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# ST. ELIZABETH

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# CATHOLIC CHURCH

## July 7, 2024: 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 rectory-  
 office@seas-np.org.\*

### Mass Intentions

<i>Monday 7/8</i>	8:00 am	Liv/Dec DOC Members
<i>Tuesday 7/9</i>	7:00 am	Jerry & Lois Tollefson
<i>Wednesday 7/10</i>	5:30 pm	Elli Fugate-Schmidt
<i>Thursday 7/11</i>	8:00 am	Vocations
<i>Friday 7/12</i>	8:00 am	For my Benefactors (VC)
<i>Saturday 7/13</i>	5:00 pm	Missa pro Populo
<i>Sunday 7/14</i>	10:00 am	Volunteers at SEAS

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS July 13-14, 2024: 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
Lector/Reader	Jim Nisley	Justin Pieper
Acolyte	Phil Heimann	Conrad Buhrman
Server	Elijah Heimann	Liam Pieper
	Volunteer Needed	Xavier Pieper
Music	Greg Vandenberg	Peggy Orr
Gifts	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Ushers	David Gross	Jeff Orr
Rosary		

Stewardship: June 30, 2024: Adult \$2,793, Peter's Pence- \$60

**Fr. Rand will be** gone mid-afternoon on July 14-early afternoon on July 17. Please contact a neighboring priest in case of an emergency.

**The Holy Father** has appointed Rev. Monsignor Richard Allen Gyhra (whose home Diocese is Lincoln) Nunciature Counsellor, as Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations and Specialized Institutions in Vienna and to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), as well as Permanent Representative of the Holy See to the International Atomic Energy Agency (A.I.E.A.), the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Implementation Organization (C.T.B.T.O.) and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (O.S.C.E.). Monsignor Gyhra, has, up to now, been serving at the Pontifical Delegation in Tanzania. Msgr. Gyhra will formally take up duties in Vienna in September.

**Jack strode into** 'John's Stable' looking to buy a horse. "Listen here" said John, "I've got just the horse you're looking for. The only thing is, he was trained by an interesting fellow. He doesn't go and stop the usual way. The way to get him to stop is to scream heyhey, and the way to get him to go is to scream Thank God. Jim nodded his head, "fine with me, can I take him for a test run?" Jim was having the time of his life. This horse sure could run, he thought to himself. Jim was speeding down the dirt road when he suddenly saw a cliff up ahead. "Stop!" screamed Jim, but the horse kept on going. No matter how much he tried, he could not remember the words to get it to stop. "Yoyo!" screamed Jim, but the horse just kept on speeding ahead. It was 5 feet from the cliff when Jim suddenly remembered to scream "heyhey!". The horse skidded to a halt just 1 inch from the cliff. Jim could not believe his good fortune. He looked up to the sky, raised his hands in the air, breathed a deep sigh of relief, and said with conviction "Thank God."

**Call No Man Father:** On occasion you will encounter one of our separated brethren who will criticize Catholics because they call their priest "father," citing Matthew 23:9 "And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, who is in heaven." If one takes this passage literally,

this might seem to be a fair criticism. What does this individual call their male parent? Daddy? Papa (which, incidentally, is Italian for Pope)? When they fill out a credit application what do they put in the block which asks for their father's name -- God? Obviously, there is a meaning of this scriptural passage other than the literal one. This meaning is that there is only one creator, from whom all 'fatherhood' comes (Ephesians 3:14-15). This does not preclude addressing someone as "father" so long as you understand that all fatherhood (both biological and spiritual) originates with God the Father. We are all members of God's family; a fact we acknowledge every time we recite the 'Our Father' or the Creed. Paul calls himself a "father" in 1 Thessalonians 2:11 "As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father does his children." and again in 1 Corinthians 4:15 "For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel." In both of these passages Paul considers himself a spiritual father just as the priest is today. This same interpretation is presented by John in 1 John 2:13-14 where he says twice "I write unto you, fathers because ye have known him that is from the beginning." Finally, you might ask this individual if he or she is familiar with the New International Version of the Bible (a common modern Protestant translation). If so, refer him or her to Matthew 23:10, the passage immediately after the one quoted to you: "Nor are you to be called 'teacher,' for you have one Teacher, the Christ". Even they have Sunday School teachers. —St Charles Borromeo Parish, Mississippi.

**Masstimes.org** is a great place to find Mass times when you are on vacation. Enter the city and state that you are visiting and the site will list the churches and Mass times in the area. It gives the phone number, address, and web address of the area church with the Mass and confession times. Don't miss Mass. God gives us a week, give him an hour.

**The Daughters of Charity Meeting** will be Sunday, July 14 after Mass.

**The KC** free will breakfast will be Sunday, July 14 from 8:30 am-11:30 am in the Parish Hall.

**A heart aimed** at the goal of faithfulness, rather than perfection, is daily in tune with the voice of the Father. Our God is never saying to us, “Perform, impress, excel, earn my love.” Instead, His call is to “rest, obey, listen, love, surrender, give, receive.” We serve a faithful God who calls us to a life of *daily* faithfulness. I emphasize “daily” because I believe that God is only ever asking us to live one moment at a time. In fact, faithfulness has everything to do with the present moment, not all of the possibilities coming down the line. We see this truth echoed again and again in the lives of the saints. These faithful men and women kept their eyes on Jesus in the present moment. Certainly, they brought Him into plans for the future; but they didn’t live consumed with what was coming next. They lived day by day, knowing well that they were not promised tomorrow and that today contained enough with which to occupy oneself (Matthew 6:34). If we are to be faithful stewards to our Lord, and experience His peace in that endeavor, then we must walk ourselves back to living more in the present moment. I think that when we do this, we are much more inclined toward His plan, rather than our own. We are able to let go of all expectations that we place upon our own shoulders. We simply ask, “*What have you given me to do today, or in this moment, Lord?*” He will reveal it. We may need to apply the process of discernment and quiet listening to His direction. Living moment-by-moment with our faithful God, we become more faithful. As we are being transformed, we more readily recognizing the contrast between a faithful life and one imprisoned in the confines of perfectionism:

- Perfectionism tries to control; faithfulness surrenders.
- Perfectionism piles on unrealistic tasks; faithfulness asks God what He means us to carry.
- Being bound by perfection, we always feel like our efforts fall short; drawn by a faithful God, we give simply what we have to give.
- The perfectionist holds tightly to the desired end result; the faithful servant puts the result into God’s hands.

God is only asking us to be faithful with the specific task He means for us to do in the present moment.

We will realize peace and contentment when we surrender to that act for love of Him and place the result in His hands. We are only asked to be faithful with what we have to give; our faithful God is in charge of the rest. We will certainly have days where we fail, when we listen to the wrong voice and fall prey to the desire to control. Thankfully, our God’s faithfulness is steadfast (as we are told repeatedly throughout the Psalms), and He never fails us. His mercies are new every morning (Lamentations 3:22-23). *Excerpt from “Catholic Mom” Jessica Ptomey*

**Attention all Parishioners!** Our Parish’s Knights of Columbus 12530 Fr. McGivney Council, invites all Parishioners to celebrate the 25th anniversary of our founding. Please join us Thursday, July 25 for Mass at 5:30pm, followed by a potluck meal in the Hall. The Council will provide a taco bar and drinks. Please bring a side dish or dessert.

**The Knights of Columbus Meeting** will be at 7 pm on July 8 in the Parish Hall. Please remember to bring your KC card to identify yourself.

**Cursillo upcoming events** 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). 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!

**St. Pat’s High School** is hosting an American Red Cross blood drive on July 22, 2024! Donating at this drive will help hospital patients in need, while also helping establish a scholarship fund to benefit our students as they move on to higher education. Make an appointment today by calling or texting Cara at 308-289-9146, downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App or by using sponsor code “stpatirish” on RedCrossBlood.org. Those who come give blood in July will receive a Fandango Movie Ticket by email to see TWISTERS on us! PLUS, automatically be entered for a chance to win a 2025 Ram 1500 Big Horn®! See terms: rcblood.org/Twisters

**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 [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org)

**Marriage Preparation** in the Diocese of Lincoln: As Catholics, we firmly believe that marriage is a most sacred commitment that deserves the careful attention and preparation on the part of all who are involved: the couple, the priest and the Church. At least one of the parties should be a registered and practicing member of the parish. In the case where both of the parties have moved from the parish and still have family connections, and they would like the wedding at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, one or the other of the parties should present a letter from their home pastor giving permission for the wedding to take place here and be prepared by their home pastor or the pastor of St ElizabethAnn Seton with permission of the current pastor. The Sacrament of Matrimony is not done because the church is convenient or aesthetically more pleasing. Please contact the pastor to schedule your wedding. This is to be done at least 6 months prior (although it is strongly suggested to do it a year in advance) of your projected wedding date. Please note that no dates are final until all the requirements for the marriage set forth by the Church have been satisfactorily completed. The requirements are as follows:

- Completion of a Pre-Nuptial Investigation
- Completion of the FOCCUS Premarital Inventory
- The submission of current copies of baptismal certificates, and affidavits of freedom to marry.
- Attendance at and Engaged Encounter Weekend sponsored by the Family Life Office of the Diocese of Lincoln.

In order to preserve the sacredness and dignity proper to Christian marriage, all wedding ceremonies must conform to the guidelines of the Diocese of Lincoln.

1. Liturgical Celebration: the marriage of two Catholics is ordinarily celebrated within the context of Mass. If one of the parties is baptized, but not a Catholic, the wedding is usually celebrated during a Liturgy of the Word Service.
2. Reception of Holy Communion: it is the Church's policy that only practicing Roman Catholics may receive Holy Communion at Mass. If your wedding will take place during Mass, it is your responsibility to instruct non-Catholics of this policy.
3. Music: All matters relating to music should be approved by the celebrant. All music chosen must be sacred in character, that is written with the intention of glorifying Almighty God. Popular songs, love songs and the like should be played at the reception, not during the church service.

**Sam walks into** his boss's office. "Sir, I'll be straight with you, I know the economy isn't great, but I have over three companies after me, and I would like to respectfully ask for a raise." After a few minutes of haggling the boss finally agrees to a 5% raise, and Sam happily gets up to leave. "By the way", asks the boss as Sam is getting up, "which three companies are after you?" "The electric company, water company, and phone company", Sam replied.

**FORMED** Registering for FORMED is easier than ever: Go to [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup): Select your parish (using zip code is easiest): Register with your name and email address: Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED.

**Prayer Requests:** ill- +Gene Johnston +Fr. Ferdinand Boehme +David Moss +Adonna Sis +Tyler Behm

