

# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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## ***6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*** ***February 12, 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](mailto: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. 13	8:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Feb. 14	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>
Wednesday	Feb. 15	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
Thursday	Feb. 16	8:00 a.m.
Friday	Feb. 17	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
Saturday	Feb. 18	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>
Sunday	Feb. 19	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>

## INTENTIONS

For those who struggle with addictions  
 Anna Lee  
 Francis & Mary Colling +  
 Elizabeth (Liz) Haag  
 For our Benefactors  
 People of our Parish  
 Jacqie Burn

**What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love [God], this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.**

*-1 Corinthians 2:9-10*

## **Stewardship: February 5, 2017**

**Adult Envelopes:** .....\$3,458.00  
**Loose Plate:** .....\$175.75  
**Children:** ..... \$8.00  
**Total:** ..... \$3,641.75

**Joy of the Gospel Campaign**  
 Total Pledged: .....\$958,770.00  
 Gifts last week: .....\$470.00  
**Total Gifts Received:.....\$507,825.92**  
 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:.....\$1,319,895.04  
 Balance on DIAL LOAN:..... \$416,936.67

Southern NE Register: .....\$45.00

## **Parish Calendar**

Sunday	Feb. 12	11:00am	CCD Classes	<b>11:00am - Knights of Columbus Breakfast in Parish Hall.</b>
Monday	Feb. 13	6:30 pm	Discipleship Groups #4 of 5 (in Parish Hall)	
Wednesday	Feb. 15	7:00 pm	RCIA Class	
Sunday	<b>Feb. 19</b>	11:00am	CCD Classes	12:15pm - <b>First Confession</b> for 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Students (and Families)

## **Catholic School News:**

**Irish Fest** ... February 26<sup>th</sup> is IRISH FEST! Join us for this important and FUN fundraiser for our schools. There will be games for all ages, plus a Silent Auction for our adult friends in attendance.

Students are selling Raffle tickets for the following prizes: \$1000 Cash, \$250 Cash, 50" HDTV, \$500 SCRIP of choice certificate, (2) 50 pounds of 100% ground Chuck from Lincoln Co Feedyard, and \$100 Gift Certificate to Computer Troubleshooters. **Raffle Tickets are \$2.00 Each or 10 for \$15** – See a NPC Student to get yours soon. **A Homemade Roast Beef Dinner will be served from 12:00pm - 2:30pm!**

**Activities** ... Best of luck to all our students as we enter the busy District Season for Basketball and Wrestling. We are also in the middle of Competition season for our Irish Speech Team. Good luck to our Irish Saintsations as they head to NCDA competition on Monday at Chase County. Our prayers are with all students, coaches, and fans traveling to these events during this incredibly busy playoff season.

**Thank You** ... for helping us celebrate National Catholic Schools Week 2017. Catholic Schools Week 2018 will be celebrated on January 28 – February 3.

**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.

**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.

**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](http://www.campkateri.org).

**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 8:00pm. 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](mailto:CampKateriT@gmail.com) or call 402-724-2596.

**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.

**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.

## **2 weeks to Sign up for Retrouvaille ...**

**Retrouvaille** (*pronounced retro-vi*): 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 February 24-26, 2017, call 1-888-317-5654 or [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org) on the web.

**“God Is Love”** ... Pope Benedict XVI says the following words in his first encyclical letter “God is Love”: “In sacramental communion I become one with the Lord, like all the other communicants. As Saint Paul says, “Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread” (1 Cor 10:17). Union with Christ is also union with all those to whom he gives himself. I cannot possess Christ just for myself; I can belong to him only in union with all those who have become, or who will become, his own ... Love of God and love of neighbour are now truly united: God incarnate draws us all to himself ... Here the usual contra-position between worship and ethics simply falls apart. “Worship” itself, Eucharistic communion, includes the reality both of being loved and of loving others in turn. A Eucharist which does not pass over into the concrete practice of love is intrinsically fragmented” (n. 14). These words remind us of our calling to love all our neighbors, born and unborn.

**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](http://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](http://www.goodcounselretreat.com) and receive immediate confirmation or call Good Counsel Retreat House at 402-786-2705 to register now.

**Cursillo Weekends** ... Are you being called to a Cursillo Weekend? Still undecided? How has Cursillo affected others?

- After 25 years as an award-winning corporate ad executive, **Tom Peterson**’s life radically changed forever, after a transforming spiritual conversion while on a Cursillo Weekend in 1997. There “ he became interested in pro-life issues. And he discerned that God was calling him to use his talents in advertising -- he owned his own ad agency -- and in public speaking to serve the Church.” Soon afterward, he founded **Virtue Media** (pro-life) and **Catholics Come Home**.
- **Jeff Cavins**, refers to Cursillo as “the best-kept secret in the Catholic Church.”
- **Ralph Martin** says that “the most important thing that happened to me (other than birth), was to live a Cursillo in 1964.” In an interview on EWTN’s **The Journey Home** (8/13/07), he shared that toward the end of his Cursillo Weekend, “... in some ways, my vocation was born there, and I didn’t even know it.” Marcus Grodi then commented, “And you’re still living that vocation today.”
- **Marcus Grodi**, founder of the **Coming Home Network** and host of EWTN’s **The Journey Home** program, is also a cursillista.
- See what **Bishops Conley and Bruskevitz** have to say about Cursillo. Also see what **Blessed Pope Paul VI, St. John Paul II, and Pope Francis** have to say about Cursillo (<http://www.seas-np.org/OnePageFlyer111715.pdf>).

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](mailto:jejspringer@windstream.net)). There is also information on the Lincoln Diocese Cursillo webpage: <http://www.seas-np.org/cursilloregistrations.html>.

**First Confession for 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Students** ... will be on Sunday, February 19, 2017 at 12:15pm.

## **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. Usually terms for the parish council are for two years. Jerry Beckius & Molly Walz are finishing their terms. Shane Lowrey & Matt Masek are completing the first year of their two year term. We have 2 veteran members & 2 new members each year. Hopefully there will be at least four names on the ballot.

**New Lectors in Training** ... four of our Lectors have moved out of the Parish in the last 6 months. 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. 18, 5:00pm	Sun., Feb. 19, 10:00am
<b>Lector</b>	Jerry Beckius	TBD—Reader in Training
<b>Acolyte</b>	Jerry Volesky	Duane Johnsen
<b>Server</b>	William Krondak	Harmon Johnsen
	Nicholas Krondak	Kevin Bantam
<b>Music</b>	Sharon Beckius	Buhrman/Niesen/Gregg
<b>Gifts</b>	Jon & Molly Walz	Stephen/Corinne Smock
<b>Ushers</b>	Cindy Swanson	Volunteer
	Alice Robinson	Volunteer

## *Readings for the Week*

Monday:	Gn 4:1-15,25; Ps 50:1,8,16-17,20-21; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday:	Gn 8:6-13,20-22; Ps116:12-15,18-19; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday:	Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33
Friday:	Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
Saturday:	Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13
Sunday:	Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

**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:** 2/11 - Betty Steffes, 2/12 - Paul Nordquist, 2/13 - Rex Walz, Ryce Troyer, 2/14 - Jerry Steffes, Peggy Orr, 2/15 - Molly Walz, 2/18 - William Krondak.

**Congratulations:** to Paul & Renate Nordquist who celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Feb. 14.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ...** By the early 1950s some scholars were calling for the restoration of Communion of the faithful on Good Friday, since by then only a priest received, consuming the host from the Holy Thursday repository. In 1955 the new Good Friday liturgy was timed to begin at three o'clock everywhere, and included the option of Holy Communion, but without the Precious Blood that had originally been part of the liturgy. Today, there is increasing debate among theologians. Some feel that it would be better to fast from the Eucharist on Good Friday, focusing on the mystery of the cross and highlighting the Easter Communion. Others say that this Communion infuses the sadness of the day with awareness of Christ's victory. It is not a day of mourning, of course, and the Passion according to John grounds the liturgy in a sense of Christ's victory over death and the triumph of the cross. The tradition is rich and varied, and we are still in the early stages of recovering an ancient way of doing things.

Why do we call the day "good"? The English and Dutch languages share this name, and its origin stems from the name "God's Friday." The traditional name for the day in Latin is *Feria VI in Parasceve*, which translates as "The Sixth Day of the Week of Preparation." Other languages make do with "Holy Friday." In another part of England, as in Denmark, the people used to call it "Long Friday," a good description for a quiet day without work and no chance for play or a good meal! —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**CHOICE ...** "If you choose you can keep the commandments," Sirach tells us. God "has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand" (Sirach 15:15, 16). This is a great mystery: God does not control us so completely that we cannot choose our own path. We have certain boundaries, of course, but no one but we can choose our way within those boundaries.

In today's reading from Matthew's Gospel, Jesus reminds us of our freedom and our responsibility for our lives. He calls us to look beyond the words of the commandments, all the way to their meaning. Look beyond the adultery to the selfishness that poisons our love. Look beyond the murder to the anger that eats away at our compassion. Look beyond the perjured testimony to the lies and deception that drive our behavior.

Our vocation is to choose life for ourselves, and to choose a path through our part of the world that helps make life possible and more abundant for others as well. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

**THE CURE ...** The only known cure for fear is faith. —Lena K. Sadler

**WEIGHTY ...** An ounce of practice is worth a pound of preaching. —John Ray

**Pray for our Seminarians:** **James Robert O'Neil**, from St. Mary's Parish, Nebraska City. He entered the Seminary in 2014. He is in College 4 at St. Gregory the Great Seminary. **Liam Sebastian O'Shea-Creal**, from St. Teresa Parish, Lincoln. He entered the Seminary in 2015. He is in College 3 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.