

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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2nd Sunday of Lent *March 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

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. 13	8:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Mar. 14	<u>7:00 a.m.</u> <u>10:00 a.m.</u>
Wednesday	Mar. 15	<u>5:30 p.m.</u>
Thursday	Mar. 16	8:00 a.m.
Friday	Mar. 17	<u>6:00 p.m.</u>
Saturday	Mar. 18	<u>5:00 p.m.</u>
Sunday	Mar. 19	<u>10:00 a.m.</u>

INTENTIONS

Ed Rieker
 Anna Lee
 Funeral for Mary Portz
 Elizabeth (Liz) Haag
 Phyllis J. Beckius +
 - No Scheduled Parish Mass -
 *** Stations of the Cross ***
 Conversion of USA
 People of our Parish

**“Christ Jesus ...
 destroyed death and
 brought life and
 immortality to light
 through the gospel.**

— 2 Timothy 1:10b

Stewardship: March 5, 2017

Adult Envelopes:\$2,054.12
Loose Plate:.....\$132.50
Children: \$3.00
Total: \$2,189.62

Joy of the Gospel Campaign

Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
 Gifts last week:\$1,325.00
Total Gifts Received:.....\$513,701.74
 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:\$15.00
 Ash Wednesday:\$354.00
 Combined Collection:\$0.00

Parish Calendar

Sunday	Mar. 12	11:00am	<u>Knights of Columbus Breakfast followed by Favorite Dessert Auction (NO CCD)</u>
		7:00pm	Who Am I To Judge? Real Freedom, Real Love. Session #3
Tuesday	Mar. 14	7:00pm	Who Am I To Judge? Real Freedom, Real Love. Session #3
Wednesday	Mar. 15	7:00pm	RCIA Class
Friday	Mar. 17	6:00pm	Stations of the Cross
Sunday	Mar. 19	10:00am	<u>Confirmation Mass (NO CCD)</u>

Catholic School News:

Congrats ... to Irish Fest raffle winners: \$100 Computer Troubleshooters – Becky Gould; 50 lbs of Ground Beef – Martha Burbach, & Andrew Jett; 50" TV – Larry & 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 12th Grade. Contact Jennifer Winder at 532-1874 if you have questions regarding the enrollment process.

9th Grade ... 9th Grade Parent Orientation is Mar. 16. If you or a friend have a student going into 9th 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

Knights of Columbus Meeting ... Mon, Feb. 13, 7:30pm, Rectory Conference Room. All Knights invited to attend. Come to the 7:00pm Rosary for Mary Portz, then 7:30pm Meeting.

Catholics at the Capitol ... All Catholics across Nebraska are encouraged to attend the 2017 Catholics at the Capitol on March 21st. 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 13th. 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 19th. After Mass attend the Sunday Brunch. This will be our St. Patrick get together. Please wear green.

Family Favorite Dessert Auction ... THIS 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. 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. Come enjoy the Fun!

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.

Please register by March 20th 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.

Men suffer too ... *The following is a letter written by a man who lost his son to abortion:* Dear John Peter,

In the fall, John, when the leaves fall from the trees I shall think of you, for you too fell from life. In the cold of winter, John, the snow shall remind me of you: for like the snow you were and are white and pure. In the spring, John, I shall think of you: for the birth of spring shall remind me that you, too should have been born into this world. John, I shall think of you in the summer: I shall imagine your laughter. I shall see you as you might have been, a little boy running and playing, scraping your knees from a fall. I shall miss, John, all that I might have gained from your life.

May you rest in the arms of God, Dad

QUEST Retreat ... QUEST is a retreat for young Catholics between the ages of 14 and 16 who are freshmen and sophomores in high school. The next QUEST Retreat is **March 23-26** at **St. Joseph Church in Auburn**. For more info., call Youth Ministry Office 402-473-0625. To register, go to <http://www.lincolndiocese.org/retreats/quest>.

The Red Mass ... with Bishop Conley to pray for all in the legal profession will be Thurs. Mar. 23, 2017, 7:00 am at St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center, Lincoln. A breakfast will follow Mass, with a talk given by Andy Barry: "St. Thomas More and the Idea of a Constitution." All are invited. More info at: redmass2017.eventbrite.com

Cursillo Weekends ... *There is less than a week left to sign up for the Men’s Cursillo Weekend (women have an additional week).* A Cursillo (the full name is “Cursillo de Cristiandad”) 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>

Project Connect is “a one-stop shop” ...

approach to link participants to services and resources, and will take place on April 4, 2017 from 10:00am – 2:00pm at the North Platte Salvation Army. We are currently in need of donations of the following items: Non-perishable food items, personal hygiene products, pillows, blankets, laundry products, diapers, smoke alarms, and carbon monoxide detectors. Items can be left in the large box in the Narthex of the Church, and will be collected on March 31, 2017. Questions? Contact Ashley Perlinger at 308-532-3250.

Culture of Life ... “The separation of sex from procreation logically leads to the legalization of contraception, then abortion, and finally to homosexual marriage and beyond. The logic is compelling and, in fact, inescapable. Only the premise is insane.” Robert R. Reilly, “Making Gay Okay”

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.

Thank Your State Senator ... for advancing pro-life legislation. With the advancement of LB46 and its companion appropriations bill, LB46A, Nebraska is one step closer to joining over 29 other states and showing its support for the dignity of human life by adopting "Choose Life" license plates. In the face of vehement opposition, our Legislature ended two filibusters and advanced "Choose Life" license plates to second round of debate. "Choose Life" license plates provide a message of hope and support to those in need and affirms the beauty of human life.

We humbly ask you to take a moment & thank your Senator. We especially thank Sen. Dan Watermeier (Legislative Dist 1) for introducing this pro-life legislation and undertaking the leadership to help advance the pro-life cause. Thanks for taking the time to show your gratitude!

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).

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

FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:

Results of the Parish Council Elections ...

Congratulations to the newly elected members of the Parish Council: **Philip Heimann** and **Jim Nisley**. Thank you to all those whose names were on the ballot and to those who voted. Thank you to Jerry Beckius and Molly Walz, who have completed their terms on the Parish Council. I appreciate each of the persons who have served on the parish council, & the gift of time & effort to the Parish through their time given to Council & the many extra ways they shared their talents.

Forty Hours Eucharistic Adoration ...

Sun., Apr. 2 – Tue., Apr. 4. **Steve Ray** will talk each evening (Sunday 7:00pm, Monday 7:00pm, & Tuesday 7:00pm).

Fr. Seiker working on Cursillo Weekends ...

I will be on the Team for the **Men’s Cursillo Weekend**, at McCook, Thursday, Mar. 16 – Saturday, Mar. 18. I will be leaving Thu, March 16 around 11:00am; & return Saturday afternoon for Confessions & Mass.

I will be on the Team for the **Women’s Cursillo Weekend**, at McCook, Thursday, Mar. 23 – Sunday, Mar. 26. I will be leaving Thu, March 16 around 11:00am; & return Sunday evening late. Fr. Nick Baker, a retired priest of the Diocese, will be here for Sat/Sunday Confessions & Masses, March 25-26, 2017.

Liturgical Minister

	Sat., Mar. 18, 5:00pm	Sun., Mar. 19, 10:00am
Lector	Jerry Beckius	Chuck Burr
Acolyte	Jerry Volesky	Duane Johnsen
Server	William Krondak	Nicholas Niesen / Kevin Bantam
	Nicholas Krondak	Nicholas Krondak/Brock Johnsen
Music	Sharon Beckius	Choir
Gifts	CindySwanson/AliceRobinson	Confirmation Class
Ushers	Cindy Swanson	Jeff Orr
	Alice Robinson	Charles Barron

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Dn 9:4-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13; 17-28; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday:	Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

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: Mary Portz, 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: 3/12 - Carol Pineda, Zachary Gregg, Tyler Bantam, 3/13 - Jim Nisley, 3/14 - Martha Burbach, 3/17 - Justin Pieper, 3/19 - Stephen Smock.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... The Blessed Sacrament was not reserved in church buildings in the first centuries of the church. In those early years, of course, people met in borrowed "house churches," gathering on the Lord's Day for community, apostolic teaching, the breaking of the bread, and the prayers, as Acts of the Apostles tells us. Dispersed, people went their way into the workaday world until the next assembly. Weighing down their hearts was the absence of brothers and sisters, not only the sick, but those imprisoned for the faith. No wonder they developed a way of extending the food of the Holy Table to them.

Forty years ago, every altar boy in training heard about Saint Tarcisus. He was a twelve-year-old boy at the time of intense persecution in fourth-century Rome. His community had begun to convey the consecrated bread from their Eucharist to those condemned to death or awaiting trial. Normally deacons did this, but on one occasion, it was necessary to send the boy to bear the holy mysteries to the prison. The legend says that he was an athlete, and was detained on the way by some playmates who wanted him to join in their game. When he refused, they demanded to know what he was carrying. The situation went from bad to worse, and he was badly beaten and died of his injuries. A hundred years later, a pope called him a second St. Stephen. In the nineteenth century, Cardinal Nicholas Wiseman of England wrote a novel in which he expanded the story and popularized it. By then, no one seemed to notice that this twelve-year-old was actually touching and ministering the Eucharist, unthinkable until recently. Scholars say the story rings true: the first reason for setting some Eucharistic bread aside was not adoration, but Communion of the sick. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

THE JOURNEY OF TRANSFIGURATION ... "We used to be such good friends. How is it that you've moved so far away?" one man asked another. "Perhaps," the other replied, "you have moved away. By standing still." This exchange very well could have happened between Peter and Jesus, had Peter been allowed to erect tents to stay on the mount of the Transfiguration. He nearly succumbed to the temptation to stay in a place of wonder and light. But Jesus knew the hard truth: we are on a continual journey when we are walking the paths of God's will. It is not good for us to stay in one place on our faith journey. Equally unhealthy is staying put in times of joy and wonder to avoid life's difficulties, or to wallow in our trials and temptations and fail to be companions for our sisters and brothers who are also suffering – or celebrating! The pilgrim Church is required to do one thing on its Lenten journey: to walk continually with Christ as his Body born of water and the Spirit, seeking God's will, helping the reign of God to be known on earth, being led to the end of our journey, transfigured for all time into the company of heaven. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

SORE SHINS ... Don't break your shin on a stool that is not in your way. —Irish proverb

TRUE FRIENDSHIP ... A true friend can hear a tear drop. —Anonymous

Pray for our Seminarians: **Dominic Ian Winter**, from St. Joseph Parish and St. Mary Parish, Lincoln. He entered the Seminary in 2015. He is in College 3 at St. Gregory the Great Seminary. **Brian Robert Wirth**, from St. Mary Parish and St. Benedict Parish, Nebraska City. He entered the Seminary in 2015. He is in Theology I at Mount St. Mary Seminary.

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.