

# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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## *1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent* *March 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](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	Mar. 6	8:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Mar. 7	<b>7:00 a.m.</b> <b>5:30 p.m.</b>
Wednesday	Mar. 8	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
Thursday	Mar. 9	8:00 a.m.
Friday	Mar. 10	<b>12:10 p.m.</b> <b>6:00 p.m.</b>
Saturday	Mar. 11	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>
Sunday	Mar. 12	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>

## INTENTIONS

Lucille Malsbury  
 Book of Memories / Blessings  
 For our Confirmandi & Parents  
 Parishioners with Birthday in March  
 Conception Barron +  
 Elli Fugate  
 \*\*\* Stations of the Cross \*\*\*  
 Anthony Hernandez +  
 People of our Parish

**“The Lord, your God,  
 shall you worship and  
 him alone shall  
 you serve.”**

— Matthew 4:10

## **Stewardship: February 26, 2017**

**Adult Envelopes:** .....\$2,011.00  
**Loose Plate:**.....\$65.06  
**Children:** ..... \$4.75  
**Total:** ..... \$2,080.81

### Joy of the Gospel Campaign

Total Pledged: .....\$958,770.00  
 Gifts last week: .....\$1,435.00  
Total Gifts Received:.....\$512,376.74  
 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:.....\$1,334,895.04  
 Balance on DIAL LOAN:..... \$401,936.67

Southern NE Register: ....\$100.00  
 Ash Wednesday: .....\$10.00  
 Combined Collection: .....\$10.00

## **Parish Calendar**

Sunday	Mar. 5	11:00am – 12:15pm <b>CCD Classes</b>
Monday	Mar. 6	7:00pm Who Am I To Judge? Recovering the Basics: Virtue & Friendship. Session #2
Tuesday	Mar. 7	<b>5:30pm – 8:30pm ... Confirmation Retreat and Practice.</b>
Wednesday	Mar. 8	7:00pm RCIA Class
Thursday	Mar. 9	7:00pm Who Am I To Judge? Recovering the Basics: Virtue & Friendship. Session #2
Friday	Mar. 10	6:00pm Stations of the Cross
Sunday	Mar. 12	11:00am <b>Knights of Columbus Breakfast followed by Favorite Dessert Auction (NO CCD)</b>

## Catholic School News:

There will be no school Friday March 10<sup>th</sup> due to Spring Break.

**Congrats ...** to our Irish Fest raffle winners:

- \$100 Computer Troubleshooters – Becky Gould
- 50 lbs of Ground Beef – Martha Burbach, & Andrew Jett
- 50" TV – Larry and Karen Becvar
- \$250 Cash it – Verna Kellogg
- \$500 SCRIP – Mike and Barb Honerman
- \$1000 Cash – Jake & Amy McGill

Thank you for another great event!

**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.*

**Enrollment ...** OPEN Enrollment Time is NOW! The NPCCS has openings for students at all grade levels from Preschool through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade. Contact Jennifer Winder at 532-1874 if you have questions regarding the enrollment process.

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade ...** 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Orientation is Mar. 16. If you or a friend have a student going into 9<sup>th</sup> Grade next Fall please join us to see what NPCCS has to offer your student at this important stage of their education.

**Coming Up ...** Upcoming dates of importance: District Speech 3/14; National Honor Society Inductions 3/16; Big Red Banquet 3/18; SPVA Conference Music at Perkins Co. 3/21; NSAA State Speech 3/23.

**Get Connected ...** Spring is an incredibly busy time for all our students and families. Stay up to date with the latest by following North Platte Catholic Schools on

Facebook. Current families must be sure to log in frequently to Sycamore for the latest happenings at NPCCS.

**North Platte Catholic School:**  
**Faith and Knowledge for a Brighter Future**

**Catholics at the Capitol ...** All Catholics across Nebraska are encouraged to attend the **2017 Catholics at the Capitol** on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Registration begins at 8:30am at St. Mary Church basement (14th & K Streets). The Catholic women are invited to a luncheon at the Governor's Mansion following the St. Mary 12:10pm Mass. Reservations for the luncheon (\$20) must be received by Teresa Koch, 812 W. Walnut Road, Odell, NE 68415 by March 13<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to join in praying the Rosary at Planned Parenthood after lunch.

**Lenten Noon Concert Series ...** This year, Church of Our Savior, 203 W. 4th Street, North Platte, will sponsor a **Lenten Noon Concert Series**. On the Tuesdays in Lent – March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4 – we will gather in the church from 12:15-12:45pm for a concert of meditative music for the Lenten season. Carolyn Cline, organist of Church of Our Savior, and Jan Ekstedt, Pastor of First Christian Church in North Platte, are organizing the series, which will feature musicians from all over North Platte. Plan to join us & make the Lenten Noon Concert Series a part of your observance of Lent.

**Without A Spouse March meeting ...** will be to go to the 11:00am Mass at St. Patrick, and sit together as a group on March 19<sup>th</sup>. After Mass attend the Sunday Brunch. This will be our St. Patrick get together. Please wear green.

**Sky Camp & Leadership Camp ...** Online registration is open for SKY Camp and Leadership Camp. To register your child or learn more about these camps, go to [www.campkateri.org](http://www.campkateri.org).

## The Mother/Daughter “Growing UP and Becoming a Woman Program ...

to will be held **Sunday, March 26, 2017 2:00-4:30pm** at **St Patrick Catholic Parish Hall** in North Platte, NE. The free program is designed for 9-13 year old girls and their mothers / grandmothers / guardians. This program is a time set aside to explore God’s special gift of human fertility, and the beauty & wonder of growing up and becoming a woman.

There have been many positive comments of past mother/daughter programs including “liked the openness,” “Great conversation starter with my daughter”, “helpful, fun”, “liked Christian approach”, & “helped build mother/daughter relationship”.

Several speakers will present changes in a young woman’s body, the onset of ovulation and menstrual periods, female reproductive functions, and the virtue of chastity and sacredness of human life.

The program is sponsored by all 3 North Platte Catholic parishes - St Elizabeth Ann Seton Daughters of Charity; and Holy Spirit & St Patrick Council of Catholic Women Groups and the North Platte Fertility Care Center.

Please register by March 20<sup>th</sup> by texting, calling, or email to Kathy Burr at 308-991-1880, ckburr240@gmail.com or Laurie Stadler at 308-530-3952 or mlstadler@hotmail.com.

**“You shall be like gods” ...** This original temptation, outlined in the first reading, was a promise that what was right and what was wrong would be up to us; that we could write our own moral law. That’s what the “tree of the knowledge of good and evil” meant, and why Adam and Eve couldn’t eat from it. We are all called to know good from evil, but not to decide it. To think we decide it is the error of the “pro-choice” mindset. “It’s all up to me and my choice, even if it means killing a baby.” In the culture of life, on the other hand, we live in the freedom of the children of God, and pattern our lives on the obedience of Jesus that leads to life eternal.

**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>.

**Cursillo Weekends ...** *There is only 1 week left to sign up for the Men’s Cursillo Weekend (women have an additional week).* A **Cursillo** (the full name is “Cursillo de Christiandad”) is an encounter with Christ. Cursillo (pronounced **kur-see-yo**) is a Spanish word meaning “little” or “short course,” so a Cursillo is a “short course in Christianity.” The goal of Cursillo is to make Christ the prime influence in society by helping adult Christians better understand their power and mission to become leaven in civic, social and economic life. We need Christian leaven in the world!! Are you interested in being that leaven in your corner of the world? 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>

**Family Favorite Dessert Auction ...** Next weekend is the FUN PARISH EVENT, the Family Favorite Dessert Auction! This event is after both Masses, Saturday, 5:00pm & Sunday 10:00am after the Knight’s Breakfast in the Parish Hall. If you have not signed-up to bring your favorite dessert it is not to late, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex. The Daughters of Charity host this event to raise funds to provide the Altar Breads, Wine, Candles & to provide for the many social events that they host.

**Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids Campaign ...** each year in the Fall, the Knights of Columbus gathers **Coats for Kids in need.** Last year at Catholic Social Services in Lincoln, more than 800 coats were distributed by the Knights of Columbus. **This is a good time to buy coats while the prices are so good.** Let us store them for you, & we’ll get them to the Kids (in North Platte or surrounding area communities) This Fall.

**Take an Hour ...** 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 (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 & rest with the Lord for an hour each week. If you take time to pray, you find you have more time!

**Who Am I to Judge? Responding to Relativism with Logic & Love ...** during March & April, parishioners are encouraged to join in a Study by **Dr. Edward Sri** in the Parish Hall on **various evenings & (on your own with FORMED.org).**

What is “right” & “wrong”? Is what’s right for you right for me? Is there a right & wrong for everyone, all the time? These are difficult questions to discuss in our culture. We live in a society that supports the opinion that each person should make up his or her own morality – that there is no moral truth that applies to everyone.

Many of us have been affected by the relativistic outlook that pervades the modern world. Maybe some of us wonder whether there really is an absolute right and wrong for everyone. Or maybe we accept that there is a moral standard for all, but we don’t know how to explain our moral convictions in a convincing way. Maybe some of us are afraid of saying something is immoral because we’re afraid of offending others or of being labeled intolerant. How do we talk about morality in a relativistic world? That’s what we begin to explore in the opening session of this study.

	<b>7:00pm – 8:15 or 8:30pm</b>	7:00pm	7:00pm
#2	<b>Recovering the Basics: Virtue and Friendship</b>	<b>Monday</b> Mar. 6	<b>Thursday</b> Mar. 9
#3	<b>Real Freedom, Real Love</b>	<b>Sunday</b> Mar. 12	<b>Tuesday</b> Mar. 14
#4	<b>The Lost “Art of Living”</b>	<b>Monday</b> Mar. 20	<b>Tuesday</b> Mar. 21
#5	<b>Engaging Moral Relativism</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> Mar. 28	<b>Thursday</b> Mar. 30
Will Not Meet this week – Forty Hours Eucharistic Devotions (Apr. 2 - 4)			
Will Not Meet in Holy Week (April 9 – 15)			
#6	<b>“I Disagree” Doesn’t mean “I Hate You”</b>	<b>Monday</b> Apr. 17	Tue 4/18 Fri 4/21
#7	<b>Exposing the Mask</b>	<b>Sunday</b> Apr 23	Tue 4/25 Fri 4/28
#8	<b>What is Truth? Answering Common Questions</b>	<b>Monday</b> May 1	<b>Thursday</b> May 4

## **FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:**

**Confirmation Retreat and Practice ...** will be on **Tuesday, March 7, 2017** at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. It begins with **5:30pm Mass** in the Church, followed by Pizza in the Parish Hall, followed by the Retreat to prepare for Confirmation. At **8:00pm** we will have **practice for Confirmation.** We will **conclude at 8:30pm.**

## Liturgical Minister

	Sat., Mar. 11, 5:00pm	Sun., Mar. 12, 10:00am
<b>Lector</b>	Jim Nisley	Michael Lafleur
<b>Acolyte</b>	Rex Walz	Conrad Buhman
<b>Server</b>	Harmon Johnsen	Jace Grunden
	Brock Johnsen	Lakeland Lowrey
<b>Music</b>	Sharon Beckius	Greg Vandenberg
<b>Gifts</b>	Steve & Janet Fear	Jeff & Peggy Orr
<b>Ushers</b>	Jerry Beckius	Duane Johnsen
	Sharon Beckius	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: Est C:12,14-16,23-25; Ps 138:1-3,7-8; Mt 7:7-12  
 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 12:1-4; Ps 33:4-5,18-20,22; 2 Tm 1:8-10; Mt 17:1-9

**Prayers for the sick:** Frank Schneweis (Emily Krondak's father), David Bratton, John Kahl, 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:** 3/6 - Lillian Lowrey, 3/7 - Mickey Morlang, Seth McCormick, Margo Higgins, Rhett Nordquist, 3/9 - Tish Connelly, Andrea McCormick, 3/12 - Carol Pineda, Zachary Gregg, Tyler Bantam.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ...** In recent years, there has been a resurgence of interest in various forms of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Some people suggest that this recovers an ancient tradition in the church, when in fact the practice belongs to a later time. The custom of showing the consecrated host to the people, encased in a vessel called a monstrance, developed in a period of history when even very pious people received Communion only rarely. The opportunity to see the host raised high above the head of the priest at Mass, or to see the host exposed outside of Mass, was thought by many to be a form of spiritual Communion. Without question, our Catholic practice of reserving the consecrated host both for adoration and Communion of the sick and dying is a cherished tradition.

Over the next few weeks, we'll look at how these traditions developed and how the Church envisions reservation and adoration today. We do this by the light of the liturgical reforms that have restored a heightened appreciation for how receiving the Body and Blood of Christ is central to our worship. "Perpetual Adoration," "Reservation," "Benediction," and "Reposition" are all part of the Catholic vocabulary. Often the terms are misused, and a tangled history – as well as widely varying practices in our parishes – adds to the confusion. Many Catholics today have never participated in Benediction, or even spent time in adoration on Holy Thursday night. There's plenty of interesting history, much of it surprising and challenging, and we will do our best to inform you along the way. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**STRENGTH AGAINST TEMPTATION ...** The first Sunday of the season of Lent always includes a Gospel account of the temptation of the Lord Jesus in the desert by the devil. This year, the story is set against the backdrop of the first reading from Genesis, which recounts the very first temptation by the devil. That story is set in a garden of delight. The Gospel story is set in the desert. As believers, we know that temptation comes our way in our own gardens of delight as well as the deserts of our lives. As Lent begins, our attention is drawn to that temptation within each of us to become like God – we want control, power, and answers to all of life's difficult questions. As communities of faith, we are given this season of repentance so that we can join our hearts with others on the difficult journey of conversion. We look to God and to one another for strength against temptation. -Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

**Love and Deeds ...** God doesn't want our deeds; God wants the love that prompts them. —St. Teresa of Ávila

**Timing ...** What you give in health is gold. What you give in sickness is silver. What you give after death is lead.  
—Jewish proverb

**Pray for our Seminarians:** **Andrew Scott Schwenka**, from Holy Family Parish, Heartwell. He entered the Seminary in 2012. He is in Theology 2 at North American College in Rome. **Joseph Claussen Wahlmeier**, from St. Michael Parish, Hastings. He entered the Seminary in 2013. He is in Theology 1 at North American College in Rome.

## **HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS:**

**(March) Support for Persecuted Christians:** That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.