

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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1st Sunday of Lent February 18, 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. 19	8:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Feb. 20	7:00 a.m.
Wednesday	Feb. 21	5:30 p.m.
Thursday	Feb. 22	8:00 a.m.
Friday	Feb. 23	5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	Feb. 24	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Feb. 25	10:00 a.m.

INTENTIONS

Landon Bliss
 Jacqie Burn
 Fr. Ferdinand Boehme
 David Swayne
 Gary Chladek +
 * Exposition / Stations / Benediction *
 People of Our Parish
 Keith Cooper +

**Your ways, O LORD,
 make known to me;
 teach me your paths.**
— Psalm 25:4

Stewardship: February 11, 2018

Adult Envelopes:\$1,374.45
Loose Plate:.....\$151.74
Children:..... \$0.00
Total: \$1,526.19

Joy of the Gospel Campaign
 Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
 Gifts last week:\$430.00
Total Gifts Received:.....\$668,991.05
 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

Southern NE Register:\$270.00

Parish Calendar

Sunday	Feb. 18	11:00am CCD Classes	<u>7:00pm – Theology on Tap (KC Hall).</u>
Wednesday	Feb. 14	7:00pm RCIA Class	
Sunday	Feb. 25	11:00am CCD Classes	<u>12:00pm – 3:00pm – Irish Fest at St. Patrick School</u>

Catholic School News:

Registration/Information Night for Little Leprechaun Preschool & McDaid Kindergarten ... is Wed., Feb. 21, 6:30pm at McDaid Elementary. Spread the word!

Thank You ... to all who joined us in celebrating CSW 2018. We enjoyed the Mayor's Proclamation, Career Day Events, Mass with Bishop Hanefeldt & Blessing of our Schools plus Bingo for Books! We are blessed to have great volunteers from our Catholic Parish & School Families! Thank You to all who helped at weekend Ministry Fairs!

The IRISH Speech Season ... is in full swing! There are some very talented students competing in various categories this year. *There is no admission fee to watch speech.* Be entertained and see them in action in *Ogallala-2/17; Southwest-2/24; NPHS-3/3; SPVA Conference-3/5 @ ChaseCo. Speech & Drama Night @ NPSF* will be held Tue, Mar 6 (watch bulletin for details) & *NSAA District Speech-3/12.*

Accompanist for Swing Choir ... St. Patrick's High School is currently looking for an accompanist for the Swing Choir. This competitive group will travel to two competitions this spring plus host a Spring Concert at home. The rehearsal schedule is Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3:30-4pm. Please contact Taina Ward at the school 532-1874 or t.ward@npcschools.org if you have questions or would like to learn more.

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 **February 18** when Fr. Sid Bruggeman, Nebraska's first ordained married priest, will join us. Start time: 6:30pm-7:00pm social time, with presentation starting promptly at 7:00pm. **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.

Daughters of Charity Thank You ... to all who helped in any way for the vigil and the funeral dinner for Martha Burbach. You are all very much appreciated.

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**

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.

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!

Poinsettias ... have been removed from the Altar. Please take them (in Narthex) with you & give them a good home!

NATIONWIDE MASS TIMES/Locations ...
 Call Mass Times (1-734-794-2100) or Internet www.Masstimes.org

Eucharistic Family Rosary Crusade ... Saints Devoted To The Rosary Study ...

As part of the Eucharistic Family Rosary Crusade encouraged by Bishop Conley, study sessions of six (6) saints with special devotion to the Rosary will be presented over the next six months. Sessions will be held in the Parish Hall after Weekend Masses one weekend each month. The weekend will vary based on other activities. The one hour and 15 minute session will include short videos describing the Saint's devotion as well as Gospel reading and discussion questions. The February studies will be held on:

- **Saturday, Feb. 17 at 6:15pm – 7:30pm in Parish Hall**
- **Sunday, Feb. 18 at 11:15am – 12:30pm in Parish Hall**

These sessions are a way for parishioners to study the lives of saints in an informal setting, along with others from our parish. The goal of this part of the Crusade is to enjoy fellowship with others, while learning a thing or two along the way. We hope you enjoy it!

Saints to be studied are: St. Dominic, St. Pius V, St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Padre Pio, St. John Paul II.

Other Study Sessions that have been formed which you could join are:

Monday, Feb. 26 ... 10:00am – 11:15am in Parish Hall [contact persons: Joan Ryland (520-6800); Teri Volesky (530-6841)]

Other small groups are forming ... if you are interested, contact: Greg Vandenberg (308-530-7587; Ed Rieker (308-530-2862)

Take an Hour of Adoration During Lent ...

During Lent, and always, you are encouraged to spend some extra time with our Eucharistic Lord ... either by taking an hour of Adoration each week, or maybe even each day ... or by joining in the prayer of the Mass during the week.

Spending time with Jesus is one of the best ways to deepen your spiritual life, and grow closer to God. Come and rest with the Lord for an hour each week. If you take time to pray, you find you have more time!

The Cleansing Power Of Water ... Today's first reading speaks to us of Noah's Ark. The flood that God sent upon the world in Noah's day was a cleansing of evil. Now, God cleanses us not by floods, but by the waters of baptism, which bring to us a whole new kind of life: the life of God within us.

Our special efforts in Lent to come closer to God are a response to what has already happened to us! Because we have received the new life of God, we have to reform our lives and live as his sons and daughters. We have to become who we already are. The holy water we use when we come in and out of Church is a reminder of the cleansing waters of baptism, and a reminder of the new life we are called to live.

God is a God of life, and therefore we are the People of Life. This Lent, let's look for ways to foster respect for life, especially the sick, the disabled, and the unborn.

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.

Forty Hours Eucharistic Adoration ...

Sunday, March 11 - Tuesday, March 13. There will be a talk each evening (Sunday 7:00pm, Monday 7:00pm, & Tuesday 7:00pm) given by **Fr. Michael Zimmer**. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the Monstrance on the Altar after the 10:00am Mass on Sunday through the day and the night (except during Weekday Masses) until the closing at 7:00pm on Tuesday evening. After each evening's talk there will be cookies and refreshments in the Parish Hall. Fr. Michael Zimmer is a Lincoln Diocese Priest and the Pastor of St. Mary Church, Sutton.

Singles, couples and families; Catholics and other Christians are cordially invited. This is a tremendous opportunity to come to know the Lord, His Word, and our holy Catholic faith better, during the Season of Lent.

Healing: Bringing the Gift of God's Mercy to the World ...

will be presented by Dr. Mary Healy, S.T.D. at St. Thomas Aquinas Church/UNL Newman Center on Feb. 24 3:30-4:30pm. Registration for this presentation is \$10. All are welcome for the 6:00pm vigil Mass, then join Dr. Healy for a healing prayer service from 7:00-10:00pm. There is no cost or registration required for prayer service. To register, <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/healing-presentation>.

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 – May Schedule:

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

FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:

2017 Individual Contribution Statements

... were mailed on Saturday, February 10, 2018.

From Other Adorers ...

- My adoration hour is a time I look forward to. It is a time of peace and being able to sit quietly and just think things through. During this time of quiet prayer, thanksgiving, adoration, and supplication, I can talk over problems I have or seek help for myself, family or friends. Adoration time is not time wasted but a time for renewal.
- I started an Hour of Adoration because someone asked me to. I, like many, thought I couldn't pray by myself for an hour in church, especially a late night hour. I now look forward to my hour which is spent praying, reading or just sitting quietly with Jesus. In the summer, my daughter often joins me. It is our special time together and a practice I pray she shares with her children someday. Many people say that they do not have time. What better quality time is there? You can share it with a spouse, child, or friend. I may not know you, but I ask you to please sign up for an hour of "quality time" with our Lord. You won't regret it!

Liturgical Minister

	Sat., Feb. 24, 5:00pm	Sun., Feb. 25, 10:00am
Lector	Mike Krondak	Justin Pieper
Acolyte	Jon Walz	Jerry Cooper
Server	William Krondak	Xavier Pieper
	Nicholas Krondak	Nicholas Niesen
Music	Matt & Ashley Perlinger	Buhrman/Niesen/Gregg
Gifts	Joan Ryland/Yvette Troyer	Duane / Heather Johnsen
Ushers	Steve Fear	Duane Johnsen
	Janet Fear	Heather Johnsen

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday:	Gn 22:1-2, 9a,10-13,15-18; Ps 116:10,15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

Prayers for the sick: Carol LaBrie (Loren Baxa's sister-in-law), Peggy Fleecs, Gordon Swanson (Cindy Swanson's father), Patti Caudillo, Leona Clouatre, Renate Nordquist, Virginia Waechter (mother of Peggy Orr), Sharon Beckius, Frank Schneweis (Emily Krondak's father), John Kahl, Mike & Kim Paul, Margaret Schuckert, Eileen Boltz, Jim Beckius.

Prayers for the deceased: Martha Burbach, Bernie Pieper (Justin Pieper's grandfather), Jerry Kenny (Charles & Toni Barron's son-in-law), Bernadine Duryea (Ben Heskett's mother), Luke Ranck, Robert Inlow (Joanne Bollish's son), Mickey Kirwan (Teri Volesky's brother), Margaret Baxa, Loretta Pilakowski, Pat Sexton, Mary Portz, Phyllis Beckius.

Birthdays: 2/18 - William Krondak, Nora McCormick, 2/23 - Alexis Gies.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... The Holy Father usually marks the solemn opening of the Lenten fast with a procession and Mass on Ash Wednesday evening. He walks from the Benedictine monastery, San Anselmo, down the Aventine hill to the Dominican monastery of Santa Sabina. This very old tradition was revived by Pope John XXIII in the late 1950s. Have you ever wondered who gives the pope his ashes? It's the cardinal who has been given the "title" of the church of Santa Sabina. The pope's homily at this Mass states his theme for Lent.

Santa Sabina dates from the fifth century, and is one of the most beautiful churches in Rome. One of the panels on its main doors features the Crucifixion, a scene not normally depicted in art until much later. In the year 1219 the pope gave the church to Saint Dominic for his new religious order, the "Order of Preachers," commonly called the Dominicans, and it remains their world headquarters to this day. That pope, Honorius III, was a member of the Savelli family, and this church was their personal family chapel. Sabina was a wealthy Roman lady who became a Christian and was martyred, and whose home became a place of prayer. Later, the church built on that spot was dedicated to her memory.

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PEOPLE OF THE COVENANT ... If there is one word that stands out in today's readings, it is "covenant." God's faithfulness and goodness serve as examples to us of how to live. Genesis tells the story of Noah and of God's covenant not only with all people, but with all of nature. Never will the cleansing waters of the flood bring their destructive power to all the earth again. The sign, the reminder to both God and nature, is the rainbow in the heavens.

The psalm reminds us of this compassion of God, and begs God to remember us, not because of our goodness, but because of God's goodness and fidelity to the promise. God shows us how to be good, not by decree, but by example.

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GOD'S POWER ... We are not in our power, but in the power of God. — St. Perpetua

QUOTES -- Ten rules for getting rid of the blues: Go out and do something for someone else -- and repeat it 9 times. *** It is far better to forgive and forget than to resent and remember. *** Anger: The fire you kindle for your enemy very often burns you instead.

TRAINING ... Those who wish to hold the fortress of contemplation must first of all train in the camp of action. —Pope St. Gregory the Great

Pray for our Seminarians: **Louden Daniel Redinger**, from Sacred Heart Parish, Shelton/Kenesaw. He entered the Seminary in 2014. He is in College 4 at St. Gregory the Great Seminary. **Augustine Xavier Reimers**, from St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Seward. He entered the Seminary in 2016. He is in College 2 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.

You're invited to **IRISH FEST 2018**

A fundraiser for McDaid and St. Patrick's Schools

Sunday, February 25th

12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

St. Patrick's High School, 500 S. Silber

Homemade Dinner served 12:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Mini Carnival Games & Prizes

Fun Jumpz & Silent Auction—Bake Sale & Raffle

Fun for ALL ages!

IRISH FEST RAFFLE PRIZES:

♣\$1,000 CASH ♣\$250 CASH

♣\$500 SCRIP of Choice Certificate

♣50 lbs USDA Choice ground beef from Lincoln Co. Feedyard

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♣\$100 Gift Certificate to Dave's Place

♣\$100 Gift Certificate to CT Computer Services

TICKETS ARE \$2.00 EACH OR 10 FOR \$15.00

Tickets for sale at the Endowment Office (601 S. Tabor), McDaid or St. Pat's HS Offices, after Weekend Masses (at the SCRIP table) at Holy Spirit & St. Patrick's Churches.

*Raffle drawing at 2:50 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25th. *You do NOT have to be present to win.

World Marriage Day 2018

Couples Married More Than 60 Years in 2018

Charles & Toni Barron

Paul & Renate Nordquist

Couples Married More Than 50 Years in 2018

Dennis & Trudy Brosius

John & Billie Rouzee

Gary & Jan Bush

Jerry & Betty Steffes

Don & Sheila Exner

John & Carol Torruella

Couples Married 50 Years in 2018

Jerry & Sharon Beckius

Jerry & Kay Cooper

Couples Married 40 Years in 2018

Steve & Janet Fear

Gene & Angela Johnston

Couples Married 30 Years in 2018

Tim & Chris Behm

Steve & Kim Clouatre

Couples Married 20 Years in 2018

Jarrold & LaTisha Connelly

Couples Married 10 Years in 2017

Philip & Kelsey Heimann

Wedding Prayer

Father, as we prepare for World Marriage Day, we thank you for your tremendous gift of the Sacrament of Matrimony. Help us to witness to its glory by a life of growing intimacy. Teach us the beauty of forgiveness so we may become more and more ONE IN HEART mind and body. Strengthen our dialogue and help us become living signs of your love. Make us grow more in love with our Church so we may renew the Body of Christ. Make us a sign of unity in the name of Jesus, Our Lord and brother. AMEN.

For Your Marriage website ... The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops have a new website: www.foryourmarriage.org. It has a wealth of excellent information and interactive offering for couples preparing for marriage and for marriage enrichment.

Marriage Survey

A survey on Marriages :

* Couples married by a Justice of the Peace ... one out of two marriages break up

* Couples married by the Church ... one out of three marriages break up

* Couples married by the Church and attend Church together ... one out of 50 marriages break up

* Couples married by the Church, go to Church together and pray together ... one out of 1,429 marriages break up.

(from The Denver Catholic Register, August 12, 1987, vol. LXIII No. 31)

The grace of the sacrament of Matrimony (from Catechism of the Catholic Church)

1641 "By reason of their state in life and of their order, [Christian spouses] have their own special gifts in the People of God." This grace proper to the sacrament of Matrimony is intended to perfect the couple's love and to strengthen their indissoluble unity. By this grace they "help one another to attain holiness in their married life and in welcoming and educating their children."

1642 Christ is the source of this grace. "Just as of old God encountered his people with a covenant of love and fidelity, so our Savior, the spouse of the Church, now encounters Christian spouses through the sacrament of Matrimony." Christ dwells with them, gives them the strength to take up their crosses and so follow him, to rise again after they have fallen, to forgive one another, to bear one another's burdens, to "be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ," and to love one another with supernatural, tender, and fruitful love. In the joys of their love and family life he gives them here on earth a foretaste of the wedding feast of the Lamb:

How can I ever express the happiness of a marriage joined by the Church, strengthened by an offering, sealed by a blessing, announced by angels, and ratified by the Father? ... How wonderful the bond between two believers, now one in hope, one in desire, one in discipline, one in the same service! They are both children of one Father and servants of the same Master, undivided in spirit and flesh, truly two in one flesh. Where the flesh is one, one also is the spirit.