

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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5th Sunday of Lent *March 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	Mar. 19	8:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Mar. 20	7:00 a.m.
Wednesday	Mar. 21	5:30 p.m.
Thursday	Mar. 22	8:00 a.m.
Friday	Mar. 23	5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	Mar. 24	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Mar. 25	10:00 a.m.

INTENTIONS

Mick Kirwan +
 Book of Memories / Blessings
 Luke Ranck +
 Jerry Kenny +
 Martha Burbach +
 * Exposition / Stations / Benediction *
 People of Our Parish
 Lee & Mary Volkmer

**I will place my law
 within them and write
 it upon their hearts;
 I will be their God,
 and they shall be
 my people.**

— *Jeremiah 31:33*

Stewardship: March 11, 2018

Adult Envelopes:\$1,626.00
Loose Plate:.....\$113.50
Children:..... \$4.75
Total: \$1,744.25

Joy of the Gospel Campaign
 Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
 Gifts last week:\$675.00
Total Gifts Received:.....\$672,951.05
 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
 CombinedCollectionNon-Specified: \$500.00
 American Bishops Overseas:.....\$80.00
 Black & Indian Collection:\$50.00
 Catholic Communication:\$160.00
 Catholic Home Missions:\$50.00
 Catholic University:\$60.00
 Retired Religious:.....\$190.00

Parish Calendar

Sunday	Mar. 18	NO CCD Classes 11:15am - Favorite Dessert Auction in Parish Hall. 7:00pm Theology on Tap
Wednesday	Mar. 21	7:00pm RCIA Class
Saturday	Mar. 24	Eucharistic Family Rosary Study in Parish Hall (6:30pm – 7:45pm)
Sunday	Mar. 25	11:15am CCD Classes Eucharistic Family Rosary Study in Parish Hall (11:30am – 12:45pm)

Catholic School News:

Attention parents of Incoming 9th & 7th Graders! ...

- 9th grade Parent Orientation was held on 3/15. If you missed it please be sure to get in touch with Mrs. O'Neill.
- 7th Grade Parent Orientation will be on April 3rd! Please be sure to Re-Enroll prior to the meeting. We will meet in the Junior High Wing at the SPHS AT 7:00pm.

All families must Re-Enroll their students by April 1st. Please contact Jennifer Winder if you have questions!

Thinking of Enrolling at NPCSS?? ...

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@npcsschools.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 3/21-Amy Honerman @ McDaid, 3/29-Rosie Arbogast @ SPHS. 7:00am Mass in McDaid Chapel, Mar. 19th-23rd; & 26th-29.

Upcoming Dates to Remember ...

- 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
- March 29 ... Holy Thursday
- March 30 ... Good Friday – No School
- March 31 ... Holy Saturday
- April 2 ... **NO School** ... Easter Monday
- April 3 ... 7th Grade Parent Orientation
- April 6 ... BUMP UP DAY 2018

Do you have a friend or neighbor who would like to learn more about attending the North Platte Catholic Schools? Contact Mrs. Winder; we can invite them to join us for Bump Up Day!

Congratulations Ashley Dye for bringing home 3rd Place honors from the State Level of Poetry Out Loud.

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.

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.** Come enjoy the fun on St Patrick's Day weekend.

Buck-A-Month Drive ...

If you were not able to make a contribution to this drive last Sat/Sunday, Mar. 10-11, the Knights of Columbus invites you 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 (to Knights of Columbus Pro-Life) in the collection basket. Any amount is appreciated. Thank you & God Bless. *Loren Baxa, Grand Knight.*

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 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!

Wisdom of the Ages ... Tertullian, a Christian writer who died in the third century, wrote the following: "Thus, you read the word of God, spoken to Jeremias: "Before I formed thee in the womb, I knew thee." If God forms us in the womb, He also breathes on us as He did in the beginning: "And God formed man and breathed into him the breath of life." Nor could God have known man in the womb unless he were a whole man. "And before thou camest forth from the womb, I sanctified thee." Was it, then, a dead body at that stage? Surely it was not, for "God is the God of the living and not the dead." - *De Anima 26.5*

"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.

Project Connect is "a one-stop shop" ...

approach to link participants to services and resources, and will take place on April 5, 2018 from 1:00pm – 6:00pm at the **D & N Event Center**. 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 April 1, 2018. Questions? Call 308-221-6712.

12 DAY PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY and the Vatican ...

Roundtrip from Lincoln June 4-15, 2018. Priest escort Fr. Rand Langhorst. See Rome, The Vatican, Assisi, Eucharistic Miracle Sites, San Giovanni Rotondo (Padre Pio), and Cascia. \$3,795.00 per person double occupancy. Includes flights, lodgings, breakfast and dinner daily. Contact fr.randlanghorst@gmail.com to be sent an electronic brochure or via postal mail or Visit web at www.tektonministries.org.

Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes ...

Is Christ calling you to be a pilgrim? Fathers Dan Rayer and Craig Doty of the Diocese of Lincoln will be leading a pilgrimage to the Marian Shrines of Fatima, Portugal, and Lourdes, France, from September 12-23, 2018. The cost is \$3,995 per person with double occupancy with air travel out of Omaha. In addition to Lourdes and Fatima, there will be several stops in Spain in Salamanca, Avila, Segovia, Zaragoza, Montserrat, and will conclude in Barcelona. If you have any questions about the pilgrimage or traveling to the Marian Shrines, feel free to contact Fr. Rayer at 402-488-0921 or fr.dan-rayer@lincolndiocese.org or Tekton Ministries, the Catholic organization that is planning the journey, at 317-574-4191. To register for pilgrimage or see brochure go to <https://www.tektonministries.org/home/upcoming-pilgrimages/>.

Easter Lilies ... are being purchased for the Altar (\$10 ea.). If you wish to make a flower memorial for your loved ones, living or deceased, please put the money in an envelope with the name of the person to be remembered and the name of the person requesting the memorial. You may put the envelope in the collection or give it to Toni Barron. Names will be listed in the bulletin for Easter.

Renew Subscriptions to MAGNIFICAT! ...

MAGNIFICAT is a monthly publication containing a short morning, evening, & night prayer, & a short daily meditation; as well as the Scripture readings for the Daily & Sunday Masses, essays on the lives of the saints, and spiritual insight into masterpieces of sacred art. Magnificat is a good way to learn more about your faith & deepen your prayer life and your relationship with God. The **annual group subscription rate is \$21.00/each**. That is a savings of almost \$24.00 off regular (individual price of \$44.95). If you would like to be a part of the group / bulk subscription, please turn in your payment to Fr. Seiker. The **group subscription** runs from **Aug. 2018–Jul. 2019**. Those in our Group may also read Magnificat either **online** or on **iphone** or **ipod**.

First Holy Communion Mass ... is Sunday, April 8, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church for our 2nd Grade Students.

FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:

Forty Hours Audio Talks ... by Fr. Michael Zimmer are available to listen to from our parish webpage. On our home page, click the red letters "Eucharistic Adoration". Stay close to the Eucharist and invite others.

Scheduled Times for Confession are:

- Sunday March 25, **3:00pm**, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
- Sunday March 25, 7:00pm, St. Patrick, **McCook** (5 Priests)
- Wed., March 28, **4:30pm-5:25pm**, St. Elizabeth
- Thu. March 29, 8:15pm – 10:30, St. Elizabeth
- Fri. March 30, 8:15pm – 10:30, St. Elizabeth
- Sat. March 31, 4:00pm – 5:00pm, St. Elizabeth

If these times don't fit your schedule, make an appointment to have your confession heard in the Rectory. **Be Forgiven!**

Liturgical Minister

	Sat., Mar. 24, 5:00pm	Sun., Mar. 25, 10:00am
Reader/Spkr	Loren Baxa	Michael Lafleur
Lector	Mike Krondak	Justin Pieper
Acolyte	Jon Walz	Jerry Cooper
Server	William Krondak	Xavier Pieper
	Nicholas Krondak	Nicholas Niesen
Music	Matt & Ashley Perlinger	Matt & Ashley Perlinger
Gifts	Steve & Janet Fear	Joy Chilcott/Joan Ryland
Ushers	Steve Fear	Duane Johnsen
	Janet Fear	Heather Johnsen

Readings for the Week

Monday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13,16-18,22; Mt 1:16,18-21,24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Tuesday:	Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday:	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92,95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday:	Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday:	Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday:	Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday:	Mk 11:1-10 or Jn12:12-16(procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22: 8-9,17-20,23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk14:1-15:47

Prayers for the sick: Kelly Henry (Mitch Gregg's sister), Julie (Kellogg) Buehler (Molly Walz's aunt), Peggy Fleecs, Dan Becker (Ed Rieker's brother-in-law), Gordon Swanson (Cindy Swanson's father), Patti Caudillo, Leona Cloutre, 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: 3/17 - Justin Pieper, 3/19 - Stephen Smock, 3/21 - Ashley Marquez, 3/22 - Rosemary Jones, 3/25 - Anne Kain, 3/25 - Keaton Hampton, Eidren Hampton, Steph Sierks.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... Over the next two weeks, as we hear of the interior anguish of Jesus, we are led to the Garden of Gethsemane, the scene of a night of suffering, failure, and loss. In Hebrew, the word means "olive press," and it was an olive grove, although only a few trees remain. Olives can't be eaten off the trees, they need to be cured – knocked from the trees at harvest time, scooped into a stone basin, and cracked open by a heavy millstone. The crushing stone weight was itself called a "gethsemane," and once it was lowered onto the olives, oil from the fruit and the inner stone would drip into a groove and flow into jars. The night before his death, Jesus experienced such anguish that scripture says his own blood perspired from him, an image no one who understands olive oil production could miss.

Today, the Mount of Olives is within the city of Jerusalem and the site of the Church of All Nations, also known as the Basilica of the Agony. It was built in 1924, funded by Catholics in twelve different countries. An open-air altar on the grounds is used by Anglicans on Holy Thursday every year. Nearby is the Russian Church of Mary Magdalene, built by the czar in 1888, its magnificent golden domes a distinctive landmark. There is also another tiny Catholic Church, called *Dominus Flevit*, or "The Cry of the Lord," built in a teardrop shape in the mid-1950s. For centuries, the Franciscan order has had the care of the shrines of the Holy Land, and our Good Friday collection helps sustain these precious sites.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

SAVED BY GOD'S LOVE ... Because the people broke the old covenant, God promised a new covenant, not in the blood of oxen and other animals, but in the blood of the Son, Jesus Christ. This new covenant, foreseen from afar by Jeremiah and the prophets, was not to be engraved on stone, or written on paper, but carved on our hearts, so that we might know God intimately. Not by keeping many laws are we to be saved, but by the love of God, living and real in our hearts through the sacrifice of Christ.

Our Eucharist is the pledge of that indwelling of Christ, and of our response of praise and thanksgiving to God for the mercy, love, and kindness shown to us in forgiving our sins and cleansing our hearts of everything evil. God issues this invitation to intimacy by offering us the chance to have our sufferings transformed into the perfect love of the Savior, who first loved us. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

REPENTANCE ... God has promised pardon to one who repents, but has not promised repentance to one who sins.

—St. Anselm

BE AWARE ... We need to be aware that happiness can sometimes sneak in through the door we didn't know we had left open. —Anonymous

Pray for our Seminarians: William David Vogel, from Cathedral of the Risen Christ Parish, Lincoln. He entered the Seminary in 2016. He is in Pre-Theology 2 at St. Gregory the Great Seminary. Joseph Claussen Wahlmeier, from St. Michael Parish, Hastings. He entered the Seminary in 2013. He is in Theology 2 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.