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# e ST. ELIZ&BETH Deseas-np.org org ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor: Fr. Rand Langhorst Parish Coordinator: Ashley Perlinger (Bulletin, website, 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 and or instruction before any date is set. 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 11:15am-12:30pm. Interested in becoming Catholic? Contact office or pastor for more information.

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

# June 23, 2024: 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions		
Monday 6/24	8:00am	Vocations
Tuesday 6/25	8:00am	Poor Souls
Wednesday 6/26	5:30pm	McKenna Ketter
Thursday 6/27	8:00am	Siblings of J & M
Friday 6/28	8:00am	Special Intention
Saturday 6/29	5:00pm	Missa pro populo
Sunday 6/30	10:00am	Intentions of Bishop Conley

#### LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS June 29-30, 2024: 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
Lector/Reader	Loren Baxa	John Bode
Acolyte	Derek Miller	Spencer Hampton
Server	Luke Miller	Keaton Hampton
	Nathan Miller	Eidren Hampton
Music	Monica Mordja	Matt & Ashley Perlinger
Gifts	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Ushers	David Gross	Volunteer Needed
Rosary		

Stewardship: June 16, 2024: Adult \$1,483

"Give kids hope. Take the credit!" - Tax Credits Available Until October 31! What if you had a say in how your state tax dollars help Nebraskans? You do - through the Opportunity Scholarships Act! Nebraska income taxpayers can claim a dollar-fordollar tax credit for contributions made to Opportunity Scholarships of Nebraska (OSN) on their 2024 taxes. Those contributions will fund scholarships for qualifying students wanting to attend private schools.

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<u>Satan is what</u> St. Augustine described as "a mean dog on a short chain." St. Augustine's point is that as long as we avoid coming within the reach of that "chain" of sin, Satan has no power over us.

#### Angels: All things that exist only do so in God.

God, who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, is the eternal, Supreme Being and Creator of all things visible and invisible. All that he has created expresses something of His eternal glory including all the creatures that are invisible. The invisible, living creatures of God are what we know as angels. In the glossary of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, an "angel" is defined as: "A spiritual, personal, and immortal creature, with intelligence and free will, who glorifies God without ceasing and who serves God as a messenger of his saving plan." This definition has several notable points: first – that angels are called "spiritual" beings speaks to the truth that angels are invisible by nature. While it is popular that we depict angels as pure white "human-looking" creatures who have wings, the truth is that angels do not have bodily form – as they are pure spirits. Spiritual as they are, the definition also calls them "personal.... with intelligence and free will." That is to say that just as we human beings are "persons" who are capable of relating to others and who have intelligence and free will to choose the good, so too are angels endowed with these capacities. That angels are "immortal" speaks to the truth that they will never not be (once created, they will remain in existence forever). In other words, every angel did not exist prior to being created; once created, every angel remains forever. Finally, angels glorify God and serve as His messengers – pointing to their true way of life and "function," as it is, in serving God.

All of the angels are placed within the ranks of "choirs" of angels - each one created according to God's designs for a particular purpose in giving Him glory and serving as his messengers. Within these choirs are the "guardian angels," whom God wills to create for each human being to protect us from harm. In addition to these angels, other angels (like St. Michael the Archangel) are created with the particular purpose to aid us and protect us on our life journey toward heaven. Angels that remain faithful to God are always looking upon God (as Jesus tells us in Matthew 18:10 in particular reference to the guardian angels). Please know: ALL of the angels were created good. However, some angels did not remain faithful to God in their call to serve - and by their turning away from Him, these "bad" angels seek to tempt us away from God to commit sins and to be separated from God forever. It is these "bad angels," the first of whom we refer to as the devil or Satan, who in their own free will have forsaken God's will and who desire to divide and destroy all that is good – tempting God's human children away from Him toward accepting eternal separation from Him (what is called "hell"). It is noteworthy that in their invisible nature, the angels always remain near to us. In addition to our guardian angels and the other angels who are present among us to guide us and protect us, there are angels who are present guard and protect that which is holy – such as angels that are present to the Eucharist – during Mass, during times of Eucharistic Exposition, and when reserved in the tabernacle. Thus, among and hidden within all visible creatures are the angels who are invisible many who serve God in giving Him glory and in aiding us in journeying toward God. For further reading: In the Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraphs 325-336 (along with summary paragraphs 350-352) give brief but complete treatment on angels.

<u>Please save the date of Thursday, July 25</u> for the celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our local Knights of Columbus Fr. McGivney Council. Plans are underway to have a Parish potluck and a taco bar provided by the Knights.

**Beginning the first week of July**, Tuesday weekday Mass will be moved to 7:00am.

An old dog and a puppy listened in on a discussion at a nearby tree. A crow was sitting on the tree doing nothing all day long. A small rabbit saw the crow and asked "Can I also sit like you and do nothing all day?" the crow answered "sure why not". So the rabbit sat on the ground below the crow and rested. All of a sudden a fox appeared, jumped on the rabbit and ate it. The puppy turned to the old dog and asked what the meaning of this was. The old dog said "to be sitting and doing nothing, you must first be sitting very, very high up.

**Offering it up:** So, how do we offer something up? First, one must be in the state of grace. Make a good Confession regularly. Second, accept the inconvenience, trial, or hardship with a "good attitude" - that is, with Christian virtue and patient resignation to the Will of God. Third, have the conscious intent to offer it up and do so with a prayer. You can do this in the moment the unpleasant event occurs, sometime thereafter, or even have the habitual intent to offer up every suffering by praying a good Morning Offering each day or for example I offer this for love of Thee, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary." With these three simple steps you can offer up anything and everything!

Salt Dogs Faith & Family Nights: Join us at Lincoln Haymarket Park! We have a variety of entertainment beginning 2 hours prior to games including: In-Stadium Chapel with the Players, Catch in the Outfield, Player Autographs, and Live Church Band on the Concourse. Bake Sales & Merchandise Booths on the Concourse will remain until the end of the game. Upcoming dates are: Sunday, June 23 at 1:05pm; Sunday, July 14 at 1:05pm; Wednesday, August 28 at 7:05 pm.

<u>Cursillo upcoming events</u> for your calendars: July School of Leaders: Saturday, July 13, 2024, 9 am, St Mary Parish, Aurora, in person and virtual via Zoom (meeting ID: 629-734-5912). St. Mary has an 8am Mass for those who wish to go to Mass. July Ultreya – July 14, 2024, North Platte, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 1:30 pm CT. 34th National Encounter -July 25-28, 2024, Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY. Fall 2024 Region VI Encounter - September 27-29, 2024, Kansas City, KS. De Colores!

**SAVE THE DATE!** Learn how to bring the peace of Christ into your relationship by taking part in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience WHEN- September 27-29, 2024, WHERE-North American Martyrs, Lincoln, Nebraska. Other weekends available are Oct. 4-6, Grand Junction, CO; & Nov. 1-3, Dillon, CO. For questions, or to find out more about Virtual Encounter Weekends, feel free to contact: Brenda & Gary Granger: 402-370-5839, or visit <u>www.wwme.org</u>

Midwest Catholic Family Conference: August 2-4, in Wichita, KS. "Go and Make Disciples". Start a new family tradition by going to the Conference. Listen to great speakers and take advantage of daily Mass, Adoration, and a beautiful Eucharistic Procession. Save up to \$30 with early bird registration by June 28. Registration available onsite, but online registration after June 28 will still save you money! Register online at www.catholicfamilyconference.org or call 316-618-9787. Email questions to info@catholicfamilyconference.org

Totus Tuus registration began April 1st! Totus Tuus will be at St. Patrick's Catholic Church July 14th-19th. Totus Tuus is for current 1st through 12th grade students. This year the curriculum will be on The Apostles Creed and The Glorious Mysteries. 1st-6th grades will meet Monday-Friday (15th-19th) from 9am-3pm. The 7th-12th graders will meet Sunday - Thursday (14th-18th) from 6pm-8:15pm. The evening group will be provided dinner. Sign up at https://giDiocese.org/totus-tuus --We need your help pulling off Totus Tuus! Below is the link to sign up to help with bringing snacks and meals, and supervision. Please consider helping with this summer event help: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B4A AFAC2AA7FE3-49851595-totus

<u>Please save the Mission Co-op</u> envelope in your packets for September. Our Mission Co-op weekend is tentatively scheduled for the weekend of September 21-22 by the Missionaries of Jesus.

# Does the prospect of a deep merging of spirituality and service resonate within your

heart? Or are you looking for a way to help the less fortunate in your community? Maybe you want a more active role in your parish but aren't sure exactly how to do it? What about sharing "woman time" with other Catholic women? If you answered "yes" to any of the above, joining the Catholic Daughters of the Americas might be the thing for you to do. Being a Catholic Daughter is a wonderful gift from God. Through CDA you are able to share your talents and gifts and work with other Catholic women who share faith and similar values. The Catholic Daughters of America 1549 Court of Our Lady of Fatima next meeting is Monday July 1st, 6pm at St Patrick's Spiritual Life Center. Please join us for an Ice Cream Social & BINGO following the meeting.

<u>A Father Looks Back</u>: Longtime country music singer Kenny Rogers has a song called "Water and Bridges," which highlights a father's pain after losing a child to abortion. Rogers told CNN that the song is not about him, but is "really about choices you make when you're young that you pay for when you're old." He goes on to explain, "It starts off with a young couple who have an abortion, and the guy says, 'If a father could hold his son, I could undo what's been done, but I guess everyone is living with water and bridges.'" Counseling and healing is available for any man or woman who has lost a child to abortion. See www.RachelsVineyard.org for details.

**Books are being** sold that contain the stories that Holy Spirit parishioners have delivered monthly from the pulpit, In addition other parishioners have written stories as well as people who have relocated from the parish. Children from McDaid have drawn pictures and written about their belief in the Eucharist. Part 11 tells about saints who were especially fond of the Holy Eucharist. There is a section about Communicants who have received Jesus Early in Their Lives and Some Who Have Received Jesus Late in Life. Father Sagar has written a beautiful foreword in the book. We are needing to get a number to the printers of those who want to purchase a book/books. The books are \$15.00. please call Kelsey, the Holy Spirit parish secretary at 308-534-6623 and she will take your information to order. Deadline: orders due by 5:00pm June 28, 2024.

Bonilla was 73 and just got her first computer. After her son spent over 2 hours teaching her how to use it, she was sure she knew everything there was to know about computers. Unfortunately though, one day she couldn't get it to start so she promptly called an IT guy to come over and take a look at it. The IT guy managed to fix the issue in a few minutes and was on his way. Bonilla was proud when she overheard the IT guy on the phone with his boss telling him about the issue, she was sure it meant it was a serious issue and she was sure she took care of it the right way. "Excuse me if you don't mind me asking," asked Bonilla to the man on his way out. "I couldn't help overhearing you on the phone with your boss. What exactly is an Id ten T problem? Just so I can tell my son." The man smiled, took out a pen, "it stands for : I-D -1-0-T".

<u>Our Lady of Fatima Shrine</u> was built by a former Polish chaplain as a result of a vow he made while a prisoner during WWII. It is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, who appeared to three children tending sheep in Fatima, Portugal. Statues represent the Virgin, children, angels and the flock in a lovely landscaped setting. The shrine is located next to St Germanus Catholic church in Arapahoe on Highway 6 & 34.

<u>Many people like</u> to suggest or point out what is needed or wanted, but very few step up to make it happen.

Jesus asked "Can you not spend an hour with me?" Making an hour holy in his presence will be of great benefit to oneself and the intentions brought to him. Each Wednesday from 6-9 pm and First Friday evening through the night offer opportunities for pray before the Blessed Sacrament exposed, but any time spent making a Holy Hour or even just a few minutes before the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle gives great reward spiritually.

<u>Prayer Requests</u>: ill-Mary Koenig, Ken Bjornstad, Dave Pinkerton, Fr. Ferdinand Boehme, Gail Staehr, Margaret Scheideler, Diane Zeleny, Andrew Winter +Gene Johnston