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e ST. ELIZ&BETH Diseas-np.org ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor: Fr. Rand Langhorst Parish Coordinator: Ashley Perlinger (Bulletin, website, sign, choir, miscellaneous) **Bookkeeper: Natalie Gifford** (bookkeeping, Diocesan data entrv) Mass Times: Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 10:00am, Weekdays & Holy Days as posted in bulletin Confession: Saturdays 4:00pm-4:45pm, Sundays 9:00am-9:45am 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 rectoryoffice@seas-np.org.*

August 21, 2022: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



Welcome to St. Elizabeth's! It is our hope that you feel at home and among friends here. If you are a visitor for a day, we pray God's speed on your journey. If you are looking for a parish community, we would be delighted to welcome you into our parish family. Please introduce yourselves. Registration forms are available in the entry racks, or contact us any time at 308-534-5461.

Mass Intentions			
Monday 8/22	8:00 am	Anna Lee Schultz	
Tuesday 8/23	8:00 am	Elizabeth Haag	
Wednesday 8/24	5:30 pm	+Peggy Lawler	
Thursday 8/25	8:00 am	McKenna Ketter	
Friday 8/26	8:00 am	Names in Book blessings/Memories	
Saturday 8/27	5:00 pm	Missa Pro Populo	
Sunday 8/28	10:00am	Janet Nyffeler	

Stewardship for August 14, 2022: \$1,686.00, Pumpkin Festival: \$100

Thank You: Change can be painful and difficult when applied to anything in our lives, for it causes us to evaluate where we have been, where we are, and where we want to go. As your installed pastor, it reminds me of each transition of assignment and the good people I have served, and an acceptance of trusting faith to enter a new assignment. I remember an older priest telling me decades ago to keep centered on the Eucharist and my relationship with Him, rather than hold any attachments, expectations, or criteria from the past, and let the Holy Spirit lead. Thank you to all who attended my installation by our Dean, Very Rev. Kimminau, this past week and for all who have been praying and reaching out to make me feel welcomed. The gift from the Blanket Ministry was very thoughtful and useful. Knowing how busy the week was for some of you, I really appreciated your presence. May God bless St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish! -Fr. Rand

St. Pat's Monthly Brunch: August 21, 2022, ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT MENU: Biscuits & Gravy, Pancakes, Ham, Fresh Fruit, Cheesy Hashbrowns, donuts, coffee cakes, and more! Serving from 9:00am – 1:00pm Adults: \$7 Children: 4 (under 10 years old) Free

St. Pat's BBQ: Save the Date for St. Pat's BBQ on August 28, 2022 from 12:00pm-3:00pm. All are welcome!

Bishop's Pro-Life Banquet: The Bishops' Pro-Life Banquet & Conference is September 23-24 in downtown Lincoln. You'll network and celebrate with pro-lifers from across the state, find opportunities for involvement in the culture of life, learn how to be the hands and feet of Christ, and more. Get registered and learn why the banquet and conference is for YOU at NECatholic.org

<u>A husband and wife</u> from a northern state were driving through Louisiana. As they approached Natchitoches, they started arguing about the pronunciation of the town. They argued back and forth, then they stopped for lunch. At the counter, the husband asked the local waitress, "Before we order, could you please settle an argument for us? Would you please pronounce where we are very slowly?" She leaned over the counter and said, "Burrr-gerrr Kiiing."

Biennial Convention: An open invitation to attend the 56th Biennial Convention of the Grand Island Diocesan Council of Catholic Women on September 9, 2022 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, with speaker Monica Kramer. She was raised in the Sandhills of Central NE. Monica has degrees in Elementary Education, Guidance Counseling, and School Psychology. She has taught in both Catholic and Public Schools for the last 47 years, earning the awards of Teacher of the Year, Outstanding Counselor, and Outstanding Woman of Achievement Award. Monica's husband, Randy, died in 2016. Since then, Monica has earnestly pursued an understanding of salvation. She has read extensively and has used her childhood knowledge of fences and gates to more fully understand Jesus' words in John's Gospel, "I am the gate. If anyone enters through Me, he will be saved." John 10:9. Reservations can be made through Judy Wagoner, 1411 Walnut St., Wood River, NE 68883, through September 1, 2022. Cost is \$50. It includes a Pork Loin Supper, salad, dessert, and wine. Dinner music and presentation. Doors open at 5:30pm, presentation at 6:15pm, 7:00pm supper. Presentation resumes 8:00pm-9:30pm. Go to gidccw.org for registration form and full Convention information.

Sisters Vocation Prayer Calendar: Sr. Pia Marie, of Lincoln, NE, and Sr. Gabriel Perry, of Las Vegas, NV. They are both Junior Sisters at the Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln).

Fr. Rand will be gone after Mass on Monday, August 29 – Friday afternoon on September 2. There will not be Masses Tuesday-Thursday, but the evening Adoration Wednesday will take place.

St. Pat's School News: Welcome Back!!! Upcoming Events: Aug. 22- 4/5 Preschoolers First Day, Aug. 23- McDaid Photo Day, 3/4 Preschoolers First Day, 5PM, Volleyball Jamboree, Hayes Center, Aug. 24- St. Pat's Photo Day, Aug. 25- 9AM, Girls Golf @ Kearney Catholic, Aug. 26- 7PM- Football vs. Cambridge, Aug. 27- 9AM, XC @ NPHS Sutherland Oregon Trail Course, 10AM- Volleyball @ Overton. Pumpkin Festival Prep: Watch the bulletins for ways you can give of your time, talents and resources to make this event one of community building and family fun. The fact is that we need every parishioner, young and old, to host this event for all who look forward to it. This week, we are looking for anyone who might wish to commit to giving any quantity of the following (or a financial donation to cover the costs): 20 pounds of sour cream; 20 pounds of shredded cheddar cheese; 5 pounds of onion (diced would be helpful); 30 pounds of beef franks; 8 pounds of non-spicy brats; 6 # 10 (gallon) size Bush beans; 50 pounds of 1/3pound hamburger patties (or hamburger to be made into 1/3 pound patties), hamburger or hot dog buns (cannot be bought ahead); liter bottles of pop (need a lot these) of Coke, Pepsi or other kinds. Please contact the church to leave your name if you are willing to purchase anything. On your donation, note that it is for the Pumpkin Festival. Feel free to drop it in the collection basket or bring it directly to the rectory. Bless you for rising up to meet our needs!

Simply put, "the goal of the virtuous life is to become like God" (St Gregory of Nyssa). Thus, this is the essence of every maturing Christian life. We are attracted to goodness. We desire goodness. Virtues are habitual and firm dispositions to do the good (CCC, 1803). Experience, intentionality and cooperation with graces foster these habits. Virtues are middle points between two extremes, deficiency and excess, and thus present a delicate balancing act. St Anthony of the Desert affirms that once a virtuous life is reached, it is not easy to maintain. Herein enters prayer for perseverance! While the cardinal virtues are not the only virtues, they are the cardes ("hinges") upon which all the other virtues are said to turn. Prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance serve as the essential foundation for all the others. Prudence prompts a person to form sound judgements about what to do or not do. It helps to determine the good among many competing goods and to choose the right means to achieve it. Prudence discerns, but importantly, acts. St Thomas Aquinas helps us: it is "right reason in action." For this virtue, knowledge and experience are important. Justice disposes a person to give

both God and neighbor what is due. It makes one willing to live according to the Commandments and respect and safeguard the rights of others. Genuine reform is interior and wrought by fidelity to Christ and the Gospels, not by more programs. Fortitude influences a person to pursue and do what is good in spite of struggles. It strengthens one to conquer fears, even fear of death, avoiding evil regardless of obstacles and afflictions. It requires endurance and forbearance. Anyone in love with God must expect reprisals from the dark side. Temperance motivates a person to curb one's appetites for natural goods like food, drink, sexual pleasure. It helps bring balance by knowing rightly which appetites are suitable for one's state of life. (excerpts from Seven Sisters Apostolate Communique)

SEAS Teaching Rock: Teaching Rock will be September 14 at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. The topic will focus on Satan and Demons. Due to the nature of the topic younger ears might not be appropriate. The topic on October 12 will be Purgatory and Indulgences. The topic on November 9 will be Understanding the Eastern Rite Catholic Churches and the Orthodox.

The Benedict XVI Diocesan School of Catechesis is for Catholics wanting to strengthen their intellectual and spiritual formation to empower their evangelical mission in the world. It covers the Creed, the Sacraments, the Commandments, and Prayer (Year I) as well as Salvation History, Church History, Faith and Reason, and Spirituality (Year II). Class will be offered in person and on Zoom simultaneously, so location doesn't matter and all participants can interact with one another. The time commitment is one Saturday a month from September to April for two years. The cost is \$100 per semester, however, those who teach CCD, God-teen/CYO, or in Catholic schools would receive a 25% discount. For more information or to register, go to www.lincolndiocese.org/bxvi or call 402-473-0631.

Blessing for Teachers: Next Sunday (August 28) at the close of the Prayers of the Faithful will be a blessing for all teachers. It will be for any public, private, CCD, or home-schooling, along with those working or volunteering in schools, or with educating children and students. You will be asked to stand for this special blessing.

Pope Francis' Intentions for August- Small

Businesses: We pray for small and medium-sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis. May they find ways to continue operating and serving their communities.

Emmaus Institute: Emmaus Institute Biblical Studies—is accepting registrations for fall in-person and online classes, including the first class in our new three-year certificate program covering the entire Bible. Learn more and register at: www.EmmausInstitute.net.

"Call to the Deep" Mission: For those being instructed in the school of life or academic year, the Back to School Community Mission is offering a "Call to the Deep" Mission and speaker for all parishioners to grow spiritually. The featured speaker will be Deacon Ralph Poyo, the founder of New Evangelization Ministries. This is an apostolate committed to assisting dioceses, churches, and individuals with services, resources and training in effective evangelization. Talk 1 on "Saving Plan of God" will be held Sunday, August 21 from 7:00pm-8:45pm at St Patrick's, with a social hour from 6:00pm-7:00pm. Talk 2 on "Spiritual Warfare" will be August 22 from 7:00pm-8:45pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, with a social hour from 6:00pm-7:00pm. Talk 3 on "Life in the Spirit" will be 6:15pm-8:00pm at Holy Spirit Catholic Church with a Mass at 5:15pm-5:45pm and social hour 5:45pm-6:15pm. In addition, for middle & high school age students from any school (Catholic, public, or homeschool), there will be presentations on Monday, August 22 and Tuesday, August 23 from 9:30am-10:30am at St Patrick's School Gym. Please consider, whether for yourself, your family, your children, or youth, attending one or all these opportunities. They will impart graces to help grow in the spiritual life!

Novenas: Join others throughout the nation in praying novenas for your own concerns, as well as the needs of others joining in. Go to praymorenovenas.com to register. Many enjoy the convenience of having daily reminders online and uniting with others in prayer.

<u>Registration</u>: Anyone new (or previously unregistered) to our parish is invited to register with us a member. Forms are located in the narthex and can be filled out and placed in the next week's collection or in the drop box by the narthex door to the offices.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

August 27-28, 2022 (22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)			
	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am	
Lector	Michael Krondak	Justin Pieper	
Acolyte	Ed Rieker	Jerry Cooper	
Server	William Krondak	Xavier Pieper	
	Cooper Gifford	Liam Pieper	
Music	Volunteer Needed	Greg Vandenberg	
Gifts	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	
Ushers	Steve & Janet Fear	Duane & Heather Johnsen	

<u>Christus Foundation Golf Tournament</u>: Join the Christus Foundation Golf Tournament, a benefit for the Catholic apostolates of Regnum Christi, such as Mission Trips and Leadership Camp. The 4-person scramble is Fri. Sept 16, 10am at Crooked Creek, Lincoln: \$125/player includes lunch, prizes and more: theChristusFoundation.org/events or 402-430-3732, gwroberts88@gmail.com.

Scapular: The blessing and investiture of the Brown Scapular of Mount Carmel will be given after the Sunday Mass on September 4 (about 15 minutes). To gain the fullness of the Brown Scapular graces, one must be formally clothed in it and live the prescribed norms. If you cannot remember being invested, this is an opportunity for you, as well as anyone for whom this would be a first time. Those not possessing a brown scapular can make a free will offering to receive one in advance of Sunday from Fr. Rand.

Eucharistic Adoration this Wednesday from 6:00pm-10:00pm.

<u>Cursillo Weekends</u>: Saint Michael Parish, Hastings: Men's – October 20-23; Women's – October 27-30.

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

Prayer Intentions: Prayer intentions will remain in the bulletin for three weeks. [⊕]= repose of soul. Ken Grothe[⊕], Doris Henkel, Maureen McClendon