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ST. ELIZABETH

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CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor: Fr. Rand Langhorst
 Parish Coordinator: Ashley
 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 3, 2023: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

| <i>Mass Intentions</i> | | |
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| <i>Monday 9/4</i> | 7:30 am | Names in Book of Memories and Blessings |
| <i>Tuesday 9/5</i> | 8:00 am | +Lawrence Heaslip |
| <i>Wednesday 9/6</i> | 5:30 pm | +Donna Svec |
| <i>Thursday 9/7</i> | 8:00 am | Judy Yeck |
| <i>Friday 9/8</i> | 8:00 am | Success of the Pumpkin Festival |
| <i>Saturday 9/9</i> | 5:00 pm | Missa Pro Populo |
| <i>Sunday 9/10</i> | 10:00 am | Volunteers at SEAS |

LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

September 9-10, 2023 (23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

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

Stewardship: August 27, 2023: Adult Envelopes- \$2,528,
 Maintenance- \$100, Mission Co-op- \$345

Please pray for all those who feel abandoned by God for whatever reason -- for those waiting for answers to prayer, and for those who are suffering and do not yet see the reasons behind what God is doing in their lives. Pray that they will be given the gift of unwavering faith through St. Monica's intercession, as well as consolation during difficult times.

Thank you to all who participated in our new Church Directory. Directories will hopefully be ready before Christmas. Special gratitude to Ashley Perlinger for all she did behind the scene and to sitting hosts Donna Bode, Diane Gregg and Alice Robinson.

The Father doesn't choose to love us, He wills to love us—He graces us and illuminates us with his love. There can be no choice as we think of choice for that would imply He could have acted differently. There was no selection or making a decision when faced with two or more possibilities. Our response however is a choice given in the freedom of will God has granted us.

North Platte St. Patrick's High School Seniors invite you to join them for the Rosary, when school is in session, on Wednesdays at 7:30am in the McDaid chapel or Mondays and Tuesdays in the McDaid Chapel at 9:40am.

Re-Member the Parish with your prayers and invitations!

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: Questions of Faith and their Answers.

Ablaze Worship Night: Bring your family to an outdoor event on the front lawn of Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly. Sun, September 24, 6-8pm. Praise, worship, Adoration and Eucharistic Revival with Fr. Michael Voithofer.

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 means 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.

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

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.

A pilgrimage to the Holy Land is a special time of spiritual journey for Christians. Join Fr. Rand of North Platte 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.

Holy Spirit Catholic Church 2023 Parish Mission Featuring Paulist Father James DiLuzio "Luke Live" Mission! Covering the Gospel of St. Luke, Chapters 1 - 6. Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday October 23rd, 24th, and 25th, 2023 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Holy Spirit Church 2023 Fall Festival: Sunday, September 24th, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm- Delicious Turkey Dinner, Dine-in or Drive-Thru, Gigantic Raffle- \$2,000 in cash plus \$300 in Gift Cards, Special Raffle- Authentic Indian Dinner for six, Silent Auction, Baked Goods "store", Children's games

Father-Daughter Day Retreat with the Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln. WHERE: 6765 N. 112th St. Waverly, Ne 68462. Sponsored by The Serra Club of Lincoln. WHEN: Saturday, September 9, 2023 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM. For dads & girls (grades 2nd-5th). Games, faith formation & time with the Sisters. No cost. Wear appropriate shoes and clothing for outdoor games. Bring a sack lunch & water bottle. RSVP: Justin Johnson, justinericjohnson@gmail.com OR text: 402-580-7888. RSVP by Wednesday, Sept. 6.

St. Pat's School News: Upcoming Events:
Monday, September 4: NO SCHOOL—Labor Day,
Tuesday, September 5: 10:00AM—GGO @ Broken Bow, 4:00PM—JH VB vs. Maxwell, 5:00PM—JV/V VB Tri @ Cambridge, Wednesday,
September 6: LLP 4/5 PHOTO DAY, Thursday,
September 7: LLP 3/4 PHOTO DAY, 4:30PM—XC @ Chase County, 5:00PM—R, JV, V VB @ Broken Bow, 5:00PM—JH FB vs. Perkins Co,
Friday, September 8: 10:00AM—ALL SCHOOL MASS, Grandparent's Day Celebration , 7:00PM—Football @ Kimball Saturday, September 9: 10:00AM—XC @ Broken Bow, 10:00AM—V VB Quad @ Bridgeport. Mark your calendars now, and make plans to join us for a FUN night of fundraising for the North Platte Catholic Schools! G.R.E.E.N. is Saturday, October 21st.

McCook St Patrick's Fall Festival will be held Sunday September 24 from 11-4pm.

Healing Hearts Grief Support Sessions for those who have suffered the loss of a loved one are being offered to assist Catholics in the grief process. The sessions will be held on six weekly Tuesday evenings beginning Sept. 19, 2023, 7:00-9:00 p.m., at John XXIII Diocesan Center, 37th & Sheridan Blvd. Suggested Donation: \$25 (for materials) To register, please call 402-473-0620.

Needing space away with the Lord to lay down your burdens? Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly has several upcoming retreats. Join us for "Work of the Holy Angels" with Opus Sanctorum Angelorum on Sept. 7-10, "Going Deeper" with Fr. Michael McCabe on Sept. 22-24 and our Ablaze Worship Night on Sunday, Sept. 24 at 6:00pm. Read more and register at www.goodcounselretreat.org, email office@goodcounselretreat.org or call 402-786-2705.

At the press conference, opponents of educational freedom claimed they gathered enough signatures (over 61,000) in enough counties (38 or more) to place LB753 Opportunity Scholarships on the November 2024 ballot. **What does this mean?** While opponents claimed to have secured enough signatures, we will look for official results from the Nebraska Secretary of State in the next 3-5 weeks. In the meantime, efforts are underway to deliver the first round of scholarships to children in need for the 2024-2025 school year! It is important to note that in the last two efforts to stifle education freedom (Arizona and Arkansas), opponents also claimed to have secured enough signatures. In both cases, they fell short. Regardless, we turn to prayer as we anticipate the official results. **What's next?** Should it be validated that opponents collected enough signatures in enough counties, LB753 Opportunity Scholarships will be placed on the November 2024 ballot. This is not defeat, however - the fight for educational freedom has just begun! This will mean a year filled with educating the public on the value of school choice. Sadly, it will also mean a continued campaign of misinformation against school choice by opponents. That said, the Opportunity Scholarships Act will go into legal enactment very soon. When the bill takes effect, we look forward to the first round of

scholarships reaching children in need for the 2024-2025 school year! God bless your continued efforts of being a committed advocate for school choice—and continue to pray for the success of the Opportunity Scholarships Act. In Christ, Tom Venzor Executive Director Pro-Life Nebraska Catholic Conference

Marriage Encounter: "Experiencing a heart-to-heart, exchange inside our couple-love." The next Marriage Encounter Experience is Sept. 22-24 in Hastings. Space is limited. To reserve, contact Gary & Brenda Granger 303-604-6202.

Little 8-year-old Nancy was in the garden filling in a hole when her neighbor peered over the fence. Interested in what the youngster was doing, he asked, "What are you doing there, Nancy?" "My goldfish died," Nancy sobbed. "And I've just buried him." The obnoxious neighbor laughed and said condescendingly, "That's a really big hole for a little goldfish, don't you think?" Nancy patted down the last heap of earth with her shovel and replied, "That's because he's inside your cat."

Thank you to all who have been sharing their garden surplus with our SEAS family. Each recipient is grateful to the donors involved.

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

The church will be locked in the afternoon on Labor Day—please be prepared to use the code to get in if you wish to pray.

Fr. Theo thanks all who are praying for his intentions and showed him many kindnesses on his visit appeal to our parish.

Prayer Intentions: Prayer intentions will remain in the bulletin for three weeks. += repose of soul. +Diane Troyer +Richard Bohaty, Sr.