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# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON 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  
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## September 29, 2024: 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
<b>Monday 9/30</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	+Phillip Pilakowski
<b>Tuesday 10/1</b>	7:00 am	Book of Memories/blessings
<b>Wednesday 10/2</b>	5:30 pm	Siblings of J & M Safford
<b>Thursday 10/3</b>	8:00 am	Bruce & Sandy Spindler & family
<b>Friday 10/4</b>	5:30pm	Poor Souls
<b>Saturday 10/5</b>	8:00 am 5:00 pm	Sanctification of Priests & Bishops Missa Pro Populo
<b>Sunday 10/6</b>	10:00 am	+Tyler Behm

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS October 5-6, 2024 (27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
<b>Lector/Reader</b>	Jim Nisley	Volunteer
<b>Acolyte</b>	Michael Krondak	Ron Tejral
<b>Server</b>	Alex Krondak	Johnathan Birulkin
	Nicholas Krondak	Jacob Birulkin
<b>Music</b>	Greg Vandenberg	Choir
<b>Gifts</b>	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
<b>Ushers</b>	Volunteer Needed	Dave Beran

**Stewardship: September 22, 2024:** Adult Envelopes- \$2,512,  
 Maintenance- \$470, Hall Rental- \$100, Mission Co-op- \$570

**Please welcome** Michael & Hali Schmitt (who joined the faith this weekend), and son Harrison to our Parish.

**Please consider attending** Mass next weekend on Saturday at 5 pm if you regularly attend on Sundays. There will be limited parking, as set up for our Pumpkin Fall Festival will be taking place that Sunday morning.

**Please join more than** one million children and Aid to the Church in Need on October 18 in praying the Rosary for peace and unity. We need your help to make this global prayer event a reality. We are inviting families, teachers, and Parishes from all corners of the world to take part with their children on this special day. You and your children will join hundreds of thousands of others in this powerful prayer, uniting us all in a common cause. This worldwide campaign is a beautiful reminder of Our Lady of Fatima's words: "Pray the Rosary, and there will be peace." Praying the rosary with children is not just a prayer; it's a powerful act that strengthens unity in the Church and among all people. It's from this unity that love for God and neighbor grows.

**BISHOP'S APPEAL FOR VOCATIONS** begins officially next week throughout the Diocese of Lincoln. Our Parish goal for seminary expenses is \$5,200 (our share of a diocesan goal of \$791,000). This is how we support the education of our future priests. Donation cards for Parishioners, preprinted by the Diocese have been mailed out. Please return it to the office via the collection or the drop box by the office with your donation in the next week or two, and we will send it in for you. (All checks payable to the "Bishop's Appeal for Vocations"). You may also mark on the card that you would like to receive an email link to give online, or you can give online directly: + Giving via Website: You can set up one-time or recurring payments from your credit / debit card or as a direct payment from your bank account by following these instructions: > From your web browser, type in the address: <https://lincolndiocese.aware3.net/give/> > Select "St Elizabeth Ann Seton Church of North Platte" as the campus. Type in the amount of your one-time, or recurring payment (do NOT enter your total pledge amount). Choose "Bishop's Appeal for Vocations" from the list of funds/appeals. (To setup multiple payments, click the bubble next to "Recurring" and set the frequency. Enter the number of payments needed to complete your pledge prior to 01/31/2025.) Click the "Next" button. > Enter your personal information.

Click "Next". > Enter your credit / debit card or bank account information, confirm the details of your gift, and then click 'Donate (\$ amount)'. > One-time gifts will process immediately; recurring gifts will begin on the "Start Date" that you set. You will receive a confirmation email from [no-reply@aware3.com](mailto:no-reply@aware3.com), with the subject "Diocese of Lincoln Donation Receipt. Thank you to all who help us not only meet our goal but support the 17 new vocations discerning the priesthood for our diocese.

**He is calling you. Are you ready to stand? Eph. 6:11-18.** Come to the Life Chain at 4th & Jeffers on Sunday, October 6, from 2-3 pm. Unite with others for an hour of silent prayer to end abortion. Signs are provided. For more information, visit [LifeChain.org](http://LifeChain.org) and click on PARTICIPATE, or call your local coordinator Peggy at 308-532-3333.

**St Catherine's of Indianola is** hosting "the Upper Room": Life in the Spirit retreat led by the Disciples of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Sessions are Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 pm and continue on Saturday, October 19, from 9 am-9pm. \$15 Registration due upon arrival and a Free Will Offering to cover expenses. RSVP to Debbie 308-340-8481

**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.

**ONLINE GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP FOR PARENTS:** Red Bird Ministries invites you to join with other parents of loss as we explore what it means to grieve well. Over the course of this 8-week support group, you will connect with other parents of loss while delving deeper into themes of grief and healing. Led by a professionally trained group facilitator, families of loss will learn: About the grieving process; How to befriend our own unique rhythm of grieving; Practical steps we can take to foster healing; How to cultivate a posture of acceptance and peace toward your grief register: <https://www.redbird.love/school-grief>

**Thank you** to Joan Ryland for deep cleaning the narthex floor in preparation for our Fall Festival.

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

**When an airline pilot** and a pastor arrive in heaven at the same time, St. Peter warmly thanks the pastor. He explains that he did a great service, devoting his life to God and the church, and that due to his efforts, he was able to get many to pray and turn to God. As a result, his efforts have been rewarded, and he will live in a luxuriously large house in heaven, complete with all the amenities he'd ever wanted on earth but had turned down for a life of faith — a swimming pool, a sprawling lawn, a beautiful garden and even the sports car he'd always dreamed of. After St. Peter finishes explaining all this, he tells the pilot that he will also receive an even larger house, complete with two swimming pools, a hot tub, a garden maze and even a rare supercar. Confused, the pastor asks, "I don't understand. I'm grateful for everything I've received, and I'm happy that this pilot is being rewarded, too, but why does he get so much more?" St. Peter smiles. "Oh, that's simple. You were an excellent pastor, and you were able to get around 80% of your church's visitors to pray more and turn to God. But he was a terrible pilot, and he was able to get 100% of his plane's passengers to pray and turn to God."

**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.

**Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly** will host "Ablaze" with Father Michael Voithofer and Encounter Ministries, Sun Oct. 6, 5-7pm with Adoration, Praise and Worship. Bring chairs / blankets. Picnics welcome.

**The Pumpkin Festival** is set for Sunday, October 6 from 11 am-2 pm. Please keep it in your prayers.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> afternoon or evening until 8 pm or Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> 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

**G.R.E.E.N. 2024** Save the Date-- Join us at G.R.E.E.N.! Please mark your calendars and join us for a FUN night of fundraising at G.R.E.E.N. on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>! Dinner, drinks, games, prizes, auctions, lottery drawing, and entertainment – all in support of the North Platte Catholic Schools. Tickets are on sale now! Call the Endowment office to purchase: 308-534-5939, or buy online: [www.bidpal.net/green24](http://www.bidpal.net/green24). It's an event you don't want to miss!

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

**Servant of God Don Dolindo's Three Stages** of Surrender to the Will of God: They said he was possessed by a demon. That he was mentally unbalanced. That he denied hell and believed he was Jesus. That he was a heretic and was disrespectful to the Pope. These were only some of the false accusations leveled against Servant of God Don Dolindo Ruotolo by Church authorities between 1907 and 1937.... These lies ultimately resulted in the decades-long suspension of all his priestly faculties. Still, never once did Don Dolindo waver from his steadfast devotion to the Church. He let it be known always that no matter what the Church decided in his case, he would be completely obedient to Church authority. He was docile to the will of the Church at all costs. The accusations about him were false, but it took thirty years to dispel them. The Vatican tribunal dropped the charges against him in 1921 and found him innocent, declaring him neither guilty nor insane, but absurdly, beyond all reason, the authorities refused to reinstate his priestly faculties. Despite his innocence, Don Dolindo was not permitted to celebrate Mass again until 1937, when at last Pope Pius XI reinstated him in full. During those long years of waiting, Don Dolindo suffered what he described as a daily crucifixion. "My soul is as if broken," he writes in the book *Amore, Dolindo, Dolore*. "Truly,

each morning I place myself on Calvary. ... Every day I feel afresh the same pain, the same interior agony, and every day, in spirit, I stretch my arms out as if on the Cross." Yet he knew without a doubt that this tremendous suffering was not in vain. "Jesus, who is so good, will not leave this enormous effort sterile and useless." The unthinkable anguish that Don Dolindo endured from being falsely accused and humiliated only drew him closer to Jesus. The ignominy of his suffering was, he believed, a sign that it was the True Cross he was carrying. "A cross which does not humiliate us, one which we do not move *dragging*, that is, with repugnance, is not the True Cross carried by Simon of Cyrene," he explains. "*O Light in my sufferings! O joy in my humiliations! O serenity in my falls!* In this way my repugnance is an authentic sign that I am carrying the True Cross, the Cross of Jesus who walks before me." Ever since childhood, Don Dolindo had longed to carry crosses and to suffer for Jesus. In 1910, he had offered himself as a victim soul. In 1920, he renewed this offering in writing: "Lord, I offer myself to you as a victim soul, that I alone may be abandoned and in desolation, and I ask that you give all my consolations to my spiritual children. "I want only to be a leper, forgotten by all. ... I ask only that You make use of me as a victim. I ask only to be united in the anguish of Your agony. "O my Lord, You are so good, I know, and so I wish to be crucified along with You. Oh, that in me Your Passion may be re-enacted!" Although he started out with an iron will that was entirely directed toward suffering, Don Dolindo's approach began to change as his crosses became harder to bear. His writings from this time reflect three stages that he went through in his spiritual understanding of surrendering to the Will of God. In the first stage, during his youth and early priesthood, Don Dolindo only wanted suffering and nothing else. "When I was a child, I was always praying to have sufferings and crosses," he wrote in a letter to his dear friend, Elena Montella, in 1921. "When I was ordained a priest, I prayed for this even more fervently." "I would look longingly at the Cross, and complain when my suffering was removed." But then his crosses increased in weight, and the second stage of his spirituality of surrender began: instead of praying strictly for suffering, he started praying to do God's Will. At that point, he was relieved—though not yet grateful—for a respite from suffering. "When the terrible crosses began to come," he continued in his letter to Elena, "I recognized my utter weakness and prayed only to do the Will of God. "When trials struck me down, then a respite would follow. Although I was

relieved, yet I did not thank Jesus for the respite." Then the crosses became nearly unbearable, and Don Dolindo reached the third stage of surrender, in which he not only accepted relief from suffering but became grateful for it and even, at times, prayed for it. "Now that the crosses have become that much heavier," he explained to Elena, "now I do thank Him for the reprieve, and sometimes I even ask Him for it. "I've made a pact with Him: That He not heed me ever, unless it be His Will. And if it is not, that by my suffering He will be glorified." Where he had once set his sights only on suffering, now Don Dolindo sought only whatever God wanted to give him, whether that turned out to be suffering or relief. "I strive to maintain the same serenity of spirit regardless," he told Elena. "... I don't know if it is progress or regress, but it seems to me that it is much better to convince oneself of one's weakness and lowliness before God." In this complete self-abnegation, recognition of his weakness, and surrender of his own will, Don Dolindo found a peace that the world cannot give. "I have immersed myself, so to speak, wholly in Jesus' Passion, and so can confirm that this is the great secret to finding peace of soul."—Maura McKeegan

**Thank you to Fr. Freddie** (Mission Coop) for his help last weekend. Fr. Freddie will be in Cambridge this weekend and return this Sunday night to stay and take out a flight Monday morning to return to Los Angeles. Thank you to those who expressed their generosity to help in his missionary work.

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**Join us by taking a Holy** Hour First Friday evening through the night to Saturday morning, Oct 4-5 (sign up in the narthex) or by attending between 6-9 pm on Wednesdays. At present, by observation, 11 (individuals or families) make an hour several times a week, 9 make an hour a few times a week and 4 make an hour on a monthly basis. Allow your relationship with Christ to increase by coming into his Presence.

**Prayer Requests:** ill- Margaret Scheideler ill-Dave Pinkerton ill- Val Dworak ill-Sharon Beckius + James Arneson