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# ST. ELIZABETH

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# CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor: Fr. Rand Langhorst  
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 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 rectory-  
 office@seas-np.org.\*

## September 10, 2023: 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
<i>Monday 9/11</i>	8:00 am	+Frank & Libbie Yeck
<i>Tuesday 9/12</i>	8:00 am	Spencer Bale
<i>Wednesday 9/13</i>	5:30 pm	Shirley Rieker
<i>Thursday 9/14</i>	8:00 am	John G. Perlinger
<i>Friday 9/15</i>	8:00 am	+Jim Zeleny
<i>Saturday 9/16</i>	5:00 pm	+Nadine Rieker
<i>Sunday 9/17</i>	10:00 am	Missa Pro Populo

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

#### September 16-17, 2023 (24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
Lector	Forrest Kain	John Bode
Acolyte	Ron Tejral	Spencer Hampton
Server	Elijah Heimann	Eidren Hampton
	Hans Kain	Keaton Hampton
Music	Greg Vandenberg	Matt & Ashley Perlinger
Gifts	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Ushers	Cindy Swanson	Duane & Heather Johnsen

**Stewardship: September 4, 2023:** Adult Envelopes- \$3,481,  
 Maintenance- \$95, Ukrainian Relief- \$310

**Thank you to all** who donated toward the Ukrainian Orphan Relief at last weekend's coffee and rolls. The donation will be forwarded through the Knights of Columbus portal for Ukraine to ensure it reaches its intended need.

**Come to the Paul J. Kim Presentation** at North Platte McDaid Gym on Monday, October 2 from 7-8:30 pm. All are invited and welcome to listen to one of the most sought out Catholic youth and young adult speakers in America. Using laughter, deep reflection and prayer, Paul utilizes his many talents such as music, beatboxing, comedy, and inspirational skills to communicate the Gospel message. Please come and join!

**Please mark this on your calendars.** Workers are needed on Saturday, September 30 to set up for our Pumpkin Festival on October 1. We will start at 8:00 am! Rolls, coffee, and juice will be provided. Lunch will also be available after setting up. We need strong men and high school guys to help. Girls/ladies are invited to assist as well. We will and can find jobs for all who are willing to chip in to make it fun and easy. We want to clean out the shed that day as it has needed that for a long time! Please contact Cindy Swanson, Alice Robinson, or Fr. Rand if you have any questions.

**The Pumpkin Festival Plant Booth** is in need of indoor/outdoor plants, or cuttings. If you have some to donate, please contact Toni Barron at 530-9982. Thanks!

**One day two eggplants,** who were best friends, were walking together down the street. They stepped off the curb and a speeding car came around the Eggplants and ran one of them over. The uninjured eggplant called 911 and helped his injured friend as best he was able. The injured eggplant was taken to emergency at the hospital and rushed into surgery. After a long and agonizing wait, the doctor finally appeared. He told the uninjured eggplant, "I have good news, and I have bad news. The good news is that your friend is going to pull through." "The bad news is that he's going to be a vegetable for the rest of his life".

**The National Eucharistic Revival** is the response to a divine invitation to be healed, renewed, and unified by Jesus Christ's Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist. The milestone moment of this Revival will be the 10th National Eucharistic Congress in July 2024—the first of its kind in 83 years! Leading up to this historic event, an unprecedented coast-to-coast Eucharistic Pilgrimage will powerfully and publicly display Our Lord's desire to draw near to his people. There will be 4 routes across our nation with 9 stops on each route from May 17-July 16 of 2024. It is with great honor and privilege that North Platte was selected for the weekend of June 14-16, 2024 as one of the nine stops on the Sierra Route from San Francisco to Indianapolis where the Revival will take place for our nation. The three parishes of North Platte are working together to coordinate with the national level on expectations and needs. Please pray for God to work through these revival efforts to increase devotion to the Holy Eucharist.

**You are fully known and deeply loved!** The WRC has been serving our community for over 50 years. Join the celebration at the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Resource Center Fundraising Banquet on Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> to learn more about the ministry, how they serve our community, and how you can share your time, talents, and treasures. See Greg Vandenberg or Joan Ryland or call the WRC at 534-1440 for more information.

**Bishop Emeritus Fabian Bruskewitz of Lincoln** will be a guest speaker on Friday September 29 from 6:30pm-8:30pm at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Lincoln, and will present on the topic of Vatican II. Free parking! \$10 per ticket to attend. Provided by the Office of Religious Education, in conjunction with the Emmaus Institute and Newman Institute.

**The Daughters of Charity Meeting** will be in the Parish Hall classroom on Sunday, September 17 (not Sunday, September 10) immediately after Mass.

**The Knights of Columbus** will meet on Monday, September 11 at 7:00pm in the church, followed by the meeting in the Parish Hall.

**The Knights of Columbus Breakfast** will be Sunday, September 17 (not Sunday, September 10), in order not to conflict with St Patrick's Parish Festival.

**Teaching Rock** will meet at 6:15pm in the Parish Hall on September 13. Topic: Miscellaneous Questions of Faith and their Answers.

**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. 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 Benedict Prayer <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/warfareconference>

**Pumpkin Festival Raffle tickets** have been sent to all registered parishioners. This is one way to support our communal fundraiser to pay the parish expenses in addition to general tithing. Thank you to all who have already approached their neighbors and family and turned in their tickets. It would be a joyful accomplishment to have all sold before the Pumpkin Festival begins. Please don't throw away unsold tickets—return them or sold ones to the office in the top slot by the office door.

**Do you have a talent to** offer for bidding on our Silent Auction for Pumpkin Festival, like painting a room, baking cookies or other treats, babysitting, making a meal, light handy man work, etc? Let the Holy Spirit lead you to some creative thinking and if He graces you with a thought, bring it to the Silent Auction committee (Donna Bode, Father Rand, Jane Kuchta).

**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 examine your heart and mind. 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](http://www.creighton.edu/retreatcenter/scheduleofretreats)

**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](http://NECatholic.org)

**North Platte Holy Spirit Fall Festival** is Sunday September 24 from 11-2. Serving Turkey dinner dine-in or drive thru, Raffle, Special raffle, Silent Auction, Baked Goods, children's games. Please help support a neighboring parish.

**Thank you to Joan** Ryland for single handedly scrubbing and cleaning the narthex floors. Your gift of time and effort are greatly appreciated.

### **St Pat's School News**:-UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, September 11: GGO @ Hershey Invite 5:00PM—JV FB vs. Perkins County Tuesday, September 12: 4:00PM—JH VB vs. Perkins County 5:00PM—R, JV, V VB @ Gothenburg Thursday, September 14: 3:00PM—JH FB @ Maxwell 5:00PM—R, JV, V VB vs. Cozad 5:00PM—XC @ Ravenna Friday, September 15: Youth Cheer Clinic 6:00PM—NEland Tailgate 7:00PM—Football vs. Sutherland Saturday, September 16: 10:00AM—V VB @ Pleasanton. **Keeping the Tradition:** At the beginning of each school year, our Senior Class Officers take a day to raise the American Flag outside of St. Pat's High School. The flag-raising by the senior officers marks the beginning of the school year and our students' commitment to hard work, good citizenship and academic excellence.

**In the early to mid-1990s**, several different groups of people began to think about and plan for Catholic radio in Omaha. A group of couples who had attended a Christians Encounter Christ (CEC) weekend took the task to heart. After nearly five years of negotiations, prayer and the generosity of a few local Catholic families, Catholic Radio—*KVSS*—hit the airwaves. In 1999, VSS Catholic Communications, Inc. purchased a 500-watt signal from an existing local radio station and immediately began broadcasting a mix of contemporary Christian music and Catholic programming from the EWTN Radio Network on the 88.9-FM frequency. Additional programming followed from St. Joseph Communications, Catholic Answers, Ave Maria and Starboard Communications. After broadcasting for ten years on a small signal, VSS partnered with Kolbe Media, a group of people committed to Catholic radio in the Lincoln, Nebraska community and on Jan. 29, 2009, Spirit Catholic Radio purchased a new signal on 102.7-FM, and expanded to reach both the Omaha and Lincoln communities as well as over 1.2 million potential listeners throughout eastern Nebraska and western Iowa at 50,000 watts. The Holy Spirit wasn't content with just this station and the translator stations in Norfolk and Schuyler, Neb. An opportunity arose in April 2009 to purchase a signal in Grand Island, Neb. Spirit 91.5-FM began broadcasting December 23 after an intense

fundraising effort by the people in Grand Island with the help of many prayers. This signal was expanded to reach the Kearney and Hastings areas on July 19, 2011 after a fundraising effort in those communities and surrounding areas. Less than a week later (but more than five years in the making) Spirit 88.3-FM KOLB began broadcasting at 100,000 watts in Northeast Nebraska on July 23, 2011. A North Platte signal (90.1 FM) was added a month later. Additional signals were started in Chadron and Columbus. Fourteen affiliate low-power stations joined the network in 2005. The Scottsbluff station went on the air in 2020 on 99.3-FM after five years as a low-power signal. Now, over 92 percent of the state of Nebraska receives Catholic radio from this lay-driven apostolate. Thank you to all who support this ministry and who tune in to listen!

**Dr. David Anders**, a Catholic catechist, speaker, and writer, is coming Tuesday, September 19th, to Christ the King Catholic Church in Omaha at 7pm. His topic is "Relationship with Christ in the Catholic Church." Tickets are on sale now for this event for \$5 for one ticket or \$20 for 5 tickets. Become an Evangelist and invite your friends and neighbors. Go to [spiritcatholicradio.com](http://spiritcatholicradio.com) for more info and to purchase tickets!

**Theology on Tap** is back at St Patrick's, North Platte! We will be meeting at Occasions on September 17, 2023, at 6:30pm. Eric Heckman from the GI Diocese will be our speaker. He is going to speak about his World Youth Day Encounter and the Eucharist. Anyone 21 to 40 years of age is invited to attend. We have a great line up of speakers before Christmas. Watch your bulletin for more info!

**Join tens of** thousands of fellow Catholics in prayer invoking the intercession of St. Michael during CatholicVote's upcoming Novena to Defend Catholics in America, September 20 - 28. To participate, visit [catholicvote.org/novena](http://catholicvote.org/novena) and receive special access to all the prayers and a daily email during the Novena to remind you to pray. St. Michael the Archangel, defend us!

**St. Gregory the Great Seminary-** Fall "Come and See" Weekend Sign Up--**When:** September 16 & 17, 2023 **Where:** St. Gregory the Great Seminary, 800 Fletcher Rd. Seward, NE 68434 **Contact** us at (402) 643-4052 or sggs@sggs.edu **Who:** Men, High School Seniors and Older **What:** Arrive Saturday, Sept. 16 at 8:30am, depart Sunday, Sept. 17 by 2pm Join us for a weekend including: seminarians, sports, brotherhood, meaningful prayer, great food! **Bring:** sports clothes; clothes for Mass (pants & shirt with collar); toiletries, towel... **Optional:** Bible, journal, Rosary. **Cost:** free \$20 donation for food is appreciated)

**Ablaze Worship Night:** Bring your family to an outdoor event of Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly. Sun, Sept. 24, 6-8pm for Times of Praise and Adoration with Fr. Michael Voithofer.

**On August 4 new** men started the Propaedeutic Stage at St. Gregory's Seminary for our diocese: Andrew Foley (St. Peter, Lincoln), Joseph Heimbrecht (St. John's, Lincoln), Max Summa (St. Vincent de Paul, Seward), and Bodie Belz (Sacred Heart, Kenesaw). Please keep them in your prayers as they discern their vocations to the priesthood!

**Dear Friends,** Last week, members of the Executive Team for the National Eucharistic Revival gathered to prayerfully prepare and plan for the Year of Mission, which launches at the conclusion of the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis next July 2024 and culminates in 2025, the Jubilee year (themed "Pilgrims of Hope"). As we discerned and considered the various opportunities possible to help every Catholic engage more deeply in what it means to be on mission, one member of the executive team shared with the whole group a jarring question that had come to him in prayer: "When did Jesus stop being enough?" In big and little ways—if we are honest—we can all relate to this question. I remember years ago when I first sensed the call to religious life. I struggled because, deep in my heart, I didn't believe Jesus' love was enough for me. It was only when I chose to surrender to his merciful love that I began to experience how his love—indeed, how Jesus himself—is infinitely more than enough for me.

This coming week—before Sunday Mass, in the quiet of an adoration chapel, before the tabernacle, or even in the privacy of your room—you can join me in making a spiritual examen, asking Jesus these questions: Jesus, where in my heart do I still doubt that you are enough? What part of me believes I am unworthy of you? How do I believe the lie that other people or pleasure or possessions or power will fill my heart, when the truth is that only you can? After you've sat for a little while in prayer with these questions, ask Jesus to show you how: "he alone nourishes our soul; he alone forgives us from that evil that we cannot overcome on our own; he alone makes us feel loved even if everyone else disappoints us; he alone gives us the strength to love and, he alone gives us the strength to forgive in difficulties; he alone gives that peace to the heart that it is searching for; he alone gives eternal life when life here on earth ends."\* He alone is enough. Wait in the silence—he will answer, even if ever so softly. From Sister Alicia Torres, F.E.

**McCook Saint Patricks'** Fall Festival is Sunday September 24 from noon-4 pm with DJ Music, Outdoor Snack Shack, Indoor Sit-down meal, Bingo, Live & Silent Auctions, Games for children.

**God, our Father,** protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen

**Prayer Intentions:** Prayer intentions will remain in the bulletin for three weeks. += repose of soul  
+Bonnie Keck Tilford + Richard Bohaty Sr.  
+Robert David Gross