

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time *January 15, 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. 16	8:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Jan. 17	7:00 a.m.
Wednesday	Jan. 18	5:30 p.m.
Thursday	Jan. 19	8:00 a.m.
Friday	Jan. 20	5:30 p.m.
Saturday	Jan. 21	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Jan. 22	10:00 a.m.

INTENTIONS

Elizabeth (Liz) Haag
For our Benefactors
Triumph of the Immaculate Heart
For a Renewed Respect for Life
Dan & Paul Hengen & family +
People of our Parish
For a Renewed Respect for Life

**I will make you a light
to the nations, that my
salvation may reach to
the ends of the earth.**

— Isaiah 49:6b

Stewardship: January 8, 2017

Adult Envelopes:	\$1,313.80
Mary, Mother of God Env's:	\$300.00
Loose Plate:	\$113.50
Children:	\$5.00
Total:	\$1,732.30

<u>Joy of the Gospel Campaign</u>	
Total Pledged:	\$958,770.00
Gifts last week:	\$2,786.97
<u>Total Gifts Received:</u>	<u>\$493,420.92</u>
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:	<u>\$432,981.09</u>

Retired Priests Collection:\$0.00

Parish Calendar

Sunday	Jan. 15	11:00am	CCD Classes	5:00pm St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Buffet Dinner
Monday	Jan. 16	6:30 pm	Discipleship Groups	(in Parish Hall)
Wednesday	Jan. 11	7:00 pm	RCIA Class	
Sunday	Jan. 22	11:00am	CCD Classes	

Catholic School News:

Dine Out Night ... will be January 25th at Wendy's. You can dine from 5pm – 8pm and 15% of proceeds during those hours will be directed to the McDaid PTO. Coupon is NOT required for this event.

National Catholic Schools Week 2017 ... is January 29 – February 3rd. Please stay tuned on our weekly celebration as it draws near.

Direct your Dollars to McDaid! ... Save those receipts from SunMart and turn them in to 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

THANK YOU ... to my wonderful family for hosting my 80th birthday celebration. And to all my friends who came to wish me a Happy Birthday. I am so grateful for all your love and support and blessed beyond words! –Jerry Campbell

The CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS of St. Pat's ... will host a soup and pie supper on Saturday, January 21st at 6:00pm in St. Pat's Parish Hall. A free will offering will be taken up to help the many causes that the Catholic Daughters donate to. So mark your calendar and bring a friend!

"Healthy Diet, Healthy You" ... Diane Tobin, Registered Dietitian/CD will be presenting on Saturday, January 21, 2017 at 10:00am in the Spiritual Life Center at St. Pat's. This is a great opportunity to learn up-to-date information about how you can change your diet to optimize a healthier life. Everyone is welcome! Bring your family and friends!

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Buffet Dinner ... will be **TODAY, 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.** Hope to see you there.

One Rose One Life ... The Knights of Columbus will conduct their annual One Rose One Life fundraising drive **TODAY, 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. If you are unable to make a contribution today, the Knights have envelopes available at the doors.

5th Sunday Rosary Program ... the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council has introduced a 5th Sunday Rosary Program. Responding to this invitation, Knights of Columbus Council #12530 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton will be hosting a 5th Sunday Rosary on **Sunday, January 31 at 6:00pm**. We will pray the Angelus & the Rosary. Following the Rosary, at 6:30pm all are invited to the Parish Hall to enjoy some **Beef Stew** provided by the Knights of Columbus.

Three Key Themes ... This week our nation honors the dream of equal human rights articulated by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. On January 22, we also mark the anniversary of the most egregious violation of human rights through the Supreme Court decision Roe vs. Wade, which permitted the killing of children in the womb. During these days, Christians also observe the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. These three themes intersect powerfully. We pray that Christians will unite in effective service to all who are deprived of their rights, and bring about a Culture of Life, Justice, and Love.

Confirmation for Grades 5, 6, 7 Students ... will be on **Sunday, March 19, 2017 during the 10:00am Mass.**

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 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 Nemecek 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 Czyza Men / Women
“Healing in the Heart of Christ”

“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) pjbjben@yahoo.com or www.wwmesection9.org:

Rediscover Your Marriage ... Retrouvaille

(pronounced retro-vi) simply means ‘rediscovery’. The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. Tens of thousands headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending. Retrouvaille is a not spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. 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.HelpOurMarriage.org on the web.

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 Jan. 15. We will join Alpha participants for a meal & 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, St. Patrick Parish Hall.

“9 Days for Life” Novena ...

The U.S. bishops’ annual novena 9 Days for Life takes place Saturday, January 21 – Sunday, January 29. 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!

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children ... Sunday, January 23,

is the infamous 44th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision Roe vs. Wade and Doe vs. Bolton (1973) legalizing abortion during all nine months of pregnancy. The U.S. Bishops have designated **Monday, January 23** (since the 22nd is on Sunday) as a day of penance for the violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life.

Please offer some form of prayer and penance on this day & attend Mass to pray for an end to this atrocity.

FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:

Cursillo Weekends ...

It’s a New Year ... a time for new beginnings and fresh starts. **Cursillo** is a great way to stop and take a look at your life. Who are you? Where have you been? Where do you want to go? Ralph Martin, international Catholic speaker and author, said, “I knew that the most important decision that I have ever made in my life was to surrender my life to the Lord on Cursillo, to go to confession, to get reconciled with the Lord ... but I also knew that what attracted me to the Church wasn’t the buildings, wasn’t the stained glass, but it was the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is the mystery of the Church ... Jesus Christ is the heart of the Church ... and I knew that I needed to develop that personal dimension of relationship with Jesus if I was going to persevere ... that it wasn’t going to be enough to just be part of the crowd ... I needed to know Him ... I needed to be with Him ... I needed to let that grow.” How about you – do you need a better relationship with our Lord? Cursillo may provide the encounter you are looking for. Cursillo Weekends are scheduled at St. Patrick Parish in McCook, NE, March 16-19, 2017 (Men) and March 23–26, 2017 (Women). 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. 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.

MONDAYS, Jan. 16–Feb. 13, 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.

Liturgical Minister

	Sat., Jan. 21, 5:00pm	Sun., Jan. 22, 10:00am
Lector	Mike Krondak	Chuck Burr
Acolyte	Jon Walz	Jerry Cooper
Server	William Krondak	Drew Connelly
	Volunteer	Lakeland Lowrey
Music	The Walz Family	Greg Vandenberg
Gifts	Steve & Janet Fear	Mike & Emily Krondak
Ushers	Steve Fear	Shane Lowrey
	Janet Fear	Duane Johnsen

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday:	Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday:	Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday:	Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12
Friday:	Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday:	Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21
Sunday:	Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23

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), Gene Donoho (Melissa Johnson's uncle).

Birthdays: 1/14 - Marinn Niesen, 1/19 - Karl Hendricks, Paul Orr, 1/20 - Carmen Buhrman, 1/21 - Dennis Brosius, 1/22 - Sophie Daniel, Don Exner.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... As soon as Christmas ends, people begin planning for Easter! Originally, the source of our Paschal Triduum was but a single liturgy extending from Saturday sundown to sunrise on Easter Sunday. The two days leading up to the liturgy were days of fast, not only for the elect, but for the church preparing to baptize them. A fifth-century pope explained that the church imitated the apostles, who were in hiding with their grief from the arrest of Jesus, and therefore sacraments, even penance, were forbidden.

Inevitably, though, people wanted to come together, and so eventually a Liturgy of the Word developed for Good Friday. This was the first step toward today's shape of the Triduum, and gradually new ideas were embraced, including the veneration of the cross and a simple Communion service. Interestingly, the Word remained central, since we know that in those days the pope did not receive Communion at this liturgy, even though the faithful had that option. In the other churches of Rome, priests and people received Communion under both species. Although the custom of Communion on Good Friday took hold, it did not endure past the Middle Ages. The central liturgies of the year slowly unraveled and disappeared from parish life. Remember that there were no seminaries in those days, and books were a rare luxury. Most priests could only manage to celebrate a simple "low" Mass, and few parishes could afford the ritual books that would guide a priest through the complex forms. Holy Week remained important in private devotion, but for a time the liturgies virtually disappeared.

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

THREE MISSIONS ... Today we begin with one of the "servant songs" from the book of Isaiah, a song prophetic of Jesus' ministry of service. Isaiah's mission is not only to bring back the children of Jacob to gather in Israel; it is also to be "a light to the nations" (Isaiah 49:6). Jesus Christ, as servant, will be the fulfillment of the ancient prophecy and the basis of the new.

This Sunday we begin a series of readings from Paul's letter to the Corinthians. Here Paul is identified by his mission: he is an apostle of Jesus Christ. The church at Corinth to whom he addresses this letter is also identified: it is part of the universal church of God. The Corinthians are called to holiness, as are all Christians.

Though the feast of the Baptism of the Lord was celebrated last Monday, today's Gospel also alludes to the importance of that event. The reading emphasizes that Jesus "outranks" John: his baptism in the Spirit will eradicate sin. Jesus accepts John's baptism, even though it is he himself who is the Lamb of God. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

VISION ... Some people see more in a walk around the block than others see in a trip around the world. —Anonymous

GOD KNOWS BEST ... God's creative wisdom was at its best when making humans. There are four holes in the head for information to go in, and only one for it to go out. —Anonymous

Pray for our Seminarians: **Brett Jerome Jamrog**, from St. Joseph & St. Peter & St. Thomas Parishes, Lincoln. He entered the Seminary in 2015. He is in Pre-Theology 2 at St. Gregory the Great Seminary. **Robert William Johnson**, from St. Thomas Parish, Lincoln. He entered the Seminary in 2014. He is in Theology 1 at Mount St. Mary 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.