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CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor: Fr. Rand Langhorst
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 choir, miscellaneous)
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 (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, 8:30am-
 1:30pm

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

August 6, 2023: The Transfiguration of the Lord

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
<i>Monday 8/7</i>	8:00 am	Gary Spindler Family
<i>Tuesday 8/8</i>	8:00 am	Terry Spindler Family
<i>Wednesday 8/9</i>	5:30 pm	Names Book of Memories & Blessings
<i>Thursday 8/10</i>	8:00 am	Bishop Fabian Bruskewitz
<i>Friday 8/11</i>	8:00 am	End of Contraception
<i>Saturday 8/12</i>	5:00 pm	Missa Pro Populo
<i>Sunday 8/13</i>	10:00 am	Liv/Dec SEAS Knights of Columbus

LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

August 12 – 13, 2023 (19th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
Lector	Jim Nisley	Ron Tejral
Acolyte	Michael Krondak	Conrad Buhrman
Server	Nathan Miller	Weston Hammond
	Luke Miller	Kolbe Tejral
Music	Volunteer Needed	Peggy Orr
Gifts	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Ushers	David Gross	Jeff Orr

Stewardship: July 30, 2023: Adult Envelopes- \$1,861, Maintenance-
 \$190, Mission Co-op- \$65

The Knights of Columbus Breakfast 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.

The Daughters of Charity will meet on Sunday, August 13 at 11:00 am in the Parish Hall. All women of the Parish are invited to attend.

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

Night Adoration in the Home: “Could you not then watch one hour with me?”- Mt. 26:40 Now is the perfect time to return to practice Night Adoration in the home a beautiful practice to strengthen your relationship the Sacred Heart. ... We worship Christ in Night Adoration “with the same spirit of love and reparation which inspires you when watching before the Blessed Sacrament...” (1). Night Adoration in the home is the perfect solution for any Catholic who is unable to make it to ... it is time to bring this devotion back! Night Adoration is rooted in the powerful understanding of the value of acts of reparation to Jesus. Reparation is made when we make a sacrifice for the Lord. Only the Sacred Heart knows the sacrifices made to keep watch with him, and we desire to make up for those who “dethrone” our Lord in their hearts and homes. ... Honoring our Lord is not possible without prayer. Our Lord longs for his disciples to pray with Him for the hour before the crucifixion. Christ knew the disciples were weak, and their faith in Him would be tested. “Could you not then watch one hour with me?”

Matthew 26:40. ... The Sacred Heart of Jesus wants to be invited and honored in love in your home. Consider allowing this devotion to transform your life and the culture of your very family. Jesus is there for us without fail and wants to be your family’s living, breathing heart. He is the hope of the family; He is the hope of the human family!
Excerpted from Welcome His Heart Jul 24, 2022

Two crows were in a field when they noticed a figure that looked like a man in the distance. "See that over there? What is that?", says the first crow. The second crow takes a long look, "That's a scarecrow. Looks authentic, doesn't it." "How can you tell it's a scarecrow and not a person?", replies the first crow. "Look at it's hand. No cellphone", says the second crow.

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

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.

Most area schools begin 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.

Installation of Officers for our Knights of Columbus will be during Mass on Sunday, August 13 and installation of officers for our Daughters of Charity will be August 5 during Mass.

A Lifeline for Marriage – Retrouvaille (retro-vi) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. For confidential information about or to register for the weekend retreat on Aug.11-13, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit HelpOurMarriage.com.

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.

“DECLINE TO SIGN”: 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—can choose

the best education for their child. Please consider how 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 Opportunity Scholarships Act at www.KeepKidsFirstNebraska.com, or learn more under their “resources” tab. Thank you for protecting educational opportunities for low-income families and children experiencing bullying. Let's Keep Kids First in Nebraska! Sincerely in Christ, Tom Venzor, Executive Director Nebraska Catholic Conference .

UPDATED: MYTHS VS. REALITY ABOUT OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS: Myth #2:

"LB753 violates separation between church and state." REALITY: The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that appropriately designed private school choice programs are fully constitutional. And numerous state courts have upheld the constitutionality of tax-credit scholarship programs. Myth #3: "LB753 will hurt Nebraska's public schools." REALITY: Public schools are an important part of Nebraska life, and, in many cases, they offer a quality education. But public schools are not an ideal fit for every child—parents deserve a choice. All students can learn, and we believe they should all have the opportunity to do so in a safe and supportive school, chosen by their parents, that meets their individual learning needs. Studies consistently demonstrate public schools benefit from the existence of school choice programs. EdChoice reports that 26 of 29 studies on the competitive effects of private school choice programs are positive. See:

<https://www.edchoice.org/wpcontent/uploads/2023/06/123s-of-School-ChoiceWEB.pdf>

Holy Spirit Bible Study: Begins September 18th at 1:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m.. We will be studying “Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John”. This is an 8 week study. Registrations will be available in the Gathering Area and Parish Office and will be due August 25th. Cost of the book is \$25.00- *Bible Study Facilitator Cheri Thalken*

“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

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 First Human Right: Cardinal Renato Martino, when serving as President of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, said the following in an interview conducted for Priests for Life in May, 2004: "The Holy Father speaks of the protection of life as the fundamental realization and respect for human rights. Without that realization, without that respect for the right to life, no other discussion of human rights can continue; it must be based upon the foundation of human dignity and the right to life."

"Experiencing a heart-to-heart exchange inside our couple-love." Marriage Encounter Experience Sept. 22--24 in Hastings. Call right-away, space is limited. Contact Gary & Brenda Granger 303-604-6202.

The Pope on Life: “Every life is sacred! Let us go forward with the culture of life to counter the logic of waste and the declining birth rate; let us be close and together let us pray for the babies who are threatened by the termination of pregnancy, as well as for the people who are at the end of life — every life is sacred! — so that no one may be left alone and that love may defend the meaning of life. Let us recall the words of Mother Teresa: “Life is beautiful, admire it; life is life, defend it!”; be it a baby who is about to be born, or a person who is close to death: every life is sacred!” – *Pope Francis, Message for Day of Life, February 5, 2017*

Thank you to all who allowed me to cook for you and participated in “the Czech Dinner Gift Gathering” and to Mary Herout for assisting as server.-- Fr. Rand

Prayer Intentions: Prayer intentions will remain in the bulletin for three weeks. += repose of soul. +Priests and Religious of the Diocese

NPCS 'RACHEL'S CHALLENGE' COMMUNITY PRESENTATION

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 7:30 PM 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

EVENT:	RACHEL'S CHALLENGE PRESENTATION
DATE:	Monday, August 14
TIME:	7:30-8:30 PM
LOCATION:	McDaid Elementary Gym
AUDIENCE:	NPCS Parents & Adult Community (3rd-12th students will have assemblies during the school day)