

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time *February 4, 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	Feb. 5	8:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Feb. 6	7:00 a.m.
Wednesday	Feb. 7	5:30 p.m.
Thursday	Feb. 8	8:00 a.m.
Friday	Feb. 9	5:30 p.m.
Saturday	Feb. 10	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Feb. 11	10:00 a.m.

INTENTIONS

Luke Ranck +
 Parishioners with Birthday in February
 Jeanne Stec
 Pat Sexton +
 Loretta Pilakowski +
 Elli Fugate
 People of Our Parish

**[The LORD] tells the
 number of the stars
 and calls each by
 name.**

— Psalm 147:4

Stewardship: January 28, 2018

Adult Envelopes:\$2,566.00
Loose Plate:.....\$171.00
Children:..... \$1.00
Total: \$2,738.00

Joy of the Gospel Campaign

Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
 Gifts last week:\$670.00
Total Gifts Received:.....\$667,796.05
 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:.....\$1,489,360.04
 Balance on DIAL LOAN:..... \$262,215.88

Parish Calendar

Sunday Feb. 4 11:00am CCD Classes
 Wednesday Feb. 7 7:00pm **RCIA Class**
 Sunday Feb. 11 11:00am CCD Classes s **11:00am - Knights of Columbus Breakfast in Parish Hall.**
 11:30am Daughters of Charity meeting in Rectory Conference Room.
 2:30pm MT Cursillo Ultreya in Imperial

Catholic School News:

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

- Sunday, February 25th is IRISH FEST.

North Platte Catholic School:

Faith and Knowledge for a Brighter Future

Camp Kateri Dueling Pianos Benefit ...

Camp Kateri is hosting its annual benefit dinner on Friday, April 13, 2018 at Stone Creek Reception Hall in McCool Junction. The entertainment is The Fun Piano Show, by 176 Keys. Dinner begins at 6:30pm. The Dueling Piano Show starts at 8:00pm. Tickets are \$40 per person and \$350 for a reserved table of eight. To order tickets, please email CampKateriT@gmail.com or call 402-724-2596.

Holy Spirit Church starting a Youth Group! ...

All high school students grades 9-12 are invited for Fun, Food and Faith. Mark your calendars - Youth Group dates are April 11, August 9, November 14 and February 13, 2019 at 6:30pm. More details to come!

SKY Camp & Leadership Camp Registration

... **Online registration is open** for SKY Camp and Leadership Camp. To register your child, or learn more about these outdoor experiences, go to www.campkateri.org

Leadership Camp & SKY Camp Volunteer Applications ...

Camp Kateri is looking for youth counselors and adult volunteers for all summer camp programs. To download application form, go to www.campkateri.org.

Daughters of Charity (Altar Society) Meeting:

will be **Sunday, Feb. 11, at 11:30am** in Rectory Conference Room. All women are invited & encouraged to attend.

Breakfast by Knights of Columbus ... Sunday,

Feb. 11, 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.

Knights of Columbus Meeting ... Mon, Feb. 12,

7:00pm, Parish Hall. All Knights are invited to attend.

2 weeks to Sign up for Retrouvaille ...

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? This program has helped tens of 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 Feb. 16-18, 2018, call 1-888-317-5654 or 308-986-2351 or www.retrouvaille.org on the web.

You're invited to the next Quest Retreat! ...

Quest is a retreat for freshmen and sophomores in high school. Rooted in the love of God, Others, and Ourselves, we learn to live in JOY! Quest #34 will be **March 17-18** at **Aquinas High School in David City, NE**. For more information: www.lincolndiocese.org/retreats/quest.

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.

About Best Lent Ever 2018 ... Lent comes every year. It's meant to be a time when we invite God to help us become the-best-version-of-ourselves. But for many of us, Lent isn't a transformative experience. It's just a time when we give up chocolate or something else we enjoy, then go back to it at Easter.

This Lent, do something different. Join our parish for BEST LENT EVER, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that is designed to help you have a life-changing Lent. Each day, you'll receive an email with ... Inspirational Videos, Practical Tips, Encouraging Stories. [Sign Up at DynamicCatholic.com/40Days](http://DynamicCatholic.com/40Days)

FREE Book: Perfectly Yourself ... This year's Best Lent Ever program is based on Matthew Kelly's book Perfectly Yourself. In this newly revised edition, you will discover 9 ways to embrace God's amazing dream for your life. Please pick up your copy in the Narthex and have it ready to read along with the Best Lent Ever Emails that you will receive during the season on Lent when you sign up.

"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](http://www.wmesection9.org) 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); pbjbben@yahoo.com; www.wmesection9.org.

Abortion Survivors ... Child psychiatrist Philip Ney relates, "A woman reported telling her nine year old son about her abortion, which had taken place years before he was born. He said, 'I knew, Mom, that there was something wrong. I always have nightmares about knives and my mother killing me. I have an imaginary brother who wants to kill me. If you had not aborted the other, would you have aborted me?'" (*Abortion Survivors, p.36*).

This is a story repeated more times than most people realize, and representing a societal and pastoral problem whose proportions are greater today than at any previous time in history: the phenomenon of tens of millions of abortion survivors.

It is clear that abortion's primary victim is the child who is killed. It has also become increasingly clear that to kill the child is to harm the mother and father as well. What is not always so well known, however, is that abortion makes its impact felt on those who have had a sibling aborted, and that this impact is felt in surprising and astonishing ways, which also have wider implications for the whole of society.

Catholics at the Capitol ... Join the Catholic Bishops of Nebraska and fellow Nebraska Catholics for a special advocacy day hosted by the Nebraska Catholic Conference, **Thursday, Feb. 15, 8:00am-3:00pm**. Learn about the important issues facing the Nebraska Legislature, get trained on talking to your senator, and make your voice heard!
 8:00 a.m. Registration at Cornhusker Hotel in Downtown Lincoln
 8:30 a.m. Prayer led by Bishop Conley
 9:00 a.m. Speaker program starts
 Fr. Justin Fulton and members of the Nebraska Catholic Conference
 10:30 a.m. Head over to Capitol to meet senators
 12:15 p.m. Optional Lunch with Senators at Capitol*

*The senator lunch is separate from the DCCW lunch held at the Cornhusker Hotel. Contact your local Diocesan Council of Catholic Women representative for information about that.

Your Action Needed Now ... Our state legislature is considering an important legislative bill (LB295) that advances educational opportunity for Nebraska's low-income and working-class families. LB295 enacts a tax credit for private donations to nonprofits that would provide K-12 private-school scholarships for poor and working-class children. Take action now, visit www.necatholic.org for more information. God bless your faithful advocacy!

Day of Recollection ... What a great way to start Lent by attending one of the Days of Recollection **on Ash Wednesday, February 14**, in **Hastings** (Fr. Jeremy Hazuka) or **Waverly** (Msgr. Timothy Thorburn). Take the time to prepare your hearts for remembering the sacrifice Jesus made for us and to thank Him for the suffering so that we could be saved and enter heaven. Remember that a true Lenten sacrifice is not only giving something up for Lent but also doing something extra.

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:

Feb 14.....	LDCCW	Women
	<i>Day of Reflection (10am-3pm) "Ash Wednesday"</i>	
Feb 16-18.....	Fr. Sean Kilcawley	Women
	<i>"Divine Daughterhood / Merciful Motherhood"</i>	
Feb 23-25.....	Bishop Fabian Bruskewitz	Men
	<i>"Lenten Outlooks on Pleasure, Power, and Possessions"</i>	
Mar 2-4.....	Fr. Joseph Faulkner	Men / Women
	<i>"The Bible lets you talk to God better"</i>	
Mar 16-18.....	Magnificat with Susan Potvin	Women
	<i>"Life in the Spirit Retreat"</i>	
Mar 19-22.....	Fr. Gary Coulter	Men / Women
	<i>"Silent Directed Ignatian Retreat (Mon-Thur)"</i>	
Mar 23-25.....	Fr. Robert Young, O.F.M.....	Men / Women
	<i>"Finding Peace in the Will of God"</i>	
Mar 29-31.....	Marian Sisters.....	Young Women
	<i>Triduum Retreat</i>	
Apr 6-8.....	Fr. Christopher Kubat.....	Men / Women
	<i>"Divine Mercy Weekend"</i>	
Apr 20-22.....	Fr. Benjamin Holdren.....	Men / Women
	<i>"Deepening your Prayer Life"</i>	
May 4-6.....	Fr. Anthony Baetzold, CFR... Men / Women	
	<i>"Totus Tuus: A Retreat with Mary, Mother of the Church"</i>	

FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:

Eucharistic Thoughts ... The tabernacle was first intended for the reservation of the Eucharist in a worthy place so that it could be brought to the sick and those absent, outside of Mass. As faith in the Real Presence of Christ in His Eucharist deepened, the Church became conscious of the meaning of silent adoration of the Lord present under the Eucharistic species. It is for this reason the tabernacle should be located in an especially worthy place in the church and should be constructed in such a way that it emphasizes and manifests the truth of the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. (*CCC 1183*).

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 your whole week!

From Other Adorers ...

- My Holy Hour has been such a special blessing to me. It has never been just another thing on my long list of things to do. It is a time I look forward to; a time of peace and closeness to our Lord, and His Blessed Mother. He patiently waits for each of us to come be with Him. I will tell you honestly, if you don't have an hour of adoration, you really don't know what you're missing!

Liturgical Minister

	Sat., Feb. 10, 5:00pm	Sun., Feb. 11, 10:00am
Lector	Jim Nisley	Michael Lafleur
Acolyte	Jerry Volesky	Conrad Buhrman
Server	William Krondak	Jace Grunden
	Nicholas Krondak	Weston Hammond
Music	Greg Vandenberg	Peggy Orr
Gifts	Loren Baxa, Jim Griffin	Karl & Lyuba Hendricks
Ushers	Jerry Beckius	Jeff Orr
	Sharon Beckius	Shane Lowrey

Readings for the Week

Monday:	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday:	1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday:	1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30
Friday:	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday:	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

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, 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: Bernie Pieper (Justin Pieper's grandfather), 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: 2/5 - Hans Kain, Jan Daniel, 2/6 - Kevin Bantam, Shane Lowrey, 2/7 - Theresa Brosius, 2/8 - Joanne Bollish, 2/11 - Betty Steffes.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... We're reading St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians these days. What was Corinth like? It had a beautiful setting on an isthmus, about fifty miles from Athens. The location makes for very easy exchange by sea routes between Greece and Italy, a factor in its economic success even today. In Paul's day it was a cosmopolitan and wealthy city with inhabitants drawn from all over the world, including a sizeable Jewish community. When Paul arrived about the year 50, the city was only about a century old, but already five times the size of Athens. Paul lived in Corinth for a year and a half, and a few years later came back for three months. The community of Christians there struggled against the influence of a very secular and self-indulgent society that was blind to the plight of the poor. Pagan attitudes afflicted the community, which had a way of breaking Paul's heart; he wrote to them sometimes "with many tears" (2 Corinthians 2:4).

Today, Corinth is a small industrial city. Its historic core has been destroyed by a series of earthquakes over the centuries, and what little remained was totally obliterated in a war with Turkey in the 1820s. There's a core city with glamorous shops to catch the tourists, but it is mainly a cargo port, with piles of marble, tiles, and minerals everywhere, a huge oil refinery nearby, a busy canal, a modern fast rail line to Athens, and a meeting point of major highways. Today, the remains of the Temple of Apollo and the marketplace are more ruined than most such sites. The glory of the city Paul knew well has faded, but the relevance of his words shines through the centuries. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TIRELESS DISCIPLESHIP ... The stories we've been hearing these weeks come from the very first chapter of Mark, and they show us the public ministry of Jesus in its infancy. Today's account shows some of the strain or adjustment of his new life of preaching the reign of God, healing the sick, and casting out demons. Notice that after sunset, when darkness ended the workday, people brought the sick and possessed to Jesus. The following day he rose before dawn to get away by himself to pray, but to no avail. Simon Peter and the others don't just look for him, they pursue him, filled with the fervor that his ministry has incited. With the self-sacrificing example he gave until the end of his earthly life, he tells his followers that this is his whole purpose. Through Mark, he is also telling the early church, and he is telling us, that this is our purpose, our vocation: to be tireless in our pursuit of proclaiming the Good News, and in bringing the healing, reconciling touch of Christ to the world. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

HINDSIGHT ... God's presence is not discerned at the time when it is upon us, but afterwards, when we look back.
—John Henry Newman

Pray for our Seminarians: **James Robert O'Neil**, from St. Mary Parish, Nebraska City. He entered the Seminary in 2014. He is in Theology 1 at North American College in Rome. **Liam Sebastian O'Shea-Creal**, from St. Teresa, Lincoln. He entered the Seminary in 2015. He is in College 4 at St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS

(February): Universal: Say "No" to Corruption - That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.