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# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Pastor:** Fr. Rand Langhorst  
**Parish Coordinator:** Ashley Perlinger (Bulletin, website, sign, choir, miscellaneous)  
**Bookkeeper:** Natalie Gifford (bookkeeping, Diocesan data entry)

**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:** 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 23, 2022: 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
<b>Monday 10/24</b>	6:15am	McKenna Ketter
<b>Tuesday 10/25</b>	5:30pm	+Eileen Ratigan
<b>Wednesday 10/26</b>	5:30pm	+Martha Burbach/Jim & Barb Waldschmidt
<b>Thursday 10/27</b>	8:00am	Gary Ryland & Family
<b>Friday 10/28</b>	8:00am	Susan Safford
<b>Saturday 10/29</b>	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
<b>Sunday 10/30</b>	10:00am	Alice Robinson

#### LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS October 29-30, 2022 (31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)

	<b>Saturday 5:00pm</b>	<b>Sunday 10:00am</b>
<b>Lector</b>	Volunteer Needed	Michael Krondak
<b>Acolyte</b>	Volunteer Needed	Duane Johnsen
<b>Server</b>	Nicholas Krondak	Harmon Johnsem
	Alex Krondak	Cooper Gifford
<b>Music</b>	Volunteer Needed	Greg Vandenberg
<b>Gifts</b>	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
<b>Ushers</b>	Volunteer Needed	Galen Warburton

Stewardship for October 16, 2022: \$2,102, Mission Sunday: \$50

**The General Election** is right around the corner on Nov. 8th, and early voting has already begun. We invite all Catholics to inform their conscience on the major issues of our time, as well as take time to learn about the candidates running for public office. The Nebraska Catholic Conference has issued its Nebraska Catholic Voter Guide. This resource provides candidate information for state and federal legislative races, the governor's race, and State Board of Education races. Learn more about your candidates at [NebraskaCatholicVoter.com](http://NebraskaCatholicVoter.com).

**After a talking sheepdog** gets all the sheep in the pen, he reports back to the farmer: "All 40 accounted for." "But I only have 36 sheep," says the farmer. "I know," says the sheepdog. "But I rounded them up."

**Fr. Rand will be** gone Monday, October 24 after Mass for dental work, etc., and will return Tuesday. Please note Mass time changes for both days.

**Set aside some time** after Mass on the weekend of November 5-6 for fellowship and getting to know others in the parish. Spaghetti will be featured, AND all free will offerings given will be sent via the Knights of Columbus charity portal directly to help the Ukrainian people and refugees. Please be generous in gratitude for what we take for granted.

**Daughters of Charity** Meeting will be after Mass on Sunday, November 13. All women of the parish are encouraged and invited to attend.

**Knights of Columbus** will meet Monday, November 14 at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.

**The final Teaching Rock** for 2022 will be on Wednesday, November 9 at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. The topic will be a better understanding of Orthodox Christians. Watch the bulletin in December for Teaching Rock hours for 2023!

**Men of the parish:** Is the Holy Spirit calling you to the ministry of acolyte or lector? **Women of the parish:** Is the Holy Spirit calling you to be a reader at Mass? If you are interested, please let Fr. Rand know. One must be able to receive Holy Communion and meet the training requirements. In the cases of acolyte and lector, one must be available to be installed by the Bishop during a Mass in McCook, set for Sunday, December 11.

**Some say that you** don't need to confess your sins to a priest. You can go straight to God." Human nature being what it is, people just don't like telling other people their sins, and so they come up with justifications for not doing so. The Sacrament of Confession has been with us from the beginning, coming from the words of Christ Himself: "Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'" (John 20:21-23) Notice that Jesus gives His apostles the power to forgive sins. Of course, they wouldn't know which sins to forgive if they weren't told what sins were involved. The practice of confession is also evident in the Letter Of James: "Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed." (James 5:14-16) It's interesting that nowhere does James (or Jesus) tell us to confess our sins to God alone. Rather, they seem to think that forgiveness comes through some means of public confession. And it's not difficult to understand why. You see, when we sin, we rupture our relationship not just with God, but with His Body, the Church (since all Catholics are interconnected as children of a common Father). So when we apologize, we need to do so to all parties involved — God and the Church. Think of it this way. Imagine you walk into a store and steal some of their merchandise. Later, you feel remorse and regret the sinful act. Now, you can pray to God to forgive you for breaking His commandment. But there's still another party involved; you'll need to return the merchandise and make restitution for your action. It's the same way with the Church. In the confessional, the priest represents God and the Church, since we've sinned against both. And when he pronounces the words of absolution, our forgiveness is complete. *(taken from [catholiceducation.org](http://catholiceducation.org))*

**The parish hall will be occupied** on Thursday, October 27 to host a freshmen retreat for St. Patrick's School. Students and faculty will attend the parish morning Mass and use the parish hall afterwards until the afternoon.

**For planning purposes:** All Saints Day is a Holy Day of Obligation (mortal sin is committed for not attending without an acceptable reason). Times to meet the Obligation in our parish will be: Oct. 31 for a 5:30pm Vigil and Nov. 1 at 7:30am, 9:30am (at which all students and faculty of St Patrick's and McDaid schools will attend) and 5:30pm.

**Have you** remembered and been able to make your Vocations Appeal Pledge for this year? Please pray for our seminarians in their discernment of serving the Lord with their lives in our diocese.

**Veterans Crisis Line** - 1-800-273-8255 press 1. Confidential talk at VeteransCrisisLine.net or text to 838255. Life is Hard. Help is just a phone call away.

**A plenary indulgence on** any and each day from November 1 to 8 for those who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, if only mentally, for the departed applicable only to the dead or a plenary indulgence applicable only for the dead can be received Nov. 1 for those who visit to a church or public oratory — and in semipublic oratories by those who have the right to use them. The work prescribed for acquiring a plenary indulgence connected with a church or oratory consists in a devout visit during which the Lord's Prayer and the Creed are recited. In addition to visiting a church or oratory and reciting the Lord's Prayer and the Creed. Three conditions must be fulfilled to gain any plenary indulgence. a. Sacrament of reconciliation; b. Holy Communion; c. Prayers for the intention of the pope. It is further required that all attachments to sin, even to venial sin, be absent. The three conditions may be fulfilled several days before or after the performance of the prescribed work (a week before or after the work); nevertheless, it is fitting that Communion be received and the prayers for the intentions of the pope be said the same day the work is prescribed. The condition of praying for our Holy Father's intentions is fully satisfied by reciting one Our Father and one Hail Mary; nevertheless, the

individual faithful are free to recite any other prayer according to their own piety and their devotion to the Holy Father. The norms listed above are according to the listing in the apostolic constitution, "Indulgentiarum Doctrina." What's an indulgence? Canon 992 of the Catholic Church's Code of Canon Law states: "An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment for sin, the guilt of which is already forgiven." This is done "under certain and definite conditions with the help of the Church which ... dispenses and applies authoritatively the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints." If all punishment is remitted, the indulgence is described as "plenary." If only part is remitted, it is called "partial."

**Volunteers Needed:** Our food pantry, the North Platte Catholic Community Food Pantry, is in need of volunteers to help distribute grocery boxes to our clients on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday afternoons from 1:00-3:00 p.m. If you would be willing to help out on any of these days, please contact: (308)-532-8800. Please leave a message if we are not immediately available and someone will be sure to get back to you. We are looking for COMMITTED individuals who are willing to help out on a regular basis. them.

**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.

**Encountering roadblocks in your relationship between God, yourself and others?** Join Fr. Craig Doty for the "Inner Healing Prayer" retreat on Nov 5-7 at Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly. There are also several 4 Day or 8 Day Ignatian Silent Retreats Nov 10-13 (10-17). Read more and register at [www.goodcounselretreat.org](http://www.goodcounselretreat.org), email [office@goodcounselretreat.org](mailto:office@goodcounselretreat.org) or call 402-786-2705. them.

**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.

**Parish Council & Finance Council Joint Meeting** is Sunday, Oct. 23 in the Conference Room after the Mass.

**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.

**The Saint Challenge** is launching on All Saint's Day, November 1st. It is a year-long series of challenges based on the saint of the day. In 90 seconds you'll learn a little fact about the saint of the day, and be given a challenge inspired by that saint. It could be a corporal or spiritual work of mercy, or something to improve your interior life and your relationship with God and neighbor. The Saint Challenge is free, and you can find more information and find ways to sign up at [www.thesaintchallenge.com](http://www.thesaintchallenge.com). Let's be saints!

**Healing Mass:** All are welcome to receive physical, spiritual, and mental healing. Sunday, Nov 27th, 2022 St. Patrick Church 409 East F Street, McCook, NE, 4:00pm Mass: Celebrant Rev. Christopher Barak. Come early for the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Confession is also available. EVERYONE is WELCOME!!

**Cursillo:** Have you ever truly made your faith your own? A Cursillo weekend is scheduled at St. Michael Parish in Hastings, Oct. 27-30. For more information, contact Greg Vandenberg @ 308-530-7587.

**Holy Spirit's Knights of Columbus meal is postponed.**

**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.

**On December 1 at 7 pm** please join Sandy Danek, founder of Healing Hearts Grief Ministry, as she explores "**Grief and the Holidays**" from a Catholic perspective. Open to anyone who has experienced a loss of a loved one, is suffering from infertility or miscarriage, or for those who want to know how to better support a loved one experiencing grief. More information and registration is at <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/grief> This event will be at the Harbor Coffeehouse in Lincoln-Piedmont, will be livestreamed and is free.

**St. Pat's School News:** Oct. 24-25: Volleyball Sub-District, Oct. 27: 7:00pm- Fall Music Concert, Oct. 28: 2nd Round Football Playoffs, Oct. 29: Volleyball District FINAL. **GOD IS HERE!** A big THANK YOU to our Priests and Deacons. Each week they celebrate 2 masses for our high school students and a mass at the grade school. Once a week a priest is available to hear confessions for our high school students, as well. We appreciate that they have rearranged their schedules so our students can be offered this opportunity to build their faith. **FALL MUSIC CONCERT** Thursday, October 27, 2022 6:30PM St. Pat's High School Gym **G.R.E.E.N. 2022** We DID it! G.R.E.E.N. was a success! Many THANKS to all of those that supported us! Every donation makes a difference. If you were unable to bid on an item, you can still make a donation by visiting [www.bidpal.net/green22](http://www.bidpal.net/green22) Or visit Wendy Dodson at the NPCS Endowment Office 308/534-5939

**National March for Life:** Celebrate the overturning of Roe v. Wade with a pilgrimage to Washington D.C.! When: January 17 - 21, 2023. Cost: \$480 per person. Register: [www.lincolndiocese.org/m4l](http://www.lincolndiocese.org/m4l).

**Sacred Heart-Sutherland** Turkey Dinner Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am to 1:30 pm. Adults- \$10, Kids 5 to 12-\$ 5

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