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ST. ELIZABETH

ANN SETON

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor: Fr. Rand Langhorst
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 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-Tuesdays,
 8:30am-1:30pm. Wednesdays
 3:00pm-6:30pm

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

August 11, 2024: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
Monday 8/12	8:00 am	End of Contraception
Tuesday 8/13	8:00 am	Liv/Dec Knights of Columbus
Wednesday 8/14	8:00 am	Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Assumption Vigil	5:30 pm	Missa Pro Populo
Thursday 8/15	8:00 am	+Sylvia Prather
Assumption	8:00 am	
Friday 8/16	8:00 am	John Rieker
Saturday 8/17	5:00 pm	Missa pro Populo
Sunday 8/18	10:00am	Poor Souls

LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

August 17-18, 2024 (20th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
Lector/Reader	Ron Tejral	Forrest Kain
Acolyte	Phil Heimann	Duane Johnsen
Server	Elijah Heimann	Hans Kain
	James Krondak	James Green
Music	Greg Vandenberg	Matt & Ashley Perlinger
Gifts	Volunteer	Volunteer
Ushers	Cindy Swanson Alice Robinson	Dave Beran

Stewardship: August 4, 2024: Adult Envelopes- \$2652.00
 Maintenance \$25.00 Mission Coop \$25.00

The Solemnity of the Assumption is a Holy Day of obligation to attend Mass under the pain of mortal sin for deliberately choosing not to do so. Please come and honor our Lady at our parish Mass or another available Mass in the area.

For those wishing to be part of the St Elizabeth Ann Seton Family of Parishioners, registration sheets are available at the back of the church or can be requested from Fr. Rand. All Catholics are encouraged to be registered with a parish spiritual family.

Inviting especially school age children and their families as they begin a new academic year and all who would like to take advantage of the opportunity to come for the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 6 pm-6:30 pm or until last in line is heard on Wednesday August 21. Mass and Adoration will be held as normal.

A Miami officer pulled over 86-year-old Mrs. Posner because her signals were confusing. "First you put your hand up, like you're turning left, then you wave your hand up and down, then you turn right --" said the officer. "Sonny, I decided not to turn left," she explained. "Then why the up and down?" the officer asked. "Mistah Officer," she sniffed, "I was erasing!"

To procure a plenary indulgence one must be in a state of grace at the time the indulgenced work is finished. The faithful must also go to confession, receive Communion (preferably at Mass) and pray for the intentions of the Pope (for instance, an Our Father and a Hail Mary). Sacramental confession may be made up to 20 days before or after performing the act to which an indulgence is attached. The requirement for someone to be totally detached from sin needs some explanation. No doubt it is the most difficult condition for obtaining the indulgence. Notably, however, the requirement is *not* freedom from *all* sin. Rather, *it is freedom from attachment to sin; that is, that there is no sin which the soul is unwilling to renounce.* A person should be able to tell if he is fulfilling this condition. An attachment involves a refusal to amend a situation, and a person should be able to tell if he has such an attachment. Sometimes, deep down, we really don't want to let go of certain sins, be it gossiping or overeating or loafing on the job. This differs from the case of normal human weakness or where a person falls into the same sin many times before overcoming it.

For those who live with anxiety and worries, it is not just a question of "having enough faith," or intellectually affirming a correct view of God. It is a matter of continuing conversion requiring patience.

Patience is not passivity. That deeper conversion, from giving in to anxieties and worries rarely happens in some automatic, spontaneous way. Fearless trust in God will not just appear overnight. We must have the boldness to desire it. That is not the whole journey, but it is a necessary first step.

Thank you to Ron Tejral for his volunteer time in mowing our property not covered by the lawn service under contract.

Thank you to all who having been sharing garden produce for others to take in the narthex. Your generosity extends the food budgets of many for which God will bless you.

Thank you to all who volunteer to clean our church, narthex, bathrooms and parish hall and provide upkeep every week and to all who give their talents in flower arranging and taking care of the narthex plants. Your work behind the scenes for the common benefit will be returned to you by our Lord with his graces.

Thank you to all Daughters of Charity who helped with the Macaroni Bar & Ice Cream treats last week and for all who joined in fellowship.

EMMAUS INSTITUTE FALL COURSES: Registration for Emmaus Institute fall courses is now open, including a free course, Encountering the Heart of God in the Psalms (Thursdays). Emmaus Vice President of Academics, Dr. John Kincaid, a recognized expert on St. Paul, will offer The Apostle: An Introduction to Paul's Theology (Wednesdays, online only). Other courses include The Gospels and Acts (Mondays) and Elementary Biblical Greek I (Wednesdays). All courses are twelve weeks in length, beginning the week of August 19 and concluding the week of November 11. Register at www.EmmausInstitute.net.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House has summer 4-day and 8-day retreats, and Fall weekend retreats for men and women of all ages! Read more and register at www.goodcounselretreat.org, email office@olgcretreat.org or call 402-786-2705.

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. To find out more about Virtual Encounter Weekends, feel free to contact: Brenda & Gary Granger: 402-370-5839, or visit www.wwme.org

"Give kids hope. Take the credit!" - Tax Credits Available Until October 31! What if you had a say in how your state tax dollars help Nebraskans? You do - through the Opportunity Scholarships Act! Nebraska income taxpayers can claim a dollar-for-dollar tax credit for contributions made to Opportunity Scholarships of Nebraska (OSN) on their 2024 taxes. Those contributions will fund scholarships for underprivileged students wanting to attend private schools. To contribute contact givehope.nebraskaopportunity.org

KC meeting Monday August 12 at 7 pm in the Parish Hall.

The Daughters of Charity meeting is Sunday, August 25 immediately after Mass.

Fall into "Revelations"- A Bible study on the Book of Revelations from the Catholic point of view will be Mondays from 8:30 am-9:30 am weekly from September 9 through November 4 in the Parish Hall. Please let Fr. Rand know if you plan to attend- a minimum of a committed 5 is needed.

We're excited to announce the Bishops' Pro-Life Banquet & Conference - "I Fear Nothing": Pro-Life Evangelization in a Modern Age. The event will take place on Nov. 22nd and 23rd in Lincoln. Mark it down on your calendars! In both our culture and government, we've been tirelessly advocating for the protection and respect of all human life, especially for mothers and preborn children. With abortion taking center stage on the ballot for Nebraskans this November, the future of our state is uncertain. As we consider this and other challenges in our modern age, it's easy to be overcome by fear. This is why we are adopting St. Joan of Arc as our patroness for this year's banquet and conference. Her spirit and example is a true model for how we can face the challenges in front of us as we cultivate a culture of life. We want her words ever on our minds and hearts: "I fear nothing, for God is with me." As this year's banquet and conference will be the first major pro-life event after the vote on the abortion-related ballot initiatives in November, we are especially excited to announce this year's keynote speaker and a favorite of ours at the NCC, Greg Schleppebach. Greg served the Nebraska Catholic Conference and faithfully led our pro-life efforts for 25 years. He now serves as the Executive Director for The Culture Project. Greg has played an incredible role in shaping the pro-life landscape in Nebraska. We're excited for Greg's return to Nebraska, and for the wisdom he will share with us this year!

North Platte St Patrick's Buffet Breakfast is August 18 (and will be every third Sunday) from 9 am – 1 pm. Cost

\$10 for adults \$7 for ages 11-17 and ages 10 and under Free. Featuring Biscuits & Gravy, Ham, Sausage, Eggs, Pancakes, Fruit and assorted pastries, Apple & Tomato Juice.

The Pumpkin Festival will be here sooner than we might think. It is set for Sunday, October 6 from 11 am-2 pm. Please keep it in your prayers. The Fall Festival Silent Auction Committee would like to suggest for those wishing to donate items the following ideas: local gift or gas cards, using your credit card points to pick out an item or gift card to donate, a themed basket of new items of your making, an hour of light house cleaning, yard work or babysitting service, or baking certificate (such as cookies, cakes, breads, rolls, desserts, etc.) for a specific date or holiday just to name a few. Let your creativity flow. Refer questions to committee members Mary Herout, Donna Bode, or Jane Kuchta.

Children enrolled in a Catholic school have met the requirement of religious education for the next academic year. Those who are in a public school setting or have chosen to home-school will need to do home based education religious training for their children. Materials will be provided by the Parish at the appropriate grade levels along with diocesan guidelines. All children regardless of where they receive their religious education will need to fill out the yearly paperwork. Those home-schooled and public schooled children preparing for first communion will have additional meeting times with Fr. Rand to ensure they are meeting the requirements for First penance and First Communion. Confirmation is scheduled for the academic year Spring 2026. Be advised that for the year 2025/2026 all preparing for Confirmation will be required to attend Confirmation classes on Sundays after Mass according to the calendar given then.

St Patricks is again beginning a Book Studies. Everyone is invited to join in this study. It consists of 6 sessions and the topic is "Mercy." Meeting times will be 2pm or 5:30pm beginning August 28. All are welcome to be a part of this increased learning about Jesus. Contact St Patricks for more information.

Fr. Rand will be making his canonical retreat privately from Sunday August 11 afternoon until Wednesday night. Except for the scheduled Masses, emails and emergencies he will be unavailable and devoting time to intensive prayer for himself, the parish and parishioner's intentions. Please consider praying for him during this time with added prayers.

MISSIONARY CO-OP PROGRAM: Each year over 150 missionary dioceses and religious orders request permission to come to our diocese to give an appeal for financial support. This appeal is a major source of funding for these missionaries, and the monies collected in our parish go directly to that missionary diocese or religious for the poor that they serve. These funds are used to feed, house and educate the poor and orphans, provide medical care, build churches, schools, clinics, catechetical training centers, dig wells, etc., and educate candidates for the priesthood and religious life and provide many other necessities. We will have a missionary priest visiting our parish the weekend of September 21-22. Please be generous! Please save the Mission coop envelope that was in last month's packet to use then.

Have you ever wondered why Catholics pray for the dead? If death is the end of earthly life, why would we bother to pray for the deceased if their opportunity to repent and turn to Christ has seemingly ended? The answer lies in scripture, Catholic tradition and Catholic teaching and belief about a place called purgatory. Purgatory is defined by the Catechism of the Catholic Church as a “purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven,” which is undergone by those “who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified” (CCC 1030). The Catechism clarifies that “this final purification of the elect ... is entirely different from the punishment of the damned” (CCC 1031). Heaven is the perfect union between man and God. Sin distances us from God. In order to be in perfect communion with him, we must be completely free of sin. According to Scripture, one must be “clean” to enter heaven (Revelation 21:27). Therefore, a cleaning or “purification” is necessary for those who still require it. Just like a proper guest at a grand banquet, God desires us to be purified and properly attired to enter into the wedding feast of the Lamb. While purgatory may sound like a place with little hope, the opposite is true. There is immense hope for the souls in purgatory, as paradise with their creator is guaranteed and within reach. St. Catherine of Genoa said: “For the souls in purgatory there is great joy as well as pain as they know for certain they are bound for

Heaven!” Mentions of purgatory and the influence of prayer for the deceased are seen in both the Old and New Testaments of the Bible. The second book of Maccabees in the Old Testament contains this passage: “Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be absolved of their sin” (12:46)—evidence for the belief that the dead could be assisted by the intercession of the living. One of the clearest references in the New Testament about the forgiveness of sins in the afterlife is found in the Gospel of Matthew where Jesus states: “whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come” (12:32). This statement by Jesus implies that some sins may be forgiven or atoned for after death. Beyond Scriptural references and tradition, the Church has established a set of teachings about a state of purification that souls still tainted by sin undergo before they can reach heaven. This state is called purgatory. While there is no official explanation in Church doctrine on the exact nature of purgatory, the “pains” of purgatory are often categorized in two ways: the pains of sense and the pains of loss. The pains of sense refer to the purification that souls go through. Although the nature of this purification is not entirely known, Scripture refers to it as a “cleansing fire” (CCC, No. 1031; 1 Corinthians 3:15; 1 Peter 1:7). The pains of loss refer to this spiritual suffering that comes from the knowledge of God and the desire for union with him, but the realization of the stumbling blocks preventing this real, lasting joy. St. Maria Faustina Kowalska wrote in her diary of a vision she had of the souls in purgatory. In her vision, she asked the souls what their greatest pain was. She writes that they all answered in unison their “greatest torment was longing for God.” There is immense hope for the souls in purgatory, as paradise with their creator is guaranteed and within reach. St. Catherine of Genoa said: “For the souls in purgatory there is great joy as well as pain as they know for certain they are bound for Heaven!” (excerpt from Divine Word Missionaries)

Prayer Requests: +Don Exner +Matt Martin +Betty Turner