

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time *January 21, 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. 22	8:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Jan. 23	7:00 a.m.
Wednesday	Jan. 24	5:30 p.m.
Thursday	Jan. 25	8:00 a.m.
Friday	Jan. 26	5:30 p.m.
Saturday	Jan. 27	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Jan. 28	10:00 a.m.

INTENTIONS

For a Renewed Respect for Life
 For Our Benefactors
 Margaret Baxa +
 Makayla Connelly
 Parishioners with Birthday in January
 Robert Inlow +
 People of Our Parish

**The kingdom of God
 is at hand. Repent,
 and believe in the
 gospel.**

— Mark 1:15

Stewardship: January 14, 2018

Adult Envelopes:\$1,526.00
Loose Plate:\$208.15
Children: \$1.00
Total: \$1,735.15

Joy of the Gospel Campaign

Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
 Gifts last week:\$764.64
Total Gifts Received:.....\$665,131.05
 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:.....\$1,481,860.04
 Balance on DIAL LOAN:..... \$266,193.78

Mary, Mother of God:\$0.00

LastWk Donations "Farm" Sewer.....\$0.00

Total Donations "Farm" Sewer\$3,230.00

Parish Calendar

Sunday	Jan. 21	11:00am CCD Classes	6:00pm – 8:30pm Theology on Tap (at KC Hall)
Wednesday	Jan. 24	7:00pm RCIA Class	
Saturday	Jan. 27	Nebraska Walk for Life in Lincoln	
Sunday	Jan. 28	11:00am CCD Classes	

Catholic School News:

Thank You: Gary Jones & Modern Tire Pro Crew for generously donating a portion of Nov.'s proceeds to our IRISH Music Department. Thank you patrons & families of NPCS for participating in the Record Breaking month of November for Tire Pros Crew. Due to your generosity we earned \$3,000 for new equipment for the music programs.

The winter activities season is in Full Swing! Best of Luck to all Wrestlers, Basketball Teams, Speech Students & coaches!

A Look Ahead...

- **1/25** POL Competition,
- **1/26** SP Blood Drive,
- **1/27** -IRISH WR Invite; Bball vs Kimball
- Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated Jan. 28th through Feb. 2nd. *Mass with Bishop Hanefeldt on Wed., Jan. 31st.
- Sunday, February 25th is IRISH FEST.

Congratulations, January Student of the Month ... Jacob Granger! He is involved in Cross Country, Boy Scouts, Student Council, Show Choir, Speech & One Act. Jacob earned his Eagle Scout Award; is President of National Honor Society & Senior Class; plans to attend the UNL to study architecture & film design; an active member of Altar Servers & Music Ministry at Holy Spirit.

North Platte Catholic School:

Faith and Knowledge for a Brighter Future

“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.

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.

Carpooling to the Nebraska Walk for Life ...

Some of us will be carpooling to the Nebraska Walk for Life on **Saturday, Jan. 27.** 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!

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of

Unborn Children ... Monday, January 22, is the infamous 45th 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 22** 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.

Knights of Columbus One Rose, One Life Campaign ...

This is the primary source of income for Culture of Life activities throughout Nebraska. Some activities include Bishop's Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life, Local Right-To-Life & Birthright Chapters, Crisis Pregnancy-Help Centers and Sponsoring Youth to attend the March for Life in Washington, DC. To date One Rose – One Life funds have helped purchase eight ultrasound machines in Nebraska. The collection will be Sat., Jan. 20, & Sun., Jan 21 after Mass in the Narthex.

US Bishops' annual novena 9 Days for Life ...

takes place **Thursday, January 18 – Friday, January 26.** 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!

"Heighten our heart-to-heart communication" ...

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 renewal to the life of a parish one couple at a time. It touches at the heart of a couple, vivifying the Sacrament. There is a Marriage Encounter Weekend in Lincoln, Feb. 9-11, 2018. To register for a weekend please contact Pat & Janelle Benson (Janelle 308-940-1105; Pat 308-940-0670; Home: 308-946-3568); pjbben@yahoo.com; www.wmesection9.org.

A Tragic Commemoration ... On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court, in the Roe vs. Wade decision, made its worst mistake in history. By declaring that children in the womb are not "persons," it opened the door to tens of millions of abortions. The website of the Alan Guttmacher Institute (*formerly the research arm of Planned Parenthood, which is the single largest source of abortions in America*), states, "From 1973 through 2011, nearly 53 million legal abortions occurred." It also points out that "Twenty-one percent of all pregnancies (*excluding miscarriages*) end in abortion," and that abortions at 21 weeks of pregnancy or later number somewhere around 12,720 per year in America. In 2011, there were 1.06 million abortions in our country. Indeed, as we mark another Roe vs. Wade commemoration, it is time for all of us to get involved in the efforts to end abortion.

Visit www.TenStepsToEndAbortion.com to learn what you can do.

Rediscover Your Marriage ... Retrouvaille 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. **A Lifeline for Marriage** – 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. 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.HelpOurMarriage.org on the web.

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 Narthex], or call the Family Life Office, (402) 473-0620.

Seven Sisters Apostolate ... "Covering out Priests in Holy Hours of Prayer" ... The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of a specific priest or bishop – a "holy wasting" (cf. Mt.26:10) or lavishing of prayer for his deeper conformity to Christ. More info in last week's Bulletin insert. Any woman interested in being a part of the Seven Sisters Apostolate, is asked to contact either Joan Ryland (Seven Sisters Anchoress), Jan Daniel (President), Heather Johnsen (V-P), Jennifer Bantam (Secretary), Alice Robinson (Treasurer).

A Terrible Dream! ... "I had a terrible dream last night. I dreamed the Lord took my Sunday offering, multiplied it by ten, and that became my weekly income. In no time, I had to give up my car, my house payment, my little luxuries and even my necessities. If the Lord took your offering to His Church and multiplied it by ten, and made that your weekly income, where would that leave you?" -S. George's Episcopal Church, Bossier City, LA.

FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:

Eucharistic Thoughts ... Pope John Paul II reminds us that "the Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this Sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet Him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses & crimes of the world." Let our adoration never cease. (CCC 1380)

Weekly Adoration ... it's the opportunity for a time of quiet contemplation ... a time to be alone with Our Lord & receive the fruits of His love. Be good to yourself ... Sign up for an hour of Adoration. Schedule an hour for you with Jesus! It is the fuel for the rest of the week.

From Other Adorers ...

- **You Can Do It Too! ...** For a long time I wanted to take an hour of adoration. It sounded like a wonderful devotion, and I knew I sorely needed time to come to know more about Jesus and Mary, and my Catholic faith -- But I was SO busy! Working full time – running children to sports events and all the activities and commitments, and on and on and on. So much to do – so little time! So an hour of adoration was a wonderful idea, but someone else would have to do it because I was just too busy! That was what I had convinced myself of – and I had all the excuses to prove myself justified.

One Friday evening a friend asked me if I'd given any more thought to taking an Hour of Adoration. Well, I had thought about it, and Friday evening from 11:00pm to 12:00 midnight seemed about the only time that might work – but it was awfully late – and Fridays were sport nights – besides I needed my sleep – it might not be work-able after all! You probably know all those excuses too.

My friend replied, "Well, it's close to that time now. Let's go to Church and I can show you how to start." And that is what we did – and what a miracle! When I walked into the church it was beautiful. Dark, with only a few lights shining and the candles flickering. But more transfixing than anything else was Jesus, suspended above the Eucharist with his arms open, welcoming me and silently drawing me into this quiet time alone with Him.

My friend showed me the ropes, where to sign, and the selection of literature available, and then left me alone with Jesus. You can probably guess what I was thinking: "What was I going to do for a WHOLE hour?" Still, I was here – I'd give it a shot. I knelt down and allowed my mind to empty itself. I think I prayed a few prayers, not quite knowing where to begin, and then I sat back in the pew and fumbled through the reading material kept there. I happened upon a small booklet about Fatima. Oddly enough it had a name penned on the outside cover – PAM – my name! Okay, I thought to myself, this is just too weird. It has to be a "sign." So I began reading, thinking all the while it would be a LONG 60 minutes – if I could even manage to stay awake.

That night was a turning point for me – in my life and in my faith! I was so overwhelmed with that simple story of Fatima, and somehow touched so deeply by its message, that I read for an hour and a half – and it seemed like only minutes. To this day – even when I take nothing along to read, I am never bored, nor does the time drag by. It is MY hour. I look forward to it all week. It is so peaceful, so beautiful, so spiritually refreshing, that I find it difficult to express it well in words. I can't always make my hour, but I do try to each week, because missing it is so very depressing and leaves me feeling as if I've been deprived of something essential to my happiness and well-being.

If you would have asked me a year ago if I could have been faithful to an hour alone each week in Church, I would have laughed. Yet, I write this letter now to testify to you that you CAN do it. You will NEVER regret it! Allow Jesus to whisper to your heart, to nurture your spirit, to soothe your hurts and anxieties, to draw you close to Him for a few precious moments each week. You have so much to gain by taking that first step – but more importantly, you have so much to lose if you do not!

Liturgical Minister

	Sat., Jan. 27, 5:00pm	Sun., Jan. 28, 10:00am
Lector	Mike Krondak	Justin Pieper
Acolyte	Jon Walz	Duane Johnsen
Server	William Krondak	Lakeland Lowrey
	Nicholas Krondak	Harmon Johnsen
Music	Greg Vandenberg	Buhrman/Niesen/Gregg
Gifts	RichClaudette Wielechowski	Ryan & Kate Wartman
Ushers	Steve Fear	Duane Johnsen
	Janet Fear	Heather Johnsen

Readings for the Week

Monday:	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday:	2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday:	2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
Friday:	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday:	Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

Prayers for the sick: Martha Burbach, Dolores Kosmicki, Carol LaBrie (Loren Baxa's sister-in-law), Peggy Fleecs, Gordon Swanson (Cindy Swanson's father), Patti Caudillo, Leona Cloutre, 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: Bernadine Duryea (Ben Heskett's mother), Jan Yerger (Kim Cloutre's mother), 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, Loretta Pilakowski, Pat Sexton, Mary Portz, Phyllis Beckius.

Birthdays: 1/20 - Carmen Buhrman, 1/21 - Dennis Brosius, 1/22 - Don Exner, Sophie Morris, 1/23 - Reiny Burbach, 1/25 - Ellie Buhrman, John Torruella, 1/28 – Jerry Volesky, Andrea Pineda.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... One of the most unusual Catholic churches in the world is in Amsterdam: Our Lord in the Attic, or as the locals say, “Ons Lieve Heer op Solder.” What looks like a beautiful narrow brick mansion alongside a canal is a clever disguise for a very well-preserved seventeenth-century home and a secret church. During the Reformation, the Netherlands was divided into Protestant Holland and the Spanish Netherlands, now known as Belgium, a Catholic stronghold. Protestant reformers seized all the Catholic parishes in Holland and “de-Catholicized” them. New laws forbade the celebration of the Mass in public. St. Nicholas Church was renamed “Old Church” by the new owners, and the dispossessed Catholics got to work “hiding” St. Nicholas Parish in the upper floors of this mansion. Other Catholics did the same thing, but this is the only hidden church that survives today. Sunday Mass is still celebrated here.

It's a beautiful hideaway, with nothing spared in regard to marble, gilding, a pipe organ, and classic Dutch painting. A few steps away, the Old Church, begun in 1250, stands emptied of the statues and carvings of its Catholic days, its windows replaced by plain glass. The new tenants gave up when it came to the ceiling, which is still painted with saints, biblical scenes, and merchant ships. The Dutch reformers were tolerant sorts, and as long as the Catholics kept out of sight, they were out of mind. Catholicism was at last tolerated in Holland after 1853, but in 1924 when the International Eucharistic Congress was held in Amsterdam, processions of Catholics were still forbidden in the streets. Today, Roman Catholics are about 19 percent of the population, and there's no need for any of them to hide in the attic. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

THE DEMANDS OF DISCIPLESHIP ... Today we encounter readings that already have a Lenten feel about them. Nineveh undergoes a forty-day fast, the psalmist reminds us that God alone can show sinners the way, Paul shows us how fleeting the things and events of this world are, and Jesus cries out “Repent!” before he calls his new followers. “Come after me,” Jesus says, but if we are to truly live out the commands and demands of our discipleship through baptism, we must first know our need for conversion, our repentance, our need to believe in the gospel fully. Today's Gospel opens with the stark reminder of what befell John the Baptist for completely living out his vocation as the herald of Christ and the gospel: he was arrested, imprisoned, and martyred. Though few of us will experience consequences that extreme, we must all be ready to risk some sort of rejection as, heeding the call of Jesus, we live out the kingdom of God at hand, repent of our sins, and believe in the good news of salvation. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

GIFT ... What I am is God's gift to me. What I become is my gift back to God. —Anonymous

Pray for our Seminarians: **Carson Jerome Kain**, from St. Patrick Parish, McCook. He entered the Seminary in 2012. He is in Theology 3 at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. **Matthew Connor Kovar**, from Appleton Assumption Parish, David City. He entered the Seminary in 2014. He is in Theology 1 at Mount St. Mary 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.