

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time ***February 5, 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

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| Monday | Feb. 6 | 8:00 a.m. |
| Tuesday | Feb. 7 | 7:00 a.m. |
| Wednesday | Feb. 8 | 5:30 p.m. |
| Thursday | Feb. 9 | 8:00 a.m. |
| Friday | Feb. 10 | 5:30 p.m. |
| Saturday | Feb. 11 | 5:00 p.m. |
| Sunday | Feb. 12 | 10:00 a.m. |

INTENTIONS

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| Jeanne Stec |
| Gary Ryland + |
| Book of Memories / Blessings |
| Fr. Francis J. Murphy + |
| Elli Fugate |
| Julie Kellogg Buehler |
| People of our Parish |

**Light shines through
the darkness for the
upright.**

– Psalm 112:4

Stewardship: January 29 2017

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| Adult Envelopes: | \$1,395.80 |
| Loose Plate: | \$80.00 |
| Children: | \$22.00 |
| Total: | \$1,497.80 |

Joy of the Gospel Campaign

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| Total Pledged: | \$958,770.00 |
| Gifts last week: | \$11,370.00 |
| Total Gifts Received: | \$507,355.92 |
| 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 |

Please check Bulletin Board and
Parish Webpage for **UPDATED**
schedule of Saturday
Coffee & Rolls Volunteers
and Updated Cantor Schedule

Parish Calendar

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| Sunday | Feb. 5 | 11:00am | CCD Classes |
| Monday | Feb. 6 | 6:30 pm | Discipleship Groups #3 of 5 (in Parish Hall) |
| Wednesday | Feb. 8 | 7:00 pm | RCIA Class |
| Sunday | Feb. 12 | 11:00am | CCD Classes |
| Sunday | Feb. 19 | 11:00am | CCD Classes 12:15pm - First Confession for 2 nd Grade Students (and Families) |

Catholic School News:

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

Confirmation for Grades 5, 6, 7 Students ...

will be on Sunday, March 19, 2017 during the 10:00 am Mass.

Sky Camp & Leadership Camp ... Online registration opens for SKY Camp and Leadership Camp on February 1 at 10 am. To register your child, or learn more about these camps, go to www.campkateri.org.

Fatima Pilgrimage Information Night ... An information night for a **100th Anniversary Fatima Pilgrimage** will be Sun. Feb. 12, 8:00pm at Gianna's Java and Gelato, 2241 O St, Lincoln. Join Fr. Gary Coulter and Fr. Ronald Homes on a 10-Day Pilgrimage to Lourdes, Spain and Fatima July 5-14, 2017. For information visit www.frcoulter.com/fatima or call Fr. Coulter at 402-786-2705 or Fr. Homes at 402-543-2233.

Camp Kateri Benefit Dinner ... Camp Kateri is hosting its annual benefit dinner on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at Stone Creek Reception Hall in McCool Junction. The entertainment is The Fun Piano Show, by 176 Keys. Dinner begins at 6:30 pm. The Dueling Piano Show starts at 8 pm. All proceeds will go to new activities for our summer camp. Tickets are \$50 per person and \$500 for a reserved table of eight. To order tickets, please email CampKateriT@gmail.com or call 402-724-2596.

Daughters of Charity (Altar Society) Meeting:

will be **Monday, February 6, at 10:00am** at the Parish Hall. All women are invited and encouraged to attend.

Thank You ... to all who provided food and helped serve the meal following the Funeral Mass for Phyllis Beckius and the coffee and cookies after the Rosary.

Breakfast by Knights of Columbus ... **Sunday,**

Feb. 12, 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. 13, 7:00pm, Rectory Conference Room.** All Knights are invited.

WINTER MAGNIFICAT PRAYER MEAL ...

Don't Forget to register for the WINTER MAGNIFICAT PRAYER MEAL **Saturday, February 11, 9:30am** at Hillcrest Country Club, 9401 East O Street. Our guest speaker is Father Troy Schweiger! Come and bring a friend for a morning of inspiration & fellowship hearing Father's witness to Our Lord's miracles in his life! There's still time to register by calling Coordinator Rhonda Litt by **Tuesday, February 7:** 402-489-3819 or 402-525-6396, and get your check in the mail (\$20 or students \$10) payable to Magnificat c/o Tina Colgan, 521 N 56th Street, Lincoln, NE 68504.

North Platte Catholic Food Pantry ...

Our local Catholic Food Pantry is undergoing a little renovation to accommodate a more inviting space for those who come in seeking assistance. We are creating a new space in the building for interviews, which will include an office, interview room & remodeled bathroom. We are also painting and replacing the carpet. This is a much needed renovation and it will really make the ministry more effective & welcoming. The cost of this project is estimated at \$5,000 & we are looking for donors from the Catholic community of North Platte to assist us with these costs. If you are able and willing, you may send checks to St. Patrick Church with "**Food Pantry Project**" in the memo area or ledger. Thank you ahead of time for all of your support for this vital ministry in which God is truly present.

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

Marriage Saving – the Weekend Phase ...

Retrouvaille (*pronounced retro-vi*): During the weekend phase of Retrouvaille a series of presentations are given by a team of three couples and a priest. The team presents a technique of communication that enables you to take a good look at most areas of your relationship. After each presentation you have time in the privacy of your room to discuss the previous presentation. 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.

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.

Pro-Life Rally ... On February 11, pro-lifers across the country will hold rallies at Planned Parenthood facilities calling for an immediate end to that organization’s federal funding. Planned Parenthood is the nation’s largest abortion chain and receives over \$500 million from taxpayers every year. Pro-life leaders in Washington are now moving to end that government subsidy and they need to know there is grassroots support. Come out on February 11 at 10:00am for our one hour silent protest in union with tens of thousands of pro-lifers across the country demanding that our government defund Planned Parenthood. It will be outside the Planned Parenthood location at 5631 South 48th Street in Lincoln. Signs will be provided by the Knights of Columbus. For more information call John Crotty at (402) 274-8252 or e-mail jcrotty3@hotmail.com. Website: <http://protestpp.com/#home>

QUEST Retreat ... QUEST is a retreat for young Catholics between the ages of 14 and 16 who are freshmen and sophomores in high school. It is woven around the theme of the Three Circles of Love: Love of Self, Love of Others, and Love of God. The name QUEST implies “searching for” and “seeking out.” As such, this retreat is designed to bring young people together and invites them to search for and seek out a deeper understanding and appreciation of themselves, others, and God. Cost is \$80 for the retreat. The next QUEST Retreat is March 23-26 at St. Joseph Church in Auburn, NE. For more info., call Youth Ministry Office 402-473-0625. To register, go to <http://www.lincolndiocese.org/retreats/quest>.

Reflection ... Internationally known author and retreat master Fr. Jacques Philippe will give a reflection at St Thomas Aquinas Newman Center, Lincoln, 8:00pm on Monday, February 20, on the topic of “Personal prayer and a deep with relationship with God”. Includes Adoration and a brief reception with Fr. Philippe. Free will offering. A member of the Community of the Beatitudes in France, Fr. Philippe’s books on the spiritual life have sold over 500,000 copies, and will be available for sale. Visit his website “A guide for the spiritual life” at www.frjacquesphilippe.com.

Men you don’t want to miss this!!! ... “Prayer and Battle: a Man -- to -- Man perspective” – Feb. 24 - 26, 2017 Man - to - Man for Men only with Fr. Sean Kilcawley.

Fr. Sean Kilcawley is the Director of the Family Life Office for the Diocese of Lincoln. He was ordained a priest in 2005 for the diocese. In 2013 Fr. Kilcawley completed a License in Sacred Theology at the John Paul II institute for marriage and family studies in Rome. He is a nationally known speaker on the Theology of the Body and is currently serving as theological advisor for Integrity Restored.com - a non-profit organization that seeks to restore the integrity of families affected by pornography by providing education and resources to individuals, spouses, parents and clergy; to both heal and prevent wounds inflicted by the sexualized culture.

Don't be left out --- don't delay— sign up today! You can register at www.goodcounselretreat.com and receive immediate confirmation or call Good Counsel Retreat House at 402-786-2705 to register now.

Cursillo Weekends ... On May 1, 2015, Francisco Salvador, president of Cursillo’s worldwide organization, referred to comments made earlier that day by Pope Francis regarding Cursillo: “... *the Cursillo Movement presents a proposal for a conversion and a challenge to holiness in normality ... Holiness for men and women, in the simplicity of their daily living testimony ... Being a saint at home, being a saint in the workplace, and being a saint in society ... Being a saint wearing a suit and tie, or a worker’s blue suit. Saint ... everywhere! ... The Cursillo transforms the lives of thousands of men and women, and helps to sanctify the world, evangelizing both the environments and the lives ...*” Learn more about Cursillo. 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 a current Parish Council members or Fr. Seiker.

New Lectors in Training ... four of our Lectors have moved out of the Parish in the last 6 mths. Four men are in the process of being trained to be Lectors. The Installation will be in April 2017 in McCook. Because of the need, in a few weeks we will have a ceremony of “temporary appointment as Readers” until they are Installed in April.

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.

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., Feb. 11, 5:00pm | Sun., Feb. 12, 10:00am |
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| Lector | Mike Krondak | Justin Pieper |
| Acolyte | Rex Walz | Conrad Buhrman |
| Server | Harmon Johnsen | Jace Grunden |
| | Brock Johnsen | Lakeland Lowrey |
| Music | Matt / Ashley Perlinger | Peggy Orr |
| Gifts | Rodrigo & Lia Werle | Blake & Teresa Niesen |
| Ushers | Jerry Beckius | Duane Johnsen |
| | Sharon Beckius | Heather Johnsen |
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Readings for the Week

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| Monday: | Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35; Mk 6:53-56 |
| Tuesday: | Gn 1:20 - 2:4; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13 |
| Wednesday: | Gn 2:4-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2, 27-28, 29-30; Mk 7:14-23 |
| Thursday: | Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30 |
| Friday: | Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37 |
| Saturday: | Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10 |
| Sunday: | Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 |

Prayers for the sick: Lily Minchow, 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 Beckius.

Prayers for the deceased: Phyllis Beckius, 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: 2/5 - Hans Kain, Jan Daniel, 2/6 - Kevin Bantam, Shane Lowrey, 2/8 - Joanne Bollish, 2/10 - Hayley Homan, 2/11 - Betty Steffes, 2/12 - Paul Nordquist.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... When the custom of the stational liturgies was revived in the city of Rome in the early days of the twentieth century, the papal liturgy for Good Friday was appropriately housed in the stational church of Santa Croce in Gerusalemme, the Holy Cross of Jerusalem.

The church is off the tourist track today, but true pilgrims would never miss it. It stands on the grounds of the Sessorian Palace, the home of the Empress St. Helena, mother of Constantine. She dedicated her life to finding the true cross of Christ in Jerusalem, and desired to found a church in Rome for people who could not make the long and dangerous trip to the Holy Land. Eventually, it came to house relics of the cross. When the pope fled the city of Rome for Avignon, the religious institutions of Rome collapsed and the church was abandoned. Centuries later it was given into the care of monks. Amazingly, it concealed a forgotten treasure. In 1492 repairmen took down a brick wall and discovered a niche with the inscription "Title of the Cross," and within, an ancient wooden tablet on which was carved the inscription dictated by Pilate for the cross of Christ in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek. No one is certain that this is authentic, although its discovery was enough to give the church great prestige among pilgrims. The veneration of the relic of the cross located here was a factor in shaping our restored Holy Week. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

This Little Light of Mine ... As children we sang the lively song This Little Light of Mine. The words, of course, are based on today's Gospel, in which we are called as disciples to be salt and light for the world. Children are uninhibited about sharing their faith. It's only when we grow older that we prefer to hide our light under a bushel basket because our culture tends not to emphasize discipleship. The message in this week's readings is clear: in order to give glory to God through our discipleship, we must show the light of Christ in our words and deeds. Not an easy thing for inhibited adults. Often we may think of salt and light in terms of what we do for others, but it can be just as important not to do something, such as getting angry with the stranger on the road, or telling an offensive joke. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Giving ... When you give, see that you give that which multiplies in giving. —Raymond Lull

Popularity ... Avoid popularity if you would have peace. —Abraham Lincoln

Pray for our Seminarians: **Rev. Mr. Andrew James Litt**, from St. John the Apostle Parish, Lincoln. He entered the Seminary in 2010. He is in Theology 4 at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. **Scott James Nemecek**, from St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Seward & St. Wenceslaus Parish, Wahoo. He entered the Seminary in 2015. He is in College 2 at St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS:

(February) Comfort for the Afflicted: That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.