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ST. ELIZABETH

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CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor: Fr. Rand Langhorst
 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-
 4:35pm, 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: 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-
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September 15, 2024: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
Monday 9/16	8:00 am	Fr. Andrzej
Tuesday 9/17	No Mass	
Wednesday 9/18	5:30 pm	Liv/Dec DOC Members
Thursday 9/19	8:00 am	+Rick Hallquist
Friday 9/20	8:00 am	Brook Bale
Saturday 9/21	8:00 am 5:00 pm	+Dustin Biegler Missa Pro Populo
Sunday 9/22	10:00 am	Gerald & Shirley Booker

LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

September 21-22, 2024 (25th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
Lector/Reader	Ron Tejral	Cindy Swanson
Acolyte	Phil Heimann	Spencer Hampton
Server	Elijah Heimann	Kieran Tejral
	James Krondak	James Green
Music	Monica Mordja	Matt & Ashley Perlinger
Gifts	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Ushers	Steve & Janet Fear	Dave Beran

Stewardship: September 9, 2024: Adult Envelopes- \$2,661, Hall
 Rental- \$100

All priests of the Diocese will be gathering in Seward for a Day of Study on Tuesday, September 17. Fr. Rand will be leaving for it early afternoon on Monday, September 16.

The Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive to benefit persons with intellectual disabilities will be held the weekend of Oct 11 & 12. Please be generous as you are able.

There will be no Knights of Columbus breakfast in the month of October.

Save the date: GREEN to support the Catholic schools of North Platte will be Saturday, October 26.

For your information---The Church stipulates that on the anniversary of the dedication of a local church it carries the weight liturgically of a Solemnity. Our dedication date is October 2. Even when this date falls on a Sunday, it outranks the Sunday celebration during Ordinary Time. While it is not a Holy Day of Obligation, it will carry the Creed, extra reading and so forth. Parishioners are encouraged to celebrate their own local church dedication by attending Mass that day.

Fall/Winter 2024 Retreat Schedule at Good Counsel in Waverly: Oct. 11-13: "Recognizing the Devil's Tactics" Retreat with Fr. Jeremy Hazuka Oct. 25-27: "My Lord, My God, My All" Retreat with Bishop Robert Finn with the Knights of the Holy Eucharist Nov. 1-3: "Healing of Memories" Retreat with Ian Butler Nov. 22-24: "Our Lady's Promises and Protection" Retreat with Fr. Elias Mary Dec. 6-8: "There's Always More with God" Women's Retreat with the Marian Sisters Dec. 12-15: "Men's Spiritual Exercises" with Regnum Christi-- For more info 402-786-2705

In the liturgical calendar, the color for each day corresponds to that day's main liturgical celebration, even though Optional Memorials (perhaps with a different color) might be chosen instead. The four main colors shown are: White – Christmas Time and Easter Time; celebrations of the Lord (except of his Passion), of Mary, of the Angels, and of Saints who were not Martyrs; solemnities of the Most Holy Trinity (Sun. after Pentecost), of All Saints (Nov. 1), and of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist

(June 24); feasts of the Conversion of St. Paul (Jan. 25), of the Chair of St. Peter (Feb. 22), and of St. John (Dec. 27); also permitted in the United States at Masses for the Dead Red – Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Pentecost Sunday; celebrations of the Lord's Passion, of Apostles, and of Evangelists; celebrations of Martyrs Green – Ordinary Time Violet – Advent and Lent; Masses for the Dead Other liturgical colors not represented on this calendar include rose (Third Sun. of Advent and Fourth Sun. of Lent), black (Masses for the Dead), and gold or silver (permitted in the United States for more solemn occasions).

A 2014 PEW study found that 13% of all U.S. adults are former Catholics—and that was ten years ago! That means for every convert to the faith, there are at least 6.5 fallen-away Catholics. COVID-19 amplified this problem. A 2022 CARA study showed a 7% decline in Sunday Mass attendance compared with pre-COVID data. This significant portion of Catholics lost connection with their local Parish during the shutdowns, and just never came back. It's time to bring them home. In this Year of Parish Revival, we are inviting clergy and Parish leaders to pursue each lapsed member of their flock. Just like the Good Shepherd, we will call each of the lost sheep home as a part of the *Invite One Back* initiative. This campaign begins now in anticipation of the upcoming Year of Mission, when the wider Church will be sent out to win new souls for Christ. Returning fallen-away members to the fold will set the groundwork for this new missionary chapter. The goal of this initiative is to guide people to intimate encounters with Jesus Christ and lead souls to salvation, allowing them to experience God's love, mercy, and goodness. Whom are you called to invite home?

Our Mission Coop priest the weekend of September 21/22 will be Fr. Freddie Pinuela. He was born on June 10, 1964 in Zarraga, Iloilo in the Philippines. We hope you will be generous either through the envelope previously provided in your mailed packets or by placing an envelope noting your name and envelope number with the words "For Mission Coop" thank you in advance for whatever you can do with us to provide for the less fortunate.

There are two Come & See events at St. Gregory the Great Seminary this year in Seward that are open to men Juniors in High School and older. Join us to check out or start discernment if God may be calling you to the Holy Priesthood. 1) September 28-29: A Saturday / Sunday event. Register here: <https://www.sggs.edu/come-and-see2>) March 7-9: a Weekend Discernment Retreat. Registration will be sent to you at a later date.

The Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge will be September 28 & 29, and is for boys and girls ages 9-14. It will be held after both weekend Masses on the field east of the Parish Hall.

The Fifth Sunday Rosary will be held at 6 pm on Sunday, September 29. All are welcome to attend.

The Mother/Daughter Program for 9-13-year-old girls (Must be accompanied by their mother or other supportive adult female) SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024, 1:30-4:30 PM at the John XXIII center or virtually online. Register <https://lincolnDiocese.regfox.com/motherdaughter>

Cursillo News-- Are you where you want to be in your faith life? Do you need a better relationship with our Lord? Cursillo may be the answer. Cursillo Weekends are scheduled at St. Patrick Parish in McCook, NE, October 3-6, 2024 (Women) and October 31-November 3, 2024 (Men). Contact glvandenbergl@charter.net (308-530-7587)

The Pumpkin Festival will be here sooner than we might think. It is set for Sunday, October 6 from 11 am-2 pm. Please keep it in your prayers. The Pumpkin Festival Silent Auction Committee would like to suggest for those wishing to donate items the following ideas: local gift or gas cards, using your credit card points to pick out an item or gift card to donate, a themed basket of new items of your making, an hour of light house cleaning, yard work or babysitting service, or baking certificate (such as cookies, cakes, breads, rolls, desserts, etc.) for a specific date or holiday just to name a few. Refer questions to committee members Mary Herout, Donna Bode, or Jane Kuchta.

Theology on Tap is back! Young adults ages 21-45 are invited to participate in fun and fellowship on September 15th at 6pm at APEShip Brewing

(520 North Dewey). The first drink is free with complimentary light snacks being served. The speaker will be Elizabeth Heidt-Kozisek on Victim Assistance.

The Marian Sisters and Serra Club are sponsoring a Father/Daughter Retreat on September 21 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Girls grades 2-5 and their dads are invited to Lincoln. No charge for this event, just bring a sack lunch and water bottle. RSVP to fatherdaughterlincoln@gmail.com by Sept. 18.

The 10th annual Holy Spirit Fall Festival will be held on Sunday, September 22, 2024. Featuring a Parish dinner with slow roasted turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, vegetable, dessert and drink. Games with prizes for youth. Silent Auction and two gigantic raffles for adults. Something for everyone. Eat inside Nelson Hall, or drive-thru.

Beginning October 1st, 2024, Spirit Catholic Radio will begin taking submissions to our annual Art Contest! Returning this year, the winner's masterpieces will be turned into prayer cards! These cards will be available at all Spirit Catholic Radio events throughout the year and given to all of the Catholic elementary schools and participating Faith Formation classes in our listening area. Students grades Kindergarten through 8th Grade who are attending a Catholic school, Religious Education class, and/or are homeschooled are eligible to participate. We would love for your students to be involved! It's a creative and fun way to learn more about the life of Christ and to grow in relationship with the Blessed Mother! The winning artists will receive prizes! The theme for the 2024 contest is The Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary. Your artists can pick between the two mysteries for their grade range below: K - 2nd Grade: The Baptism of the Lord - or - The Wedding at Cana 3rd - 5th Grade: The Transfiguration - or - The Holy Rosary 6th - 8th Grade: The Proclamation of the Kingdom - or - The Institution of the Eucharist. Contest entries are due by December 13th, 2024. Go to kvss@kvss.com or call 855.571.0200 for more information.

The Daughters of Charity Meeting will be at 11 am on Sunday, September 22.

Life is Hard. Help is just a phone call away. Need to talk to someone that you can trust? Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska's Immaculate Heart of Mary Counseling Center, 402-489-1834.

Please help out our only Parish-wide fundraiser. The following areas will be requesting baked goods for the Pumpkin Fall Festival: Bake Sale - pies, kolaches, small loaf fruit breads, homemade bread, rolls, cookies, bars, cakes and jellies. Bars, cookies and rolls sell best in packages of 6 Dessert Walk - cakes, bars and cookies. All items should be in covered containers or wrapped with cellophane. Pie Booth - Whole fruit pies. Baked goods can be dropped off in the social Hall on Saturday, October 5th afternoon or evening until 8 pm or Sunday, October 6th before 10am.

Plants or cuttings from plants are being accepted for the Pumpkin Festival. Please drop off in the narthex. If you have questions, please contact Toni at 308-530-9982

Are you choosing to live disconnected or connected with what is of importance and value. The real focus and question becomes "why?"

Feast of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina (September 23) Saint Pio is better known as "Padre Pio". He was born Francesco Forgione in 1887, one of seven children in a simple peasant family. His growing up years were marked by daily Mass, family rosary, and acts of penance. He decided at a young age to dedicate his life to God. He joined the Capuchin Franciscan Friars at 15 years old. He was ordained a priest in 1910 and took the name Pio, a modern Italian form of "Pius," in honor of Pope St. Pius V. He was assigned to the Friary in San Giovanni Rotondo in central Italy, where he lived the rest of his life. Padre Pio suffered from illnesses and health problems. He also experienced religious ecstasy and attacks from the devil (friars would report strange noises coming from his cell). He was reportedly able to bi-locate, levitate, and heal by touch. In 1918, while praying before a cross, Padre Pio received the painful Stigmata – the five wounds of Christ's passion. He was the first stigmatized priest in Church history. The Stigmata would remain with him for 50 years. Many doctors looked at his wounds with no explanation. They openly bled with

no drop in blood pressure. Doctors estimated that he lost a cup of blood every day. The wounds were deep, but free of inflammation and swelling. During World War I, Padre Pio served in the military and offered his own personal suffering for an end to war. In 1956 he founded the House for the Relief of Suffering, a hospital that serves 60,000 a year. Against his wishes, Padre Pio's reputation for holiness and miracles began to attract crowds. Millions of people attended his Masses. He received letters from believers all over the world who asked for his saintly counsel and spiritual guidance. Countless were attracted to his confessional, where he would hear confessions for up to 16 hours a day. People waited as much as two weeks to have him hear their confession. Yet despite such notoriety, he would often say, "I only want to be a poor friar who prays." His life was marked by long hours of prayer and sacrifice. He had a deep union with God, a burning love for the Holy Eucharist, and a fervent devotion to Our Blessed Mother. Worn out by years of intense suffering and constant apostolic activity, Padre Pio was called to his heavenly reward on September 23, 1968. He was canonized by Pope St. John Paul II in 2002. Today, his tomb is the most visited shrine in Europe, surpassing even Fatima and Lourdes. Famous quotes from Padre Pio: "Today's society does not pray. That is why it is falling apart." – "Prayer is the best weapon we possess, the key that opens the heart of God." – "Pray, hope and don't worry. Worry is useless. Our Merciful Lord will listen to your prayer."

Prayer and meditation before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament are great ways to spend some special time with Him. You can ask Jesus for graces for yourself or for loved ones, reflect on His Word, or just keep Him company! And it's no bother for Jesus. In fact, He very much wants to see you! Join us Wednesdays between 6 PM and 9 PM.

How do I contribute to the family? Every family member has their part to see the family at its best whether in the home, the work place or the parish.

Thank you to all who helped with the Rescue Project this past week.

Prayer Requests: ill- Margaret Scheideler ill-Dave Pinkerton