **CONTEMPLATIVE SISTERS (Pink Sisters & Carmelite Sisters) COLLECTION ...**

For over forty-six years now, our Diocese has been blessed to have a Religious Community of Sisters who spend the greatest part of their day before the Blessed Sacrament in their Chapel, praying for us. This community is affectionately known as the Pink Sisters, since the color of their religious habit is pink! It has been a custom in our Diocese to express our thanks to the Pink Sisters by taking up a **special collection on Thanksgiving Day** for the Pink Sisters. In the last nineteen years, our Diocese has been blessed with another contemplative community of religious Sisters, the Carmelites, (*Convent is near Valparaiso*). Please help financially support these communities who spiritually support us with their prayers!

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

In November the pictures of Our Lady of Guadalupe (*which was in our Adoration Chapel for years was put in a new frame*), and the Image of Divine Mercy (*which was purchased from Misericordia Publishing House and the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, in Warsaw, Poland, & shipped to us*) and put in a frame to match the frame

for the picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This Divine Mercy Image is a computer generated picture which is a copy of the original image in the mother house in Poland. It has been stretched on a wooden frame.

For our Parish Lenten study in 2011 and also in October-November 2011, we studied "A Biblical Walk Through the Mass (a 5 part video series by Edward Sri)". It explored the biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience in Mass and explains their profound significance.

In May 2011, the Clavinova which was purchased in March 2000, started to not be able to "play back" any of the recorded songs. Thus we purchased a new Yamaha CVP-503 from Hershbergers in McCook for \$4,999.00 and our cantors were given a quick training on the features of the new Clavinova. An informative session "The new translation of the Roman Missal & the Role of Music" was held October 22 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church.

Two different evenings each week during February-April, we hosted a showing of the new Ten-Part Documentary Series by Rev. Robert Barron entitled CATHOLICISM. It was well attended, even by a non-Catholic couple who in the Fall joined the RCIA classes and became full members of the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil in 2013. Our Forty Hours Eucharistic Adoration was held March 4-6. Msgr. Raymond Hain, a retired priest living at Bonacum House, who has been involved in Catholic education throughout his years as a priest, was our speaker.

Our Parish hosted a potluck card party in the Parish Hall on the third Sunday of many months from Feb-Oct 2012. We also hosted a monthly potluck meal for Parents with Children many months from Aug-Dec 2012.

From April-July 2012, residents of the North Platte area were invited to donate toward the installation of a Catholic Radio station in North Platte. On Monday, July 16, 2012, KFJS, Spirit 90.1 FM went on the air. In June and July, our parishioners participated in the national Fortnight for Freedom (6/21 - 7/4), praying for the protection of Religious Liberty.

At the recommendation of the Parish Building Committee, in April we sold our old stations, which we used in the Parish Hall for 15 years, to Sacred Heart Church, Beaver Crossing for \$9,000.00. The money was used to help pay off our Loan. In June 2013, after being advertised for three years with an internet company dealing with Church items, the four stone holy water fonts that we used in the Parish Hall for 15 years, have were sold to a Catholic Church in Virginia for \$1,600.00. After the commission fees were deducted, we received \$1,280.00. The money will be used to help pay off our Loan.

We received a number of gifts of donations during 2012.

- In April 2012, we received donated an Iwatsu Adix-VS digital telephone system. Some parishioners volunteered time to pull wires through the buildings and Dan Eastburn donated his time to help with the installation.
- An anonymous donor has offered to hire some painters to paint the Parish Hall and the classrooms. These rooms haven't been painted for 16 years. The painters will be using some/most of the paint left over from the new Church. So the colors will tie in well with the new church.
- Florence Boltz donated her house and contents to our Parish. It was auctioned to the highest bidder at the end of June. Our net proceeds were around \$42,000.
- A Lincoln Parish donated about 50 old metal folding chairs to us. They will be especially useful during the Pumpkin Festival.
- In his will / estate, Bernard Grieser left St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church \$49,061.69, which was used to pay off our D.I.A.L. loan.
- In July 2014, Doris Muchlinski left St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church \$30,000 in her will/estate. This has been used to help pay off our loan to the D.I.A.L.

In May, volunteers installed Creston landscaping blocks around the Geo-thermal vault and south of the Parish Hall, and did some of the finish landscaping around the three buildings, including installing river rock on the South side of the Parish Hall. In September the original T-12 fluorescent light bulbs and ballasts were removed from the Parish Hall light fixtures & replaced with new T-8 fluorescent light bulbs & ballasts at a cost of about \$3,000. In September-October the shingles were removed and new shingles were installed on the "Farm" rental house, Parish Hall, Rectory, and Storage Shed. These roofs were damaged by a hail storm on April 14, 2012. We received an insurance payment from Catholic Mutual that totally covered all of the expenses. In January 2013, a new light switch was installed in the Narthex to operate the four wall sconces in the Narthex separate from the "can" lights in the ceiling.

## Liturgical Minister

	Sat., Nov. 23, 5:00pm	Sun., Nov. 24, 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>	Volunteer	Duane/Heather Johnson
<b>Ushers</b>	Steve Fear	Duane Johnsen
	Janet Fear	Heather Johnsen
<b>Rosary</b>		

## *Readings for the Week*

Monday:	1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday:	2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday:	2 Mc 7:1,20-31; Ps17:1bcd,5-6,8b,15; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday:	1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6,14-15; Lk 19:41-44
Friday:	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd,11-12; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday:	1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday:	2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

**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:** 11/17 - Zelig Perlinger, Robert Folchert, 11/20 - Elijah Heimann, 11/21 - Jo Ginapp, Fr. Mark Seiker, Kwei Kucera.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ...** We are faced with strong and disturbing readings today that hold a certain fascination, since they seem at first glance to be blueprints for future inevitable wars and hardship. A fundamentalist interpretation focuses on this aspect. Yet we hear them at our Sunday celebration of the Eucharist, which infuses them with hope and optimism. Rather than dreading the future, today's liturgy assures us that God is with us in all of life's inevitable trials, and that we have a role in shaping the outcome of human history. Occasionally, some Christians have attempted to decode these readings for an exact measure of the world's end, but they have thus far been disappointed. "Nothing lasts forever" is a lyric from a Broadway show. Stars fall from the sky, leaves wither and fall, mountains wash into the sea, human projects and governments totter and collapse with great regularity. Today's liturgy opposes this idea as incomplete, reminding us that Christ has made a permanent change in human history, and that life in him is life forever. Rather than inviting us to throw in the towel, today's liturgy strengthens us for acts of goodness and grace in our families, communities, and world. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**LIFE IS HARD, BUT HAVE NO FEAR ...** Today's readings take a fearless look at reality and reach a conclusion that we all know: life is hard. The prophet Malachi preaches fire and brimstone, warning us that evildoers will perish in flames. Saint Paul offers his own warning to the Thessalonians: keep busy, but never become a busybody. He reminds Christians that the apostles themselves worked in "toil and drudgery" as a model for how we ought to contribute to our community. The Gospel returns to the apocalyptic tone of Malachi, describing the utter chaos of the end-times. We will know the end is near when violence, catastrophe, and hatred dominate the earth. But we must not fear! God's saving plan brings peace to our hearts. Malachi speaks of the sun's "healing rays," and Jesus himself promises to protect every hair on our heads. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**RESEMBLANCE ...** The dignity of resembling the Almighty is common to all people; we should love them all as ourselves, as living images of the Deity. It is in this that we belong to God. —St. Francis de Sales

**PEACE ...** First keep the peace within yourself, then you can also bring peace to others. —Thomas à Kempis

**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.