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ST. ELIZABETH

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CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor: Fr. Rand Langhorst
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 sign, choir, miscellaneous)
 Mass Times: Saturday 5:00pm,
 Sunday 10:00am, Weekdays & Holy
 Days as posted in bulletin

Confession: Saturdays 4:00pm-
 4:35pm, Sundays 9:00am-9:35am
 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-
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October 13, 2024: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
Monday 10/14	8:00 am	Matthew & Meg Buhrman
Tuesday 10/15	7:00 am	Zach & Ellie Fischer
Wednesday 10/16	No Mass	
Thursday 10/17	No Mass	
Friday 10/18	8:00 am	Zachary Gregg
Saturday 10/20	7:30 am	Liv/Dec KC Members
	5:00 pm	Missa Pro populo
Sunday 10/21	10:00 am	+Sylvia Prather

LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

October 19-20, 2024 (29th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
Lector/Reader	Michael Krondak	John Bode
Acolyte	Ed Rieker	Duane Johnsen
Server	Alex Krondak	Will Vapenik
	James Krondak	James Green
Music	Greg Vandenberg	Matt & Ashley Perlinger
Gifts	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Ushers	Cindy Swanson	Spencer Hampton

Stewardship: October 6, 2024: Adult Envelopes- \$2,386, Rescue
 Books- \$24

Thank you to everyone who made this year's Pumpkin Fall Festival a spirit of fellowship and beneficial fundraiser for our Parish. Please accept the invitation to a light soup meal after the Masses on October 19/20 as a tangible gratitude and appreciation for your commitment and efforts along with the prayers being offered for your intentions. A Mass was offered last week privately for the intentions held by all who worked/participated in our parish festival

Pumpkin Fall Festival Raffle winners: ¼ Beef- Kyle Stringhan; ½ pork Ryan McConnell; .3734 Gold ounce Emilio Balderas; \$250 Kwik Stop Jessica Folchert; \$250 Gary's Grocery Zach Greg; Fire extinguishers & \$200 Betty Steffes; \$150 Visa Alice Robinson and Husker Football tickets Ed Rieker.

LDCCW & Right to Life October Pro-Life Diaper Drive: The Diaper Drive continues through the end of October. Wanted especially Diaper sizes 5 & 6. Your diaper donations are greatly appreciated. Cash donations or checks made to the order of the Daughters of Charity will be accepted. Put in an envelope marked for that purpose and place in the collection basket or the office drop slot box.

THEOLOGY on Tap is BACK! Young adults ages 21-45 are invited to participate in fun and fellowship. October 20th at 6pm at APEShip Brewing with speaker Connie Bdesch on an Abortion Dialogue. First drink is free and complimentary light snacks will be served.

North Platte St Patrick's Breakfast Buffet is Sunday Oct 20 from 9-1. Adults \$10 Ages 11-17 \$7 10 years and younger No Cost Featuring Fresh fluffy scrambled eggs, grilled sausage, biscuit with homemade country sausage gravy, pit smoked ham, pancake or french toast, pastries and goodies. Juice & Coffee.

Sutherland Sacred Heart Annual Turkey Dinner is Sunday, October 27 from 11 am-1:30pm. Raffle & Bake Sale. Adults \$12.00 Children ages 6-12 \$6.00. Carryout available.

We're excited to announce the Bishops' Pro-Life Banquet & Conference - "I Fear Nothing": Pro-Life Evangelization in a Modern Age. The event will take place on Nov. 22nd and 23rd in Lincoln. Mark it down on your calendars! In both our culture and government, we've been tirelessly advocating for the protection and respect of all human life, especially for mothers and preborn children. With abortion taking center stage on the ballot for Nebraskans this November, the future of our state is uncertain. As we consider this and other challenges in our modern age, it's easy to be overcome by fear. This is why we are adopting St. Joan of Arc as our patroness for this year's banquet and conference. Her

spirit and example is a true model for how we can face the challenges in front of us as we cultivate a culture of life. We want her words ever on our minds and hearts: "I fear nothing, for God is with me." As this year's banquet and conference will be the first major pro-life event after the vote on the abortion-related ballot initiatives in November, we are especially excited to announce this year's keynote speaker and a favorite of ours at the NCC, Greg Schleppenbach. Greg served the Nebraska Catholic Conference and faithfully led our pro-life efforts for 25 years. He now serves as the Executive Director for The Culture Project. Greg has played an incredible role in shaping the pro-life landscape in Nebraska. We're excited for Greg's return to Nebraska, and for the wisdom he will share with us this year!

Please join more than one million children and Aid to the Church in Need on October 18 in praying the Rosary for peace and unity. We need your help to make this global prayer event a reality. We are inviting families, teachers, and Parishes from all corners of the world to take part with their children on this special day. You and your children will join hundreds of thousands of others in this powerful prayer, uniting us all in a common cause. This worldwide campaign is a beautiful reminder of Our Lady of Fatima's words: "Pray the Rosary, and there will be peace." Praying the rosary with children is not just a prayer; it's a powerful act that strengthens unity in the Church and among all people. It's from this unity that love for God and neighbor grows.

There will be on Sunday, December 15 at 7 pm an All Faiths Christmas Choir at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church (305 W 5th st) with practices on Sundays Oct 13-Dec 8 from 2-3 pm. All those in local area churches music ministries are invited to be part of the Christmas Choir. For more info contact jared.daily@gmail.com

St Catherine's of Indianola is hosting "the Upper Room": Life in the Spirit retreat led by the Disciples of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Sessions are Friday, October 18th from 7-9 pm and continue on Saturday, October 19, from 9 am-9pm. \$15 Registration due upon arrival and a Free Will Offering to cover expenses. RSVP to Debbie 308-340-8481

Fall/Winter 2024 Retreat Schedule at Good Counsel in Waverly: Oct. 25-27: "My Lord, My God, My All" Retreat with Bishop Robert Finn with the Knights of the Holy Eucharist Nov. 1-3: "Healing of Memories" Retreat with Ian Butler Nov. 22-24: "Our Lady's Promises and Protection" Retreat with Fr. Elias Mary Dec. 6-8: "There's Always More with God" Women's Retreat with the Marian Sisters Dec. 12-15: "Men's Spiritual Exercises" with Regnum Christi-- For more info 402-786-2705.

Join us at G.R.E.E.N.! Please mark your calendars and join us for a FUN night of fundraising at G.R.E.E.N. on Saturday, October 26th! Dinner, drinks, games, prizes, auctions, lottery drawing, and entertainment – all in support of the North Platte Catholic Schools. Tickets are on sale now! Call the Endowment office to purchase: 308-534-5939, or buy online: www.bidpal.net/green24. It's an event you don't want to miss!

Knights of Columbus meeting is Monday, Oct. 14 at 7 pm in the Parish Hall. There is no breakfast this month.

CUT AND KEEP -All Souls' Day (Nov. 2) provides the opportunity to gain indulgences for our departed loved ones and for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory. What is an indulgence? "An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven (in the Sacrament of Confession), which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1471). From the *Handbook of Indulgences*: A plenary (full) indulgence, which is applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, is granted to the Christian faithful who devoutly visit a church or an oratory on All Souls' Day. The requirements for obtaining a Plenary Indulgence are:

- Visit a church and pray for the souls in Purgatory while in the state of grace
- Say the Our Father and the Creed during the visit to the church (this is accomplished in the liturgy if your visit is during Mass; outside of Mass, offer these on your own)
- Pray for the Pope's intentions (an Our Father, or Hail Mary, or any other appropriate prayer is sufficient)
- Worthily receive Holy Communion (on the day itself or soon thereafter)
- Make a sacramental confession within 20 days of All Souls' Day, either before or after
- For a plenary indulgence, be free from all attachment to sin, even venial sin (otherwise, the indulgence is partial, not plenary). It is sufficient that the Christian makes an act of the will to love God above all things and to despise all sin.

In addition, you can gain a plenary indulgence visiting a cemetery each day between 1 November and 8 November. These indulgences are applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory. A partial indulgence, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, can be obtained whenever saying the "Eternal rest" prayer: "Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."

Bishop's Appeal for Vocations Pledge cards have been mailed out. The Bishop's Appeal for Vocations organizes an annual appeal collection, which supplies some of the cost of the expenses for our seminarians, our future priests, in their studies, training, and formation for the priest hood. • The annual Bishop's Appeal for Vocations is an integral part for the future of our Diocese, and every person is invited to participate in the future of the Church by helping form our future priests. • The 2023-24 vocations expenses were \$1.2 million. Funds for the formation of our seminarians are provided through the annual Bishop's Appeal for Vocations, endowments and burses (managed through the Catholic Foundation of Southern Nebraska), and tuition payments from the seminarians. The 2023 Bishop's Appeal for vocations had a goal of \$800,000 and thankfully surpassed that goal by \$400,000 to raise \$1.2 million, the full amount needed. For 2024-25 our need has grown to about \$1.7 million as the number of seminarians studying for the Diocese of Lincoln has grown from 25 to 34! Source: www.lincolndiocese.org/vocation/bishops-appeal-for-vocations

NEBRASKA BALLOT INITIATIVES GUIDE: • Initiative 434 – The Pro-Life ballot measure (Vote FOR this measure!) • Initiative 439 – The Pro-Abortion ballot measure (Vote AGAINST this measure!) For more info on this, visit www.voteAGAINST439.com Referendum 435 – The teacher's union attempt to repeal our school choice law for low-income families (Vote to RETAIN LB1402, to make sure we can keep school choice in Nebraska)

The sacrifice of Christ (on the cross) and the sacrifice of the Eucharist (on the altar) are one single sacrifice: "The victim is one and the same: the same now offers through the ministry of priests, who then offered himself on the cross; only the manner of offering is different." "In this divine sacrifice which is celebrated in the Mass, the same Christ who offered himself once in a bloody manner on the altar of the cross is contained and is offered in a non-bloody manner." Thus, we rightly say that the Eucharist is the sacrifice of the Church, and this Church is - as St. Paul says - "the Body of Christ". The sacrifice of Jesus, the Head of the Church, becomes the sacrifice of the members of His Body, the Church. What this means is that "the lives of the faithful," as the Catechism says, "their praise, sufferings, prayer and work, are united with those of Christ and with His total offering, and so acquire a new value. Christ's sacrifice, present on the altar, makes it possible for all generations

of Christians to be united with his offering" Therein lies the extraordinary value of Mass. Through Mass, we unite ourselves with Christ because we are baptized into His life. We become with Him partakers, not only in the salvation gained on the cross, but also in the suffering endured on the cross. It is in this that we are co-redeemers with Christ and why true Christian spirituality fulfills what St. Paul wrote - and what we use at Mass - "if we die with the Lord we shall live with the Lord". It is Christ who makes perfect the sacrifice on the cross and the sacrifice on the altar, which in turn gives all of our sacrifices in daily life a new value.

Moreover, the Church considers the Mass as the greatest prayer of intercession. Saint Faustina helps us to understand how our prayers and petitions become deeply valuable when united with Mass. She wrote: "My sacrifice is nothing in itself, but when I join it to the Sacrifice of Jesus Christ, it becomes all-powerful and has the power to appease divine wrath. God loves us in His Son; the painful Passion of the Son of God constantly turns aside the wrath of God". The power of intercession is beyond our understanding, as St. Faustina pointed out: Oh, what awesome mysteries take place during Mass! A great mystery is accomplished in the Holy Mass (271) With what great devotion should we listen to and take part in this death of Jesus. One day we will know what God is doing for us in each Mass, and what sort of gift He is preparing in it for us. Only His divine love could permit that such a gift be provided for us. O Jesus, my Jesus, with what great pain is my soul pierced when I see this fountain of life gushing forth with such sweetness and power for each soul, while at the same time I see souls withering away and drying up through their own fault. O Jesus, grant that the power of mercy embraces these souls. Our soul will not wither away if we constantly bring to mind what Jesus commanded at the Last Supper, the eve of His Passion, and what He fulfilled on the cross - "Do this in memory of Me". The value of Mass - the memorial of His sacrifice - is infinite. It has to be approached with awe and with reverence, but most of all it has to be considered, as the Catechism points out, in harmony with ages past and with the saints even into this time, that the Eucharist is: "thanksgiving and praise to the Father; the sacrificial memorial of Christ and His Body; the presence of Christ by the power of His word and of His Spirit". It is in this disposition that St. Faustina learned to "live the Mass." Through the Mass, she found the very purpose of her being and the fulfillment of the promise of God in Jesus Christ that He shall be with us until the end of all ages. Thus, she could say: Without the least effort, I experience the profound recollection which then envelops me - and it does not diminish even if I talk with people, nor does it interfere

with the performance of my duties. I feel the constant presence of God without any effort of my soul. I know that I am united with Him as closely as a drop of water is united with the bottomless ocean. Last Thursday, toward the end of my prayers, I felt this grace, and it lasted for an unusually long time, for it was throughout Mass, so that I thought I would die of joy. At such times, my knowledge of God and His attributes becomes more acute, and also I know my own self and my misery much better. I am amazed at the Lord's great condescension to such a miserable soul as mine. After Holy Mass, I felt completely immersed in God and am still conscious of His every glance into the depth of my heart. About midday, I entered the chapel for a moment, and again the power of grace struck my heart. As I continued in a state of recollection, Satan took a flowerpot and angrily hurled it to the ground with all his might. I saw all his rage and his jealousy. When I immersed myself in prayer and united myself with all the Masses that were being celebrated all over the world at that time, I implored God, for the sake of all these Holy Masses, to have mercy on the world and especially on poor sinners who were dying at that moment. At the same instant, I received an interior answer from God that a thousand souls had received grace through the prayerful mediation I had offered to God. We do not know the number of souls that is ours to save through our prayers and sacrifices; therefore, let us always pray for sinners" Here we can note that the zenith of God's mercy is in the REAL PRESENCE of Jesus in Eucharist. The receiving of Jesus in total trust at Communion during Mass is the fullest of trust. This trust guides us time and again throughout each day as we encounter the realities of life, the burdens, etc. The evil one hates for souls to rely on the power of Jesus in the Eucharist - the Bread of Life - so this evil one keeps people away from Holy Communion by keeping them away from the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. When the devil succeeds in keeping souls from Jesus, he wins and Jesus weeps. A soul has the free will to act in good by the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus - which is made present in each Mass. In our times, we have devalued Mass and have found very flimsy excuses for not participating. But consider Mass a personal invitation. Bring your life and your intentions frequently to the altar. In time you will learn to live the Mass, to reap the fruits of the greatest gift on earth: God's memorial of His Sacrifice. —article by P J Kerbard

Fr. Rand will be gone Tuesday afternoon until Thursday morning.

Prayer Requests: ill-Sharon Beckius +Joseph Behm +Msgr. Adrian Herbek