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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-4:45pm, 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 1:00pm-5:00pm

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

## July 31, 2022: 18<sup>th</sup> 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>		
<b>Monday 8/1</b>	8:00 am	+Martha Burbach
<b>Tuesday 8/2</b>	8:00 am	+John Perlinger
<b>Wednesday 8/3</b>	5:30 pm	Names in Book of Blessings/Memories
<b>Thursday 8/4</b>	8:00 am	Names in Book of Blessings/Memories
<b>Friday 8/5</b>	5:30 pm	+Frank & Florena Schneweis
<b>Saturday 8/6</b>	5:00 pm	+Ray & Hilda Spindler
<b>Sunday 8/7</b>	10:00am	Missa Pro Populo

**Stewardship for July 17, 2022: \$1,858.00, Pumpkin Festival: \$250.00**

**Father's Helpers:** Anyone who is willing to volunteer with time, talent, needs, and errands of the parish, along with mini-projects that may arise, can submit their names to a pool of potential helpers of first contact. This is not meant to be a burdensome commitment, but an opportunity of service that can freely be declined. Thanks for any consideration. Please let the office or Fr. Rand directly know if you are interested.

**SEAS Teaching Rock:** When St. Elizabeth Ann Seton first began teaching, she taught faith formation classes to children in the nearby parish on Catoctin Mountain in Maryland, but she did not have a schoolhouse to hold her classes. Instead, Mother Seton taught children about the Catholic faith from a rock in the woods on Sunday afternoons. This rock still exists and is memorialized with a plaque. It lies directly behind Mount Saint Mary's University and Seminary. While this physical rock of Mother Seton must remain in place, the spiritual rock of the Church continues to take up the task of informing, instructing and teaching the Catholic faith. With that in mind and in union with our parish patroness, 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, with the first four dates being August 10, September 14, October 12, and November 9. **The August meeting** will focus on Fr. Rand's conversion story and call to the priesthood, and September on "Through the Eyes of Satan." 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.

**Sewing Skills:** If anyone with simple sewing skills would like to donate their time and talent for a project, please contact Fr. Rand.

**Knights of Columbus Mass:** There will be a Mass on **Saturday, August 13** at **8:00am** to honor Blessed Michael McGivney. He is the founder of the Knights of Columbus, patron saint of our

Knights Council, and a model for parish priests. August 13 is the day after the anniversary of his birth and a day before the anniversary of his death. All are invited to come and pray for his path to canonization and for our local Knights.

**Veterans Crisis Line:** 1-800-273-8255, press 1. Confidential Crisis Chat at [VeteransCrisisLine.net](http://VeteransCrisisLine.net) or text to 838255.

**St. Pat's BBQ:** Save the Date for St. Pat's BBQ on August 28, 2022 from 12:00pm-3:00pm. All are welcome!

**Bishop's Pro-Life Banquet:** The event will be Friday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>, and features a cocktail hour at 5:30pm, followed by dinner, an awards ceremony honoring local pro-life heroes, and the keynote address. On Saturday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>, the Conference for all pro-life leaders and volunteers commences at 8:30am with Liturgy of the Hours, followed by presentations with Q&A from 9:00am to 4:00pm. For the second year, free, on-site childcare will be provided at the banquet for kids 5-12 years old. Registration for the banquet and conference, and banquet childcare is open now through Sunday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>. To find more information or to register go to [necatholic.org/news-events/event-calendar](http://necatholic.org/news-events/event-calendar) and follow promptings.

**Life is Hard:** Help is just a phone call away. Need to talk to someone that you can trust? Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska's Immaculate Heart of Mary Counseling Center, 402-489-1834.

**How does a priest know** which Mass to celebrate on a particular day? When the Mass is not prescribed such as a Sunday, Holy Day or something similar, a priest can choose from several options. Some may be for a particular saint, votive, or ritual. A hint can many times be found in understanding the meaning of the colors presented by chalice veils on the altar. For instance, red indicates typically a martyr or a connection to the Holy Spirit, green indicates ordinary time or white a non-martyred saint, the Blessed Mother, a votive and so forth. Companies that print Mass readings such as the Magnificat or Word Among us do not always present all the options available to a priest, and so sometimes the antiphons, responsorial, or readings may not correspond to what one hears.

**Mass Intentions:** Intentions in the Diocese of Lincoln are suggested at \$10 each. They can be taken only up to a year in advance. Canon law states that a priest must say them within a year or delegate them to be said. Requests can be made for particular dates. However, it is to be stressed that there are no promises since others may have already taken the dates, or the priest may be on vacation, ill, or away. At present, there are no openings for Mass Intentions until October. Mass Intentions will be served on a first come, first served basis. At times, in an act of charity, one may be asked to allow other priests in the missions, retirement, or diocese to celebrate a Mass. This becomes a double act of charity, in that this may be the sole support some priests in the world receive, whose flocks cannot support them fully. By canon law, a priest may only keep the Mass stipend for one Mass per day (with the exception of Christmas). Stipends for any other Masses celebrated are sent to the Propagation of the Faith towards charitable works. Intentions should be sent to Fr. Rand directly.

**Sisters Vocation Prayer Calendar:** Sr. John Marion, of Kearney, NE (1<sup>st</sup> Vows at the School Sisters of Christ the King), and Sr. Megan Therese, of Elkhorn, NE (Jr. Sister [Final Vows on 8-6-22] at the Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln).

**Installation:** CCD will begin with a kickoff Burger Bash at Fr. Rand's installation on Tuesday, August 16 at 5:30pm. If you have not received a registration letter and calendar for the new academic year, please let the office know.

**A man walks into a lawyer's** office and asks: "How much do you charge?" The lawyer responds: "I charge \$1,000 to answer three questions." "That's expensive, isn't it?" "Yes. What's your third question?"

**Thank you** to the Daughters of Charity for their gift of \$682.05 for half the costs of the Pew Missals that were ordered.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Adoration will be on Wednesday evening from 6:00pm-10:00pm and First Friday, August 6, from 6:00pm through Saturday at 8:00am. Please sign up. All hours must be covered and Jesus can never be left vulnerable alone.

**Thank you** for the patens to use on the altar provided by way of our Diocesan Chancery. These can be expensive, so the gifts are greatly appreciated.

**Pope Francis' Intentions for August- Small Businesses:** We pray for small and medium-sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis. May they find ways to continue operating and serving their communities.

**Marriage Encounter: Taking Our Marriage to a New Height in Love.** September 23-25 in Kearney. Call right away to ensure a place. Contact Gary & Brenda Granger at 303-604-6202.

**Retreats:** Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House near Waverly offers weekend and private 4-day and 8-day retreats. Call 402-786-2705 or visit: [www.goodcounselretreat.com](http://www.goodcounselretreat.com) for a complete schedule. August 19-21: Scriptural Retreat Emmaus Institute; September 8-11: Work of the Holy Angels Opus Sanctorum Angelorum; September 23-25: Women's Life in the Spirit Sr. Marguerite Marie with Magnificat and the Disciples of the Lord Jesus.

**Ministry:** Something to pray and consider is if the Holy Spirit might be calling you (men or women) to assist in bringing Jesus to the sick and infirmed. There are situations, in light of today's world, where this ministry is especially helpful to the Pastor and parish, in order to avoid situations of potential scandal. If you have an interest, please talk to Fr. Rand.

**Eucharistic Adoration** this Wednesday from 6:00pm-10:00pm.

**Day Off:** For the time being, Fr. Rand will be taking Thursdays as a "day off" until he has an opportunity to speak with the other North Platte priests on expectations and needs where we can serve our assignments by helping one another. Access to the church will roughly be 7 am-7 pm except for days when there are planned events in the evening. All parishioners are invited and welcome to pray at other hours by using the access code to gain entrance.

**Registration:** Anyone new (or previously unregistered) to our parish is invited to register with us a member. Forms are located in the narthex and can be filled out and placed in the next week's collection or in the drop box by the narthex door to the offices.

**Stewardship:** Christian Stewardship refers to the responsibility that Christians have in managing God’s many gifts He has bestowed. Christian stewards are wise caretakers of God’s many gifts. We believe that a Christian, by virtue of Baptism, is a “follower of Christ”, that is, a disciple of Christ. Discipleship involves much more than taking on the name of Christian or Catholic, though-it begins with an awareness of God’s presence in your life and the recognition that Jesus is knocking on your door, inviting you into a relationship with Him. Then, it involves your choice, a conscious decision to accept that invitation and open the door – a conversion of mind and heart. What follows is the act of faith, the reorientation of your thoughts, words, and actions - from self-centered and material motives - to a Christ-centered way of life. A Christian Steward recognizes that God is the origin of life and the source of all they have, gratefully receives and cultivates these gifts, and shares them in justice and love with others. Stewardship is a way of life, a life of accountability and responsibility acknowledging God as Creator and Giver of all. Stewardship involves responsible management of our God-given resources of time, talent, and treasure. Stewards as disciples of Jesus Christ see themselves as caretakers of all God's gifts. Gratitude for these gifts is expressed in prayer, worship, offering and action by eagerly sharing our gifts out of love for God and one another. Stewardship is a path to holiness. It makes us more like Christ who came not to be served, but to serve. It is a grateful awareness that all we have and all we are comes freely from God. When we offer our lives back to God in love, He blesses that generosity a hundredfold. Stewardship is an Act of Faith. Stewardship is based on the spiritual principles of the Old Testament and the teachings of Jesus. Stewardship is not just a program, or a method of fundraising, it is a way of thanking God for all His blessings by returning a portion of the time, talent, and treasure we have each received. What Does Scripture Say About Stewardship? “As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace.” —1 Peter 4:10 “But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides.” —Matthew 6:33 “You have been told, O mortal, what is good, and what the Lord requires of you: Only to do justice and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God.” —Micah 6:8 [St. Charles Church, San Diego]

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS**

August 6-7, 2022 (19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
<b>Lector</b>	Loren Baxa	Michael Krondak
<b>Acolyte</b>	Ed Rieker	Ron Tejral
<b>Server</b>	Johnathan Birulkin	Andrew Tejral
	Jacob Birulkin	Kieran Tejral
<b>Music</b>	Greg Vandenberg	Choir
<b>Gifts</b>	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
<b>Ushers</b>	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed

**Assumption:** This year, the Holy Day of Mary’s Assumption falls on a Monday (August 15). While it remains a Holy Day, the obligation to attend Mass under the pain of mortal sin is not present. While it can be laudable to honor Mary by attending a Mass, it is voluntary this year for the Assumption.

**Cursillo Weekends:** Saint Michael Parish, Hastings: Men's – October 20-23; Women's – October 27-30.

**Give the Knights Your Cans:** Profit from recycling the cans used for KC charitable works. Place cans in the blue barrels in front of the storage shed (SW corner of parking lot).

**CCD Teachers:** We are currently in need of CCD teachers for the 2022-23 Academic Year. The first official class is set for August 21, 2022. If you are willing to help, please contact Ashley Perlinger or Fr. Rand directly. Classes will take place from 11:30am-12:30pm on Sundays, with “off” days throughout the year.

**Pro-Life:** "Only with prayer—prayer that storms the heavens for justice and mercy, prayer that cleanses our hearts and souls—will the culture of death that surrounds us today be replaced with a culture of life." —*U.S. Catholic Bishops, Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities*

**Prayer Intentions:** Prayer intentions will remain in the bulletin for three weeks.

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