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# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor: Fr. John Birkel  
Parish Coordinator: Ashley  
Perlinger (Ministries, website,  
sign, choir, miscellaneous)  
Mass Times: Saturday 5:00pm,  
Sunday 10:00am, Weekdays & Holy  
Days as posted in bulletin

Confession: Saturdays 4:00pm-  
4:30pm, Sundays 9:00am-9:30am  
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: Family Home Study or  
Catholic School ; Adult Entry into  
Catholic Faith (O.C.I.A), 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.\*

## August 17, 2025: 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions		
Monday 8/18	7:00 am	Liv/Dec Members of the DOC
Tuesday 8/19	No Mass	
Wednesday 8/20	5:30 pm	Matthew, Meg, Oliver, & Vivian Buhrman
Thursday 8/21	8:00 am	Don Exner+
Friday 8/22	8:00 am	Mike & Erika Sindorf
Saturday 8/23	5:00 pm	Missa pro Populo
Sunday 8/24	10:00 am	Zach, Ellie, Dominic, & Benjamin Fischer

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

August 23 – 24, 2025 (21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
Lector/Reader	Volunteer Needed	Justin Pieper
Acolyte	Phil Heimann	Derek Miller
Server	Elijah Heimann	Xavier Pieper
	Volunteer Needed	Liam Pieper
Music	Monica Mordja	Greg Vandenberg
Gifts	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Ushers	Alice Robinson	Dave Beran

Stewardship: August 10, 2025- Adult \$2,820

**The phone in the rectory office** is once again functional! The phone number to it is 308-534-5461.

**Pumpkin Festival This Year:** Due to the sewer line installation taking longer than anticipated, we are asking for your help in making a change for this fall. It has been decided that **we will be doing a raffle only and not the full Pumpkin Festival.** We hope to have the raffle tickets available for sale soon. We will hold the drawing along with a luncheon on **October 12, 2025** after Mass. We hope everyone will be able to stay after Mass that day for some fellowship. Plans are in the making for an additional fundraiser before the first of the year.

**On Sunday, August 31** at 6PM, Knights of Columbus will host the Fifth Sunday Rosary. In addition, **the Very Reverend Kenneth Wehrs will install Fr. Birkel as Pastor,** in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus 5th Sunday Rosary at 6:00pm. All are invited to attend.

**St Elizabeth Ann Seton Bake/Plant Sale** – September 5th ~ 7<sup>th</sup>, Friday & Saturday, 9:30am ~ 4:00pm, Sunday 9:00am ~ 12 Noon. Donated baked/food items can be dropped off at the Social Hall before 6pm on Thursday, September 4th. Donated plants can be dropped off in the church Narthex before 6pm on Thursday, September 4th. Please leave your name and identify the type of plant if possible. Proceeds to church fresh flower fund and Altar supplies. Sponsored by the Daughters of Charity.

**Amen or no Amen:** In Mass, there are options for the Priest during the Roman Canon (i.e. the first Eucharistic Prayer) through Christ our Lord. Amen, that is there three times. Since it is a Priestly prayer, only the Priest says it, including the Amen. The phrase “Through Christ our Lord” is there near the end, but this time there is no “Amen.” & the phrase is mandatory. In Mass at the end of the Our Father, there is no “Amen.” In the Vetus Ordo (Old Order) there an “Amen” at the end of the Pater Noster (Our Father) but it is said only by the Priest and it is said silently. Speaking of silence, the general instruction on the Roman Missal (The instructions for celebrating Mass at the beginning of the book) says that there is to be silence in the Mass. At the very beginning of the instruction, it also says no one would deny that the Roman Canon can be said in Latin or silently. So it is permissible for us as priest to say that Eucharistic prayer in a whispered tone.

From the book of Deuteronomy: “Give ear, oh heavens, while I speak; let the Earth harken to the words of my mouth! May my instruction soak in like the rain, and my discourse permeate like to dew, like a downpour upon the grass, like a shower upon the crops :” Put that together with the call for silence in the Mass & you could do this: the beginning with the penitential rite, Gloria, the readings, and homily. Then we move into silence. Where the congregation is there in the presence of the Eucharistic sacrifice. Silently, sitting and letting the word of God permeate, soak, and refresh. Like rain, falling upon grass or a shower upon the crops. The silence is interrupted by the ringing of the bells so that we note the super important things going on. In that silence, letting the healing power of God, which came to us in his word take effect in our hearts. Mother Angelica said we should have an hour of silence each day (July 28, 1998). She also said that part of the reason we can’t stand silence is because we are afraid of it. And what are we afraid of in the silence? Afraid of facing ourselves. Undoubtedly, it would be awkward the first time we did it because we’re not used to it. It could be something that could grow and become marvelous—something which we crave.

**Pope Francis: Abortion is also a form of the abuse of children-** “It is difficult to grasp the phenomenon of the sexual abuse of minors without considering power, since it is always the result of an abuse of power, an exploitation of the inferiority and vulnerability of the abused, which makes possible the manipulation of their conscience and of their psychological and physical weakness. The abuse of power is likewise present in the other forms of abuse affecting almost 85,000,000 children, forgotten by everyone: child soldiers, child prostitutes, starving children, children kidnapped and often victimized by the horrid commerce of human organs or enslaved, child victims of war, refugee children, aborted children and so many others.” – Pope Francis Address at the End of the Eucharistic Celebration at the Meeting “The Protection of Minors in the Church”, February 24, 2019

**Please pray for** Sr. Cecilia of Lovell, WY. She is a Postulant at the Sisters of the Carmel of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

**Prayers Requests:**