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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.\*

## September 14, 2025: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Mass Intentions		
Monday 9/15	7:00 am	Jessica Navin
Tuesday 9/16	8:00 am	Conrad & Carmen Buhrman
Wednesday 9/17	5:30 pm	Julian, Beatrice, & Marty Estrada, Sylvia Prather
Thursday 9/18	8:00 am	Greg Vandenberg
Friday 9/19	8:00 am	Priests of North Platte
Saturday 9/20	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Charlie Kirk+ Missa Pro Populo
Sunday 9/21	10:00 am	Daughters of Charity

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS September 19 – 20, 2025 (25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
Lector/Reader	Mary Herout	Justin Pieper
Acolyte	Derek Miller	Duane Johnsen
Server	Nathan Miller	Jack Pieper
	Luke Miller	Liam Pieper
Music	Monica Mordja	Matt & Ashley Perlinger
Gifts	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Ushers	Steve & Janet Fear	Dave Beran

Stewardship: September 7, 2025- Adult \$1,980, Loose Plate- \$262,  
Maintenance- \$100. Total: \$2,342

**On Saturday, September 20,** there will be a 9:00am Mass for the happy repose of the soul of Charlie Kirk.

**Pumpkin Festival this Year:** Please stop by the Pumpkin Festival Table after Mass and pick up raffle tickets to sell. We have double the amount that we have had in previous years that need to be sold. The money will go to various areas in support of the church. You may pick up extra if you'd like to sell them at a local event or your school's sports events. Thank you for your help!

**The 11th annual Holy Spirit Fall Festival** will be held on Sunday, Sept. 28, 2025 from 11:00am until 2:00pm, at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 2801 West E Street.

**Theology on Tap:** Fun and Fellowship for adults ages 21-45, September 21st at 6pm at APEShip Brewing. Dinner provided.

**EMBER DAYS:** Prayers offered in thanksgiving, for crops, for safety, for priests. People often complain about the weather, and very few do anything about it. My Mom mentioned the Church tradition of "Ember Days" and I did some research on their history. Ember days are three days set apart in each of the four seasons, for a total of 12 days. **They are special days of prayer and thanksgiving.** Ember Days are the Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday of four weeks, and are traditionally days of prayer, of fasting and of abstaining from meat. In the spring, they are Wednesday, Friday and Saturday of the first full week of Lent. In the early summer... the week following Pentecost. In the fall, they are the days just after the Feast of the Holy Cross (September 14). In the winter, they are just after the Feast of St. Lucy (December 13). The name is a corruption of the Latin for "four times," Quatuor Tempora. The tradition of four sets of Ember Days goes back to Pope Gregory VII (1073-1085), and three sets of Ember Days dates as early as the year 222. Leo the Great even considered that they were of apostolic origin. It stands to reason, since we all depend on farmers for survival, that we should ask the Lord of the Harvest to bless the harvest so that we can be well fed and safe. We also pray for our priests so that after others have raised the grain, and others process it, and others make it bread, the Priests can give us the bread of life. "Ember Days gives us a time to focus in on what we do for a living," said Bob VanWesten. "Being a farmer, we always are asking God for good weather and these days make for a good

time to praise God for what he has done for us." "As farmers and living in a farming community, we appreciate having the Ember Masses throughout the year," said parishioner Rhonda Burkhart. "These Masses remind us of God's role in our lives and our farms. We ask God for the right kind of weather to plant, grow, and harvest our crops. And because farming can be dangerous, we are also reminded to ask God to keep us and our neighbors safe." The goal is two-fold: for people to pray harder, and to join one another in praying. For good weather (Yes, for rain), safety, in thanksgiving for crops, and for Priests. Saint John Vianney said, "If you light a single piece of straw on fire it's no big deal... but if you light a haystack on fire now you have a fire that can melt glass. That's what it's like when we pray together." Instead of complaining about the weather, take that energy and use it to ask Our Heavenly Father to bless us with good weather, safety in our labors, and with good and holy Priests. **The upcoming Ember days are:** December 18, 20 & 21, 2024. March 12, 14 & 15, 2025. June 11, 13 & 14. September 17, 19 & 20, 2025. **What are the "Prayers" of Ember Days?** There are, per se, no prayers of Ember days, i.e., there is no Ember Days prayer, like the Prayer to Saint Michael, or an Ember rosary. **There are, however, prayers we can pray and things we are called to do on Ember days: 1. Fast & abstain 2. Come to Mass 3. Pray a Rosary for the Ember Days intentions (Moisture, safety, thanksgiving, for good & holy Priests) 4. Make the stations of the Cross 5. Et cetera**

**(As per Ed Rieker) Jeremy and Christina Jack** are in a tough spot, and they need our help. Their precious baby Jesse arrived nine weeks early and is currently receiving care at Bryan East Hospital in Lincoln, Nebraska. This situation has placed an enormous financial strain on them as they navigate medical expenses and the cost of traveling to visit their son, which is a long 500-mile round trip. To make matters worse, Jeremy was recently diagnosed with a leaky heart valve, which may require surgery. They are facing challenges that no new parents should have to endure. If you have a little to spare or even a car that can help them make those trips easier, it would mean the world to this family. Please consider donating through the link below to support Jeremy, Christina, and baby Jesse during this difficult time  
God Bless you,  
<https://gofund.me/09e3cb030>

**SAVE THE DATE!** Seven Sisters Apostolate Day of Renewal ~ Saturday, October 18 ~ St Gregory the Great Seminary ~ with Janette Howe, Apostolate Foundress. All are invited, those who are Seven Sisters and also those who want to learn more. There are Fasting Brothers Groups available for men who'd like to support our Priests. Mark your calendars to attend and learn more about this important Apostolate of Holy Hours for our Priests!

**THANK YOU** to all who donated to and supported the Bake/Plant Sale. Thanks to your kindness and generosity, \$1,159.50 was raised and will support the Fresh Flower fund and Parish needs.

**"Ramp Up" the Pantry!** A "Handicapped Accessible" Ramp is needed at the Pantry in order to better serve those in need. A plan has been approved to raise the needed funds to pay for it, and have it completed before autumn. Will you please help us to expand our service with a pace-setting financial gift toward the handicapped ramp project? Your support will help us to solve this problem and move forward to help even more families who need our support at this time of growth in our city. Gifts of all sizes are needed: \$1,000, \$500, \$100, \$50, other. Please make checks payable to: North Platte Catholic Pantry Program and mail to: Pantry Ramp Up Project, 421 1/2 East 3rd Street, North Platte, NE. 69101. Thank you in advance for your continued support!

**America needs Fatima.** Please join us to pray the Rosary at St. Patrick Catholic Church on October 11, 2025 at 12pm noon. "The Rosary is a priceless treasure inspired by God" St. Louis De Monfort.

**Knights Breakfast and Vocations Support:** Our council is participating in a program to give a \$500 stipend to seminarian Matthew Davis. He is from nearby Alma and has a nearly lifelong connection to our pastor. We invite you to help with a free will offering either directly to council or at breakfast on September 14. Thank you.

**Boys and Girls age 9 - 14:** Try your hand, I mean, *foot*, at the Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge. You don't have to be a pro; just kick the ball into different zones of the goal for varying point values. No special gear required. September 27 & 28 after Mass on the field east of the Parish Hall.

**Please pray for** Sr. Mary Elizabeth of the Trinity of Park Hills, KY. She is a Junior Professed Novice at the Sisters of the Carmel of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

**Good Counsel Retreat House Upcoming Retreats:**  
**Ola Preached Spiritual Exercises with TLM** – Sept 19-21 (Women), Oct 17-19 (Men)

Enter into silence with the Traditional Latin Mass. Fr. Martin Adams (Women) & Fr. Joseph Lee (Men). Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly, NE. [goodcounselretreat.org](http://goodcounselretreat.org) | 402-786-2705

**Magnificat Women's Life in the Spirit Retreat Sept 26–28, 2025** | Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly, NE "You Have Been Given a Gift – Let's Stir it Up!" This retreat invites women to make or renew a deep personal commitment to Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. Led by the Living Praise Worship Team from Steubenville, OH—Susan Potvin, Karen Herrmann, and Carolyn Cannizzaro—participants will experience dynamic talks, personal testimony, praise and worship, and prayer for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit. This Life in the Spirit Seminar is rooted in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal and will help you embrace the gifts, power, and victory the Holy Spirit offers for daily Christian living.

Register at [goodcounselretreat.org](http://goodcounselretreat.org) or call 402-786-2705.

**Eucharistic Adoration Retreat** – Oct 3-5

"Come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!" This weekend retreat will immerse you in the beauty and power of Eucharistic Adoration. Guided by Fr. Matt Eickhoff and the Knights of the Holy Eucharist, you'll spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, grow in your love for Jesus in the Eucharist, and discover how Adoration can transform your spiritual life. Whether you are new to Adoration or have been practicing it for years, this retreat will deepen your faith and draw you closer to the Heart of Christ. Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly, NE.

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**Abortion and the Church:** "When Catholics oppose abortion, they do so not because of some special Catholic religious doctrine or simply because the church says so. Rather, the church teaches abortion is wrong because it already is. Abortion violates the universal natural law by abusing the inherent human rights of the unborn child. The injustice of genocide, oppressing the poor, the killing unborn children is not a matter of religious doctrine. It's a matter of natural law." – Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, *Render Unto Caesar* (2008), p. 83.

**Prayers Requests:** +Charlie Kirk, +Iryna Zarutka, Victims of the Colorado School Shooting (critically injured)