

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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3rd Sunday of Lent *March 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	Mar. 5	8:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Mar. 6	7:00 a.m.
Wednesday	Mar. 7	5:30 p.m.
Thursday	Mar. 8	8:00 a.m.
Friday	Mar. 9	5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	Mar. 10	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Mar. 11	10:00 a.m.

INTENTIONS

Pauline Vandenberg +
 Luke Ranck +
 Rick Ryan
 Frances Mary Portz +
 Tim Seiker (-bd)
 * Exposition / Stations / Benediction *
 Elli Fugate
 People of Our Parish

**I, the LORD,
 am your God ...
 You shall not have
 other gods besides me.**

— Exodus 20:2a, 3

Stewardship: February 25, 2018

Adult Envelopes:\$1,371.00
Loose Plate:.....\$129.81
Children:..... \$3.75
Total: \$1,504.56

Joy of the Gospel Campaign
 Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
 Gifts last week:\$620.00
Total Gifts Received:.....\$671,456.05
 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:.....\$1,495,360.04
 Balance on DIAL LOAN:..... \$256,215.88

Southern NE Register:\$30.00

Parish Calendar

Sunday	Mar. 4	11:00am CCD Classes	
Wednesday	Mar. 7	7:00pm RCIA Class	
Sunday	Mar. 11	11:00am CCD Classes	<u>11:00am - Knights of Columbus Breakfast in Parish Hall.</u>
		11:30am Daughters of Charity meeting in Rectory Conference Room.	
		3:30pm Cursillo Ultreya (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton)	7:00pm = Forty Hours Talk

Catholic School News:

Thinking of Enrolling at NPCCS?? ... Now is a GREAT time to consider the North Platte Catholic Schools for your family! We offer a challenging college-preparatory curriculum, small class sizes, and many opportunities for leadership & involvement; all in a faith-centered atmosphere.

Plus, scholarship funds are now available for new families! Why wait? Call to learn more and schedule a tour! Enrollment is open for Preschool through 12th Grade. 532-1874 or message Jennifer Winder at: j.winder@npcschools.org.

Congrats to our IRISH FEST raffle winners ... \$100 CT Comp. Services-Lyn Pieper \$100 Dave's Place-Rich Bodwell, 50# beef-Deb Tines, 50# beef-Melinda Baker, \$250-Vona Koch, \$500 SCRIP-Travis Covey, \$1,000-Jennifer Caudillo, THANK YOU to all who volunteered, sponsored, and participated in IRISH Fest 2018. We appreciate your support of the NP Catholic Schools.

An Offering During Lent ... Rosary will be said at 7:30am on 3/5-Ellie Granger @ McDaid, 3/13-Jacob Granger @ SPHS, 3/21-Amy Honerman @ McDaid, 3/29-Rosie Arbogast @ SPHS.

Mass will be offered at 7:00am in the McDaid Chapel on Mar. 5-7th; 12th-16th; 19th-23rd; and 26th-29th.

Upcoming Dates to Remember ...

- March 6 ... Speech Night 6:00 at SPHS
- March 8 & 9 ... NO SCHOOL: Spring Break Part 2; Mar 8=end 3rd Qtr
- March 14 ... Reconciliation Service for 7-12@Holy Spirit
- March 15 ... 9:00am NHS Inductions; 4:00pm SPVA Quiz Bowl
7:00pm 9th Grade Parent Orientation
- March 17 ... 10:00am St. Patrick's Day Parade Downtown
Big Red Banquet
- March 20 ... 9:00am SPVA Music Contest at Sutherland
- March 23 ... State Speech at UNK
- March 24 ... 10:00am G&B Track at Hershey
- March 27 ... 4th grade Stations of the Cross 10:00am

North Platte Catholic School:

Faith and Knowledge for a Brighter Future

Daughters of Charity (Altar Society) Meeting:

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

Annual Family Favorite Dessert & Recipe Auction ...

will be **March 17 (Saturday) (after 5:30pm Mass)** and Knights of Columbus Corned Beef and Cabbage Supper in the Parish Hall! and **March 18 (Sunday) (after 10:00am Mass)** in Parish Hall. Please bring your family **favorite dessert** and **copy of the recipe** to be auctioned. **JOIN THE FUN.** Funds defray expenses of the Daughters of Charity (*We provide for Altar breads, wine, candles and many social events*). **There is a sign-up sheet to bring DESSERT AND/OR VOLUNTEER TO ASSIST on the table in the Narthex.**

Knights of Columbus Meeting ... **Mon, Mar. 12,**

6:00pm, Parish Hall (**1 Hr early**). All Knights invited to attend.

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

Mar. 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.

Buck-A-Month Drive ... On March 10-11, the

Knights of Columbus would like everyone to participate in their annual Fundraiser for Pro-Life. It used to be called "Buck a Month Drive". If you would like to help support the Pro-Life efforts in Nebraska & can give \$12 (Buck-a-month) or more, please put a check in the collection basket (made out to Knights of Columbus Pro-Life) on March 10-11. Any amount is appreciated. Thank you & God Bless. *Loren Baxa, Grand Knight.*

RED MASS ... The Red Mass with Bishop Conley to pray for

all in the legal profession is Thurs. Mar. 22, 2018, 7:00am at St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center, Lincoln. A breakfast will follow Mass, with a talk given by Joshua McCaig on religious liberty issues for lawyers. All are invited, see redmass2018.eventbrite.com.

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, 15 minute session will include short videos describing the Saint's devotion as well as Gospel reading & discussion questions. The March studies will be:

- **Saturday, March 24, 6:30pm – 7:45pm in Parish Hall**
- **Sunday, March 25, 11:30am – 12:45pm 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, Mar 5, 12, 19, 26 ... 10:00am–11:15am 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)

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!

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!

Pope Benedict XVI on Life ... "In the light of my recent Encyclical Letter on Christian love, I would like to underline the importance of the service of love for the support and promotion of human life. In this regard, even before active initiatives, it is fundamental to foster a correct attitude towards the other: the culture of life is in fact based on attention to others without any forms of exclusion or discrimination. Every human life, as such, deserves and demands always to be defended & promoted." -02/05/06 Address

"Theology on Tap" ... is a speaker series for single & married adults in their 20's & 30's. Please join us on **March 18** when Matt Simmons will be relaying his amazing faith journey, growing up in a broken home, drugs at age 12, totally hopeless, alone and suicidal. Matt has the appearance of someone your mother might judge at first sight as a hoodlum that came from the wrong side of the tracks. This is another speaker not to be missed. 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.

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 after the 7:00pm talk on Tuesday evening. After each evening's talk there will be cookies, popcorn, & refreshments in the Parish Hall. Fr. Michael Zimmer is a Lincoln Diocese Priest and the Pastor of St. Mary Church, Sutton.

Sign up for one or more hours of Adoration during our Forty Hours Eucharistic Adoration.

Southern Nebraska Register ... In your Jan-Feb packet of envelopes, there is an envelope for the Southern Nebraska Register. The subscription rate for the Southern Nebraska Register is \$15.00 for one year. At \$15.00, this is an incredible bargain. Please use the envelope for your subscription to the Register. If you are not receiving your copy, please let the office know so we can add you to the list. Please make checks payable to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church.

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.

March – May Schedule:

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:

Father Michael Zimmer Speaking in North Platte ... on March 11 - 13, 2018 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church for annual Forty Hours Eucharistic Adoration. Fr. Zimmer will speak at 7:00pm on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday. His talks will be:

- **Sunday (03/11/18): Behold the Lamb of God ...** Reflecting on some of the Jewish Feasts: Yom Kippur, Passover, as they foreshadow and prepare us for a deeper understanding of the Mass.
- **Monday (03/12/18): Discipleship and the Lamb of God ...** The Lamb of God is perfectly fulfilled in the Mass, including: longing, receiving and responding to Jesus, the Lamb of God. How are we disciples?
- **Tuesday (03/13/18): Go Forth with the Lamb of God ...** How does our longing, our beholding, and our receiving of the Lamb of God at the Mass influence our lives?

Singles, couples and families; Catholics and other Christians are cordially invited to come to hear Father Zimmer speak and also to spend some time with our Eucharistic Lord (in Adoration opening your heart to Jesus' Heart).

Child care will be provided in the Parish Hall (from 6:40pm – 8:30pm). Please RSVP to rectory-office@seas-np.org, and let us **know how many children (and ages of children) coming to child care,** so that we have enough youth or adults to care for the children.

Liturgical Minister

	Sat., Mar. 10, 5:00pm	Sun., Mar. 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	Don & Sheila Exner	Derek & Jennifer Bantam
Ushers	Jerry Beckius	Jeff Orr
	Sharon Beckius	Shane Lowrey

Readings for the Week

Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday:	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

Prayers for the sick: Kelly Henry (Mitch Gregg's sister), Maya Rose Baxa (Loren Baxa's great granddaughter), Carol LaBrie (Loren Baxa's sister-in-law), **Julie (Kellogg) Buehler (Molly Walz's aunt)**, 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: 3/3 - Gregory Walz, 3/6 - Lillian Lowrey, 3/7 - Mickey Morlang, Seth McCormick, Margo Higgins, Rhett Nordquist, 3/9 - Tish Connelly, Andrea McCormick.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... If your parish is reading from Year B of the Lectionary today, and not Year A, as is normally done when there are elect present for the scrutinies and preparing for Easter baptism, you hear about Jesus driving the money-changers from the temple. If you wished to get as close as possible to this site today, you would in fact be at a Muslim shrine, the Dome of the Rock, built on the ruins of Herod's temple.

Archeologists believe that this striking, gold-domed crown of a shrine is set precisely where the Holy of Holies once was. Jews believe that the rock is the exact spot where Abraham was prepared to sacrifice Isaac. It is not a mosque, as some think, but a shrine, the oldest one in the Muslim world. For them, the rock is the place from which the Prophet Mohammed ascended on a visit to heaven. The Crusaders mistook the shrine for the actual Temple of Solomon, and the infamous Knights Templar used it as their headquarters and model for their churches elsewhere. The geometric perfection of the shrine is a mathematician's dream. The inscriptions are not exactly hospitable though, since they encourage Christians to "depart from error" and declare that "Jesus son of Mary was only a messenger of God." In ancient times, those who prayed here after walking around the rock were given a certificate entitling the bearer to admission to paradise. The ticket had to be buried with them. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

KEEP HOLY THE SABBATH ... There's no better way to deepen our Lenten practice than to review the Ten Commandments. The first three, having to do with our right relationship to God, get the most ink. The one we busy people probably have the most problem with is keeping holy the Sabbath.

If we take this commandment literally, babies will go undiapered and dishes will stay on the table, or perhaps meals will not be served. The sick will go unattended and nothing that has anything to do with physical labor will be done. Is mental labor really work? How about changing that dirty diaper (poor baby!)?

We need to depend on God to discern how to observe real Sabbath time in our lives. The point of this commandment is that God has given us a great gift: one whole day per week when we are free to rest, worship God, sing, feast, love, and rejoice. As Psalm 19 proclaims: "The law of the LORD is perfect, / refreshing the soul" (19:8). Our Sabbath rest is a great gift, to be received from God with joy, not with nitpicking. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

FORGIVENESS ... If a bad person wrongs you, forgive the person, lest there be two bad people. —Anonymous

THE SURLY BIRD ... Some doctors say that cheerful people resist disease better than grumpy ones. The surly bird catches the germ. —Anonymous

Pray for our Seminarians: **Tony Clint Schukei**, from St. Teresa Parish, Lincoln. He entered the Seminary in 2016. He is in Pre-Theology 2 at St. Gregory the Great Seminary. **Andrew Scott Schwenka**, from Holy Family Parish, Heartwell. He entered the Seminary in 2012. He is in Theology 3 at North American College in Rome.

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS

(March): Evangelization: Formation in Spiritual Discernment - That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.