

September 8, 2019

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

# ST ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH

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# 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever does not carry his own  
cross and come after me cannot be  
my disciple." - Lk 14:27

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday	5:30 p.m.
Saturday Morning	8:30 a.m.
Saturday Evening	5:30 p.m.
Sunday Morning	8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.,
Sunday Evening	5:30 p.m.

## HOLY DAY SCHEDULE

(except for Christmas, Easter & New Years)

Vigil (Evening Before)	5:30 p.m.
Holy Day	**12:10 p.m., 5:30 p.m.**

\*\*NOTE MASS TIME CHANGE

**Devotions**

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena Prayers following Saturday 8:30 a.m. Mass

**Exposition of Blessed Sacrament**

Thursday 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

**THE SACRAMENTS**

**Sacrament of the Sick**

Whenever serious surgery is scheduled, serious illness arises, or there has been a serious accident please call the parish office if you need a priest.

**Sacrament of Baptism**

- Call the parish office to schedule

• Baptism Class required, 1st Wednesday of the month, 7:00-8:30 pm at the Parish Center, Family Room. Call the parish office to register.

• RCIA Program (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), Thursdays 7-9, contact Tom Schrad, (402) 493-4112

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

One half hour prior to all masses except Saturday from 4:30-5:15 pm

**Sacrament of Holy Matrimony**

- Minimum 6 months notice of marriage date is required.
- Scheduling is done by the couple with the parish priests.

**Sacrament of Holy Orders**

• Those discerning a call to the Priesthood should contact one of the parish priests or Rev. Andrew Roza, Vocation Director of the Archdiocese of Omaha, at (402) 558-3100

• For Permanent Diaconate, you may contact any of the priests or deacons or contact Deacon James Keating, at (402) 558-3100 ext. 3010.

**Interested in joining St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish?**

Fill out the following information, return it in the collection basket or to the parish office and within the next few weeks someone will call to make an appointment to meet you, share information with you about our parish, and complete your registration.

\_\_\_\_\_ (name) \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

\_\_\_\_\_ (address)

\_\_\_\_\_ (city), (state) \_\_\_\_\_ (zip)

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**Knights of Columbus:** Tim Brust..... (402) 884-5965

**Music Director:** Gene Klosner ..... (402) 707-0760

**Overflow (Youth Ministry):** Sam Jizba

(402) 707-3496 ..... SEA\_overflow@live.com

**Parish Council President:** Cameron Gales. (402) 212-6117

**Perpetual Adoration:**

Jean Dahl ..... (402) 731-3144

**Prayer Line:** For anyone in need of prayers, please call:

Shelly Gray..... (402) 493-3006

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**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)**

Christi Olsen ..... (402) 493-4963(home)

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**Vocations Committee:** Bob & Ruth Zaruba (402) 630-6140

**Vocations Icons:** Sue Niggemeyer ..... (402) 496-0225

**Financial Stewardship Report**

September 1, 2019.

Sunday Collection-Needed: \$14,942

Sunday Collection-Received: \$N/A

\$Dollar Bill Collection: \$N/A

Children's Envelopes: \$N/A

St. Vincent de Paul: \$N/A

## PARISH/COMMUNITY NEWS



RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process by which a person interested in the Catholic faith can learn more about the faith, the community of believers and the Church. It is a spiritual journey in which the individual determines whether they are ready to deepen their relationship with Jesus and the Church he began.

So, if you are or if you know someone who ...

Has never been baptized

Was baptized in another faith and are interested in the Catholic Church

Is a High School or adult Catholic in need of First Communion and / or Confirmation

Is a Catholic returning to the faith

Is a Catholic who would like to learn more about the faith

Check out the RCIA brochure that can be found in one of the Kiosks in the back of the Church or contact Tom Schrad (402-493-4112; [tcschrad@cox.net](mailto:tcschrad@cox.net)) with your questions and for more information on the RCIA program. Classes begin the Thursday after Labor Day, September 5<sup>th</sup> and run from 7pm to 9pm.

We need you to register as soon as possible so that we know who is coming and so we can order the necessary materials and supplies.

Becoming a member of the class does not mean that you are committed to joining the Church. It only means that you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith.

**Magnificat-Omaha\* invites all women to our September 21st FALL Brunch at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 9:30 AM, with guest speaker Barbara Heil, former missionary and now dynamic conference speaker. The Cost: \$20.**

For Reservations & Information: Go to [www.MagnificatOmaha.org](http://www.MagnificatOmaha.org) or email [magnificatomaha@gmail.com](mailto:magnificatomaha@gmail.com).

\*Magnificat-Omaha is an archdiocesan-wide Catholic women's organization focused on evangelization

As Christians we are called to serve. The one to one transformative power of mentoring results in a ripple effect that over time, makes a huge difference and can impact families for generations. **The TeamMates Mentoring Program is a one to one, school-based mentoring program serving kids in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade that will support you in a your quest to make that difference for a child.** Please consider this opportunity and visit [teammates.org](http://teammates.org) for more information. You can also call Mrs. Laney at St. James/Seton Catholic Elementary at 402-572-0339. If you are called today to mentor a child, you can go to the TeamMates website and click "Become a TeamMates Mentor" to complete the application. The time commitment is one lunch/recess period a week. Successful matches can last 1-12 years - or maybe a lifetime. Please pray about this. A child is waiting.



**Overflow Youth Ministry  
St. James & St. Elizabeth Ann  
Parishes**

Sam Jizba, Director 402-707-3496

[sea\\_overflow23@live.com](mailto:sea_overflow23@live.com)

*Two parishes. One Youth Group.  
All for the Greater Glory of God.*

### Upcoming High School Overflow Evenings at SEA:

September 8, Welcome/The Doctors  
September 22, Angels  
October 6, Martyrs  
October 20, Reconciliation  
October 26/27, Fall Retreat  
November 3, All Saints/All Souls  
November 17, Jesus Christ King of the Universe/Adoration  
December 8, Mary our Mother  
December 22, Christmas Party

*Teens are always welcome at Overflow  
even if they have never attended before.*

### Middle School Overflow at St. James

September 28, Angels  
October 19, Martyrs  
November 9, All Saints/All Souls  
December 7, Overflow Night/Christmas Party

Open to anyone 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - A great way to volunteer and help others....**SEAS Prayer Shawl Ministry has openings for a few good folks! Prayer Shawls are lovingly created in prayer to comfort those in crisis. Compassion, caring and sharing are the only requirements. Instruction and donated yarns are available if needed.

***Join us Sunday, September 8, 1:00-4:00pm***, in the Family Room of the Parish Center, for joyous fellowship and prayer as we work to help others! ***If you or someone you know needs a prayer shawl, contact Joan Connor 402-493-3702 or Mary Ann Miller 402-468-4014 for more information. We meet throughout the year, so keep that in mind when your other activities taper off--we'd love to meet you!***

Please join the Knights of Columbus for a **pancake breakfast on September 8th** after all morning Masses. Enjoy pancakes with breakfast sausages, butter and syrup. Milk, juice and coffee are also served with breakfast. Prices are \$5.00 per person or \$20.00 per family. Hope to see you there!"



**SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES**

**Sunday Sept. 8,**

- Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast
- Rosary for Vocation before all weekend Masses
- St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry Collection
- 1:00 p.m. SEA/SJ Prayer Shawl Ministry, Parish Center
- 2:00 p.m. NFP Class, Parish Center
- 6:45 p.m. Overflow Night, Parish Center

**Tuesday Sept. 10,**

- 9:30 a.m. Women’s Cenacle/Rosary Group, Parish Center
- 7:00 p.m. ArchOmaha Unite Mtg., Parish Center
- 7:00 p.m. Vocations Committee Mtg., Parish Center

**Wednesday Sept. 11,**

- 6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Steak Dinner, Parish Center

**Thursday Sept. 12,**

- 6-9 p.m. Adoration for Increase in Vocations
- 7:00 p.m. RCIA, Parish Center
- 8:00 p.m. AA Mtg., Parish Center Family Room

**Friday Sept. 13,**

- 7:30 p.m. Avanti, Parish Center Family Room

**Saturday Sept. 14,**

- 6:45 a.m. That Man is You!, Parish Center
- 8:00 a.m. Vigil for Life Mass/Rosary, St. Mary/Bellevue

**LITURGICAL ROLES,  
September 14/15**

**5:30 p.m.**

Lector: J Blaylock  
 EMHC’s: Niedergeses Baldwin  
 Kollasch(2) Rinkol  
 Plummer Kerschinske  
 Greeters: Opheim  
 Servers: Ferrara Ayika  
 Musicians: Bierma

**8:00 a.m.**

Lector: Bierma  
 EMHC’s: Dagerman(2) C Briganti  
 Fryda Greer  
 Schrad  
 Greeters: Melrose  
 Servers: Lamoureux(2)  
 Musicians:

**11:00 a.m.**

Lector: Bazata  
 EMHC’s: Karmazin(2) Lacher  
 MacVey Del Mundo  
 Wojtkiewitz Bottoms  
 Greeters: Stessman  
 Servers: Tran Wenberg  
 Musicians: Klosner Youth Choir

**5:30 p.m.**

Lector: Peitzmeier  
 EMHC’s: Klein  
 Servers: Daniels Gilbride  
 Musicians: Overflow Musicians

**MONEY COUNTERS**

Team #4 **Lytle**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY Sept. 9,**

5:30 p.m. †Sharon Patterson

**TUESDAY Sept. 10,**

5:30 p.m. †Dick Hyde

**WEDNESDAY Sept. 11,**

5:30 p.m. †Gene Baumler

**THURSDAY Sept. 12,**

5:30 p.m. †Roger Habrock

**FRIDAY Sept. 13,**

5:30 p.m. †Tina LoSapio

**SATURDAY Sept. 14,**

8:30 a.m. †Muriel Munchrath

5:30p.m. For the People

**SUNDAY Sept. 15,**

8:00am. †Rita Bachmann

11:00a.m. †Carol Bluvas

5:30 p.m. †Pauline Uthe

**BULLETIN DUE DATES:**

The weekly bulletin deadline is Noon Monday for the following Sunday.

Call Dawn at 493-2186, fax to 493-0630 or email: dawnwillis@stelizabethann.org.

Please prayerfully consider remembering St. Elizabeth Ann Seton as a beneficiary of your IRA or other qualified retirement plan (401(k), 403 (b)). You can do so by contacting your financial advisor.

You may also direct questions to Tony LaMar, *Legacy Planning Officer*, Archdiocese of Omaha at 402-557-5650 or [ajlamar@archomaha.org](mailto:ajlamar@archomaha.org).

**Bereavement Support Group!** We are launching a new ministry here at St. James! Starting on September 10th, a bereavement support group will meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 7 -8:30 p. m in the music rehearsal room. If you have any questions or wish to attend, please contact Deacon Rich Hopkins via the parish office at 402-572-0499.

# P.R.E./SCHOOL NEWS



We have regular P.R.E. classes this Wednesday, September 11. The younger children will be invited to decorate crosses since we celebrate the

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on Saturday of this week.

“Hold the cross high, that I may see it through the flames.” (Words of St. Joan of Arc at her execution) We know Good Friday is not the end of the story. Jesus triumphed over death and all that sought to end His proclamation of the Kingdom. Let us remember that we share in His Paschal Mystery, and that we too can pass from death to life. (Jo Kusek, 402-572-0369)

It’s back to school, so you know what that means – early mornings, busy days and overall longer to-do list. With so many daily activities it is easy to lose sight of the bigger role we are all playing as champions of Catholic education.

But did you know there is one night dedicated to celebrating all that makes Catholic education incredible?

At the **Archbishop’s Dinner for Education** we honor 8 outstanding educators and raise vital scholarships dollars, making our schools more accessible.

This year we are honoring: Mike Dempsey, Gross Catholic High School, Bellevue; Jennifer Fiscus, St. Rose of Lima School, Crofton; Cindy Menzel, St. Mary School, Bellevue; Nancy Hochstein, Holy Trinity School, Hartington; Marsha Kalkowski, Marian High School, Omaha; Karen Schmeichel, St. Mary High School, O’Neill; Suzanne Seyler, St. Bernard School, Omaha; Diane Vaiskunas, Madonna School & Community Based Services, Omaha; We hope you’ll join us in celebrating! **The dinner is Thursday, September 12 at 6:00 pm at Embassy Suite La Vista.** To make reservations visit [give.archomaha.org/dinner2019](http://give.archomaha.org/dinner2019). See you there!

## September 14, National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

Event: Memorial Service for Victims of Abortion  
 When: Saturday, September 14 at 11:00 am  
 Location: St. Mary Magdalene Cemetery, Rachel Weeping Statue. Use the entrance at 46<sup>th</sup> and T Streets.

At 11 am, we will gather to honor the memory of the more than 60 million unborn victims of abortion during the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children. Let us never forget their precious lives as we continue to work and pray for an end to abortion.

This solemn memorial service, led by Rev. John Pietramale, will last approximately 45 minutes. Special guests participating in the event include Martin Cannon of the Thomas More Society. For more information, email [LBopp4Life@gmail.com](mailto:LBopp4Life@gmail.com) or call 402-553-7163.



>We value our alumni at SJS! We want to make sure you are more informed and included in the current SJS happenings.

Please update your contact information on our new school website so we can keep in touch: <https://sjsomaha.org/alumni/>.



You are also able to include pictures.

We would love to see old and new pics to include in newsletters or on our Facebook page.

>We are in the process of planning our **annual SOAR Dinner, which is on Saturday, November 23, 2019.** It is sure to be a fun event with great food, live entertainment, and great company. We rely solely on proceeds raised from our own fundraising, our parishioners, and the support of local businesses to help forward our mission. Any help you can offer will greatly impact our efforts!

There are many ways that parishioners can help SOAR to be successful. One way is by contributing to the Eagle’s Nest. The Eagle’s Nest is a wall of envelopes where attendees will have a chance to match or exceed your donation by choosing from one of the many “eggs” in the “nest” that contain various gift cards. We have been reaching out to restaurants and businesses to ask for gift card donations, but we will require many more. We are asking that the next time you are out to eat or shopping, you consider purchasing a gift card for any denomination and then donate it to the SOAR Dinner. (Note: You can also take advantage of our HOPE Certificates at Mass for these gift cards, too!). Please forward any type of donation to the school office by October 1st. Thanks for your support of SJS!

## PARISH/COMMUNITY NEWS

### PRO-LIFE UPDATES

#### Vigil for Life

Help build the culture of life through prayer and public witness! Join Archbishop Lucas for the Vigil for Life at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 14th at St. Mary Church (2302 Crawford St. in Bellevue). There will be a Mass followed by exposition and a rosary procession to the Bellevue abortion facility. For more information contact Whitney Bradley at [wabradley@archomaha.org](mailto:wabradley@archomaha.org) or (402) 557-5516.

#### Pro-Life Banquet & Conference

The Bishops' Pro-Life Banquet & Conference celebrating 50 years of the Nebraska Catholic Conference will take place September 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 at the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln. The featured Keynote Speaker will be Greg Schleppebach, Associate Director Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Find more information and register at [necatholic.org](http://necatholic.org), or call (402) 477-7517.

#### Sidewalk Advocates for Life (SAFL) Training

SAFL is a peaceful, prayerful advocacy program that trains people how to most effectively offer loving, life-affirming alternatives to women and men entering abortion facilities. Training is on Saturday, September 21st from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. at St. Gerald Church (96th & Q) in the multipurpose room. Snacks will be provided. The cost is \$20 for training and materials. One additional hour of on-the-sidewalk training is required, to be arranged individually. Contact Janice Todd at (402) 871-4699 or [janice@liferunners.org](mailto:janice@liferunners.org) with any questions and to register by September 18th.

#### Your PRAYERS and PRESENCE are POWERFUL!

Please consider a peaceful prayerful presence on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood at 3105 N. 93<sup>rd</sup> St. on Monday or Thursday mornings (abortion days) anytime between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Come when you can for as long as you can—no time is too short, and no prayer goes unheard. A priest or other volunteer leads prayers during the 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. prayer hour on Mondays. Prayers are also offered at this location on Saturday mornings from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Parking is available in the parking lot of the former Hope Evangelical Free Church located at 9313 Binney St. You are also invited to pray on Thursdays (8:30 – 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.), Fridays (7:30 – 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.) and Saturdays (6:30, 7:30, 8:00 (Spanish), and 9:00 a.m.) at the Bellevue Health Clinic at 1002 West Mission Avenue in Bellevue. Parking is available in front of Essential Pregnancy Services located at 908 West Mission Avenue. For more information, visit [www.RespectLifeOmaha.com](http://www.RespectLifeOmaha.com), or contact Whitney Bradley at [wabradley@archomaha.org](mailto:wabradley@archomaha.org) or (402) 551-9003 ext. 1306.



*Jesus, I want to experience the rest you offer today. I give you the problems I can't solve, the pain I can't heal, the desires and urges I can't control. Teach me to relax in the quiet of your presence and hear your voice. 'Jesus, I love you.*

The following hours are OPEN at St. Elizabeth Ann's Perpetual Adoration:

**Sunday** 12AM, 1AM, 2AM, 4AM, 5AM, 7AM, 9AM, 10AM, 12PM, 7PM, 8PM, 9PM, & 10PM; **Monday** 2AM, 3AM, 4AM, 6AM, 7AM, 11AM, 12PM, 1PM, 3PM, 7PM, & 10PM; **Tuesday** 12AM, 1AM, 3AM, 5AM, 6AM, 7AM, 10AM, 11AM, 12PM, 2PM, 3PM, 4PM, 5PM, 7PM, & 11PM; **Wednesday** 12AM, 1AM, 2AM, 3AM, 4AM, 5AM, 7AM, 8AM, 9AM, 5PM, 7PM, 8PM, & 11PM; **Thursday** 12AM, 1AM, 2AM, 3AM, 4AM, 6AM, 7AM, 8AM, 9AM, 2PM, 3PM, 4PM, 5PM, 6PM, & 8PM; **Friday** 12AM, 1AM, 2AM, 3AM, 4AM, 5AM, 6AM, 8AM, 9AM, 10AM, 11 AM, 2PM, 5PM, 6PM, 7PM, 8PM, 9PM, 10PM & 11PM; **Saturday** 12AM, 1AM, 2AM, 3AM, 4AM, 5AM, 6AM, 10AM, 11AM, 12PM, 1PM, 2PM, 4PM, 7PM, 10PM & 11PM. So can you spend at least one hour a week to show God how much you love Him?

#### **Have you wanted to have a direct impact on children and families impacted by disaster? Consider becoming a trained Children's Disaster Services (CDS) volunteer!**

CDS is a ministry that involves volunteers from many faith communities who provide a calm, safe and reassuring presence in the midst of the chaos that follows disaster by setting up & operating special childcare centers in disaster locations. Parents are then able to apply for assistance and begin to put their lives back together, knowing their children are safe. CDS provides specialized training for all of its volunteers. The CDS Volunteer Workshop is a comprehensive 24-hour workshop that uses applied, experiential activities to help the participants integrate their learning. Since founded in 1980, over 3,534 volunteers have served in 271 disasters and worked with more than 99,200 children. Following hurricane Katrina, Children's Disaster Services, served in 9 states at 19 sites caring for 4,856 children with 173 volunteers. We are fortunate to have an upcoming training offered locally!

Children's Disaster Services Volunteer Workshop – Friday, October 18th & Saturday the 19th, from 4:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Early registration is \$45.

Please contact parishioner Debbie Wagers for more information at [debbie.wagers@cldisasterrelief.org](mailto:debbie.wagers@cldisasterrelief.org) or call 402.250.4824

# FAITH FORMATION

### Question of the Week for Sept. 8-14

**Gospel:** Luke 14:25-33

**Key Passage:** Jesus said, "In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:33)

**Question for Adults:** Today's Gospel is demanding. How do you as a modern man or woman "denounce your possessions?" What does this mean for you?

**Question for Youth:** Jesus tells his disciples that they must renounce their possessions in order to be His disciple. If you had to, could you leave everything behind to be with God? What would hold you back? How much of a struggle would it be?

**Question for Children:** Jesus says that in order to be one of his followers, we must be close to him. When do you feel closest to Jesus?

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### Preferential Option for the Poor

"It's time for Christians to astound the world with our generosity, kindness, patience, courage, thoughtfulness, and selfless care for the weak, poor and forgotten." (Quote by Matthew Kelly from The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity)

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### Psalms: The School of Prayer

At the heart of the Bible are the Psalms, prayers from God that help us learn to pray. The Holy Spirit inspired them. Israel sang them. Christ himself prayed them, as did our Blessed Mother. These sacred hymns become our heartfelt response to God's loving and wondrous deeds for us. Their words captivate the imagination and draw us into a deeply personal encounter with God.

An eleven-week Bible study, "Psalms: The School of Prayer" will be offered at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton on Tuesday evenings beginning September 17. SEA parishioner, Stephanie Jensen will facilitate this DVD study featuring Jeff Cavins and Tim Gray. For more information or to register for the study please contact Stephanie Jensen at 402-504-9634 or [stephanieperry1@cox.net](mailto:stephanieperry1@cox.net).

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### Attention - 7th graders - Confirmation Enrollment on September 8

All 7th graders who are St. Elizabeth Ann parishioners are invited to formally enroll as candidates for Confirmation this Sunday, September 8 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. 8th graders were already enrolled when they were 7th graders.

Confirmation enrollment for 7th graders will also take place at St. James on the same weekend. Students should attend enrollment at the parish where their families are registered. (Enrollment for 7th graders includes St. James/Seton School, the P.R.E. program and home schools.) Please contact Jo Kusek if you have any questions, 402-572-0369.

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### Faith Reflections

Today we are celebrating the Twenty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time, but traditionally, our Blessed Mother's Birthday is celebrated on this day, September 8.

Growing up, I always liked celebrating Mary's Birthday on September 8 and then my own mother's birthday on September 9. Her name is Mary too because she was born in the days when people were named after the saints closest to their birthdays.

My Mom has stacks of prayer cards and little prayer books that she prays with every day. I don't want to add one more to her routine, but the prayer below is one she would probably like. When we are young, it's much easier to recover from a fall. This prayer seems appropriate for the very young who are learning to walk, and our seniors as their pace slows.

*Take my hand, O Blessed Mother. Hold me firmly lest I fall. If I'm nervous while I'm walking, quickly heed my humble call. Guide me over every crossing. Watch me when I'm on the stairs. Let me know that you're beside me, listen to my fervent prayers.*

*Bring me to my destination, keep me safe along the way. Bless my every undertaking, and my duties for the day.*

*When the evening draws upon me; I do not fear to be alone. Once again, O Blessed Mother, take my hand and lead me home.*

From My Treasured Catholic Prayers by the Sisters of Charity of Our Lady, Mother of the Church)

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### TEAMS OF OUR LADY for a Better Marriage

Are you interested in enriching your marriage spiritually and learning how other married couples have resolved the married/family life experiences in a secular society? Through mutual help and support of other couples and a spiritual counselor who gather monthly to share a meal, pray, and study, we thus better follow the One who assured us: "I am the way, the truth, and the life." John 14:6. Please join us for an informational meeting on Sept 26 ,7-8pm, Sept 29, 4-5pm, or Sept 30, 7-8pm. Call Sue and Tony Plaza at 402-515-3461 or email [omahasecortool@gmail.com](mailto:omahasecortool@gmail.com) to register or for questions. All meetings will be at the Plaza house: 5614 N 151 St.

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