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ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor: Fr. John Birkel
Parish Coordinator: Ashley
Perlinger (Ministries, website,
sign, choir, miscellaneous)
Mass Times: Saturday 5:00pm,
Sunday 10:00am, Weekdays & Holy
Days as posted in bulletin

Confession: Saturdays 4:00pm-
4:30pm, Sundays 9:00am-9:30am
Offered any time by appointment.
Half hour before Friday Masses
for 15 minutes

Baptism
Contact priest to set up
appointment.

Matrimony
Contact priest first before date is
set and at least 6 months prior.
Classes and retreat required.

Anointing of the Sick
Contact priest or parish office.

Education: Family Home Study or
Catholic School ; Adult Entry into
Catholic Faith (O.C.I.A), contact
office or pastor for more
information.

*All bulletin news due at noon the
Wednesday before the Sunday it is
to appear. Email rectory-
office@seas-np.org.*

August 3, 2025: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions		
Monday 8/4	8:00 am	Gail Spindler
Tuesday 8/5	No Mass	
Wednesday 8/6	5:30 pm	Karen Loecker
Thursday 8/7	8:00 am	Sanctification of Priests & Bishops
Friday 8/8	8:00 am	Zachary Gregg
Saturday 8/9	5:00 pm	Missa pro Populo
Sunday 8/10	10:00 am	Elli Fugate Schmidt

LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS August 9 – 10, 2025 (19th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
Lector/Reader	Loren Baxa	Cindy Swanson
Acolyte	Phil Heimann	Derek Miller
Server	Elijah Heimann	Nathan Miller
	Volunteer Needed	Luke Miller
Music	Greg Vandenberg	Peggy Orr
Gifts	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Ushers	David Gross	Jeff Orr

Stewardship: July 27, 2025- Adult \$3,732.50, Peter's Pence \$30, Mission
Co-op \$1,175

We are currently in need of servers and acolytes that can serve at Mass on Saturday evenings at 5:00pm.

Thank you to those who already serve our church in this way and to those who have already reached out. Please get in touch with Fr. Birkel or Ashley Perlinger if you are able and willing to help.

Pumpkin Festival This Year: Due to the sewer line installation taking longer than anticipated, we are asking for your help in making a change for this fall. It has been decided that **we will be doing a raffle only and not the full Pumpkin Festival.** We hope to have the raffle tickets available for sale soon. We will hold the drawing along with a luncheon on **October 12, 2025** after Mass. We hope everyone will be able to stay after Mass that day for some fellowship. Plans are in the making for an additional fundraiser before the first of the year.

The Silver Rose is coming to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church on Tue., August 12 with a prayer service at 7 PM. Each year, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

On Sunday, August 31 at 6PM, Knights of Columbus will host the Fifth Sunday Rosary. In addition, **the Very Reverend Kenneth Wehrs will install Fr. Birkel as Pastor,** in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus 5th Sunday Rosary at 6:00pm. All are invited to attend.

Starting August 18, Mass on Mondays will be at 7:00am, due to the school Mass at 8:15.

Theology on Tap: Theology on Tap will take place on August 17, 2025 at 6:00pm at Apeship Brewing, with Bishop Joseph Hanefeldt as speaker. Young adults ages 21-45 are invited to participate in fun & fellowship. The first drink is free! Complimentary light snacks will be served.

HELP WANTED- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is in need of 1 or 2 people to help with the flowers. This will include weekly flower arrangements on the altars, watering and care of fresh flowers. If you have questions, please contact Diane Gregg at 308-530-6079 or Donna Bode at 402-416-0813.

EMMAUS INSTITUTE FALL COURSES:
.org/dinner to register or learn more.

The Daughters of Charity and the Knights of Columbus would like to invite all parishioners to a "Welcome Fr. Birkel" potluck on Sunday, August 24th following the 10 am Mass. Fried chicken, drinks,

paperware and table service will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Fr. Birkel looks forward to visiting with you and getting to know each family!

Thanks to those who donated food and helped with the serving of the funeral luncheon for Oakley Jayne Smith. Your kindness is appreciated.

Jane Roe – Pro-life Conversion: Norma McCorvey was the “Jane Roe” of the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion in 1973. Years after winning that case, she had a conversion and became completely pro-life. Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director of Priests for Life, confirmed Norma as she entered the Church in 1998. For the rest of her life, she worked to overturn the very decision she won, and to end abortion. She died in 2017. Norma said, “I thought that I wanted to have an abortion with the baby that I was carrying, but I had no idea that it would lead up to such a controversial issue. I didn't know that there was two sides to the abortion issue. I didn't attend any of the court proceedings. In fact that's why I used the name Jane Roe because I didn't want my own personal name to be involved in it. Since August 8, 1995, I have been pro-life clear across the board. Abortion is totally wrong. I was the Jane Roe of Roe vs. Wade, but Jane Roe has been laid to rest.”

Take a Desert Day with the Lord! Step away from the noise of daily life and spend a quiet day in prayer, reflection, and silence with Jesus at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House. Desert Days are self-guided days of retreat where you can rest, reset, and reconnect with the Lord. Come for the full day or just a few hours—no formal schedule, just space to pray. Learn more and register at:
goodcounselretreat.org/desert-days

Please join us for prayer & fellowship at the next Catholic Daughters Court #1549, meeting SEPTEMBER 8, 6pm @ St Patrick Church Spiritual Life Center. *There will be NO MEETING in August*. For more information contact Vicki Anderson, Regent.

From Fr Birkel: Pope Francis told us Priests we are not to leave the Presbyterium (I had to look that up. The area where the Priest stands while celebrating Mass) I, myself, am not a fan of the "wave of peace." I think we should either be near enough to shake hands or we have chosen not to exchange it. For us in the Sanctuary, if you wish to exchange it, please come to the Presbyterium & we can all exchange there.

Prayer Requests: +Oakley Smith, +Tyler Irish, Karol Raney (ill), Elladee Ronhovde (ill)