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ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor: Fr. Rand Langhorst
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 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-
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August 20, 2023: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
<i>Monday 8/21</i>	8:00 am	Lois Daniels
<i>Tuesday 8/22</i>	8:00 am	+Ray & Hilda Spindler
<i>Wednesday 8/23</i>	5:30 pm	Poor Souls
<i>Thursday 8/24</i>	8:00 am	Intention of Donor
<i>Friday 8/25</i>	8:00 am	End to Abortion
<i>Saturday 8/26</i>	5:00 pm	Missa Pro Populo
<i>Sunday 8/27</i>	10:00 am	+Reiny Burbach

LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

August 26 – 27, 2023 (21st Sunday in Ordinary Time)

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
Lector	Jim Nisley	Justin Pieper
Acolyte	Michael Krondak	Duane Johnsen
Server	Alex Krondak	Xavier Pieper
	Elijah Heimann	Liam Pieper
Music	Volunteer Needed	Matt & Ashley Perlinger
Gifts	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Ushers	Michael & Mary Herout	Spencer Hampton

Stewardship: August 13, 2023: Adult & Assumption Envelopes- \$3,888

A cruise ship passes by a remote island, and all the passengers see a bearded man running around and waving his arms wildly. “Captain,” one passenger asks, “who is that man over there?” “I have no idea,” the captain says, “but he goes nuts every year when we pass him.”

The Spiritual Warfare in the Family Conference has been rescheduled! Come join us for this one-day 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/warfareconference>

Mini- Examination of Conscience: Do I select who or how to love my neighbor by my standards or Christ’s teachings? Do I do what I do to be seen or to praise God? Do I seek to serve or be served? Do I give of what I have to give or do I seek to benefit or receive from others? Do I judge, but not surrender to be judged? Do I give time to prayer daily or give my time elsewhere?

Anointing of the Sick will be offered after the Tuesday morning Mass on August 22 to those 65 years or older, or to with any health issues that carry a danger of death.

What is Spiritual Direction? It can be defined as an encounter between the Lord, the directee, and the spiritual director, for the purpose that the directee may grow in their relationship with our Lord. Remove any one of those encounters, and what is taking place is no longer spiritual direction. Spiritual direction is not pastoral counseling of solving problems in a person's life or the sacrament of confession, both of which are important and may at times flow into or out of spiritual direction. Spiritual direction focuses on a relationship with God, something to be discovered and deepened and celebrated. Spiritual direction is a helping relationship that allows Christians to achieve sanctity and the heights of contemplation. Most

spiritual directors as clergy or trained religious and sometimes lay individuals. It can be a yearly, monthly, weekly visit according to the needs of the directee and availability of the director. Its primary goal is to help a person grow in holiness through discernment in their relationship with God. Should anyone feel the graces to enter such a discernment they can contact their pastor or another priest or qualified religious or lay person and let the quest for holiness in their lives take on a new dimension.

Please invite as many as possible to purchase a raffle ticket for our Pumpkin Festival. It would be wonderful if we could have them all sold before the day of our festival. Invite them to come to the festival on October 1 and share the day with us. Tickets can be turned into the office at any time by dropping them in the top slot of the mailbox by the office door, or by placing them in the collection basket at Mass.

Fr. Rand will be gone after Mass on Sunday August 27 until Wednesday morning August 30 to take Fr. Theo (Mission Coop Priest) to his next destination. In the event of an emergency please contact a neighbor priest or a priest in Curtis or McCook.

The Daughters of Charity 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!

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. 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/scheduleofretreats

CCD classes will begin on August 27, and will be from 11:15am-12:30pm on Sundays.

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.

"Connect to Protect" Conference: Calling all mental health professionals, clergy, and post-abortion 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

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.

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.

The Creighton Model FertilityCare System

(CrMS) is a method of Natural Family Planning that not only teaches couples about their fertility, but assists them in overcoming many common obstacles today. It is a system that is based upon the dignity and respect for human life and marriage. It cooperates with the natural fertility process and views it as a healthy means to monitor and maintain reproductive and gynecologic health. **What we offer:** Ability to actively monitor our fertility in real time (for a lifetime) without the introduction of harmful chemicals or devices that can be detrimental to women's health. CrMS is 99% effective at avoiding pregnancy. Real solutions for concerns such as endometriosis, PCOS, infertility, miscarriage, irregular cycles, and more. **Individual Training:** While introductory sessions may be completed in a group setting, actual learning of the method is done privately 1 on 1 with a trained FertilityCare Practitioner. **Medical Application:** MS works cooperatively with a woman's body to restore functionality alongside one of our medical providers trained in NaProTechnology. For more information, contact Good Counsel FertilityCare, Kealey.Butler@gmail.com, Ph. 402-601-7529

Are you needing a weekend to be in peace and silence? Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly has upcoming retreats. Join us for "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.

The Pope and the Abortionist: On the morning of April 11, 2014, the Holy Father Pope Francis spoke to the Italian Movement for Life. Here is an excerpt of his address: "Human life is sacred and inviolable.... Every civil right is based on the recognition of the first, fundamental right, the right to life, which is not subject to any condition, of a qualitative, economic and certainly not of an ideological nature. ...Therefore it is necessary to reaffirm our solid opposition to any direct offence against life, especially when innocent and defenseless, and the unborn child in its mother's womb is the quintessence of innocence. Let us

remember the words of Vatican Council II: 'Therefore from the moment of its conception life must be guarded with the greatest care while abortion and infanticide are unspeakable crimes'. ...I remember once, a long time ago, I participated in a conference with doctors. After the conference I greeted them and while I spoke to them, one of them called me to one side. He had a package and he said to me, 'Father, I want to leave this with you. These are the instruments I have used to carry out abortions. I have encountered the Lord and repented, and now I fight for life'. He gave me all those instruments. Let us pray for this good man".

Who has the authority to interpret the Bible? Where is the proof of this authority? Jesus gave authority to interpret his teachings—i.e., God's word—to the apostles and their successors. This is first seen in the Great Commission, where Jesus directs his apostles to make disciples of all nations, "teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:20). Here we see that long before any of the books of the New Testament were written, Jesus gives the apostles authority to faithfully teach his unwritten teachings—and by extension those contained in the written Old Testament. The apostles' God-given authority is affirmed elsewhere, as Christ' teachings are referred to as "the apostles' teaching" in the early Church (Acts. 2:42). The authority of the Church and thus the apostles is also affirmed by St. Paul (1 Tim. 3:15). Consequently, it is the apostles and their successors who have the God-given authority to interpret the New Testament when its books are first written and then ultimately compiled. –Tom Nash, Catholic Answers

Dear Lord Jesus. Thank you so much for all the precious children in this world. We know they mean so much to you. We pray you would help us do all we can to protect and give them the start in life they deserve. Lord we bring to you all of the wonderful work being done to release children from poverty, and we pray that you would bless every pair of hands that works for you. Increase and bless their efforts in Jesus name, Amen.

Prayer Intentions: Prayer intentions will remain in the bulletin for three weeks. += repose of soul. +Art Oswald +Thomas Gilligan