

September 20, 2020

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# ST ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## 25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Are you envious because I am generous?” Thus, the last  
will be first, and the first will be last.” - Mt 20:15-16

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## MASS SCHEDULE

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

**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

- Two Pre-Baptism Classes required, 1st & 3rd

Wednesday's 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 **4:00-4:45 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.

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(name) (date)

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(address)

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(city), (state) (zip)

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 Danna Plummer..... (402) 496-2012

**H.O.P.E. Office:** ..... (402) 572-7897

**Knights of Columbus:** Rudy Mettler..... (402) 706-3683

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

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

(402) 707-3496 .....SEA\_overflow23@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  
 or Fran Thomas..... (402) 493-7243  
 or email to: seaprayers@yahoo.com

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

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

<b>Financial Stewardship Report</b>	
<b>Sunday Giving for the week ending September 6, 2020</b>	<b>Sunday Giving for the week ending September 13, 2020</b>
Envelopes:\$11,343	Envelopes: \$10,023
Online Giving: \$5,647	Online Giving: \$1,997
Children's Envelopes: \$N/A	Children's Envelopes: \$N/A
St. Vincent de Paul: \$145	St. Vincent de Paul: \$165

# PARISH/COMMUNITY NEWS

## Guide Book & Directory Advertising Opportunity

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the church. This book will contain everything pertinent to our church: the various ministries, organizations, committees, activities, functions and events plus a complete directory of all members. This book is being provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to our church, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the Church Office by October 15th.

Recent survey results by Guide Book Publishing show that 92.1% of families would rather patronize a Guide Book & Directory advertiser over a non-advertiser. It "will pay" to advertise in our new Guide Book & Directory.

## Update Membership Information

Does our Church database have YOUR family membership record correct?

Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Directory (if you haven't already done so).

It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year.

Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? Do you want your record published?

If you have not already informed the Church Office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the Guide Book & Directory is correct. The Church Office number is 402.493.2186.

The Knights of Columbus will be having a pancake breakfast after all morning masses on **Sunday September 27th.**



Please join the parish Vocations Committee in thanking **Father Lewis** for his great service to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish on Priesthood Sunday, September 27. We will not have a formal gathering, but feel free to acknowledge Father Lewis in person or with a greeting card. You may want to wish him a happy birthday at the same time.

*Youth Seeking a Relationship with Jesus*



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

Sam Jizba, Director 402-707-3496  
[sea\\_overflow23@live.com](mailto:sea_overflow23@live.com)

*Youth Seeking A Relationship With Jesus;  
Overflowing To The Nations.*

Overflow is back! We are meeting in person again!  
We are excited to see everyone!

High School Overflow will meet Sunday, September 20th,  
at St. Elizabeth Ann.

We will meet from 7:00pm to 8:00pm

Middle School Overflow will meet Saturday,  
September 19th at St. James.

we will meet from 6:30pm to 7:30pm

There are just six build days left at 3016 Pratt St.—September 25 and



26, October 9, 10, 17 and 24. You may still volunteer to build. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/FaithfulBuilders2020> for a schedule and sign up instructions.

We received \$250 last week. Thank you to those who have so generously donated to this year's build. We now have a total of \$2,945.00 This year has been a struggle for many in a variety of ways. If you are able, please consider a cash donation to help low income families become homeowners and provide a more stable environment for their children. You may put your donation in an envelope marked **Habitat** and drop it in the collection basket at church or at the parish office. You may also mail it directly to the Habitat office at 1701 N. 24<sup>th</sup> St. Omaha, NE 68110 or donate online. **If you send your donation directly to Habitat, clearly note Faithful Builders--St. James/St. Elizabeth Ann Catholic Church.** Without the designation, we will not receive credit for the donation.

The ReStores are taking donations. If you have building materials, appliances or furniture to donate or need these items for your home improvement project, consider the Restore. Call 402-934-1033 for additional information or to schedule a pick up.

We have been active churches in the Faithful Builders Coalition for 27 years. Because of our coalition's experience and reputation with Habitat Omaha, we have been able to build this year during the pandemic. John, a member of another coalition who is not building this year, has been building with us. He also builds a picnic table each year that is used for lunch during the build and is donated to the family for their future enjoyment. This year, we have had the pleasure of building with John and enjoying the picnic table.

Thank you for your many years of support. Danna Plummer, 402-496-2012

**SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES****Monday September 21,**

- 8am-11pm Parish Prays at Planned Parenthood

**Thursday September 24,**

- 8:00 p.m. AA Mtg., Parish Center Family Room

**MASS INTENTIONS****MONDAY Sept. 21,**

5:30 p.m. †Alan Howick

**TUESDAY Sept. 22,**

5:30 p.m. †Helen Mathouser

**WEDNESDAY Sept. 23,**

5:30 p.m. †Celestine LoSapio

**THURSDAY Sept. 24,**

5:30 p.m. †Bernard Grabow

**FRIDAY Sept. 25,**5:30 p.m. *Special Intentions, Plummer Family***SATURDAY Sept. 26,**

5:00p.m. †Joe &amp; †Ada DeFontaine

**SUNDAY Sept. 27,**

8:00am. †Russell Mitchell

11:00a.m. †Ron Henn

**BULLETIN DUE DATES:**

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

**Early bulletin deadlines:** Friday, September 25th Noon, for Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>

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

**Charting a Course for Your Future Has Never Been Easier**

Do you have a plan for the future? Just like navigational tools can help you reach your destination; we can help you plan your legacy with almost the same ease.

Contact Tony LaMar, Legacy Planning Officer with the Archdiocese of Omaha Stewardship and Development Office today to learn how they can help you provide for your loved ones and support the causes that matter most to you. Tony can

- Send you a free estate planning guide.
- Sign you up for your free newsletter with tips and ideas.

He can also call or email you, if you have questions for him but feel free to contact him at 402-55-5650 or [ajlamar@archomaha.org](mailto:ajlamar@archomaha.org).

Finding God Later in Life, October 3, one-day retreat at Saint Benedict Center, Schuyler, with Mary Eileen Andreasen, RN, M.S., M.A. and Sister Ann Marie Petrylka, OSM. Being retired or semi-retired brings new opportunities and challenges. The greatest advantage is more time to experience God's love and reflect on God's continued plan for our lives. How can we come to know God better in later age? What do we have to leave behind and what do we have to learn anew? What are the difficulties? Come and explore new ways to hear God's gentle call in later life. Social distancing will be observed, please bring your mask. Lunch is available at the Center for \$11.02 (includes tax). Register at [www.StBenedictCenter.com](http://www.StBenedictCenter.com) or call (402) 352-8819.

The Saint John's Bible: Heritage Edition Workshop, October 3, at Saint Benedict Center, Schuyler, with Brad Neary, M.A. *The Saint John's Bible* is the first handwritten bible, commissioned by a Benedictine monastery in more than five hundred years, on approximately 1,150 pages and including 160 major illuminations. A copy of the large, seven-volume leather bound Heritage Edition, which is a fine art reproduction of *The Saint John's Bible*, has been donated to St. Benedict Center and will be on permanent display starting in the summer of 2020. This workshop is for those who might be interested in becoming docents for the Saint John's Bible: You will get to know *The Saint John's Bible*, learn "why" and "how" the original manuscript was created and become familiar with the illuminations. Brad Neary will present *on Zoom*, he will *not* be here *in person*. Attendance possible in person or via Zoom (please specify). No charge, but registration required at [www.StBenedictCenter.com](http://www.StBenedictCenter.com) or (402) 352-8819.

**YOU'RE INVITED!*****Help Us Pray for Vocations at Our Lady of Lourdes***

The Serra Club of West Omaha invites you to join us for Holy Mass on Monday, September 21, 2020, at 5:30 PM at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church (2110 S. 32nd Avenue, Omaha ) to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated religious life. Immediately following Mass, we invite you to attend our half-hour *Meeting & Mixer* in the basement in St. Bernadette's hall to share the benefits of joining our missionary efforts as we work within the Archdiocese of Omaha to foster and promote new vocations, encourage and affirm existing vocations, and respond to God's call in our own lives to increase our individual holiness. You'll learn about the wonderful variety of initiatives, events and activities we engage in to help build the Church locally. Come and meet our dedicated Serra members and enjoy light refreshments with us! For questions, please contact John Lingo, VP of Membership, 402-290-4670 or [John@JLingoLaw.com](mailto:John@JLingoLaw.com).

**ABLAZE WORSHIP MINISTRY 2020 CONFERENCE**  
**"THE JOURNEY EVERY SOUL WILL TAKE - EXPERIENCE IT NOW" - OCT 9th & 10th; ST. GERALD'S 96th & Q; CONFERENCE SPEAKER JOHN CARPENTER** will join ABLAZE and Dive into the "Last Thing" Topics of the 3 Realms of Heaven, Hell & Purgatory from 1st Hand Experiences.

- REGISTRATION by OCTOBER 5th  
@ [WWW.ABLAZEWORSHIP.ORG](http://WWW.ABLAZEWORSHIP.ORG). COST \$30, CHILDREN and TEENS ARE FREE; INCLUDES BREAKFAST and LUNCH; LIVE STREAM PASS \$25  
MORE INFORMATION including the schedule ONLINE

# P.R.E./SCHOOL NEWS



The students attending “in person” classes have regular P.R.E. classes this Wednesday, September 23. We are encouraging our students to pray for those working on a vaccine so that next year we can all be together again.

This Sunday is Catechetical Sunday. We thank our P.R.E. teachers for their commitment to sharing the Catholic faith with their students. Parents are the first teachers in the faith for their children. May God bless all the parents of our P.R.E. students including those who have chosen to teach their children at home this year.

(Jo Kusek, 402-572-0369)

For those who wish to receive Holy Communion on the tongue, we kindly ask you to receive at the end of the line during this time of COVID-19.



## Stewardship Bulletin Reflections

**September 20, 2020 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*“So the last will be first and the first last.” (Matthew 20:16)*

You’ve heard the saying “It’s not where you start, but how you finish.” This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live “God-centered” lives and not “self-centered” lives.



**In memory...** Please remember in your prayers the souls of †Bernice Renken, sister of Fran Ward & †Cecilia Williams, mother of Ann Reynek of our parish.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord*



**The St. James/Seton Catholic School SOAR Development Dinner will be held remotely on Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, with online bidding beginning on November 7<sup>th</sup>.** So, even though we will not be hosting SOAR in person, we need your help now more than ever!

SOAR is our largest fundraising event, and its proceeds have a major impact on tuition costs and operational expenses. At last year’s SOAR, we were able to raise \$77,000 because of our generous families, parishioners, and community. Our school relies heavily on fundraising, our parishioners, and the contributions of local businesses to help forward our mission. There are many ways that you can still help SOAR be a success. For the online auction, we are in need of gift cards, in-kind donations (silent/live auction items), and monetary donations. Sponsorships are also a great need at this time. We will promote sponsors through social media, email, on our event website, and in our virtual event catalog. If you know of a business that may be interested, please let us know. All donations are 100% tax deductible.

If you would like to contribute to SOAR please contact the school office or e-mail [thoward@sjsomaha.org](mailto:thoward@sjsomaha.org). You can also forward any donations to the school office marked "SOAR." Thanks for considering helping our students and supporting Catholic education.

The Knights of Columbus Council #9771 of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton will be hosting a Soccer Challenge on Sunday, September 27th after the 11 AM Mass (approximately 11:45 PM). The Challenge will be held on our soccer fields south of the parish center. Boys and Girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate! Winners from each age division will have the opportunity to advance to the Knights of Columbus state level competition!



The challenge consists of 15 penalty kicks per player. The goal will be divided into various point 'zones' for accuracy and scoring. If you have any questions, please contact Brad Schmidt at 515-450-8687 or [bjs9860@gmail.com](mailto:bjs9860@gmail.com)

**SEA Website Link:** <https://www.stelizabethann.org/>  
 Access the Weekly Bulletin and More

**SEA Facebook Page:** @stelizabethann  
 Please LIKE and find SEA/Other Info.

**- Electronics Communication Committee**  
 Rebecca “Becky” Weitzel - Liaison, 402-321-7003



# PARISH/COMMUNITY NEWS

## PRO-LIFE UPDATES

### Fall 40 Days for Life Campaign

From September 23<sup>rd</sup> through November 1<sup>st</sup>, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood (3105 N. 93<sup>rd</sup> St.) and the Bellevue Health Clinic (1002 W Mission Ave.). More information can be found at [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com).

### Monthly Prayer Date at Planned Parenthood: September 21st

Join other pro-lifers in peaceful prayer on Mondays from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood at 3105 North 93<sup>rd</sup> Street in Omaha. **Our parishioners are particularly encouraged to be present on September 21st as our parish is signed up to pray on this third Monday of the month.** A priest or other volunteer leads prayers during the 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. prayer hour on Mondays. Prayers are offered at this location on Saturday mornings from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. as well. Parking is available in the former Hope Evangelical Free Church parking lot 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 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.) and Saturdays (6:30, 7:30, 8:00 (Spanish), and 9:00 a.m.) at The Abortion and Contraception Clinic of Nebraska at 1002 West Mission Avenue in Bellevue. Parking is available in front of Essential Pregnancy Services located at 908 West Mission Avenue.

### 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Life Chain

Own the message. Let Omaha know that Pro-Life is pro-love, pro-woman, and pro-information! Join in the Life Chain on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Our parish will be standing on the north side of West Dodge Street from 80<sup>th</sup> Street to 84<sup>th</sup> Street. Signs will be provided at our location. Please contact Whitney Bradley, Respect Life Apostolate Coordinator with questions: [wabradley@archomaha.org](mailto:wabradley@archomaha.org); (402) 557-5516.

**September 22<sup>nd</sup> - October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020: Grieving with Great Hope.** Grieving with Great Hope is a journey for those who are mourning the loss of a loved one. We recognize there are no stages to grief. Grief is as unique as your fingerprint. This journey, firmly grounded in our Catholic Faith is a 5-week workshop/support group for those who have lost a spouse, child, parent, sibling, grandchild or friend. This workshop will be held 6:30pm to 8:30 PM in the Parish Center Dining Room at St. Cecilia Cathedral 701 N. 40th Street, Omaha, Ne. Attendance is necessary for each session and seating is limited. Please contact Deacon Jim Tardy at [jtardy@catholiccem.com](mailto:jtardy@catholiccem.com) or 402/391-3711.



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

**Each year, the Archdiocese of Omaha hosts the Archbishop's Dinner for Education recognizes outstanding teachers and administrators throughout the Catholic school system.** This annual celebration of Catholic education provides an opportunity to publicly recognize the dedication of individuals within the Catholic school system, to thank those who support Catholic schools, and to raise scholarship funds for low-income students to attend Catholic schools.

COVID-19 has changed the format of the event, but what hasn't changed is the fact that we will have one night dedicated to honoring educators and raising funds for needs-based scholarships. The 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Archbishop's Dinner for Education will take place virtually on Thursday, September 24, 2020. Please join us from the comfort of your own home for this live, interactive celebration.

For information on how to get involved and to view the live event visit [archomaha.org/dinner2020/](http://archomaha.org/dinner2020/).

This year's honorees include:

- **Administrators of the Year**  
*Martha Heck, Duchesne Academy, Omaha*  
*Miranda Hornback, St. Ludger, Creighton*
- **Educators of the Year – Elementary**  
*Jennifer Heithoff, Christ the King, Omaha*  
*Lynn Mielak, St. Bonaventure, Columbus*
- **Educators of the Year – Secondary**  
*Toni Hoffmeier-Mangus, Roncalli Cath., Omaha*  
*Pam Wieser, Norfolk Catholic, Norfolk*
- **Educators of the Year – Special Education and Inner City-Funded by the Maginn Family Foundation**  
*Mike Jensen, Sacred Heart, Omaha*  
*Kourtney Brodin, All Saints, Omaha*

# FAITH FORMATION

## Question of the Week for Sept. 20-26

**Gospel:** Matthew 20:1-16a

**Key Passage:** “What if I wish to give this one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my money? Are you envious because I am generous? Thus the last will be first, and the first will be last. (Matthew 20:14-16)

**Question for Adults:** Using Jesus’ parable as your starting point, describe in your own words how God will treat those who come to be part of the Church, even those who come late.

**Question for Youth:** How do you feel when you are in an unfair situation? How do you handle these feelings? In this parable, which worker do you most identify with?

**Question for Children:** How do you experience God being generous to you: through your family, friends, school or parish?

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## Preferential Option for the Poor

“Those who take care of children are on the side of God and defeat the throwaway culture, which, on the contrary, prefers the powerful and considers the poor useless. Those who prefer the little ones proclaim a prophecy of life against the prophets of death of every age.” (Pope Francis, March 17, 2018 when he was in San Giovanni Rotondo, to visit the relics of St. Pio of Pietrelcina)

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## Faith Reflections

Today we celebrate Catechetical Sunday, a day to acknowledge catechists (religion teachers), and all who take part as learners. St. James and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parishes have many catechists in the P.R.E. Program, St. James/Seton Catholic School, Overflow Youth Ministry, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, the two R.C.I.A. programs, and various adult studies. We acknowledge that parents are the first catechists of their children. We give our children a priceless gift when we help them love Jesus. Congratulations and God’s blessings to all our catechists.

The word “catechesis”, “catechetical”, “catechist” all have as their root, a Greek word meaning “to echo”. We want the message and love of Jesus to echo or resound to the depths of our being, and we want to help others to encounter Christ in this intense way too.

“Dear Catechists, I thank you for what you do, but especially because you walk with the People of God. I encourage you to be joyful messengers, custodians of the good and of the beauty which shines through the faithful life of the missionary disciple. May Jesus bless you and may the Holy Virgin, true “educator of the faith” take care of you. And please, do not forget to pray for me.” (Message of Pope Francis to catechists in Argentina, July 5, 2017.)

As you prepare for the upcoming elections, join **Dr. Todd Salzman, Interim Chair of the Creighton University Department of Theology, in a presentation and discussion of the U.S. Catholic Bishops’ teaching document on the political responsibility of Catholics.** The full Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship document is available as a pdf at [uscgb.org](http://uscgb.org).

Monday, September 21, at 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM  
Via Zoom <https://creighton.zoom.us/j/99787602657>

This is part of the Theology Matters discussion series, sponsored by Creighton University’s Amelia and Emil Graff Chair of Catholic Theology and St. Pius X Catholic Church.

Questions? Contact St. Pius X 402-558-8446 or Todd Salzman, 402-280-5756.

**Fr. Lewis is requesting that parishioners pray this prayer daily for protection during this pandemic:**

*“Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.”*



St. James/St. Elizabeth Ann Seton **Book Review Club** meets **Monday, September 28, at 1:00 p.m. [NOTE TIME CHANGE]** in the St. Elizabeth Ann Parish Center. Carol Gehrman will be reviewing A Gentleman in Moscow: A Novel, by Amor Towles.

Jean Linse, 493-2728 for information.

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE KEEPING SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:**

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS WILL BE MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 9:00 AM—4:00 PM**

**CLOSED FOR LUNCH FROM NOON—1:00 PM**

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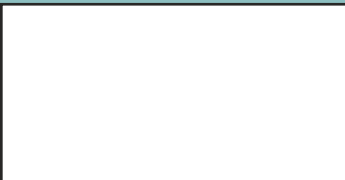
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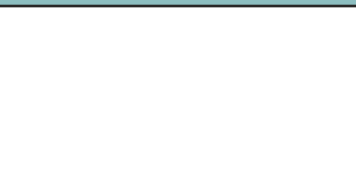


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