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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 rectoryoffice@seas-np.org.

August 13, 2023: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions			
Monday 8/14	8:00 am	Fulfilling Vows in all Vocations	
	6:00 pm (Vigil)	Missa pro Populo	
Tuesday 8/15	8:00 am	Marty Safford	
	(Assumption)		
Wednesday 8/16	5:30 pm	+Alex Feeney	
Thursday 8/17	8:00 am	+Erika Nikki Davis	
Friday 8/18	8:00 am	+Emil & Helen Svec	
Saturday 8/19	5:00 pm	Missa pro Populo	
Sunday 8/20	10:00 am	+Dustan Biegler	

LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS August 19 – 20, 2023 (20th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
Lector	Loren Baxa	Forrest Kain
Acolyte	Michael Krondak	Spencer Hampton
Server	James Krondak	Eidren Hampton
	Nicholas Krondak	Keaton Hampton
Music	Volunteer Needed	Greg Vandenberg
Gifts	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Ushers	Steve & Janet Fear	Duane & Heather Johnsen

Stewardship: August 6, 2023: Adult Envelopes- \$2,055, Maintenance-\$20, Mission Co-op- \$20 **During a recent password audit**, it was found that a secretary used the following password: "MickeyMinniePlutoHueyLouieDeweyDonaldGoof ySacramento" When asked why such a long password, she said she was told that it had to be at least 8 characters long and include at least one capital.

We are excited to invite all North Platte Catholic Schools community members, parents, friends and relatives to an informative community event, Rachel's Challenge". This 60-minute presentation will be in the newly air-conditioned McDaid Elementary gym at 7:30pm on Monday, August 14. Please consider attending and being a part of a successful program that can have a positive impact on our NPCS community. Rachel's Challenge was created after the Columbine High School shooting, in honor of Rachel Scott and the other victims lost on that terrible day. As the first widely known mass school shooting, the Columbine tragedy was a catalyst for action for many people. This Community Event introduces Rachel and her story using stories from her life and writings. It shows the profound positive impact we have on those around us. It demonstrates to the listener the power of deliberately reaching out to others to start what Rachel called a chain reaction of kindness and compassion. The community Event encourages participants to examine their own lives in the light of the following 5 Challenges: 1. Look for the Best in Others 2. Dream Big 3. Choose Positive Influences 4. Speak with Kindness 5. Start your own Chain Reaction

<u>Thank you to Ed Rieker</u> for tending to our trees on our property and to Ron Tejral for tending to weed eating and grass cutting.

<u>Thank you to Knight of Columbus</u> Harmon Johnsen for teaching and training our servers last weekend for their roles at Mass. We wish him the best as he moves to begin college.

<u>Thank you to Mickey Morlang</u> for the donation of her time and supplies to the rectory for an upcoming culinary project by Fr. Rand.

<u>The Daughters of Charity</u> are replacing the toys/books in the cry room. We are looking for

gently used toys that can be washed and/or sterilized. Please, no stuffed toys or toys that make a sound. Toys can be dropped off in the back of church or at the church office. Thank you!

<u>Anyone with Catholic or spiritual books</u> who would like to share them with others are welcome to drop them off at the Exchange Table in the Parish Hall. You are also welcome to take something home from the table to read.

<u>Are you needing a weekend</u> to be in peace and silence? Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly has several upcoming retreats. Join us for "Priest, Prophet, King - Orphan, Stranger, Widow" on Aug. 18-20 with Fr. Adam Sughroue, and "Unbound: Freedom in Christ" on Aug. 25-27 with Fr. Gary Coulter, and "Work of the Holy Angels" with Opus Sanctorum Angelorum on Sept. 7-10. Read more and register at www.goodcounselretreat.org, email office@goodcounselretreat.org or call 402-786-2705.

You are invited and encouraged to attend a rally and lunch on Tuesday, August 15 from 12:00pm-1:00pm at Venue 304 in North Platte (304 E 5th) with special guest, Governor Pillen. As you may know, historic school choice legislation (LB753, the Opportunity Scholarships Act) was signed into law. Nebraska was the last state in the country to pass a school choice bill, and some states have been implementing school choice programs for over 30 years. LB753 was supported by a super-majority of Senators from across Nebraska on both sides of the political aisle, and advocated for by the Nebraska Catholic Conference. This law will be life-changing for thousands of Nebraska children in need of better educational opportunities. Unfortunately, there is already an effort to repeal this law, and your help is needed to make sure Nebraska parents-especially lowincome parents—can choose the best education for their child. Please consider doing these few things to help protect parental rights and education choice: 1. "Decline to Sign" the so-called "Support Our Schools" petition being circulated across the state, and please urge your family and friends to similarly "Decline to Sign." 2. Sign up to volunteer for the Keep Kids First campaign to protect the

Opportunity Scholarships Act at www.KeepKidsFirstNebraska.com. 3. To learn more about the Opportunity Scholarships Act, go to https://necatholic.org

<u>The Knights of Columbus Breakfast</u> will be Sunday, August 13 from 8:30am-12:30pm. Free Will Offering. There will be omelettes, biscuits & gravy, and more. The Knights will meet on Monday, August 14 at 7:00pm.

<u>Called to the Silence</u>: 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 Ignatiantrained 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. October 26-28, 2023. Retreat begins at 6:00 p.m. the first evening, and ending the last day by 3:00 p.m. Register at

www.creighton.edu/retreatcenter/scheduleofretre ats

<u>**Teaching Rock</u>** will begin Wednesday, August 16 at 6:15pm in the Parish Hall. **Topic**: Declaring Saints in the Church</u>

<u>Most area schools begin</u> the new academic year this week. Please keep in prayer all teachers and students. CCD classes will begin on August 27 from 11:15am-12:30pm on Sundays. If you are a parent and have not received information by the end of this week, please let the office know.

Missionary Co-Op Program: This appeal is a major source of funding directly to the missionary's Diocese. These funds are used to feed, house, and educate the poor and orphans, provide medical care, build churches, schools, clinics, and catechetical training centers, educate candidates for the priesthood and religious life, install wells for clean water, and provide many other necessities. We will have a missionary priest visiting our Parish the weekend of August 26-27. His name is Fr. Theotimus Lakra (Fr. Theo for short), a Salesian Priest from India. He has been a priest for 23 years. At present he is a pastor at Doimukh, in the Diocese of Itanagar. Please use the "Mission Co-op" envelopes found in your packets, or use an envelope of your own marked, "Mission Co-op." Please note: All the missionary priests who speak in our Parishes have great needs. Some may ask for additional support, such as sponsoring a seminarian or religious for several months, in addition to their appeal at Mass. Our diocesan regulations do not allow for this, so that people will be able to support the needs of other missionaries who will give appeals in our Parish in the future giving each different group a fair chance to receive our support each year.

<u>"Connect to Protect" Conference</u>: Calling all mental health professionals, clergy, and postabortion 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.

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

<u>A pilgrimage to the Holy Land</u> 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.

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.

Pope Francis: Abortion is Not 'Progressive': In

November of 2013, Pope Francis issued his Apostolic Exhortation called "The Joy of the Gospel." In it he says, "Among the vulnerable for whom the Church wishes to care with particular love and concern are unborn children, the most defenseless and innocent among us. Nowadays efforts are made to deny them their human dignity and to do with them whatever one pleases, taking their lives and passing laws preventing anyone from standing in the way of this... Human beings are ends in themselves and never a means of resolving other problems... Once this conviction disappears, so do solid and lasting foundations for the defense of human rights ...It is not "progressive" to try to resolve problems by eliminating a human life." Together with Pope Francis, let us defend life!

The Spiritual Warfare in the Family Conference

has been rescheduled! Come join us for this oneday event on Saturday, Oct. 14, 2023 to hear evangelist and best-selling author Kathleen Beckman share strategies on how we can address spiritual warfare & safeguard our families. You do not want to miss it! Seats are limited to 250 so please register soon using the QR code or link. Questions? Contact Mary at 402-314-0479 or mharper55@yahoo.com. Sponsored by the Office of Family Life & Discipleship and St. Benedict Prayer Team.

https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/warfareconferenc

The Ecclesial Carmelite Movement 18th Annual Carmel Walk: Saturday, Aug. 19, 2023, 9300 W Agnew Road – Valparaiso. Join us for a morning of prayers, music and fellowship as we walk about 2-1/2 miles in the country. Please meet at the Carmel by 8:30 AM. A shuttle will take you to the start of the Walk. Holy Mass in the Ordinary Form to follow when we reach the Carmel, approximately 11:30 AM, celebrated by Padre Claudio Grassi OCD.

Parish Directory: Dates for pictures for the Parish Directory are the following: **Aug. 24: 2:00pm-6:30pm, Aug. 25: 2:00pm-6:30pm, Aug. 26: 10:00am-4:00pm.** Visit <u>www.ucdir.com</u>, enter church code NE216 and password photos. There is still time to sign up! You may also email a picture to Ashley at <u>seasparishcoordinator@gmail.com</u>. Please contact the rectory with any questions.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass <u>Times</u> will be August 14 at 6:00pm (Vigil) and August 15 at 8:00am.

<u>**Prayer Intentions</u>**: Prayer intentions will remain in the bulletin for three weeks. += repose of soul. +Art Oswald +Thomas Gilligan + Sr Mary Jo Hrnchir</u>