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ST. ELIZABETH

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CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor: Fr. Rand Langhorst
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 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 rectory-
 office@seas-np.org.*

July 30, 2023: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
<i>Monday 7/31</i>	8:00 am	Marty Safford
<i>Tuesday 8/1</i>	8:00 am	Carol Safford
<i>Wednesday 8/2</i>	5:30 pm	Susan Safford
<i>Thursday 8/3</i>	8:00 am	Doug Spindler
<i>Friday 8/4</i>	5:30 pm	Lois Tollefson family
<i>Saturday 8/5</i>	8:00 am	+Gene Hart
	5:00 pm	Missa Pro Populo
<i>Sunday 8/6</i>	10:00 am	+Elena Estrada

LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

August 5 – 6, 2023 (The Transfiguration of the Lord)

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
Lector	Loren Baxa	John Bode
Acolyte	Ed Rieker	Ron Tejral
Server	Alex Krondak	Jacob Birulkin
	William Krondak	Johnathan Birulkin
Music	Volunteer Needed	Choir
Gifts	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Ushers	Galen Warburton	Volunteer Needed

Stewardship: July 16, 2023: Adult Envelopes- \$1,641, **July 23-** Adult
 Envelopes- \$1,863.50, Maintenance- \$50, Mission Co-Op- \$40

"Make me one with everything," says the Buddhist to the tofu hot dog vendor. Then, after getting his tofu hot dog, the Buddhist hands the vendor a \$20 bill. The vendor takes the money and begins helping the next customer. The Buddhist looks puzzled and asks the vendor, "Where is my change?" The vendor replies, "Change comes from within."

Are you new to the Parish or renewing your presence after a period of absence? Please join our family by registering in the Parish. Forms are in the narthex, or you can leave a message at the Parish office, or via Flocknote. While the people of God are free to make their Mass obligations at any Catholic Parish, they must be registered in and supportive of their home Parish family.

Calling all mental health professionals, clergy, and post-abortion healing volunteers! Nebraska is revitalizing our post-abortion healing ministries, and we're building a network of informed, trained professionals and volunteers. Join us for a free orientation to equip you with the tools to support those on their journey of healing after abortion. Sign up to attend the workshop on August 23rd in North Platte at St. Patrick's Church from 10:00am-4:00pm. Find more information and sign up at NECatholic.org/Events.

Miracles are not meant to last forever. They serve a purpose that may be known to us or only revealed in heaven. When given they are part of the divine plan to lead us or others closer to him. Let us find peace in God's will with trusting faith.

Join us for the 2023 Bishops' Pro-Life Banquet and Conference on October 6th and 7th, under the theme, "The Truth Will Set You Free." Truth reveals God's plan and purpose. Truth exposes and breaks the chains of sin. Truth dispels falsehood and deception. Truth brings transformation and renewal. The truth sets us free by guiding us into a relationship with God, enabling us to experience His transformative power, and granting us the freedom to live in accord with His divine will. By embracing and living in God's truth, we find true freedom, joy, and fulfillment in our lives. Join us as we discover how truth is lived in a new Dobbs era featuring keynote speaker and Catholic Answers

apologist, Joe Heschmeyer! The annual Banquet and Conference provides the opportunity for celebration, stewardship, and lifelong learning for over 500 pro-life Nebraskans. This pro-life weekend kicks off with the Banquet on Friday, October 6th. The Banquet evening features a cocktail hour at 5:30 PM followed by dinner, an awards ceremony, and the keynote address. On Saturday, October 7th, the Conference commences at 8:30 AM with Liturgy of the Hours, followed by presentations on public policy issues and Catholic Social Teaching with Q&A from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Please see the full schedule below. For more information or to register go to NECatholic.org

The method of Lectio Divina allows one to prepare for Mass, reflect on it afterwards, or infuse one's prayer life, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to allow God to speak to one's heart and mind directly. One prepares for the voice of the Holy Spirit spoken to us through a spiritual text. One renews his desire to meet God by quieting the soul and focusing on the work God has placed in our hands: the meditation and contemplation of His Word. Select only a few verses, a short passage, from Sacred Scripture and begin. Steps: **I. Lectio** (attentive reading [aloud], perusal) One slowly (with calmness; not hurried) reads the text, giving pause where the Spirit moves and allowing the weight of the passage to be comprehended. The Lectio, consists of reading and rereading (2-3 times) a passage from Sacred Scripture and taking in the main elements. One may read aloud (or at a whisper to avoid disturbing others) to engage your sense of speech and hearing. Taste and savor the words. **II. Meditatio** (meditation – encounter the passage with your senses) One reflects on the meaning of the passage, and allows the Holy Spirit to guide him to the word or phrase that God is calling him to consider. Be attentive to see if one word stands out. This is a moment of interior reflection in which the soul turns to God and tries to understand what His word is saying today. This is patient analysis; listening to the inner echo until it permeates every fiber of our heart; savoring in the heart; rumination. Smell and taste the dust, hear noises, see colors from the passage. **III. Oratio** (speech, conversation, prayer) One now speaks to God about the meaning

of that word or phrase in everyday life. We linger to talk with God directly. This is a free outpouring of the soul in silence. IV. Contemplatio (contemplation – rest in the Lord) One now rests wordlessly while he listens to God's voice. Through simple and pure contemplation, one hears God's response. This helps us to keep our hearts and minds fruitful.

School choice opponents are currently attempting to repeal the Opportunity Scholarships Act, LB753, and have filed a petition with the Secretary of State to engage in a ballot referendum process. If they collect enough signatures, LB753 will be subject to a vote of the people in November 2024. In response, the “Keep Kids First” campaign has been launched. The effort, backed by all three Nebraska Bishops, aims to educate Nebraskans about the truth of school choice and urge them to “Decline to Sign” the opponents’ petition. Visit <https://bit.ly/LB753-KeepKidsFirst-Info> to learn more about this campaign.

The Governor has agreed to a rally in North Platte on August 15th at Venue 304 promoting Keep Kids First and the Decline to Sign campaign. Time will be announced at a later date.

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 5 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. Pre-meeting for 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.

Server training for both new and those already serving (Grade 3 and up) will be conducted by Knight of Columbus member Harmon Johnson immediately after 10:00am Mass on Sunday, August 6. Harmon will apply what he learned at Leadership Camp to our Parish and give a refresher

on serving at the altar. If possible, all servers should attend.

The 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 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 Fall Festival. The meal will center on 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 6:00 pm 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. You can also email Fr. Rand on or before July 30. Enjoy fellowship and fun with a Czech flair. This is open to anyone. Invite a neighbor or two and join us!

Reminder to those in the Matthew Bible Study that classes will resume on Monday, July 31.

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.

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 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.

“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.

New Parish Directory in Progress! New families and new faces, updating the last directory (2014), connecting and building our Parish family community are all reasons to invest in choosing to become part of the new picture directory. Picture taking will occur August 24 & 25 from 2:00pm-8:30pm and August 26 from 10:00am-4:00pm in the Parish Hall. To schedule, go online between now and July 31 by going to www.ucdir.com. Enter church code **NE216** and then password **photos**. If you have no computer access, schedule in person on the July 29-30 weekend after Masses in the narthex. If you did not receive a letter, contact the church at seasParishcoordinator@gmail.com. Those participating will receive free one 8 x 10 portrait and a free directory. One 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. They recently did a directory for Holy Spirit Church and have done several in our Diocese.

The Emmaus Institute for Biblical Studies is now accepting registrations for in-person and online classes this fall. New course offerings include: Creation to New Creation: Psalms and Wisdom

Books (Mondays 9/11-11/13); Praying with Scripture: Meeting Jesus the Word in the Written Word (Wednesdays 9/6-10/4 and 10/18-11/15); Heaven, Help the Home: God's Blueprint for Marriage and Family (Thursdays 9/7-11/16). All class sessions begin at 6:30pm and run 90 minutes—2 hours in length. Videos of classes can be watched online at any time. Learn more and register at www.EmmausInstitute.net.

The First Human Right: Cardinal Renato Martino, when serving as President of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, said the following in an interview conducted for Priests for Life in May, 2004: "The Holy Father speaks of the protection of life as the fundamental realization and respect for human rights. Without that realization, without that respect for the right to life, no other discussion of human rights can continue; it must be based upon the foundation of human dignity and the right to life."

A message from Bishop Conley: Greetings and Blessings, Grandparents Day is a day set aside to honor these very special members of our family. It is observed just a few days before the Church remembers Mary's parents and the grandparents of Jesus, Saints Joachim and Anne. Our grandparents have so much to offer us, including much wisdom and love. Let's honor them and thank them. Spend time with them or give them a call this weekend if they are still living, and remember them with special prayers if they have passed away. Treasure them and learn from them. Grandparents are truly gifts from God! Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us. May God bless you now and always. Yours in Christ, Bishop James D. Conley.

Looking to go on a retreat in the Lincoln area? Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly has several retreats this summer / fall. "Priest, Prophet, King - Orphan, Stranger, Widow" retreat on Aug. 18-20 with Fr. Sughroue. Register at www.goodcounselretreat.org, email office@goodcounselretreat.org or call 402-786-2705.

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