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ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor: Fr. Rand Langhorst
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 choir, miscellaneous)
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 (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-
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July 9, 2023: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
<i>Monday 7/10</i>	8:00 am	Tadd Schmid
<i>Tuesday 7/11</i>	8:00 am	Jennifer Schmid
<i>Wednesday 7/12</i>	5:30 pm	+Frank & Florena Schneweis
<i>Thursday 7/13</i>	8:00 am	+Mary Lou Hallquist
<i>Friday 7/14</i>	No Mass	
<i>Saturday 7/15</i>	5:00 pm	Missa Pro Populo
<i>Sunday 7/16</i>	10:00 am	+Fr Peter Kovarik

LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS July 15 – 16, 2023 (15th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
Lector	Volunteer Needed	Justin Pieper
Acolyte	Michael Krondak	Duane Johnsen
Server	Elijah Heimann	Xavier Pieper
	Volunteer Needed	Liam Pieper
Music	Greg Vandenberg	Matt & Ashley Perlinger
Gifts	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Ushers	Cindy Swanson	Spencer Hampton

Stewardship: July 2, 2023: Adult Envelopes- \$2,086,
 Peter's Pence- \$20, Magnificat- \$28

In my neighborhood, there was a couple who had given their twin sons very weird names. One was named Trouble, while the other boy's name was Mind Your Own Business. So, one day they were playing hide and seek. Mind Your Own Business counted to a hundred and then started looking for his brother. But, somehow he couldn't find him anywhere. He saw a police car passing the neighborhood, so he stopped it to ask for help. When the police officer asked him for his name, he replied, "Mind Your Own Business!" Feeling insulted, the police officer still asked politely who he was looking for. Mind Your Own Business replied, "I am looking for Trouble!"

Sex Trafficking happens in our own locality.

Knowledge is power. What is it and what are the signs to look for? Free Informational event for those above the age of 16. No registration required. Thursday, July 13 from 6:30pm-8:30pm at Riverside Baptist Church in North Platte.

Have you ever struggled with a grave sin? I mean, something really serious. You want with all your heart to break this sin's power in your life, but no matter how hard you struggle and pray, you just keep falling into it. You are constantly feeling guilty, and the guilt keeps you from approaching Our Lord through fear. In confession, you find yourself humiliated to be confessing the same serious matter yet again. But no matter how much you hate the presence of this sin in your life, you just can't stop committing it. We've all been there—struggles like this are a part of the Catholic life. But how do we handle this kind of repeated sin without falling into despair? St. Maximilian Kolbe has some advice. Whenever you feel guilty, even if it is because you have consciously committed a sin, a serious sin, something you have kept doing many, many times, never let the devil deceive you by allowing him to discourage you. Whenever you feel guilty, offer all your guilt to the Immaculate, without analyzing it or examining it, as something that belongs to her... My beloved, may every fall, even if it is serious and habitual sin, always become for us a small step toward a higher degree of perfection. In fact, the only reason why the Immaculate permits us to fall is to cure us from our self-conceit, from our pride, to make us humble and thus make us docile to the divine graces. The devil, instead, tries to inject in us discouragement and internal depression in those circumstances, which is, in fact, nothing else than our pride surfacing again. If

we knew the depth of our poverty, we would not be at all surprised by our falls, but rather astonished, and we would thank God, after sinning, for not allowing us to fall even deeper and still more frequently. In other words, St. Maximilian is saying that we are allowed to fall so that we learn humility. This is essential because pride is the number one enemy of the soul, and no matter how much we seem to advance in the spiritual life, it is all an illusion if we are infected with pride and self-reliance. We must first learn humility before we can make any real progress in holiness. The problem is, if we could conquer ourselves through sheer willpower, we would quickly become self-reliant and proud. We would have no idea how pathetic and weak we really are, or how dependent we are on the grace of God for even the smallest good act. Repeated sin, then, breaks down any illusions we have that we can do it on our own. The crushing humiliation we feel with each fall can be a good thing if it drives us to dependence on Mary, and through Mary, Jesus, for our every need (keep in mind, St. Maximilian is writing to those who have entrusted themselves entirely to Our Lady's care). Our Lady, seat of Wisdom, pray for us. Repeated sin can be painful, and in the midst of our humiliation, we may wonder if we will ever find victory. According to St. Maximilian, you will in God's good time—if you are teachable and docile, that is. The painful lessons of humility are only the first stage in our advance in holiness. Think of them as Holiness 101 in the school of sainthood. Sirach, one of my favorite books of the Bible, makes this clear in Chapter 4. Beginning in verse 11, it says, "Wisdom exalts her sons and gives help to those who seek her. Whoever holds her fast will obtain glory...." But guess what, this exaltation comes only after the trials of humiliation. The passage goes on to say, "For at first she will walk with him on tortuous paths, she will bring fear and cowardice upon him, and will torment him by her discipline until she trusts him, and she will test him with her ordinances." Of course, there is a danger in this testing. If we despair, an act of prideful self-reliance, we will fall away. But if we learn humility, we will be saved. As Sirach summarizes, "For there is a shame which brings sin [despair], and there is a shame which is glory and favor [humility and true contrition]." If we pass the test and learn the lessons of humility, "[Lady Wisdom] will come straight back to him and gladden him, and will reveal her secrets to him." Take St.

Maximilian's advice and never despair when faced with repeated serious sin. Despair is truly the only sin God can't forgive. Instead, purpose to learn humility and be docile to the graces God sends to you. Persevere in grace and wait patiently on Our Lord. He will deliver you in due time. —*Sam Guzman, Author of Country Gentleman*

The bulletins for July 16 & 23 will be a combined issue. Please send anything for both bulletins by Wednesday, July 12 at noon.

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.

Rediscover Your Marriage— Retrouvaille (retro-vi) simply means "rediscovery." This program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. For confidential information or to register for the weekend retreat on Aug. 11-13, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit HelpOurMarriage.com.

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.

Members of parish altar societies of the Lincoln Diocese have an opportunity to share "works of mercy" ideas with ladies in the Omaha and Grand

Island Diocese on Monday, July 17, 2023 at a "Province" meeting in Grand Island at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. (The NCCW "Province" includes the three Dioceses in Nebraska.) Registration begins at 8 a.m. Mass will be celebrated at 11:15 a.m. Father Allan Phan from the Lincoln Diocese will be the featured speaker. Dismissal is planned for 3:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required and the form can be found by Googling LDCCW. Click on "Upcoming Events", Province meeting.

Deanery Meeting for Priests will be on Tuesday, July 11 during the afternoon and evening in McCook. It will be to welcome new priests Fr. Matt Kovar in McCook and Fr. Tom Wiedel in Curtis.

Fr. Rand will be taking vacation July 14-26. Direct emergencies to area priests or funerals to our dean, Fr. Bernard Kimminau, in McCook.

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

Men and Women of the Parish: Men of our Parish: Is the Holy Spirit calling you to the ministry of acolyte, lector, or reader? Women of our parish: Is the Holy Spirit calling you to be a reader at Mass? If you are interested, please let Fr. Rand know. One must be able to receive Holy Communion and meet the training requirements. In the cases of acolyte and lector, one must be available to be installed by the Bishop during a Mass in McCook, set for Sunday, November 19 at 11 am or in Lincoln, set for Saturday, February 10 at 10 am at the Cathedral.

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. Choose one of the 2 opportunities to attend: July 16-19, 2023, October 26-28, 2023. Retreats begin at 6:00 p.m. the first evening, and ending the last day by 3:00 p.m. Register at www.creighton.edu/retreatcenter/scheduleofretreats

Introducing Gift Gatherings for the Pumpkin

Festival: Gift Gatherings have been popular in many parish and school fundraisers to raise donations for auctions, bazaars, festivals, etc. This year, Fr. Rand will facilitate a couple Gift Gatherings to help with our Pumpkin Festival. In essence, the host invites who they wish to an event/meal on a date of their choosing at a place of their choosing. Guests will be requested to either make a monetary donation (to be used to pay bills/purchase items, usually for an auction), or to bring material items requested by the host for Silent Auction baskets or to use at the Festival. These Gift Gatherings are held throughout the year with many being themed to the holidays or activities, with better prospect of good weather or outdoors. Gift Gatherings also are a way to invite those not of the parish to participate, as well as increase fellowship within the parish. If you are intrigued in helping with these, contact Fr. Rand.

"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! 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**. Enter church code **NE216** and the password **photos**. If you have no computer access, you can schedule in person 29-30 after the weekend Masses in the narthex. 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 Dad's" 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, email office@goodcounselretreat.org or call 402-786-2705.

Thank you to Ron Tejral for his help with a rectory project; to Danny Gifford and Conrad Buhrman for continued help with changing bulbs in the church, and to all who have provided goodies for coffee and rolls after the weekend Masses.

A MOMENT WITHIN A MOVEMENT; The National Eucharistic Revival is the response to a divine invitation to be healed, renewed, and unified by Jesus Christ's Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist. The bishops of the United States have called for this three-year grassroots movement to restore understanding and devotion to the source and summit of our faith. The milestone moment of this Revival will be the 10th National Eucharistic Congress in July 2024—the first of its kind in 83 years! Leading up to this historic event, an unprecedented coast-to-coast Eucharistic Pilgrimage will powerfully and publicly display Our Lord's desire to draw near to his people. There will be 4 routes across our nation with 9 stops on each route from May 17-July 16 of 2024. It is with great honor and privilege that North Platte was selected for the weekend of June 14-16, 2024 as one of the nine stops on the Sierra Route from San Francisco to Indianapolis where the Revival will take place for our nation. Watch upcoming bulletins throughout the summer, fall and winter for more information. The three parishes of North Platte are working together to coordinate with the national level on expectations and needs. Please pray for God to work through these revival efforts to increase devotion to the Holy Eucharist.

Contact the Fall Festival Silent Auction Committee (Donna Bode or Jane Kuchta) if you have suggestions of businesses or people to reach out towards for items, gift cards or donations for our upcoming Pumpkinfest Fall Festival Oct 1.

Prayer Intentions: Prayer intentions will remain in the bulletin for three weeks. += repose of soul. + Rob Dineen +Fr. Phil Rauth, (ill)-Fr Bob Matya