

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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Epiphany of the Lord *January 7, 2018*

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. 8	8:00 a.m.
		10:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Jan. 9	7:00 a.m.
Wednesday	Jan. 10	5:30 p.m.
Thursday	Jan. 11	8:00 a.m.
Friday	Jan. 12	5:30 p.m.
Saturday	Jan. 13	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Jan. 14	10:00 a.m.

INTENTIONS

Susan Foley (-bap anniv.)
 Funeral for Luke Ranck
 Theresa Seiker (-bap anniv.)
 Elli Fugate
 Margaret Baxa +
 Andrew Foley (bap anniv.)
 People of Our Parish
 Anna Lee

**All kings shall pay
 him homage,
 all nations shall
 serve him.**

— Psalm 72:11

Stewardship: December 31, 2017

Adult Envelopes:\$2,707.80
Loose Plate:.....\$115.00
Children:..... \$0.00
Total: \$2,822.80

Joy of the Gospel Campaign

Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
 Gifts last week:\$59,937.36
Total Gifts Received:.....\$661,986.41
 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:.....\$1,481,860.04
 Balance on DIAL LOAN:..... \$266,193.78

Christmas (Parish):\$660.00
 (Christmas) Retired Priests :... \$450.00
 Immaculate Conception:...\$10.00
 Contemplative Sisters:.....\$60.00

LastWk Donations "Farm" Sewer.....\$225.00
Total Donations "Farm" Sewer\$3,230.00

Parish Calendar

Sunday Jan. 7 11:00am CCD Classes **7:00pm = Vigil for Luke Ranck; (Funeral=10:00am Mon)**
 Wednesday Jan. 10 7:00pm **RCIA Class**
 Sunday Jan. 14 11:00am CCD Classes **11:00 am Knights of Columbus Breakfast**

Catholic School News:

A Blessed New Year from your North Platte Catholic Schools Family!

Mark your calendars for upcoming events at NPCS.

- Catholic Schools Week is Jan. 28 – Feb. 2.
- Sunday, February 25th is IRISH FEST.

Stay up to date on all NPCS activities by searching North Platte Catholic Schools on Facebook or visiting our website at NPCSCHOOLS.ORG. Currently Enrolled Families please be certain you are able to log in to Sycamore! Contact Jennifer Winder at j.winder@npcschools.org if you need assistance with Sycamore. Important online Re-Enrollment things happen in the Spring; be sure you're comfortable navigating Sycamore.

From the Endowment: *Thank you to all who have been a part of the "Forward in Faith" campaign for the North Platte Catholic Schools Endowment. We are nearing the end of the campaign, and are so thrilled with the progress to-date! With your generosity, we have been able to make some incredible and much-needed improvements to St. Pat's High School, Built a new bus barn and weight room facility, Added new technology to our classrooms, and have grown our endowment. But, it's NOT TOO LATE if you'd like to donate to the campaign! There are still campaign projects on our to-do list, such as continued replacement of HVAC units, additional technology, facility maintenance, and continued growth of the endowment for future needs of the school. End-of-year is a great time to complete your campaign pledge (or make a one-time gift)! Please contact the Endowment office if you are curious about your campaign balance or would like more information about donating to the North Platte Catholic Schools Endowment-Trust, Inc. Donations can be made at anytime, and credit card donations are accepted. Contact Wendy Dodson at: 308-534-5939, w.dodson@npcschools.org.*

North Platte Catholic School:

Faith and Knowledge for a Brighter Future

Nebraska Walk for Life ... Jan. 27, 2018, at the Capital in Lincoln, sponsored by the NE Right to Life.

- 9:00am Pro-Life Mass at St. Mary Church (14th & K)
- Keynote Speaker: **Ann McElhinney** of "Gosnell", Book & Movie.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Buffet Dinner ... has been **CANCELLED** due to the Vigil for Luke Ranck's funeral.

Knights of Columbus Meeting ... Mon, Jan. 8, 7:00pm, Parish Hall. All Knights are invited to attend.

Breakfast by Knights of Columbus ... Sunday, Jan. 14, 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.

Western Catechist Retreat ... at St. Patrick, McCook, on **Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018, 9:45am – 3:30pm. **Father Jay Buhman is the Retreat Director. All CCD Teachers are encouraged to participate. The Parish will pay for the \$10 Registration Fee.** Parents are also encouraged.**

"Theology on Tap" ... is a speaker series for single & married adults in their 20's & 30's. Please join us on **January 21** to hear Ashley Stevens with "Remembering Him when Life hits the Fan" a story of her near fatal auto accident and the struggles to battle back with the help of her faith. Start time for Ashley will be **meal and social from 6:00pm-6:30pm** and **presentation starting promptly at 6:30pm** to allow her to return to Grand Island at a reasonable time. More information about Ashley can be found at mountainsunmoved.com. **Knights of Columbus Hall (515 E 5th St); location change.** Free will donations accepted. Cash bar. Please follow our link on Facebook: Theology on Tap North Platte. If you have questions, please call Jennifer Kramer 520-1622.

Child care will NOT be AVAILABLE.

Marriage Encounter Weekend ... "Heighten our heart-to-heart communication" Marriage Encounter Weekend in **Lincoln, Feb. 9-11.** Contact couple Pat & Janelle Benson (Janelle 308-940-1105; Pat 308-940-0670; Hm 308-946-3568). Marriage Encounter brings a renewal to the life of a parish one couple at a time.

Advent Baby Shower: continues to Jan. 8. Put the items in bassinet in Narthex. Gifts donated to *Women's Resource Center.*

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).

UNBOUND Retreat ... Jan 19-21, 2018 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, with Fr. William Holoubek. This weekend retreat is geared towards men & women who have already read the book or watched the video series, & will provide opportunities to pray the five keys with a prayer team. Register <http://goodcounselretreat.com/>

Safe Environment ... The Diocese of Lincoln requires that its employees and volunteers report any allegations of abuse or neglect of a minor or elder connected with church related activity to law enforcement, consistent with the requirements of Nebraska law. If anyone has information that a minor or elder is being or has been subjected to abuse or neglect please report it immediately to local law enforcement or to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services toll-free number 1-800-652-1999, and also to any Parish Pastor, School Administrator, Teacher, or to any Diocesan official at the Catholic Chancery (402) 488-0921, so that immediate steps may be taken for the protection of the minor or elder.

Rediscover Your Marriage ... Retrouvaille simply means ‘rediscovery’. The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. Retrouvaille is a not spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped tens or thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the February program beginning with a weekend on February 16-18, 2018, call 1-888-317-5654 or 308-986-2351 or www.retrouvaille.org.

Put a Retreat into Your Schedule ... register at www.goodcounselretreat.com & receive immediate confirmation or call Good Counsel Retreat House at 402-786-2705 to register now.

January – May Schedule:

- Jan 12-13 Fr. Lux & Fr. McGuire..... Women
(LDCCW Winter Symposium)
- Jan 19-21 Fr. William Holoubek Men / Women
“Unbound: Breaking Free from Spiritual Wounds”
- Feb 2-4..... Fr. Joseph Walsh Men / Women
“Stewardship: Sharing the Master’s Joy (Mt 15:21)”
- Feb 14..... LDCCW Women
Day of Reflection (10am–3pm) “Ash Wednesday”
- Feb 16-18..... Fr. Sean Kilcawley Women
“Divine Daughterhood / Merciful Motherhood”
- Feb 23-25..... Bishop Fabian Bruskewitz Men
“Lenten Outlooks on Pleasure, Power, and Possessions”
- Mar 2-4..... Fr. Joseph Faulkner Men / Women
“The Bible lets you talk to God better”

Without A Spouse January meeting ... will be held Saturday, Jan. 20 beginning at 1:00pm with snacks to start our retreat. Meeting at St Patrick Parish Hall; Renee Callaghan presenting on the Hospice program. Fr. Matthew will talk on the Sacrament of Anointing. Plan to be done around 3:30pm with a meal to be provided so we can attend the 5:30pm Mass as a group. There is reconciliation at 4:00pm for anyone that wants to attend. Hope to see everyone then.

Joy & Hope Anniversary Recognition Mass ... and reception for all married couples will be held **Sunday, February 11, 2018** at the regular **9:00 a.m.** Mass at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ in Lincoln. Bishop James Conley will be the Main Celebrant at the Mass for this celebration of Christian Marriage. Special recognition will be given to those couples celebrating 10, 25, 40 and 50 years or more **who have registered.** Family guests are welcome. Suggested donation of \$10 per couple to cover reception costs appreciated! Registration forms are available [in the church], or call the Family Life Office, (402) 473-0620.

Evening Bargain Bin Bag Sale ... Mon., Jan. 8, 5:00pm–8:00pm. It includes all Christmas clothing and decorations. For \$3 a bag, the only things not included are antiques and jewelry. We have tons of winter and other items so this is a great time to stock up! We have so many generous donors and volunteers, however, it would be great to have more volunteers for inside. Pick your days and hours! We also need a volunteer/s who can help clean our parking lot on snowy days. Please contact us...or just show up on snowy days! Contact the Bargain Bin 308-534-9121 or Linda Kirk 308-660-2787. Thank you all! (421 E 3rd St)

SAFETY TIPS ... 20% of all fatal accidents involve automobiles. 17% of all accidents happen at home. 15% of all accidents involve pedestrians. 16% of all accidents happen on airplanes, trains, or boats. Only .001% of all fatal accidents happen in Church! **Come spend some time with Jesus!**

FROM 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 2017 in Jan. 2018. **Please use these envelopes for the new year 2018, not old envelopes.** Please teach the children about giving to the Lord!!

Nominations for Parish Council ... are being accepted. Please contact one of the current Parish Council members or Parish Trustees (Members: Jerry Beckius, Shane Lowrey, 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. Jerry Beckius and Shane Lowrey are finishing their terms. Philip Heimann and Jim Nisley 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. Hopefully there will be at least four parishioners’ names on the ballot.

New Envelope Numbers for 2018 ... Envelope Numbers have been re-assigned to everyone by Alphabetical order. You may or may not have the same number. Please DO NOT USE any OLD envelopes from previous years. Thanks for all you give to the Lord!

Epiphany / News Years Blessing ... was inserted into the Bulletin last 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.

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!!

Liturgical Minister

	Sat., Jan. 13, 5:00pm	Sun., Jan. 14, 10:00am
Lector	Jim Nisley	Michael Lafleur
Acolyte	Jerry Volesky	Conrad Buhrman
Server	William Krondak	Jace Grunden
	Nicholas Krondak	Weston Hammond
Music	Greg Vandenberg	Matt & Ashley Perlinger
Gifts	Phillip & Kelsey Heimann	Spencer/Tiffany Hampton
Ushers	Jerry Beckius	Spencer Hampton
	Sharon Beckius	Jeff Orr

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Is 42:1-4,6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-4,3,9-10 or Is 12:2-6; Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:14-20 and Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2,5,7-10; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	1 Sm 9:1-4,17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday:	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

Prayers for the sick: Martha Burbach, Jan Yerger (Kim Clouatre's mother), Dolores Kosmicki, Carol LaBrie (Loren Baxa's sister-in-law), Peggy Fleecs, Gordon Swanson (Cindy Swanson's father), Bernadine Duryea (Ben Heskett's mother), Patti Caudillo, Leona Clouatre, Renate Nordquist, Julie (Kellogg) Buehler (Molly Walz's aunt), Jerry Steffes, Virginia Waechter (mother of Peggy Orr), Sharon Beckius, Frank Schneweis (Emily Krondak's father), John Kahl, Mike & Kim Paul, Special Intention, Kade Folchert (grandson of Bob Folchert), Margaret Schuckert, Eileen Boltz, Jim Beckius.

Prayers for the deceased: Luke Ranck, Shirley Keck, Gerald Vap (Msgr. Ivan Vap's brother), Robert Inlow (Joanne Bollish's son), Mickey Kirwan (Teri Volesky's brother), Margaret Baxa, Betty Ganzel (Mike Krondak's grandmother), Bradley Folchert (Bob Folchert's nephew), Virgil Einsphar (Derek Bantam's grandfather), Loretta Pilakowski, Pat Sexton, Mary Portz, Phyllis Beckius.

Birthdays: 1/8 - Kaye Plienis, Sheila Exner, 1/11 - Lucy Wartman, Lily Minchow, 1/12 - Corinne Hammond, 1/13 - David Lott, 1/14 - Marinn Niesen.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... Where on earth would you go to honor the magi? Iran or Saudi Arabia, Tarshish or the Isles come to mind, but Cologne, Germany would be a good choice. There the Shrine of the Three Kings has been the centerpiece of the city's cathedral since the fourth century. Today it is the largest reliquary in the world: a gilded and ornamented triple casket gleaming high above the altar. In the fourth century, the supposed relics of the wise men were taken from Constantinople to Milan, where they remained until the German Emperor with the unlikely name Frederick Barbarossa (Red Beard) gave them to the Archbishop of Cologne. Ever since, pilgrims have streamed into the city to honor the magi, the first of all pilgrims, and thus the heavenly patrons of all who have some holy wanderlust.

This largest Gothic cathedral in Europe today was begun in the mid-1200s to house the relics. In medieval times, the relics in a city's possession were often the key to a sound international economy. The reliquary was last opened in 1864, and the remains of three men were indeed discovered. The cathedral is well worth a visit, with enormous twin spires forming the largest façade of any church in the world (it is the model for St. Patrick's in New York). Construction began in 1248 and ended in 1880, a six-hundred-year project. Today, it is a World Heritage Site, described by the U.N. as "an exceptional work of human creative genius." This great treasure of our tradition suffered fourteen direct bomb hits in World War II but did not collapse. It survived while the city burned around it, preserved, the townspeople say, by three heavenly patrons.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

GOD'S PROMISE TO ALL PEOPLE ... Today Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and that they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God's glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God's fidelity to them, all people shall become God's children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

EASTERN STAR ... Fair eastern star, that art ordain'd to run Before the sages, to the rising Sun, Here cease thy course, and wonder that the cloud Of this poor stable can thy Maker shroud. —Sir John Beaumont

Pray for our Seminarians: **Caleb Daniel Hile**, from St. Joseph Parish, Lincoln. He entered the Seminary in 2013. He is in Theology 2 at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. **Santiago Jose Izquierdo**, from St. Peter Parish, Lincoln. He entered the Seminary in 2016. He is in College 3 at St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS

(January): Evangelization: Religious Minorities in Asia - That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.