

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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The Epiphany of Our Lord *January 8, 2017*

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. 9	8:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Jan. 10	7:00 a.m.
Wednesday	Jan. 11	5:30 p.m.
Thursday	Jan. 12	8:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m.
Friday	Jan. 13	5:30 p.m.
Saturday	Jan. 14	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Jan. 15	10:00 a.m.

INTENTIONS

Elli Fugate
 Dr. Kim Baxter Family
 the Portz kids
 Book of Memories / Blessings
 TV Mass (recorded at St. Elizabeth)
 Anna Lee
 People of our Parish
 Amy Estrada & Family

**They opened their
treasures and offered
him gifts of gold,
frankincense, and
myrrh. – Matthew 2:11b**

Stewardship: January 1, 2017

Adult Envelopes:\$485.80
Mary, Mother of God Env's:\$260.00
Loose Plate:.....\$106.00
Children: \$0.00
Total:\$851.80

Joy of the Gospel Campaign
 Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
 Gifts last week:\$375.00
Total Gifts Received:.....\$487,034.05
 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:.....\$1,299,395.04
 Balance on DIAL LOAN:..... \$432,981.09

Retired Priests Collection:\$0.00

Parish Calendar

Sunday	Jan. 8	11:00am	CCD Classes	11:00 am Knights of Columbus Breakfast
				3:30 pm Cursillo <u>Ultreya</u> at St. Patrick Church Basement, McCook
Wednesday	Jan. 11			7:00 pm RCIA Class
Thursday	Jan. 12			1:30 pm record TV MASS
Sunday	Jan. 15	11:00am	CCD Classes	5:00pm St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Buffet Dinner

Catholic School News:

Don't forget to use SCRIP for your Holiday

Shopping needs ... Remember in addition to the large variety of on-hand retailers, the Endowment can also special order any retailers listed on the scrip website: <http://www.shopwithscrip.com>. Orders are placed every Monday and typically arrive by Thursday of the same week. SCRIP OF CHOICE certificates make excellent gifts. SCRIP OF CHOICE is the perfect gift for Teachers. Call the Endowment office with all of your SCRIP Questions 534-5939 or email: endowment@npcschools.org. Also look for SCRIP after the weekend masses at Holy Spirit, St. Patrick's and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (1st & 3rd weekends of the month).

Direct your Dollars to McDaid! ... Save those Receipts from SunMart and turn them into our school. Once \$150,000 in receipts have been gathered and verified a check for \$1,000 will be awarded to our schools. *We are still collecting Box Tops for Education as well as Labels for Education.*

North Platte Catholic School:

Faith and Knowledge for a Brighter Future

Nebraska Walk for Life ... Jan. 14, 2017, at the Capital in Lincoln, sponsored by the NE Right to Life,

- 9:00am Pro-Life Mass at St. Mary Church (14th & K)
- Keynote Speech: by **Rebekah Buell** (mother of a healthy baby in 2013 after an abortion pill reversal protocol).

Carpooling to the Nebraska Walk for Life ...

Some of us will be carpooling to the Nebraska Walk for Life on Saturday, Jan. 14. Meet in parking lot at 5:15am, and leave shortly after that. Attend 9:00am Pro-Life Mass at St. Mary Church in Lincoln, participate in the Walk, listen to the keynote speaker at the Union, eat lunch; 12:30pm=leave. **Return by 4:00pm. Join us in supporting Life!**

Daughters of Charity (Altar Society) Meeting:

will be **Monday, Jan. 9, at 10:00am** in Parish Hall. Following the meeting we will have **installation of officers** followed by **High Tea reception**. All women are invited & encouraged to attend.

Knights of Columbus Meeting ... Mon, Jan. 9, 7:00pm, Parish Hall. All Knights are invited to attend.

Breakfast by Knights of Columbus ... Sunday, Jan. 8, in the Parish Hall after 10:00am Mass; serving pancakes, eggs, fixing, biscuits & gravy, coffee & juices. Free Will offering accepted ... Proceeds go to the purchase of Missalettes.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Buffet

Dinner ... will be **Sun., Jan. 15, 2017 at 5:00pm** in honor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Bring your favorite dishes. Meats and desert will be furnished. **This is for the entire parish.** As we need to gather at the table of the Lord and share the Eucharist, so we need to get together as a Parish family and share food and fellowship. Hope to see you there. Please RSVP to Renate Nordquist (532-0159) or Jan Bush (532-1964) by Wednesday, Jan. 11.

Advent Baby Shower: until Jan. 9. Place items in bassinet in Narthex. Gifts will be donated to *Women's Resource Center*.

One Rose One Life ...

the Knights of Columbus will conduct their annual One Rose One Life fundraising drive on **Jan. 21-22**. This is one of the few opportunities you have to donate to pro-life efforts when you go to Mass. The Ushers and/or Knights will be taking up a second collection & Knights of Columbus members will hand out prayer cards after Mass. One Rose One Life raises funds that help many pro-life programs & organizations throughout Nebraska. The Bishops' Pastoral Plan for Pro Life Activities office, is a major recipient of these funds. Please be generous!

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*).

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 – March Schedule:

Jan 13-14 Fr. Lux & Fr. McGuire..... Women
(LDCCW Winter Symposium)
 Jan 20-22 Fr. Jay Buhman Men / Women
“The Seven Signs in St. John’s Gospel: A New Creation”
 Feb 3-5..... Fr. Andrew Apostoli, CFR... Men / Women
“Is my Faith and Trust in God Growing?”
 Feb 17-19..... Fr. Jacques Philippe Men / Women
 Feb 24-26..... Fr. Sean Kilcawley Men
“Prayer and Battle - Man-to-Man”
 Mar 1 LDCCW Women
Day of Reflection (10am–3pm) “Ash Wednesday”
 Mar 3-5 Msgr. Joseph Nemec Men / Women
“Discipleship according to St. John’s Gospel”
 Mar 20-24 FOCUS Campus Ministry Men / Women
“4 or 5-Day Ignatian Holy Week Retreat”
 Mar 24-26 Fr. Mark Czyz Men / Women
“Healing in the Heart of Christ”
 Mar 31-Apr 2.... Sr. Ann Shields, SGL..... Men / Women
“God is Savior, Shepherd, King”

“Making our Good Marriage Better” ...

Enhance your true love for one-another. Take the time for a very special weekend together and make a World Wide Marriage Encounter Weekend for your marriage. Marriage Encounter brings a terrific renewal inside a Parish. It touches at the heart of a couple, vivifying the Sacrament. There is a Marriage Encounter Weekend in Lincoln, February 10-12, 2017. To register for a weekend please contact Pat & Janelle Benson at 308-946-3568 or (Janelle: 308-940-1105, Pat: 308-940-0670) pjbbben@yahoo.com or www.wwmesection9.org:

Stress in Your Marriage? ... Retrouvaille

(pronounced retro-vi) 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 with a weekend on February 24-26, 2017, call 1-888-317-5654 or www.retrouvaille.org.

Follow Jesus Series ... Past Alpha participants are invited to join us as we explore the Follow Jesus Series in a discussion entitled The Way. Our six week session begins January 15. We will join Alpha participants for a meal and then break to explore the words Jesus spoke to his disciples long ago & discover how these same words speak to us today. Join us Jan. 15 – Feb. 19, at 6:30pm, in St. Patrick Parish Hall.

5th Sunday Rosary Program ... on Sunday, January 31 at 6:00pm. Angelus, and Rosary, and Food.

FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:

Cursillo Weekends ... A Cursillo (the full name is “Cursillo de Cristiandad”) is an encounter with Christ. Cursillo (pronounced *kur-see-yo*) is a Spanish word meaning “little” or “short course,” so a Cursillo is a “short course in Christianity.” Cursillo offers the opportunity for personal growth in your faith, thus allowing you to better share your faith with others. The goal of Cursillo is to make Christ the prime influence in society by helping Christians better understand their power and mission to become leaven in civic, social and economic life. We need Christian leaven in the world!! Are you interested in being that leaven in your corner of the world? The 2017 Weekends are scheduled at St. Patrick Parish in McCook, NE, March 16-19, 2017 (Men) and March 23–26, 2017 (Women). The Weekend begins on Thursday evening and ends on Sunday evening. If you would like more information about Cursillo or the 2017 Weekends, call or email John Springer, Lay Director for the Lincoln Diocese (402-826-2699; jejspringer@windstream.net). There is also information on the Lincoln Diocese Cursillo webpage: <http://www.seas-np.org/cursilloregistrations.html>.

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: Jerry Beckius, Shane Lowrey, Matt Masek, Molly Walz, 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 & Molly Walz are finishing their terms. Shane Lowrey and Matt Masek are completing the first year of their two year term. We have 2 veteran members & 2 new members on the parish council each year. Hopefully there will be at least four parishioners’ names on the ballot.

ALPHA “Come & See” Dinner ... Alpha is a chance to explore and question the meaning of life. Over a series of about ten sessions, you’ll find out about the basics of the Christian faith. Each session involves a main talk and some time to say what you think. It’s fun, relaxed and free, and you can ask anything you like (that’s why over 25 million people worldwide have already tried Alpha.)

This Spring, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish is joining St. Patrick Parish for a combined Alpha at St. Patrick. Any who are interested in helping as a Host(ess) or Helper or are interested in being an Alpha Guest please contact Mary Wyatt at St. Patrick Church (532-0942 #211).

You’re Invited! Starting Jan. 15, 2017 (Sundays): 6:30pm Meal at St. Patrick Parish Hall. RSVP is appreciated for accurate meal count; but walk-in’s are welcome. 308-532-0942. formation@st-pats-online.org.

Discipleship Groups ... Cultivate & enrich your faith with fellow parishioners to become a motivated and passionate disciple of Christ. Thinking with the mind of Jesus and loving with His heart.

Thursdays, Jan. 19–Feb. 16, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Hall.
 6:30pm = Food: Gather and Fellowship over food provided for you.

7:00pm = Teaching ... Video Talks by Fr. John Riccardo (designed to engage and inspire conversation).

7:45pm = Discussion ... Members are given the chance to share thoughts and ideas on the topic, discussing in their group. Discussion is guided by prepared questions from the curriculum. The session wraps up with five minutes of closing prayer and intentions. **8:30pm = conclude.**

We are striving to adjust our focus from being inward & maintenance based to being outward & mission-oriented. This change occurs first in our hearts, through an encounter with Christ, then in our homes as we grow in our faith, and finally in our culture as we witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Some have participated in the Alpha Course, or other faith groups to encounter Jesus. Now, Discipleship Groups will help us grow as motivated & passionate disciples of Christ.

“We can only have faith in the Risen One if we have encountered him. We can only encounter him by following him. Only if both are true of us can we bear witness to him and carry his light to the world.” -*Pope Benedict XVI*

Children’s Envelopes ... for children Kindergarten-Seniors in High School in Narthex. **Please use 2017 envelopes for 2017 year.**

Liturgical Minister

	Sat., Jan. 14, 5:00pm	Sun., Jan. 15, 10:00am
Lector	Jerry Beckius	Justin Pieper
Acolyte	Jerry Volesky	Duane Johnsen
Server	Volunteer	Harmon Johnsen
	Volunteer	Kevin Bantam
Music	Sharon Beckius	Buhrman/Niesen/Gregg
Gifts	Jim & Shirley Nisley	Karl & Lyuba Hendricks
Ushers	Cindy Swanson	Luke Ranck
	Alice Robinson	Fran Ranck

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17
Tuesday:	Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday:	Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

Prayers for the sick: David Bratton, John Kahl, Sheryl Darpoli, Victoria Brenneis (Emily Krondak's niece), Mike & Kim Paul, Pat Sexton, Special Intention, Kade Folchert (grandson of Bob Folchert), Margaret Schuckert, Ella Ochoa, Eileen Boltz, Jim/Phyllis Beckius.

Prayers for the deceased: Patricia Dancer (Mary Bratton's mother), Lonnie Schmid (Jon Schmid's brother), Jose Luis Rodriguez, (Fr. Rafael Rodriguez's father), Barbara Barak, (Fr. Chris Barak's mother), Alexis Heaslip, (Fr. Andrew Heaslip's mother), Gerald Wiedel, (Fr. Tom Wiedel's father), Douglas Townsend, (Fr. Charles Townsend's brother), Barbara Hoelsing, (Fr. Ken Hoelsing's mother), Patrick Olmsted, (Bishop Thomas Olmsted's father), Gene Donoho (Melissa Johnson's uncle), Dolores Clickner (Kim Paul's mother), Marty Estrada (Beatrice Estrada's son; brother of Carmen Buhrman, Diane Gregg, Teresa Niesen).

Birthdays: 1/8 - Kaye Plienis, Luke Ranck, Sheila Exner, 1/11 - Lily Minchow, 1/12 - Corinne Hammond, 1/14 - Marinn Niesen.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... This year, in the United States the celebration of the Epiphany falls on January 8, but the traditional date for the Epiphany is January 6. The date we know as January 6 was established as the solstice in Egypt in 1996 BC, but the Egyptian calendar lost a full day every 128 years. Twenty centuries later the actual solstice had migrated to December 25. People still kept January 6 for the solstice celebration, but December 25, matching nicely with the Roman pagan feast of the Unconquered Sun, launched an extended solstice holiday. By the time of the early church, the whole period of twelve days was celebrated just about everywhere.

Christians began to celebrate Christ as the true light of the world in four themes: the Nativity, the manifestation to the Gentiles, the baptism of the Lord, and the wedding feast at Cana. That was entirely too much for one day to handle. A twelve-day season was ready to be adapted, so Christians borrowed from the pagan calendar for their own season of light. Thus early Christian celebrations of the Christmas season extended from one date for the solstice, December 25, to the older date, January 6. The darkest time in the Northern Hemisphere could now be filled with the Christian observance of the arrival of the Light of the World. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM ... The unfolding of the story of the Incarnation continues today as the Church celebrates the Epiphany. The tale of the magi from the East is one of the most fascinating in all of scripture. It has much to teach us about what we can come to expect, even in circumstances and places that may seem insignificant or small. Bethlehem was a tiny town, what we might refer to today as a town without even one stop light. Yet it is over this seemingly insignificant place that the guiding star stops in its own search for the place where the Savior would be born. Too often we fail to recognize the fact that the star of Bethlehem comes to rest in our everyday lives, where we can experience God's presence, manifested in ever new ways. Epiphany calls us to shake off our stupor and recognize the One who comes to save us. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

EPIPHANY ... Solemn things of mystic meaning: Incense doth the God disclose; Gold a royal Child proclaimeth; Myrrh a future tomb foreshows. —Roman Breviary, Epiphany; Prudentius, fourth century

TRUE HAPPINESS ... Abandon yourself utterly for the love of God, and in this way you will become truly happy. —Blessed Henry Suso

SELFLESSNESS REWARDED ... Help another's boat across, and lo! thine own has reached the shore. —Old Hindu proverb

Pray for our Seminarians: Philip Thomas Hanigan, from Risen Christ Cathedral, Lincoln. He entered the Seminary in 2015. He is in College 2 at St. Gregory the Great Seminary. Caleb Daniel Hile, from St. Joseph Parish, Lincoln. He entered the Seminary in 2013. He is in Theology 1 at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary.

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS (January)

Christian Unity: That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.



NEW SERIES!

Alpha

Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment.

You're invited....

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith. **Join us Sunday evenings Beginning January 15, 2017!**

For more information or to let us know you are coming **Call Mary Wyatt 532-0942 ext. 211 Or Jim & Leliani Jensen 308-870-0997**

Location
St. Patrick's Catholic Church
415 North Chestnut
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Our series begins.....
January 15, 2017
Meal 6:30pm
Video & Discussion 7:00 - 8:30

"DO I HAVE A PURPOSE?"

"IS THIS IT?"

"WHAT'S THE MEANING OF LIFE?"

"IS THERE MORE TO LIFE THAN THIS?"

"WHAT AM I DOING HERE?"

"IS THERE A GOD?"

Alpha

FIND OUT ABOUT THE ALPHA COURSE