

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time ***January 22, 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. 23	8:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Jan. 24	7:00 a.m.
Wednesday	Jan. 25	5:30 p.m.
Thursday	Jan. 26	8:00 a.m.
Friday	Jan. 27	5:30 p.m.
Saturday	Jan. 28	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Jan. 29	10:00 a.m.

INTENTIONS

John G Perlinger +
 For a Renewed Respect for Life
 For Christian Unity
 Fr. Francis J. Murphy +
 Carmen Buhrman
 People of our Parish
 For more Intentional Disciples

**Wait for the LORD
 with courage;
 be stouthearted, and
 wait for the LORD.**

– Psalm 27:14

Stewardship: January 15, 2017

Adult Envelopes:\$2,264.80
Loose Plate:\$212.53
Children: \$4.00
Total: \$2,481.33

Joy of the Gospel Campaign

Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
 Gifts last week:\$50.00
Total Gifts Received:.....\$493,470.92
 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

Mary, Mother of God:.....\$33.00

Parish Calendar

Sunday	Jan. 22	11:00am	CCD Classes	5:00pm St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Buffet Dinner
		6:30 pm	Alpha Come & See Dinner at St. Patrick Spiritual Life Center	
Monday	Jan. 23	6:30 pm	Discipleship Groups #1 of 5 (in Parish Hall)	
Wednesday	Jan. 25	7:00 pm	RCIA Class	
Sunday	Jan. 29	11:00am	CCD Classes	6:00pm 5th Sunday Rosary (followed by Beef Stew)

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.

Blood Drive ... the National Honor Society will be hosting a Blood Drive on Friday, Jan. 27 at St. Patrick's Parish Hall. Please make an appointment to give.

National Catholic Schools Week 2017 ... is January 29 – February 3rd. We will kick off the week with a Thank You to our parishes. Students will be baking cookies to serve to parishioners on Sunday, January 29. The cookie reception will follow all Masses on Sunday. Please take a minute and let us say Thank You! Watch next week's bulletin for a full list of the Catholic Schools Week festivities.

No School ... There will be no school on Monday, February 6th due to Parent/Teachers Conferences.

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

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!

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

WINTER MAGNIFICAT PRAYER MEAL ...

is Saturday, February 11, 9:30am at Hillcrest Country Club, 9401 East O Street. Our guest speaker is Father Troy Schweiger. Experience a morning of inspiration and fellowship as we hear Father's up-lifting witness of how the Holy Spirit has lead him on a journey of Joy as Christ's Priest. Seating is limited! Register by Monday, February 6. Send your \$20 check (\$10 for students) made payable to Magnificat c/o Tina Colgan, 521 N 56 ST, Lincoln, NE 68504. Pre-paid reservations only. For information call Rhonda Litt at 402-489-3819 or 402-525-6396

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Buffet Dinner ... was postponed due to weather & will be **TODAY, Sunday, Jan. 22, 2017 at 5:00pm** in honor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Bring your favorite dishes. Meats & 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.

Finding Forgiveness ... Linda is a woman who had an abortion. She writes, "My breaking point with ...[my former] Church was when I was feeling truly guilty because of what I had done, I knew it was wrong, but people were trying to justify it to me. I didn't need justification, I needed to know how to reconcile an already fragmented relationship with the Lord I desired ... but I was too weighed down and no one seemed to see the need of forgiveness and reconciliation, at least until I came into contact with the Catholic Church. The funny thing is, so many people seem to see the Church as uncompassionate and uncaring, it was where I found love, acceptance, and forgiveness..."

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.

February – March Schedule:

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:

A Lifeline for Marriage ... Retrouvaille

(pronounced retro-vi) 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 24-26, 2017, call 1-888-317-5654 or www.retrouvaille.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 will begin Jan. 22. 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 22 – Feb 26, 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 22, 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.

Cursillo Weekends ...

Cursillo teaches that conversion is not limited to one experience. Though conversion does have a starting point, it is ongoing and, thus, occurs during every minute of every day. Cursillo gives you the tools to better understand your Catholic faith and then share it with those in your everyday life ... it gives you the tools to evangelize. Many of us have experienced a profound conversion on a retreat intending to make changes in our lives, but over time, we fall back into the same ol' ruts. The follow-up tools of Group Reunion and Ultreya help the cursillista to continue daily down the path of conversion and growing closer to Christ ... and we bring our brothers and sisters with us! 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>.

FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:

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. 22, 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. 23–Feb. 20, 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.**

Liturgical Minister

	Sat., Jan. 28, 5:00pm	Sun., Jan. 29, 10:00am
Lector	Mike Krondak	Chuck Burr
Acolyte	Jon Walz	Conrad Buhrman
Server	William Krondak	Drew Connelly
	Volunteer	Lakeland Lowrey
Music	Greg Vandenberg	Greg Vandenberg
Gifts	Paul & Renate Nordquist	Seth/Andrea McCormick
Ushers	Paul Nordquist	Duane Johnsen
	Charles Barron	Jeff Orr

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer
Tuesday:	Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday:	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1, 2; Mk 16:15-18
Thursday:	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8, 10; Mk 4:21-35
Friday:	Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday:	Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-10; 1Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12

Prayers for the sick: David Bratton, John Kahl, 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: Sheryl Darpoli, 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: 1/21 - Dennis Brosius, 1/22 - Sophie Daniel, Don Exner, 1/23 - Reiny Burbach, 1/25 - Ellie Buhrman, John Torruella, 1/28 - Jerry Volesky, Andrea Pineda, 1/29 - Isabel Belgum.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... It's still months away, but parish ministers, especially if they are involved in the catechumenate, have their eyes on Lent and the Easter Triduum. Until fairly recent times, the last few days before Easter were shaped by an awareness of the Passion, but the faithful were left to their own devices about how to engage with these mysteries. A thousand years ago, the Easter Vigil as a solemn and central moment of initiation had vanished. By the early 1950s it was a minor moment in parish life, celebrated on Holy Saturday morning, usually with only the priests and a handful of invited guests. Most people understood it as necessary only for blessing the paschal candle and preparing the Easter water. People who were children during World War II sometimes remember that the weekly noontime test of the air-raid sirens on Holy Saturday signaled the end of Lent.

Today, of course, we see Holy Saturday as entirely within the paschal fast, and hardly the time for children to be tearing through the plastic grass looking for jelly beans and chocolate eggs. These memories point to a total collapse of the once-central liturgies of the Christian year. This impoverishment of the liturgy was mostly an accident of history. The root cause was the loss of Lent as a time focused on the final formation of catechumens for the Easter sacraments. By 1880, scholars began to piece together a vision of what once had been, and slowly, at first in a handful of monasteries in Europe, pieces of the tradition were rediscovered and celebrated. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Liberation and Reform ... While you might have to reach for an atlas to determine that Isaiah is speaking about Galilee, today's first reading (part of which was read at Christmas) is prophetic of Jesus' future ministry in that province. The light that brings salvation and rejoicing is, ultimately, Christ. Liberation is the theme: liberation from both ignorance ("darkness") and sin (the "yoke").

As Isaiah identifies a place, so Paul describes an attitude: the attitude that develops, even among good people, of equating their own will with the common good. This always brings dissension, and so it has done in Corinth. Paul will not allow this; we are all members of "Christ's party." The gospel is not to divide us.

Matthew quotes from Isaiah in today's Gospel, presenting Jesus as the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecies. The theme is "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 4:17). To spread this message, Jesus begins to select disciples, four of whom we meet today: Peter, Andrew, James, and John. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

EFFORTLESS ... The only thing that comes to a person without effort is old age. —Anonymous

Pray for our Seminarians: Carson Jerome Kain, from St. Patrick Parish, McCook. He entered the Seminary in 2012. He is in Theology 2 at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. Rev. Mr. Timothy Cole Kennett, from St. Joseph Parish, Lincoln. He entered the Seminary in 2010. He is in Theology 4 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.