

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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4th Sunday of Lent *March 11, 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

Sunday	Mar. 11	7:00 p.m.
Monday	Mar. 12	8:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Mar. 13	7:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Mar. 14	5:30 p.m.
Thursday	Mar. 15	8:00 a.m.
Friday	Mar. 16	5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	Mar. 17	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Mar. 18	10:00 a.m.

INTENTIONS

-- Forty Hours Talk(Confessions after)
Fr. Jim Novakowski & Kelsey Bliss
-- Forty Hours Talk(Confessions after)
Anna Lee & Pope Francis
-- Forty Hours Talk(Confessions Before)
Ellie Buhrman
Elizabeth (Liz) Haag
Bridget Barron
* Exposition / Stations / Benediction *
Martha Burbach +
People of Our Parish

**God did not send his
Son into the world to
condemn the world,
but that the world
might be saved
through him.**

— John 3:17

Stewardship: March 4, 2018

Adult Envelopes:\$2,313.73
Loose Plate:\$124.81
Children: \$0.00
Total: \$2,438.54

Joy of the Gospel Campaign
Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
Gifts last week:\$820.00
Total Gifts Received:\$672,276.05
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. 11	11:00am CCD Classes 11:00am - Knights of Columbus Breakfast in Parish Hall. 11:30am Daughters of Charity meeting in Rectory Conference Room. 3:30pm Cursillo Ultreya (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton) 7:00pm – Forty Hours Talk (Confessions <u>After</u>)
Monday	Mar. 12	7:00pm – Forty Hours Talk (Confessions <u>After</u>)
Tuesday	Mar. 13	7:00pm – Forty Hours Talk (Confessions <u>Before</u> ; 6:00pm)
Wednesday	Mar. 14	7:00pm RCIA Class
Saturday	Mar. 17	<u>Knights of Columbus Corned Beef & Cabbage Supper</u> in Parish Hall followed by <u>Favorite Dessert Auction</u>
Sunday	Mar. 18	NO CCD Classes 11:15am - Favorite Dessert Auction in Parish Hall. 7:00pm Theology on Tap (Knights of Columbus Hall)

Catholic School News:

Thinking of Enrolling at NPCS?? ... 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 Gr. 532-1874 or message Jennifer Winder at: j.winder@npcschools.org.

McDaid Elementary has an **opening for a daytime custodian/maintenance worker**. If you are interested in learning more about this position please contact Kevin Dodson at 532-1874.

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

7:00am Mass in McDaid Chapel, Mar. 12th-16th; 19th-23rd; & 26th-29.

Upcoming Dates to Remember ...

- March 14 ... Reconciliation Service for 7-12@St. Patrick Church
- 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

Kinsey Skillstad is this month's student of the month. Kinsey is participates in Volleyball, Basketball, Track; Cheerleader & S.A.I.N.T.S. club member. Kinsey is a Sophomore; consistently appears on A Honor Roll. Kinsey & her family are members of St. Patrick Catholic Church.

Casey Jett, 7th grader was our school Geography Bee winner. He recently competed & will be advancing to the next round, April 6 on the UNO Campus. One Champion from each state & territory will advance to National Geo Bee held May 20-23 in Washington D.C. Best of Luck!!

Ashley Dye will be competing for the Poetry Out Loud State Championship Sunday, March 11, 1:30-4:30 at Sheldon Museum of Art, Lincoln. Students recite works selected from an anthology of more than 900 classic & contemporary poems. Poetry Out Loud will award \$50,000 in Scholarships & school stipends to the winners at the National Level including a \$20,000 scholarship to National Winner. Good Luck Ashley!!

North Platte Catholic School:

Faith and Knowledge for a Brighter Future

Please join us at St. Patrick Church for a **non-denominational service for ALL medical professionals, caregivers, & families, Saturday, Mar. 24** from 2-2:30pm. Questions? Contact Brenda Conell (532-0942)

RED MASS ... with Bishop Conley to pray for all in the legal profession is Thu. Mar. 22, 7:00am, 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.

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! & **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.

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.

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

6:00pm, Rectory Conference Room (due to Hall being used for preparation for Child Care) (1 Hr early). All Knights invited to attend.

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.*

The Bargain Bin is celebrating!

... Beginning March 5, the Bargain Bin will now be open every Monday evening from 5pm - 8pm. The second Monday evening of every month will be a Bag Sale. Regular day time hours continue to be Tues. - Sat. 10am - 3pm. Day time Bag Sales are the 15th and 30th of each month. If those dates are a Sunday or Monday, the day time Bag Sale will be the previous Saturday. Come help us celebrate!

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 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!

The Most Basic Right ... "The common outcry, which is justly made on behalf of human rights -- for example, the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture -- is false and illusory if the right to life, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition for all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination." -- Pope John Paul II, *Christifideles Laici* (1988), n. 38.

"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.

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.

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). There are two young women (about 20-30 years old) who currently work in a Day Care Facility in North Platte, who have been "background checked" who will be providing Day Care for us. **Please RSVP to rectory-office@seas-np.org, and let us know how many children and the ages of the children that will be coming to child care**, so that we have enough other youth or adults to help these two professional women care for the children.

Liturgical Minister

	Sat., Mar. 17, 5:00pm	Sun., Mar. 18, 10:00am
Lector	Jerry Beckius	Shane Lowrey
Acolyte	Jerry Volesky	Duane Johnsen
Server	Volunteer	Lakeland Lowrey
	Volunteer	Harmon Johnsen
Music	Volunteer	Buhrman/Niesen/Gregg
Gifts	David & Mary Bratton	Harris & Joanie Grunden
Ushers	Cindy Swanson	Volunteer
	Alice Robinson	Spencer Hampton

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday:	Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday:	Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

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: 3/12 - Zachary Gregg, Tyler Bantam, Carol Pineda, 3/13 - Jim Nisley, 3/17 - Justin Pieper.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... Year B of the Lectionary has the Letter to the Ephesians today. Ephesus, today in Turkey, was in the first century a great Greek city, the center for the worship of Diana, the goddess of the hunt. It was a vast city even by modern standards, having nearly half a million people in the time of Paul. Yet that was a time of economic recession and moral decay. No wonder Saint Paul stayed here the longest. It gave him an enormous and religiously curious audience. His preaching stirred up the artisans who depended on the pilgrims who came to honor (and buy mementos of) seventeen gods and goddesses enshrined in the city's temples. You can still see the open-air theater where Paul's homily triggered a riot. Paul did have success here, and many conversions among Jews and Gentiles. They seem to have struggled with hope, perhaps because of their suffering from economic woes and isolation.

Some old traditions say that the Apostle John lived out his days here, and that the Blessed Mother was cared for by him. There's no biblical basis for this, but it is certain that a small house just outside the city has been treasured by Christians and Muslims for centuries as the last dwelling of Mary. Long ago, the harbor silted up and the city was nearly abandoned, becoming a small village. As is so often the case, that accident of history preserved the ancient city, so that archeologists have been very successful in revealing ancient Christian sites. One such site is the Church of Mary, probably the first church to be dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, and the site of the Council of Ephesus in 431. Today, a visit to Ephesus is one of the most rewarding journeys for any pilgrim. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

COMMUNAL RESPONSIBILITY ... The people of God forgot the covenant and flouted God's laws. They did not listen to the prophets among them, who spoke for God in warning them. Prophets are sent from God to remind us why we are here, but they are often, even in our own time, mocked, disregarded, and mistreated rather than thanked and listened to.

The book of Chronicles tells the results of these sins: the destruction of the temple and all of Jerusalem, murder, mayhem, and finally exile to a foreign land. Why are these stories in the Bible? Just to inform us of what happened to our ancient forebears? What good would that be unless there were a message and a warning for us as well? Are we people who follow the teachings of God, who obey the words of Christ in the second covenant in his blood? Or do we continue to wreak works of darkness and violence? We are reminded by these readings that we will be judged as a people, not just as individuals. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

NOT ENOUGH ... It is not enough for me to love God, if my neighbor does not love God. —St. Vincent de Paul

Pray for our Seminarians: Christian Thomas Schwenka, from Holy Family Parish, Heartwell. He entered the Seminary in 2016. He is in College 4 at St. Gregory the Great Seminary. Tenton Joseph Smith, from St. Mary Parish, David City. He entered the Seminary in 2016. He is in College 2 at St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

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.