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ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

Confession: Saturdays 4:00pm-4:45pm, Sundays 9:00am-9:45am
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: CCD, Sundays 11:30am-12:30pm. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A), contact office or pastor for more information.

Office Hours: Mondays-Tuesdays, 8:30am-1:30pm. Wednesdays 3:00pm-6:30pm

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

October 2, 2022: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Welcome to St. Elizabeth's! It is our hope that you feel at home and among friends here. 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 any time at 308-534-5461.

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
Monday 10/3	8:00am	+Ken Christiansen
Tuesday 10/4	8:00am	James Safford
Wednesday 10/5	5:30pm	Liv/Dec Estrada & Ortega Families
Thursday 10/6	8:00am	Gov. Pete Ricketts
Friday 10/7	5:30pm	Tad Schmid
Saturday 10/8	8:00am	Poor Souls
	5:00pm	Mary Hallquist
Sunday 10/9	10:00am	+Charles Safford

Stewardship for September 25, 2022: \$3,196.09, Pumpkin Festival: \$250

Blessed Salt: As a Catholic sacramental, salt blessed by the liturgical prayer of a priest is intended to be an instrument of grace to preserve one from the corruption of evil (sin, sickness, demonic influence, etc.) As is the case of all sacramentals, its power doesn't come from the sign itself, but by means of the Church's official (liturgical, not private) prayer of blessing—a power the Church derives from Christ himself (Mt. 16:19, 18:18). As the Vatican II document on the Liturgy states (art. 61), both Sacraments and sacramentals sanctify us, not of themselves, but by power flowing from the redemptive act of Jesus, elicited by the Church's intercession to be directed through those external signs and elements. Hence, sacramentals like blessed salt, holy water, medals, etc. are not to be used superstitiously as having self-contained power, but as “focus-points,” funneling one's faith toward Jesus, just as a flag is used as a “focus-point” of patriotism. Thus, used non-superstitiously, modest amounts of salt may be sprinkled in one's bedroom, or across thresholds to prevent burglary, in cars for safety, etc. A few grains in drinking water or used in cooking or as food seasoning often bring astonishing spiritual and physical benefits. As with the use of Sacraments, much depends on the faith and devotion of the person using salt or any sacramental. This faith must be Jesus-centered, as was the faith of the blind man in John 9. He had faith in Jesus, not in the mud and spittle used by Jesus to heal him. If you would like to have some blessed salt in your possession, please contact Fr. Rand to set up a time for the liturgical blessing. Any form of salt suffices such as ordinary table salt and for ease would be brought for the blessing in a jar or baggie.

While it takes money to pay the costs and education of our seminarians who are discerning whether they are being called to sacrifice their goals, desires, and freedom for their future, to serve Christ and His Church as priests (Vocations Appeal), we are importantly being called to make sacrifices of our time in prayer to assist them, as well as offer encouragement. Our regular prayer on their behalf may be the difference for a particular seminarian in his discernment.

The Way Healing Retreat: For female survivors of abuse, led by Sue Stubbs Victim Coordinator of the Archdiocese of Atlanta. Nov. 18-20 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat Center in Waverly. Cost \$250. Includes private room, meals, retreat materials, and program. Sponsored by the Catholic Dioceses of Nebraska.

Pro-Life Diaper Drive: The 12th Annual Pro-Life Diaper Drive will take place in October. This is sponsored by the LDCCW to benefit Pro-Life Organizations and Catholic Social Services. The goal for this year is to collect over 90,000 diapers, especially of

sizes 5 & 6. Please consider purchasing diapers to bring to our church narthex in October. Alternatively, make a monetary donation by sending a check payable to LDCCW to 3600 W Wittstruck Rd, Martell, NE 68404. Include “Diaper Drive” in the memo.

These are some average monthly expenses for our Parish. Keep these in prayer as we work together for Pumpkinfest and in personal budgeting for Stewardship. One time yearly payments have been divided by 12: Salaries/Benefits/Employer Social Security, FICA for Father and Employees \$4265.00; Printing & Copying \$228.00 Telephone/Internet/Web: \$152.78; Grounds/lawns/snow removal \$912.50; Farm Taxes \$334.40; Rectory [food] \$385.00; Utilities \$941.00; Heating Gas \$234.00; Insurances/Workman Comp \$717.00; Diocesan Assessment \$1637.00; Register \$103.00; Catholic School \$1800.00. Thank you to all who are supporting our parish with their volunteer time, talents, services, and tithing.

There will be no Daughters of Charity meeting in October. The next meeting will be November 13, 2022. There will be no KC Breakfast October 9.

Knights of Columbus Meeting: The Knights of Columbus will meet Monday, October 10 at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.

Anointing of the Sick: The Sacrament of Anointing will be available at the end of Mass on Friday, October 21. It is available to: any Catholic in a state of grace over the age of 65, a Catholic of any age with a serious surgery in coming weeks, or someone diagnosed with a life-threatening disease/illness. If unsure, please ask Fr. Rand. At the conclusion of Mass, all wishing to receive the sacrament should form a line (like a Communion line) and proceed forward for the laying of hands and anointing of oil. Please remain in the pews until the concluding prayer and blessing.

2022 CATHOLIC MARRIAGE 2.0 aims at the prevention of risky language and behaviors that damage or prevent fruitful communication. The program seeks to enhance a couple's relationship by teaching effective communication skills and by clarifying the essential components of a healthy Christian marriage. October 16, 2022 Sundays from 1:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. John XXIII Diocesan Center, 3700 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln. Refreshments will be provided. To register, go online to www.lincolndiocese.org/2-0.

Beginning in October, Fr. Rand will be gone most mid-day on Wednesdays to hear confessions at St Patrick's Jr. & Sr. High Schools.

One of our parishioners is a religious author! Not All Who WANDER Are Lost...A book about salvation and the gates to heaven. This book was written by Monica Kramer, a native of the Sandhills of Nebraska. Monica's husband, Randy, died nearly 6 years ago. She has studied salvation extensively and earnestly from the time of his death. On September 9, 2022, she was the keynote speaker for the GIDCCW at Holy Spirit Church. In her readings, she went first to scripture where she read in the chapter of John, Jesus said, "I am the gate." That prompted Monica to go the Sandhills and take pictures of gates. She has written a book and it is for sale. There are two versions of The Gate. Both have exactly the same words. The first book is soft bound and features the 12 gates. \$55.00. The second book is hard bound and features the 12 gates plus many other pictures. \$89.00. Monica is charging exactly what she paid for the books and intends to donate all the proceeds back to the church and charities. If you want to purchase a book, please mail a check/ payment to Monica Kramer 121 N. Willow Street North Platte, NE 69101. She will get you a copy! If you have questions her phone number is 308-520-6060.

SEAS Teaching Rock: SEAS Teaching Rock invites any and all (from any parish and those not fully united in our faith) to formation topics of interest to deepen their knowledge of the Catholic faith. SEAS Teaching Rock will meet at **6:30pm on Wednesdays** throughout the year. The **October 12 meeting** will focus on Purgatory and the **November 9 meeting** on the Orthodox Faith. In conjunction with each meeting, there will be light refreshments or snacks. Each formation session is intended to last an hour. You are welcome to come to all sessions, or only those topics of interest to help your spiritual growth.

2022 Public Square Rosary Crusade: Saturday, October 15 at noon in front of the North Platte Spiritual Life Center at St. Patrick Church. Bring a lawn chair for seating. America is at a historic crossroad. Please join us to pray with the intercession of our Lady to halt offenses against God. For more information, contact Joan Ryland 308-520-6800 or Mary Van Ert 308-520-4568.

Women at the Well is hosting their annual October #praydailyrosary Challenge. Listed are 31 days of intentions to offer up your Rosary for. All are encouraged to pray a daily rosary the month of October.

Love and Life Programs: This is a series of programs focusing on the teachings of Pope Saint Paul VI's Humanae Vitae and Pope Saint John Paul II's Theology of the Body, provided globally through the Family Support Foundation. **Program 1:** I + You= We, Oct. 15-

16, Wahoo. Led by Fr. Jaroslaw Szymczak, who co-developed the programs. **Program 2:** April 22-23, Location TBD. Please consider stopping by or encouraging someone you know to participate in the weekend. We welcome any questions, discussions, and (most of all) prayers for the continuing growth of this ministry. –Matthew & Marie Phillips, 402-705-8015.

Servers Training (Grades 3 and up) will be after Mass on Saturday, October 15, and will take approximately ½ hour. If a server cannot attend, please let Fr. Rand know to arrange a different date and time as a make-up.

Women's Retreat: Women at the Well is hosting their annual Refresh & Renew Retreat October 7-8 at Camp Comeca in Cozad, NE. This year, the Team will be presenting on the book Thirsting for Prayer by Fr Jacques Phillipe. Do you wish to grow in your personal prayer life? Are you thirsting for a deeper encounter during your prayer time? This retreat is sure to enrich your faith with Mass, Adoration, Confessions, & meaningful talks on this spiritual book. Special Guest Michaela Gasseling will be telling her remarkable story of being a brain tumor survivor and the role of Intercessory prayer during that time. We can't wait for you to join us for this quick (less than 24 hour) retreat on Prayer. You can register at www.womenatwell.org/retreat.

Cursillo: Have you ever truly made your faith your own? Cursillo weekends are scheduled at St. Michael Parish in Hastings, Oct. 20-23 and 27-30. For more information, contact Greg Vandenberg @ 308-530-7587.

Life Chain: The Life Chain will take place on Sunday, October 2 from 2:00pm-3:00pm. Pick up your signs at 4th & Jeffers. All are welcome!

Catholic Daughters of America: We will meet at 6:00pm on Monday, October 3, at St Patrick's Spiritual Life Center. Ladies of all parishes and ages are welcome to attend and see what we are all about. We always looking for new members.

Pumpkinfest Silent Auction Request--We are looking for new or gently used items for the Silent Auction. If they are used, they must be clean and in very good condition. This is a good time to look in your "closet or drawers" for those treasures you hid there a few years ago and haven't used. We will gladly accept them. The calendar is not our friend so, please contact Ed Rieker at 308-530-2862! God Bless!

Daughters of Charity Raffle Tickets for the quilt in the Narthex are \$2.00 a chance. Drawing on Dec. 11. Contact any DOC member for tickets.

A young man wanted to invite his girlfriend to their farm but was embarrassed by the old-fashioned outdoor outhouse. He kept bickering with his dad about getting a modern one with indoor plumbing, but the old-timer didn't want to give in. Out of desperation he slips out one night and with a huge shove- pushes the entire outhouse down the hill. Intact it lay at the bottom. The next morning at breakfast his father asks him if it was he who destroyed the outhouse and at the same time reminded of the story of George Washington and the cherry tree. "Yes Dad" sighed the boy. "I cannot tell a lie. It was me." Then he added, "but Dad" "when George Washington admitted it was he who cut the tree down, his father didn't punish him for telling the truth!" "You are right son" said his Father "But George's dad wasn't in the cherry tree when it was cut down!"

Have You Heard? WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF A NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL! The Church needs healing, and the world needs Jesus. The Holy Spirit is inviting us to return to the source and summit of our faith—the Eucharist. www.eucharisticrevival.org!"

St. Pat's School News: G.R.E.E.N: Saturday, October 22nd! Dinner, drinks, games, prizes, silent & live auctions, lotto drawing, spirit wagons, entertainment, and so much more! \$75/person, includes dinner & drinks. **Lucky Lotto:** Tickets \$100/each, only 300 sold. Two \$5,000 Cash prizes. Do not have to be present to win. **Spirit Wagons-** Tickets \$10/each. 3 Fully stocked wagons up for grabs. **Heads or Tails-** \$20 each- \$1,000 cash prize. Must be present to win. Purchase online: www.bidpal.net/green22 or text "green22 to 243725. Purchase in person- NP Catholic Schools Endowment, 601 S Tabor. **Oct. 3:** No School, Diocesan In-Service, 8:00am- Girls Golf Districts, 6:00pm- JV FB @ Perkins Co., **Oct. 4:** 8:00am- Girls Golf Districts, 5:00pm- VB Tri @ Southwest, **Oct. 6:** 4:00pm- JH VB vs. NPMS, **5:00pm-** SPVA XC @ Grant, **5:00pm-** VB @ Brady, **6:00pm-** JH FB vs. Hershey, **Oct. 8:** 9:00am- VB Tri @ Hershey. **SCRIP:** Remember to purchase your SCRIP cards in support of the NPCPS. You pay nothing extra! All purchases help support tuition assistance for families at NPCPS. Purchase during the week at the Endowment Office (601 S. Tabor) 10:00am-3:00pm daily. 308-534-5939. W.dodson@npcschools.org.

Please note that the Masses for the weekend of October 1 and 2 will not follow the readings in the missal. Oct 2 marks the dedication of our parish and thus the readings for the dedication of the church for that day (weekend) take precedence. In addition, we will be celebrating after the weekend Masses Oct. 1 & 2 fellowship with a Sloppy

Joe Feed in the parish hall. Please consider joining with fellow parishioners to get to know one another.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS
October 8-9, 2022 (28th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
Lector	Loren Baxa	Ron Tejral
Acolyte	Volunteer Needed	Conrad Buhrman
Server	Nicholas Krondak	Cooper Gifford
	James Krondak	Weston Hammond
Music	Volunteer Needed	Peggy Orr
Gifts	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Ushers	David Gross	Jeff Orr

Visiting a Church on the day of its Dedication carries a plenary indulgence—granted to the Christian faithful who devoutly visit and there recite the Lord's Prayer and the Creed. For St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church this date is October 2. All norms of a plenary indulgence must be met in addition to the prescribed work. A plenary indulgence can be gained only once a day. In order to obtain it, the faithful must, in addition to being in the state of grace: have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, even venial sin; have confessed their sins in the sacrament of reconciliation (this can be done several days before or after); receive the Holy Eucharist on the prescribed day and pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff (at least one Our Father and one Hail Mary).

PUMPKIN FESTIVAL IS NEARLY HERE! IT IS TIME TO WARM UP THOSE OVENS! We would appreciate 3 articles or more per family please. Please bring to the parish hall classrooms on Saturday, October 9 if possible. The Food Inspector was consulted and both pumpkin and pecan pies are permitted, but no cream or meringue pies, as they require refrigeration. All baked goods are welcome. Best sellers: berry pies, kolaches- 4 on a plate, banana bread small loaf, homemade bread, cinnamon or pecan rolls- 4 on a plate, cookies 6 on a plate, and unfrosted angel food. All simple cakes are used for the cake walk and many, many are need!

Pope Francis' Intentions for October: We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

Prayer Intentions: Prayer intentions will remain in the bulletin for three weeks. ☩= repose of soul. ☩Neva Schmid