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# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH

July 16, 2023: 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time / July 23, 2023: 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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, 8:30am-  
 1:30pm

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

### Mass Intentions

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<i>Monday 7/17</i>	No Mass	
<i>Tuesday 7/18</i>	No Mass	
<i>Wednesday 7/19</i>	No Mass	WILL BE ADORATION FROM 6-9 PM
<i>Thursday 7/20</i>	No Mass	
<i>Friday 7/21</i>	No Mass	
<i>Saturday 7/22</i>	5:00 pm	Missa Pro Populo
<i>Sunday 7/23</i>	10:00 am	+Frank & Florena Schneweis
<i>Monday 7/24</i>	No Mass	
<i>Tuesday 7/25</i>	No Mass	
<i>Wednesday 7/26</i>	No Mass	WILL BE ADORATION FROM 6-9 PM
<i>Thursday 7/27</i>	8:00 am	+Frank & Florena Schneweis
<i>Friday 7/28</i>	8:00 am	Forgotten Poor Souls
<i>Saturday 7/29</i>	5:00 pm	Missa Pro Populo
<i>Sunday 7/30</i>	10:00 am	Carol Safford

### Lay Ministry Assignments: July 22 – 23, 2023 (16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
Lector	Michael Krondak	John Bode
Acolyte	Ed Rieker	Spencer Hampton
Server	James Krondak	Eidren Hampton
	Nicholas Krondak	Keaton Hampton
Music	Volunteer Needed	Matt & Ashley Perlinger
Gifts	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Ushers	Steve & Janet Fear	Duane & Heather Johnsen

**Stewardship: July 9, 2023:** Adult Envelopes- \$3,018.00 Maintenance- \$200, Mission Co-op- \$95

**A guy said to God**, "God, is it true that to you a billion years is like a second?" God said yes.

The guy said, "God, is it true that to you a billion dollars is like a penny?" God said yes. The guy said, "God, can I have a penny?" God said, "Sure, just a second."

**Installation of Officers** for our Knights of Columbus will be during Mass on Sunday, August 13 and installation of officers for our Daughters of Charity will be August 20 during Mass.

**Daughters of Charity** will meet Sunday, August 13 after Mass in the Parish Hall meeting room.

**Knights of Columbus** will meet Monday, August 14 at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. The pre-meeting for the Grand Knight and officers will be Friday, August 11 in the Parish Hall at 1:15pm.

**Masses for the Holy Day of Mary's Assumption** will be Monday, August 14 at 6:00pm and Tuesday, August 15 at 8:00am.

**Servers training for** both new and those already serving (Grade 3 and up) will be conducted by Knight of Columbus member Harmon Johnson immediately after the Sunday 10:00am Mass on August 6. Harmon will apply what he learned at past Leadership Camps to our Parish, and give a refresher on serving at the altar. If possible, all servers should attend.

**Fifth Sunday Rosary** led by the Knights of Columbus will be at 6:00pm in the church on Sunday, July 30. All are welcome. Fellowship and refreshments will follow in the Parish Hall.

**Gift Gathering Invitation** for Tuesday, August 1: Come enjoy a "Czech Meal" and help raise funds toward our upcoming Pumpkin Festival. The meal will feature a traditional pork, dumplings, and zeli (a type of sauerkraut), and other trimmings. A bag will be passed around with a suggested gift of \$20 per person or more, if generosity so moves. Meal time will be at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall. **Registration to attend is necessary** and can be done by dropping a note in the collection basket or placed in the top mail slot by the office door. One can also

email Fr. Rand on or before July 30. Enjoy fellowship, fun with a Czech flair and raise some funds. Open to anyone. Invite a neighbor or two and join us!

**Thank you in advance** to our acolytes who will expose and repose Jesus on Wednesday nights so that Adoration may continue while Fr. Rand is on vacation. Thank you also to those who will open the church doors in the mornings and lock up in the early evenings.

**Reminder to those** in the Matthew Bible Study that no classes will be held July 17 and 24, and will resume on Monday, July 31.

**Three friends stranded** on a deserted island find a magic lamp. Inside it is a genie who agrees to grant each friend one wish. "I want to go home," says the first friend. The genie grants her wish. "I want to go home, too," says the second friend. And the genie sends him back home. "I'm lonely," says the third friend. "I sure wish my friends were back here."

**A Lifeline for Marriage** – Retrouvaille (retro-vi) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. For confidential information about or to register for the weekend retreat on Aug.11-13, call 1-800-470-2230, or visit [HelpOurMarriage.com](http://HelpOurMarriage.com).

**Called to the Silence:** 3 Day Directed Ignatian Retreat Opportunities: God speaks to you in the silence. Are you ready for some quiet time away to pray, to listen, to be? Steep yourself in our sacred space, to be still and open yourself up to the graces God has for you. You will meet with an Ignatian-trained spiritual director daily to reflect on what's stirring in your heart. Opportunity for mass daily and confession. Retreat cost including room and meals is \$375. October 26-28, 2023. Retreats begin at 6 p.m. the first evening, and end the last day by 3 p.m. [www.creighton.edu/retreatcenter/scheduleofretreats](http://www.creighton.edu/retreatcenter/scheduleofretreats)

**"Experiencing a heart-to-heart** exchange inside our couple-love." Marriage Encounter Experience Sept. 22-24 in Hastings. Call right-away to reserve a place Contact Gary & Brenda Granger 303-604-6202.

**When does life begin?** Ask this question at a party and you will instantly cause a firestorm of dissenting views. If you ask a Pro-Life person that question, you will get a resounding “at conception”. If you ask a Pro-Choice person that same question, you will get an answer like “when the child is outside of the mother and can sustain life on its own”. If you ask a “Middle Minded” person “when does life begin?” you get a myriad of answers “12 weeks”, “20 weeks”, “when it has a heart-beat”, “when it feels pain”. The answers are all over the board! How are we supposed to get people to protect human life when we cannot even collectively agree on when a human life is a human life? How did we get to such opposing beliefs? Throughout our lives we develop certain biases of which we are likely not aware. These beliefs are called “belief bias”. This type of personal bias occurs when people see their belief as rational and the beliefs of others as irrational. In other words, when opposing sides of a topic perceive the other groups’ decision making as emotionally charged and irrational and their groups’ decision making as rational. When this occurs, it makes it nearly impossible to come to any type of agreement on an issue. This is what has happened with the topic of abortion and when human life begins. The Pro-Choice side thinks that this is a “Woman’s Rights” issue and has no tolerance for what they believe to be the radical Pro-Lifers trying to shackle them with (emotional) religious morality. The Pro-Life side thinks that this is a “Human Rights” issue and has no tolerance for what they believe to be the “emotionally charged” radical left that is blinded by selfish disregard for human life. The “Middle Minded” have declared themselves neutral, not wanting to be part of either group. However, just because the “Middle Minded” have excused themselves from the issue does not exclude them from having their own personal biases and unknowingly participating with their silence. The “Middle Minded” individual is likely suffering from “confirmation bias”. This type of bias is the tendency for individuals to seek and find confirming evidence to support what they already believe. This fallacy is clearly illustrated by Trent Horn in his book “Persuasive Pro Life” as to how the “Middle Minded” rationalize their position on abortion. They say things like “I don’t believe in abortion myself but

what about...?” The thought process of “confirmation bias” is really attempting to find proof in reverse that allows an individual to ease their conscience. We start with what we believe to be true and then go in search of evidence to prove our beliefs by cherry picking the facts that supports our theory and leaving contradictory evidence behind or just ignoring it all together. When developing a strategy to debunk years and years of misinformation of when human life begins, it is critical to research the likely biases of the target market. You must clearly understand the descriptive thinking of your potential customer. It is vital to delve into their self-talk as to why and how they rationalize a topic. In this case rationalizing the normalcy of abortion by confusing the understanding of when a human becomes a human. Helping the “Middle Minded” to set aside their “confirmation bias” and begin to say “human life begins on Day 1” is the key to sustainable cultural change. We must reach out to this group and give them logical and emotional reasoning to actively support human dignity at all stages of life – Born and Preborn. We can do this by addressing their deep-seated personal bias and confusion on when human life begins with thought-provoking marketing. All marketing is designed to gain agreement from your potential customer that your product is the best choice and for them to become loyal to that decision. When the “Middle Minded” become “Life Minded”, and are loyal to that decision, the issue of abortion will become socially unacceptable. Until we gain agreement from the “Middle Minded” that we are Human from Day 1, abortion will continue to be socially acceptable in society. *Reprint of a DCCW article by Angela Copenhaver of We Teach Think-- “Belief Bias in the Middle Minded”*

**An invitation is extended** to show your support of the Preborn by gathering on July 29, 2023 at The Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln, NE from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm for a HumanFromDayOne Celebration Brunch. We are in need of table hosts to help us spread the mission of HumanFromDayOne across Nebraska. For more information on becoming a table host, email [donnahavlat@gmail.com](mailto:donnahavlat@gmail.com)

**Fr. Rand will be** on vacation until August 27. Direct emergencies to area priest for priests in McCook.

**A pilgrimage to the Holy Land** is a special time of spiritual journey for Christians. Join Fr. Rand of North Platte's St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish for a Holy Land Pilgrimage (departure city Lincoln) from April 8-18, 2024. Fr. Rand, who holds a degree in Travel & Tourism and Business, has worked with Tekton Ministries to make the trip more affordable and friendly to older pilgrims. To view the brochure, see pricing and learn more, visit [TetkonMinistries.org](http://TetkonMinistries.org) and click view pilgrimages. Scroll down to "Holy Land April 8 from Lincoln," and click "view details." Prayerfully consider if God is calling you to the land that Jesus walked and gave Himself to us.

**Connect to Protect Conference** -- Protecting our youth from trafficking. Saturday, August 5th at Embassy Suites, Lincoln, I've Got a Name, a local faith-based non-profit in Lincoln, is hosting a critical conference to increase community awareness and protect Lincoln's youth against trafficking. Connect to Protect will address: The Reality in Lincoln, Parent Alertness, Social Media's Influence, The Grooming Process and Ending the Demand. Speakers will include **Fr. Sean Kilcawley** (Lincoln Diocese Freedom from Pornography Apostolate Director) and many others. Registration is \$30/Individual or \$40/Couple and includes lunch. SEATING IS LIMITED – Register today at [ivegotaname.org](http://ivegotaname.org).

**New Parish Directory in Progress!** Why become part of the new Parish Directory? There are new families and new faces, we are updating since the last directory (2014), and we are connecting and building our parish family community. Picture taking will occur August 24 & 25 from 2:00pm-8:30pm and on August 26 from 10:00am-4:00pm in the Parish Hall. To schedule, go online (between now and July 31) to [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com). Enter church code **NE216** and the password **photos**. If you have no computer access, you can schedule in person July 8-9 or 29-30 after the weekend Masses in the narthex. A mailing with all information will arrive to all registered parishioners this week. If you do not receive a letter, contact the church at [seasparishcoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:seasparishcoordinator@gmail.com). Those participating will receive **free** one 8 x 10 portrait and a free directory. If you choose to use the opportunity, you can also arrange for multiple portrait orders, ranging from wallet size to 20"x24" with customizable options, or a CD with pictures. Arrangements have been made with Universal Church Directories, who recently did a directory for Holy

Spirit Church, and have done several throughout our Diocese.

**Join Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House** on Saturday July 29th from 1:30-6:30pm for "Day for Dads" with Fr. Eric Clark and Jeremy Ekeler. Other upcoming retreats are Men's TLM Preached Spiritual Exercises retreat on July 7-9 and 4-Day or 8-Day Ignatian Directed Retreat July 12-16, July 16-20, or July 12-20 with Matt Simmons or Fr. Coulter. 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.

**Spirit Catholic Radio** is currently seeking the position of Community Engagement Coordinator. This full-time, Omaha-based position has the awesome job of being bringing awareness to the Spirit Catholic Radio Network's initiatives across the state of Nebraska and Iowa to Catholic schools, parishes, and apostolates/ministries. If you enjoy communicating, relationship-building, and evangelizing, apply today at <https://spiritcatholicradio.com/careers>

**The Saint Patrick's Monthly Breakfast** is cancelled until September. The Knights of Columbus will now sponsor the breakfast. We need time to reorganize to ensure we provide a consistently memorable monthly breakfast.

**3 Day Ignatian Silent Retreat,** Women of Hope Who Find God in All Things, led by Sharon Doran, leader of Seeking Truth Bible Study, August 24-27, 2023 at Creighton University Retreat Center, Griswold, IA. Get away from the hectic pace of life and listen to how God is speaking to you through the sacred scriptures in the special rhythm of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. To register, [Creighton.edu/curc](http://Creighton.edu/curc).

**When we display our emotions** we inform others what lies within ourselves and whether at that moment, Jesus or Satan is the master of influence in how we choose to conduct ourselves. Sometimes we forget that—anonymous.

**Prayer Intentions:** Prayer intentions will remain in the bulletin for three weeks. += repose of soul. +Dave Dunker ill- Fr. Bob Matya