

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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Epiphany of the Lord *January 6, 2019*

Welcome to St. Elizabeth's: It is our hope that you feel at home and among friends here at St. Elizabeth. If you are a visitor for a day, we pray God's speed on your journey. If you are looking for a parish community, we would be delighted to welcome you into our parish family. Please introduce yourselves. Registration forms are available in the entry racks or contact us anytime at 308-534-5461.

Religious Services

Mass Schedule For Sunday Obligation:

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Weekdays & Holy Days

As published in the Bulletin.

Rosary

Prayed **8:30 a.m.** Monday mornings, and
30 minutes before weekend Mass.

Sacrament of Confession

Offered 30 minutes before most all daily Masses
Saturday 4:00 p.m. – 4:55 p.m.
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. – 9:55 a.m., or by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents are asked to attend a baptism preparation class. This is recommended, and easiest to do before the birth of the child, but must be done before the baptism.

Sacrament of Matrimony

To assist those who plan to marry, all couples will be required to fulfill the diocesan marriage preparation policy, which includes the FOCCUS & Engaged Encounter Programs. This requires a minimum of 4-6 months. The assessment process must be completed before a wedding date is set. Contact pastor early to begin the preparation.

Parish Information

Bulletin Deadline

All material is to be submitted to the parish office before noon Wednesday prior to the Sunday it is to appear. Email to: rectory-office@seas-np.org

New or Moving Parishioners

Please call the office to arrange an appointment with the Pastor to register in the Parish. Please call the office to notify us of any address change.

Your Will

Ask your attorney to include remembrance of your Church in your will.

Religious Vocations

Any young woman interested in religious life, or young man interested in a vocation to the priesthood should contact your pastor. Please pray for vocations!

Education

C.C.D. Programs

Sunday mornings (Sept-May) 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.)

For those interested in possibly joining the Catholic Church. Usually on Wednesdays (Sept-May), 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in Parish Hall. Please contact the parish office for more information.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Monday Jan. 7 8:00 a.m.
 Tuesday Jan. 8 **7:00 a.m.**
 Wednesday Jan. 9 **5:30 p.m.**
6:00pm-10:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hour => Spend time with Jesus
 Thursday Jan. 10 8:00 a.m.
 Friday Jan. 11 **12:10 p.m.**
 Saturday Jan. 12 **5:00 p.m.**
 Sunday Jan. 13 **10:00 a.m.**

INTENTIONS

Susan Foley (-bap)
 Theresa Seiker (-bap)
 Bode, Joe and Bode, John
 Elli Fugate
 Martha Burbach +
 Bernadine Torres +
 People of Our Parish

*Rise up in splendor,
 Jerusalem!
 Your light has come,
 the glory of the Lord
 shines upon you.*

— Isaiah 60:1

Stewardship: December 30, 2018

Adult Envelopes:\$1,101.00
Loose Plate:\$167.00
Children:\$3.00
Holy Day: (Christmas Parish) **\$2,262.00**
Total: \$3,533.00

Joy of the Gospel Campaign

Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
 Gifts last week:\$14,070.00
Total Gifts Received:.....\$797,238.05
 Original DIAL Loan:.....1,485,000.00
 Total Received (CTTF Camp):\$1,025,440.07
 Misc Donations Received:.....\$739,940.31
 Total Payments on Loan:.....\$1,616,480.04
 Balance on DIAL LOAN:..... \$142,296.27

Christmas (Retired Priests).....\$225.00

Parish Calendar

Sunday Jan. 6 11:00am CCD CLASSES – **5:00pm = Parish Buffet Dinner**
 Wednesday Jan. 9 **6:00-10:00pm=Eucharistic Adoration** 7:00pm RCIA Class *Indianola Deanery Priests*
 Sunday Jan. 13 **Knights of Columbus Breakfast** – CCD CLASSES – 11:30am=Daughters of Charity
 3:30pm Cursillo SW NE Ultreya, St. Patrick, McCook

Catholic School News:

Happy New Year from your North Platte Catholic Schools Family!

Year-end giving is a multiple blessing! During this month, we are especially thankful for all who have blessed our schools with generosity of time, talent, and treasure. We want to remind you that this is also the time of year to maximize your charitable giving opportunities! All gifts made to the North Platte Catholic Schools Endowment-Trust, Inc. by December 31st are tax deductible for 2018.

Here is a look at how YOUR donations benefit our students and staff: ANNUAL FUND: Supports general school operations, teacher salaries, and tuition assistance for students

FORWARD IN FAITH: Allowed for special projects including a new roof and entryway/office renovations at St. Pat's High School, new weight room/bus barn facility, ongoing technology updates, ongoing HVAC upgrades/repairs, Endowment growth

G.R.E.E.N.: Supports general school operations, special appeal for school chapel renovations

IRISH FEST: Supports general school operations

NORTH PLATTE GIVING DAY: Will help fund continuing education for NPCC staff at the National Catholic Educational Association

GREAT TEACHING FUND: Provides financial assistance for NPCC teachers pursuing higher and continuing education

NAMED SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS: Provide both college and NPCC tuition funding through donor-designated gifts to the Endowment

PLANNED ESTATE GIFTS: Ensure the stable future of the North Platte Catholic Schools by growing the Endowment *Please contact the Endowment office for more information about any of these giving opportunities. Your support is greatly appreciated!

It's time to think SCRIP for Gifts! Shop the Endowment's SCRIP inventory, order online, or special order through the office. Visit www.shopwithscrip.com to view a complete list of national retailers. Don't forget "SCRIP of Choice" certificates too! You choose the denomination, & the recipient can pick out their own gift cards.

North Platte Catholic School:

Faith and Knowledge for a Brighter Future

Nebraska Walk for Life ... Jan. 26, 2019 Keynote speaker=Catherine Adair (former Planned Parenthood employee).

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Buffet Dinner ... Sunday, Jan. 6, 2019, 5:00pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Hall. Bring your favorite dishes. Meats & dessert are furnished. **This is for the entire parish.** Hope to see you there!

Breakfast by Knights of Columbus ... Sunday, Jan. 13, in the Parish Hall after 10:00am Mass; serving pancakes, eggs, fixings, biscuits & gravy, coffee & juices. Free Will offering accepted ... Proceeds go to the purchase of Missalettes.

Daughters of Charity (Altar Society) Meeting: will be **Sunday, Jan. 13, at 11:30am** in Rectory Conference Room. All women are invited & encouraged to attend.

Knights of Columbus Meeting ... Mon, Jan. 14, 7:00pm, Parish Hall. All Knights are invited to attend.

Advent Baby Shower: Again this Advent, our parish will participate in the statewide Advent Baby Shower, from **December 1 – January 13**. As we anticipate the good news and great joy of our Savior's birth, you are invited to **Show His Little Ones**. Place the items in the bassinet at the Narthex of the church. Gifts will be donated to the *Women's Resource Center*.

Christmas Poinsettias ... Anyone may donate to poinsettias for the Altar by putting donation in collection, Please mark: *for flowers*.

Meal for New Parents ... Matt & Ashley Perlinger's new baby, Zelig, was born in November. A meal schedule has been established for them online via TakeThemAMeal.com. If you would like to make a dinner for them to bless them on the birth of Zelig, you can sign up online at the site (search last name: Perlinger; password: 1117), via link St Es FB page, or call Emily Krondak 520-6673.

Catholic Daughters of America ... will be meeting on Monday, Jan. 7 at 7:00pm in the Spiritual Life Center at St Patrick Catholic Church. Please bring your membership books with you. All Catholic women are invited.

Put a Retreat into Your Schedule ... You can register at www.goodcounselretreat.com & receive immediate confirmation or call Good Counsel Retreat House (402-786-2705). Our parish made a \$1,500 donation to the Retreat House (which covers 9 persons). Two person are interested in these Retreats: one=Jan 18-20; one=Mar 22-24, others who are interested in going on either of these Retreats contact Fr. Seiker.

January – July Schedule:

Jan 11-12 Fr. Lux & Fr. McGuire (LDCCW Winter Symposium)
Jan 18-20 Fr. Eric Clark / Knights of Holy Eucharist Men
"Acolyte / Lector Retreat: Discipleship at the Foot of the Cross"
Feb 1-3..... Fr. William Holoubek Men / Women
"Unbound: Breaking Free from Spiritual Wounds"
Feb 15-17..... Sr. Ann Shields..... Men / Women
"Faith: More Precious than Gold"
Feb 22-24 Fr. Angelus Montgomery, CFR. Men/Women
"American Saints and Heroic Virtue"
Mar 8-10..... Fr. Karl Millis..... Men / Women
"St. Teresa of Avila in Light of the Joy of the Gospel"
Mar 18-21 Fr. Gary Coulter Men / Women
"Silent Directed Ignatian Retreat (Mon-Thur)"
Mar 22-24 Fr. Sean Timmerman..... Men / Women
"Awareness of Christ: the Rosary and the Eucharist"
Mar 29-31 Sharon Doran. Men / Women
"Scriptural Lenten Retreat on the Boundless Mercy of God"
April 18-20 Marian Sisters Young Women Triduum Retreat
May 10-11 Janette Howe 2 Day Retreat for Women
"In Quiet and Trust Your Strength Lies"
Summer 2019 8 Day Silent Ignatian Retreats... Men / Women
July 1-9; July 10-18 Fr. Dennis Brown, OMV

Life: An "Epiphany" of God ... "Life is always a good. ... Why is life a good? This question is found everywhere in the Bible, and from the very first pages it receives a powerful and amazing answer. The life which God gives man is quite different from the life of all other living creatures, inasmuch as man, although formed from the dust of the earth (cf. Gen 2:7, 3:19; Job 34:15; Ps 103:14; 104:29), is a manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory (cf. Gen 1:26-27; Ps 8:6). This is what Saint Irenaeus of Lyons wanted to emphasize in his celebrated definition: 'Man, living man, is the glory of God'. Man has been given a sublime dignity, based on the intimate bond which unites him to his Creator: in man there shines forth a reflection of God himself" (*The Gospel of Life*, n. 34).

Marriage Help ... *Retrouvaille* (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. **Stress in Your Marriage?** – *Retrouvaille* is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the February program beginning February 15-17, 2019, in Schuyler, Nebraska call 1-888-317-5654 or 308-986-2351 or check the web site www.retrouvaille.org.

9 Days for Life ... The U.S. Bishops' annual novena 9 Days for Life takes place **Monday, January 14 – Tuesday, January 22**. Pray for the respect and protection of all human life with new intentions, brief reflections, and more each day. Download the novena online, or participate through Facebook, email, text message, or an app. Join at www.9daysforlife.com!

Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Winter Symposium (Retreat) ... January 11 & 12, 2019 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly. Join us on Friday and/or Saturday for prayer, confessions & Mass with Bishop Bruskewitz along with information about: the Villa Marie Ladies Auxilliary; anticipated legislation of concern to the Nebraska Catholic Conference; The Catholic Social Services Homeless Project; the new WeThinkTeach project & a panel discussion on Human Trafficking. Go to goodcounselretreat.com/retreat/schedule to see Agenda & Registration.

Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration ... Wednesdays of the year, 6:00pm (after the 5:30pm Mass) - 10:00pm. We need at least one (1) person present during each of those four hours. Anyone is invited to just "drop in" to spend some time with our Eucharistic Lord ... but we need 4 persons each week.

O, Come Let Us Adore Him, Christ the Lord! ... May the words of our Christmas hymn help us to find the real meaning of Christmas and live it throughout the whole year!!

FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:

Blessed Chalk & Epiphany Blessing ... available in Narthex of Church this week. Families are encouraged to pray together and encourage each other in living our Catholic Faith! Perhaps make a plan to include daily prayer together as a family in your daily schedule.

Nominations for Parish Council ... are being accepted for the next few weeks. Please contact one of the current Parish Council members or Parish Trustees (Members: Ken Bjornstad, Diane Gregg, Philip Heimann, Jim Nisley, and Trustees: Jerry Volesky & Duane Johnsen) or Fr. Seiker to nominate another parishioner or yourself. Normally the terms for the parish council are for two years. Philip Heimann & Jim Nisley are finishing their terms. Ken Bjornstad and Diane Gregg, are completing the first year of their two year term. We have 2 veteran members and 2 new members on the parish council each year; we need four parishioners' names on the ballot.

The Christmas Season ... lasts from the Christmas Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve to the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Jan. 13. It has been a custom of the Church to celebrate ADVENT during the Advent Season without any Christmas decorations, & to celebrate CHRISTMAS during the Christmas Season, by leaving the manger scene & trees up until the end of the Christmas Season (Jan 13). May we all walk the path of God, not the path of man! May each of you have a HOLY Christmas season and a Blessed New Year!

Holy Land Pilgrimage ... Steve & Janet Ray, Producers of the Footprints of God documentaries & Fr. Mark Seiker invite you on a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, **Wed, May 8 – Fri., May 17, 2019**. Brochures are inserted in the Bulletin. Yesterday, I was notified that there are only 2-3 spots available ... if you are interested on going on this Pilgrimage, let me know soon ... there might also be the option of being put on a "waiting list" in case someone has to cancel out.

Christmas Thank You's ... to those who helped with decorating the Church and arranged the flowers, those who set up outdoor decorations, the Choirs, Cantors, Servers, Lectors, Acolytes, Ushers, & all who gave of themselves to the Lord to make the feast day of our Lord's birth a special day. Also thanks to all those who gave cards, gifts, & Christmas goodies to me, and especially for your prayers. Your kindness is appreciated! (Fr. Mark Seiker)

Children's Envelopes ... are available for every child (that we know of) from Kindergarten-Seniors in High School. If someone doesn't receive a box of envelopes, please contact the rectory. Also, if there are pre-school children who would like to receive envelopes, please contact the rectory. We will give children an individual statement of their contributions for 2018 in Jan. 2019. **Please use these envelopes for the new year 2019, not old envelopes.** Please teach the children about giving to the Lord!!

Liturgical Minister

	Sat., Jan. 12, 5:00pm	Sun., Jan. 13, 10:00am
Lector	Jim Nisley	Michael Lafleur
Acolyte	Jerry Volesky	Conrad Buhrman
Server	William Krondak	Jace Grunden
	Nicholas Krondak	Weston Hammond
Music	Greg Vandenberg	Greg Vandenberg
Gifts	Greg Vandenberg, Forrest Kain	Jan Daniel, Marcie Minchow
Ushers	Jerry Beckius	Jeff Orr
	Sharon Beckius	Shane Lowrey
Rosary		

Readings for the Week

Monday:	1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7-8,10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Prayers for the sick: Dave Hoedel (Reiny Burbach's son-in-law), Annie Vieyra, Theresa McCarthy-Garth, Mary Lou Robles & Patricia Zamora (Toni Barron's sisters), Kelly Henry (Mitch Gregg's sister), Peggy Fleecs, Patti Caudillo, Renate Nordquist, Sharon Beckius, John Kahl, Mike & Kim Paul, Eileen Boltz, Jim Beckius.

Prayers for the deceased: Carol LaBrie (Loren Baxa's sister-in-law), Leona Clouatre, Virginia Waechter (Peggy Orr's mother), Mary Jane Vitt (Chris Behm's mother), Bob "Junior" Barron (Toni Barron's brother), Bernadine Torres, Father Jim Novakowski, Martha Burbach, Jerry Kenny (Charles/Toni Barron's son-in-law), Bernadine Duryea, Luke Ranck, Margaret Baxa, Mary Portz, Phyllis Beckius.

Birthdays: 1/5 - Nicholas Krondak, Obie Wartman, 1/8 - Kaye Plienis, Sheila Exner, 1/9 - Tori Clouatre, 1/11 - Lucy Wartman, Lily Minchow, 1/12 - Corinne Hammond, 1/13 - David Lott.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... Monday of this week is Christmas Day in Russia and in much of the Orthodox world. This curious difference in schedule has a lot to do with how calendars have been developed and changed over the years. In the year 45 BC Julius Caesar gave the empire his Julian Calendar, with the winter solstice on January 6. This put an end to a system in which officials called "pontiffs" were able to tweak the calendar by adding extra days in as needed. He invented two new months at that time, December and January; and in order to correct the mess the pontiffs had made, forced a year of 445 days on the empire in what he named "The Last Year of Confusion." The new months varied in number of days according to a complex schedule, but the calendar was still off by nearly twelve minutes a year, and lost a full day every 130 years. Pope Gregory XIII reformed the calendar in 1583, but not everyone appreciated his efforts. England held out for two hundred years. The year 1700 was a leap year in England, but not in France; they were eleven days apart! George Washington was really born on February 11; when the Gregorian calendar was finally adopted in the English colonies shortly before the Revolution, he had to move his birthday to February 22. Now the calendars are thirteen days apart, which accounts for Russia's Julian calendar Christmas. And Caesar thought he had brought confusion to an end! —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

FINDING GOD ... The splendid magi, all sparkle and dash and solemnity, march right up off the pages of Matthew's Gospel and into our churches today. Matthew alone tells us this grand and seductive story so that we might see the light and know that the child these magi visited is the fulfillment of prophecy, the king of the world that stretches to the magi's home country and beyond, right down the ages to us. We too see and understand anew. Like the magi, our patron saints for this day, we see in the newborn child the king of the universe and light of the world. Like the magi, we find in ourselves a new faith and a new life. Like them, we return to our home by a new route. We are asked to come away from this festive season ourselves renewed and awake to the presence of God among us. We are asked to find God where God is to be found, to be attentive and surprised and ready to bow down in adoration and to offer our gifts. —Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

ROOTEDNESS ... The flower does not bear the root. The root bears the flower. The rose is merely evidence of the vitality of the root. —Woodrow Wilson

THE WAY TO HEAVEN ... Love of heaven is the only way to heaven. —John Henry Newman

Pray for our Seminarians: John William McDonald, from St. Patrick, Lincoln. He entered the Seminary in 2017. He is in Pre-Theology 2 at St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

Pray for our Religious Sisters: School Sisters of Christ the King, Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln, Sisters at the Carmel of Jesus, Mary & Joseph, Pink Sisters, Sisters of Mary, Queen of Mercy.

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS ...

(January) Evangelization - That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.