

August 8, 2021

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# ST ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH

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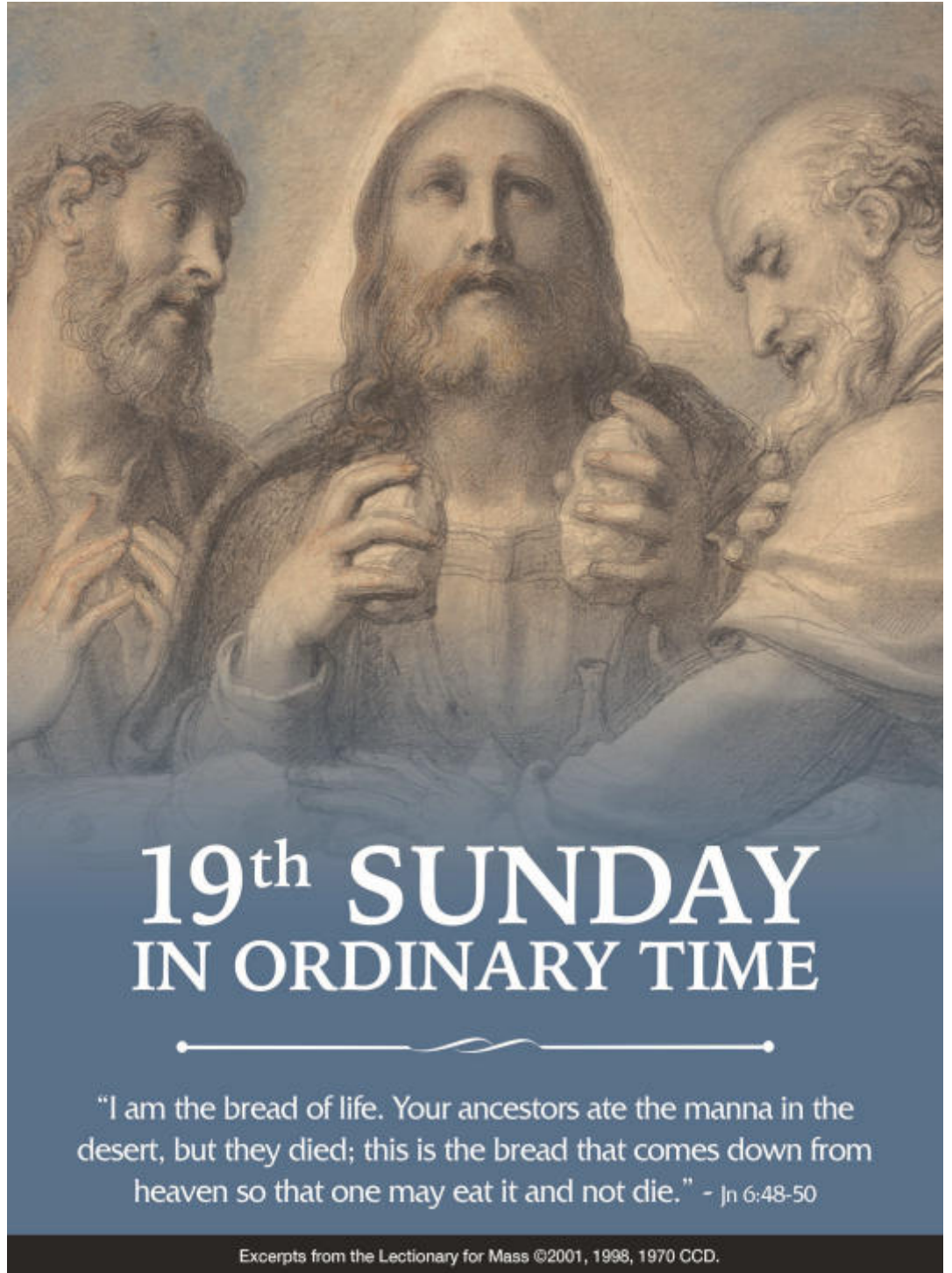
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**19<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

“I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die.” - Jn 6:48-50

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

## 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.

**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) 598-8878.

**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 Tim McNeil, at (402) 558-3100.

**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)

\_\_\_\_\_ (email) \_\_\_\_\_ (phone)

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**Daughters of Seton:** Lenal Bottoms..... (402) 964-9125  
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

**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

**Financial Stewardship Report**

**Sunday Giving for the week ending August 1, 2021**

Envelopes:	\$12,306
Online Giving:	\$5,057
Children's Envelopes:	\$N/A
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$130

# PARISH/COMMUNITY NEWS

The **34th Annual SEA Parish Picnic and Grand Lottery** is coming up! Mark your calendars for **Sunday, August 29th**. All of the usual great stuff is back...Baskets and Bundles, the Bake Sale, Rides and Games, Music, the Beer Garden, and the **\$10,000 Grand Lottery!** Lottery tickets are available to pick up after masses in the back of the church. A great way to help out our parish is by putting together a basket for Baskets and Bundles. Baskets/donated items can be dropped off at the Parish Office during regular business hours. See you there!



### PICNIC VOLUNTEER

go to  
<https://bit.ly/2Jf8YUF>

To sign up

1. Click the booths/events you want to work
2. Click **“Submit and Sign Up”** at the bottom of the page
3. Fill out your name & e-mail address on the next page
4. Click **“Sign Up Now”**

### Our parish picnic cannot be a success without YOU!

**Baskets and Bundles: We need your help!** Please stop by the back of church to pick up a tag for baskets and bundles! The tags have ideas of themes in order to help create a basket for the silent auction at the church picnic. If you prefer to donate (new) items, empty baskets, cash, check or gift cards, that is also wonderful and you can contact Sarah Castanos directly at 402-210-4767! She can most definitely use all of that to create fun baskets for the auction! Thank you for helping to make this event a success! (Completed baskets can be brought to the parish office or left in the back of church after masses-or call Sarah to make arrangements!)



**Especially needed are gift cards or cash/checks to put together some really nice quality baskets. Contact Sarah or drop them at the parish office labeled for baskets and bundles.**

Our Vocations Committee would like to invite all of you, to join us in **praying the rosary for Holy Vocations to the Priesthood, the Permanent Diaconate and Consecrated/Religious life**, this weekend August 7/8 before Mass. The rosary will be prayed on Saturday evening at 4:30 p.m. & on Sunday morning at 7:30 & 10:30 a.m. Please choose the time that works best for you, and come and join us in prayer.

### ARCHBISHOP RYAN CLASS OF 1971 50TH YEAR CLASS REUNION

Please join us by contacting Jim Stewart:  
[jstew1489@yahoo.com](mailto:jstew1489@yahoo.com)

### ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON RCIA

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for 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 (402-598-8878; tcschrad53@gmail.com)** with your questions and for more information on the RCIA program.

Classes begin the Thursday after Labor Day, September 9<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.



Volunteers are still needed to help build the 2021 Faithful Builders

house at 2594 Pratt St. To view the entire build schedule and sign up to work, go to [tinyurl.com/FaithfulBuilders2021](http://tinyurl.com/FaithfulBuilders2021). Our financial goal is \$10,000.00. We have received \$1050.00. Please put your donation in the collection basket or send it to the Habitat office at **1701 N. 24<sup>th</sup> St. Omaha, NE 68110**. Be sure that it is clearly marked **Faithful Builders-St. James/St. Elizabeth Ann**. At this time, Habitat is not set up for church designation through their online giving link. It is important that we are credited for our church's contributions, so the collection basket, SEA office drop box or through the mail are the best options at this time.

Habitat ReStore's August Donation Drive is August 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>. Bring gently used home furnishings, home décor, tools and appliances to either location. You'll receive a coupon for 25% off one donated item.

Thank you for helping improve the lives of low income families in need of decent, affordable housing.  
Danna Plummer, 402-496-2012

**SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES**

**Sunday Aug. 8,**

- St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry Collection
- Rosary for Vocations before all weekend Masses

**Wednesday Aug. 11,**

- 7:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Mtg., Parish Center

**Thursday Aug. 12,**

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

**Friday Aug. 13,**

- 6:15 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal: Holloway/Costello, Church

**Saturday Aug. 14,**

- 2:00 p.m. Wedding: Holloway/Costello, Church

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY Aug. 9,**

5:30 p.m. †Angela Briganti

**TUESDAY Aug. 10,**

5:30 p.m. †Shirley Gleason

**WEDNESDAY Aug. 11,**

5:30 p.m. †Deacon Jack Finney

**THURSDAY Aug. 12,**

5:30 p.m. †Sharon Patterson

**FRIDAY Aug. 13,**

5:30 p.m. Special Intentions, Denny & Joan Connor

**SATURDAY Aug. 14,**

5:00 p.m. For the People

**SUNDAY Aug. 15,**

8:00am. †Linus & †Mary Jonaitis

11:00a.m. †Angelo & †Consuelo Rivera

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:**

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.

**MARRIED COUPLES:** Fall is a beautiful season full of color and crisp fresh air. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is like autumn because it's a weekend full of fresh air, new beginnings and a time to rejoice in the beauty of your marriage and family. It's a great time to rekindle communication and enjoy a weekend away.



For more information call Pat & Janelle Benson (308) 940-1105, Or visit WWME.org.

**Upcoming dates: September 17-19, Lincoln  
November 5-7, Hastings**

**LITURGICAL ROLES,**

**August 14/15**

**5:00 p.m.**

Lector: Karmazin  
 Deacon: Karmazin  
 EMHC's: Wooten Cameron  
 Musicians: Barnes Kleine  
 Servers: Leger Retallick  
 Ushers: Hebda Magner Reynek Wooten

**8:00 a.m.**

Lector: Schrad  
 Deacon: Klein  
 EMHC's: Carlson Lamoureux  
 Musicians:  
 Servers: Lamoureux(2)  
 Ushers: Morran Mlnarik Reeson Zack

**11:00 a.m.**

Lector: Zaruba  
 Deacon: Connor  
 EMHC's: Grosserode Sudtelgte  
 Musicians: Klosner  
 Servers: Tubrick Tran  
 Ushers: Bartels Brown Henn Schnitzler  
 Sudtelgte

**Money Counters**

Team I: Habrock

*"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who provides all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." (1Corinthians 12:4-7)*

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton has many active committees. Your presence in parish life can truly impact others and strengthen your own faith life. Being part of something bigger than ourselves is the key to feeling connected and joyful.

Each week we will highlight different groups/committees our parish offers. If you think it might be time to get more involved in the parish, there will be contact information for each group/committee included. You will find all kinds of ways to share your gifts and talents.

**St. James/Seton School** — An integral part of the mission of St. James Parish is St. James/Seton School, which is supported by both St. James and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parishes and educates some 500 students each year in a Christ-centered, educational environment. St. James/Seton promotes faith formation, academic excellence and service learning experiences for students. At St. James/Seton Catholic School, students celebrate their Catholic faith formation, academic excellence, and service learning experiences for students. At St. James/Seton Catholic School, students celebrate their Catholic faith as part of the school environment. There are a number of volunteer opportunities associated with the school through the Total Board of Education and its subcommittees: Faith Formation, Student Recruitment and Retention, Developments, Finance, Public Relations, Home & School Association, and the Athletic Association. There also is a need for classroom parents, cafeteria workers, classroom helpers, etc. For a complete list of volunteer opportunities, contact the school office or check the online site, ivolunteer. **CONTACT PERSON: Mr. William Kelly, Principal, (402) 572-0339; wkelly@sisomaha.org**

# P.R.E./SCHOOL NEWS



Religious Education classes begin on Wednesday, September 1 with a Mass at 6:00 p.m. for families followed by a short meeting with teachers in the school. I have heard back from most of last year’s families with changes of address, emails, and phone numbers. There are registration forms in the kiosks of both St. James and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Churches for new families, or I can also email you a form. May God bless all of our P.R.E. students in their last days of summer break! (Jo Kusek, 402-572-0369)



>**Help Needed!** Looking for cafeteria workers for the 2021/2022 school year. Hours are 9:30-1:45 p.m. Duties would be kitchen prep and assembling student lunches for distribution, kitchen clean up, etc. If interested, contact the school office @ 402-572-0339.

>**St. James/Seton School KidsCare** is seeking caregivers for the 2021-2022 school year. Program Hours of Operation: 7:00-7:40 for Morning Program, 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm for After School Program and 7:00 am -6:00 pm on Non-School Days and Close during Summer.

Contact Mihyun Nay, 402-651-9253 or [mnay@sjsomaha.org](mailto:mnay@sjsomaha.org).

**PRESCHOOL  
PREKINDERGARTEN**

**ST. JAMES / SETON  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
FAITH • FAMILY • FUTURE

**Come Discover the SJS Difference...**  
Our programs will help your child get a great start in school and life.

**Programs Include:**

<b>3 YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL</b>	<b>4 &amp; 5 YEAR OLD</b>	<b>ALL DAY PROGRAM</b>
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM +Must be 3 by July 31st	Monday - Friday 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM +Must be 4 or 5 by July 31st	Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM +Must be 4 or 5 by July 31st

**Contact Us**  
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[www.sjsomaha.org](http://www.sjsomaha.org)

After school care available for 4 & 5 year olds

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PRESCHOOL - 8TH GRADE

**ST. JAMES/SETON  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**402-572-0339**  
[www.sjsomaha.org](http://www.sjsomaha.org)

## SJS Athletic Association News

### Cross Country Registration is Open

SJS is now offering Cross Country for students in 6th – 8th grade. The season starts in the fall of 2021 and registration is now open. Register at [sjsathletics.com/registration](http://sjsathletics.com/registration). For more information about Cross Country, visit [sjsathletics.com/cross-country](http://sjsathletics.com/cross-country).

### Athletic Association Seeking Members, Board Secretary

The Athletic Association is seeking members to join the board. Board members attend one meeting a month and provide gym supervisor presence at volleyball and basketball games as needed. Board members also assist with the planning of the Spring Fling fundraiser and other activities on an ongoing basis. Board members are dedicated volunteers who believe in providing an athletic structure that teaches the fundamentals of sports along with sportsmanship and Christian values.

We have an open Secretary position. The duties of this officer-level position are to:

- ~Keep minutes for Athletic Association meetings.
- ~Notify members of the association meetings.
- ~Type any memo / handout needing to go to parents, students, teachers, etc. (directed by A.D.)
- ~Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President or by the Board.

*Involvement in the SJSAAA board or serving in the Secretary position are great ways to complete Saint James Seton School’s annual parent volunteer hours.*

If you are interested in joining the board or serving as SJSAA Secretary, please email Sammie Becker at [sjsad17@gmail.com](mailto:sjsad17@gmail.com).



## PARISH/COMMUNITY NEWS

**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, August 8, 1:00-4:00pm**, in the Parish Center, for joyous fellowship and prayer as we work to help others! If you or someone you know needs a prayer shawl please select one from the tubs located in the back of the church, on the west side of the main entrance doors. The recipient doesn't need to be an SEA parishioner and no charge or donation is expected. We ask only that you please fill out the attached card to drop in the bucket and **DO NOT OPEN ANY BAGS** until you get home with the prayer shawl you have selected. You may also contact Joan Connor 402-493-3702 or Mary Ann Miller 402-468-4014 for additional information.

*We meet throughout the year, so keep that in mind when your other activities taper off--we'd love to meet you!*

**Interested in Cub Scouts?** Pack 380 wants to invite any interested boys and their families to our Registration Carnival pack meeting. Any boy in kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade is welcome to join our pack, you don't have to attend St. James/Seton school or have been in scouts previously to join. The meeting is Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the St. James/Seton Gym. Come meet our leaders and see how much fun scouting can be! If you have any questions please contact Robert Klein at [rklein18@cox.net](mailto:rklein18@cox.net) or (402) 616-2087. Hope to see you there!

Spirit Catholic Radio is bringing to Holy Cross in Omaha an up-close experience of the most studied artifact of all time – The Shroud of Turin, what many believe to be the authentic burial cloth of Christ. On **Aug 15<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m.**

in the Church, Shroud expert, **Jim Bertrand**, M.Ed. of the American Confraternity of the Holy Shroud, will give a special presentation and a rare viewing of a Shroud replica, as well as replicas of the Crown of Thorns, whips, nails and Holy Sponge used in the Passion of Our Lord. The presentation will be held in the Church.

Spirit Catholic Radio's newest traveling exhibit, **The Man of the Shroud**, will include 42 beautifully-designed panels on display in the Parish Hall from Aug. 15 - 19. Viewing times are 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and following Mass. Arrive at the Rectory Office for check-in. Viewing ends Aug. 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. This exhibit will raise the questions, "Could the Shroud be the most important archaeological artifact ever found? Does it provide clues to what happened during the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus?" For more information on this exhibit, visit [spiritcatholicradio.com/shroud](http://spiritcatholicradio.com/shroud).



*"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 & 3PM; **Tuesday** 12AM, 1AM, 3AM, 5AM, 6AM, 7AM, 10AM, 11AM, 12PM, 2PM, 3PM, 5PM, 7PM, & 11PM; **Wednesday** 12AM, 1AM, 2AM, 3AM, 4AM, 5AM, 7AM, 8AM, 9AM, 11AM, 5PM, 7PM, 10PM & 11PM; **Thursday** 12AM, 1AM, 2AM, 3AM, 4AM, 6AM, 7AM, 8AM, 9AM, 2PM, 3PM, 5PM, 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?

### Stewardship Bulletin Reflections

#### 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Get up and eat or the journey will be too much for you!" 1 KINGS 19:7

God knows that committing to a stewardship lifestyle is difficult. However, we were not designed to do it on our own, we need His help. Fortunately, God gave us the greatest gift of all, His son, Jesus. Through the gift of the Eucharist we join our sacrifice with the sacrifice of the Holy Mass and receive the strength and courage to be His joyful disciples.

Have you remembered the Church in your will? A gift in your will of a portion of your estate will help ensure that the good works of our parish can continue. Please contact your attorney to be advised on how to do so.

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).

# FAITH FORMATION

### Question of the Week for August 8-14

**Gospel:** John 6:41-51

**Key Passage:** Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." (John 6:51)

**Question for Adults:** What nourishes your life? What does the phrase "living bread" mean to you?

**Question for Youth:** Bread nourishes us physically, and Jesus as the living bread nourishes spiritually. How can you be more open to Jesus and the ways that He can feed you?

**Question for Children:** What will you ask Jesus to help you with when you receive Holy Communion this week?

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### Preferential Option for the Poor

"Scripture teaches that God has a special concern for the poor and the vulnerable. The Church calls on all of us to embrace this preferential option for the poor and vulnerable, to embody it in our lives, and to work to have it shape public policies and priorities. A fundamental measure of our society is how we care for and stand with the poor and vulnerable." --(Faithful Citizenship: A Catholic Call to Political Responsibility, p. 15 by the USCCB, the United States Council of Catholic Bishops)

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### Note to Parents of Students attending Public Schools (Grades K-8)

If you have a son or daughter who is attending a public grade school in the fall, I invite you to enroll them in the Parish Religious Education (P.R.E.) classes that are held every Wednesday evening for Grades K-8 from September through April from 6:00-7:15 p.m. All classes are held at St. James/Seton School on 90<sup>th</sup> Street. (Students must attend Grade 1 in order to receive Reconciliation and First Communion in Grade 2. Students must attend Grade 7 in order to be confirmed in Grade 8.) Please call Jo Kusek, 402-572-0369 for more information and a registration form.

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### Faith Reflections by Jo Kusek

This Saturday, we celebrate the Memorial of St. Maximilian Kolbe, the Franciscan priest who volunteered to take the place of man sentenced to death with nine others at Auschwitz. He was canonized by St. John Paul II in 1982. When my Dad and I visited Poland in 1988, there were statues and pictures of St. Maximilian in all the churches. We also saw the cell where he died at Auschwitz, empty except for one lighted candle.

I remember our older Polish cousins telling stories of the war. Sometimes their voices got louder and louder, filled with emotion. My Dad would translate the stories for me, and we both listened with tears running down our cheeks.

Here is the story I remember best: Those in the rural areas would hide during the day, and work the farm at night so the Germans wouldn't take the little food they had grown. Once a German soldier found them and asked for help because he was deserting and trying to get back home. He wanted one egg, but they took a chance that he wasn't a spy, and gave him six. After the war, they received a letter from him in Germany, and inside there were ten Deutsche Marks.

"This, my dear, is the greatest challenge of being alive: To witness the injustice of this world, and not allow it to consume our light." (Author unknown) It is said that St. Maximilian was the last of the ten prisoners alive on August 14. He ministered to the other nine during their days of starvation, and prepared them for death. In every time and place, there are good people, there are saints. Who will be the saints to this time? St. Maximilian, pray for those in "dark places" now, and ask our Heavenly Father to help them light the way for others.

**If anyone is interested in joining the St. Elizabeth Ann email list see the link below:**



<http://eepurl.com/bJXtBn>

**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

Deacon Stephen and Sharon Doran co-founded Seeking Truth 12 years ago, perhaps this is your year to give it a try. The city-wide *Seeking Truth Catholic Bible Study* has openings available in the evening class, now meeting at St. Leo's Church at 102 and Blondo.

Please join us from 7 to 9 PM on Thursday evenings, Sept 18<sup>th</sup> through March 24<sup>th</sup> for this foundational study of "*King David and the Psalms*."

Must Pre-Register at [www.SeekinGTRUTH.net](http://www.SeekinGTRUTH.net) All are welcome, give it a try!

Abuse can happen in families, churches, and community...



**Prayer Service for Healing**  
*Dedicated to survivors of all abuse and those who love them*

*September 27, 2021*  
**7:00 pm, St. Mary Parish, Norfolk NE**  
*Archbishop George Lucas presiding*  
**Refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall following the service**


Archdiocese of Omaha  
Victim Outreach and Prevention Office

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