

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord March 25, 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. 26 **7:00 a.m.**
 Tuesday Mar. 27 **5:30 p.m.**
 Wednesday Mar. 28 **5:30 p.m.**
 Holy Thursday Mar. 29 **7:00 p.m.**
followed by: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Adoration until midnight
 Good Friday Mar. 30 **12:10 p.m.**
7:00 p.m.
 Holy Saturday Mar. 31 **8:30 p.m.**
 Easter Sunday Apr. 1 10:00 a.m.

INTENTIONS

Mrs. Dorothy Turner
 Jim Johnston Jr.
 Otto, Virginia, & Lynn Weskamp +
 Knights of Columbus Founder's Day
 Stations of the Cross/Seven Last Words
 -- Good Friday Liturgy --
 Unity in the Church
 People of our Parish

**[Christ Jesus]
 humbled himself,
 becoming obedient to
 the point of death,
 even death on a cross.**

— Philippians 2:8

Stewardship: March 18, 2018

Adult Envelopes:\$1,347.00
Loose Plate:\$82.00
Children: \$0.60
Total: \$1,429.60

Joy of the Gospel Campaign

Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
 Gifts last week:\$2,045.00
Total Gifts Received:\$674,996.05
 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:\$15.00
 CombinedCollectionNon-Specified:\$0.00
 American Bishops Overseas:.....\$0.00
 Black & Indian Collection:\$0.00
 Catholic Communication:\$0.00
 Catholic Home Missions:\$0.00
 Catholic University:\$0.00
 Retired Religious:.....\$0.00

Parish Calendar

Sunday Mar. 25 **11:15am CCD Classes** Family Rosary Study (11:30am–12:45pm=Parish Hall) 3:00pm Confessions
 Monday Mar. 26 **5:00pm Chrism Mass** (Cathedral in Lincoln)
 Wednesday Mar. 28 **NO RCIA Class**
 Thursday Mar. 29 **7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper** (Adoration until Midnight)
 Friday Mar. 30 **12:10pm Stations of the Cross/Seven Last Words** **7:00pm Good Friday Liturgy**
 Saturday Mar. 31 **8:30pm Easter Vigil**
 Sunday Apr. 1 **10:00am Easter Sunday Mass - NO CCD**

Catholic School News:

Attention parents of Incoming 7th Graders! ...

- 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.

An Offering During Lent ... Rosary prayed=7:30am on 3/29-

Rosie Arbogast @ SPHS. 7:00am Mass=McDaid Chapel, Mar 26th-29.

Upcoming Dates to Remember ...

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!

Good News at NPCSS!!

Seniors, Jacob Granger and Allie Montgomery and Junior Cassie Brown made it to the State Speech Meet at UNK. Stay tuned for results.

Sophomore Keegan Nitsch took 1st place in Biology at 51st annual Inter-High Day Scholastic Competition recently held at Mid-Plains.

Irish Quiz Bowl finished 3rd at the SPVA Quiz Bowl Competition held at Chase County. Team Members include: Andrew Lindemeier, Charles Aufdenkamp, Jamie Fuqua, Keegan Nitsch, Cassie Brown, Trayton White, Genna Blakely, and Samuel Dekleva.

North Platte Catholic School:

Faith and Knowledge for a Brighter Future

Camp Kateri Dueling Pianos Benefit ...

annual benefit dinner Friday, April 13, 2018 at Stone Creek Reception Hall, McCool Junction; 6:30pm=Dinner; 8:00pm=Dueling Piano Show. Tickets:\$40/per; \$350/table of 8. Email CampKateri@gmail.com or 402-724-2596.

SKY Camp & Leadership Camp Registration ...

Online registration is open for SKY Camp & Leadership Camp. To register your child, more info outdoor experiences, www.campkateri.org

A HUGE THANK YOU AGAIN! ... The

Daughters of Charity made enough to provide the Altar breads, Wine and Candles and provide for the many social events the parish host again this year because of the successful Family Favorite Dessert Auction again last weekend. A big thank you to all those who provided the desserts, bid on any of them or purchased any of them. It was a very FUN PARISH EVENT and much appreciated. A special thanks to our own auctioneer, Rex Walz and his bid takers: Jerry Volesky, Chuck Burr, Harris Grunden, Jerry Beckius, and Duane Johnsen.

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.

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 which you could join are:

Monday, Mar 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)

The People of Life, Born from the Cross ...

“When Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, ‘It is finished’; and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit” (Jn 19:30). Afterwards, the Roman soldier “pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water” (Jn 19:34). Everything has now reached its complete fulfillment. The “giving up” of the spirit describes Jesus’ death, a death like that of every other human being, but it also seems to allude to the “gift of the Spirit”, by which Jesus ransoms us from death and opens before us a new life. It is the very life of God which is now shared with man. It is the life which through the Sacraments of the Church - symbolized by the blood and water flowing from Christ’s side - is continually given to God’s children, making them the people of the New Covenant. From the Cross, the source of life, the “people of life” is born and increases” (*The Gospel of Life, n.51*).

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.

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.

Mass for our Graduating Seniors ... is Sunday, April 22, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church for our High School Seniors.

FORMED.ORG Training Conference with the Augustine Institute!

FORMED.ORG is being used by parishes all over the world to engage Catholics and non-Catholics like never before. Leaders from the Augustine Institute will be conducting special trainings in the Diocese of Lincoln to teach leaders from parishes how to make the most of FORMED for evangelization and faith formation. There will be **two trainings** on **Saturday, April 14**. The first is from **8:30 – 11:30am at John XXIII Diocesan Center in Lincoln**. The second training is from **1:30 – 4:30pm at St. Michael Parish Hall in Hastings**. The training is FREE, and only one of them needs to be attended. You can register by going to www.lincolndiocese.org/events or by calling (402) 473-0615.

FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:

Results of the Parish Council Elections ...

Congratulations to the newly elected members of the Parish Council: Ken Bjornstad and Diane Gregg. Thank you to all those whose names were on the ballot and to those who voted. Thank you to Jerry Beckius and Shane Lowrey, 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.

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 – 10:30pm, St. Elizabeth
- Fri. March 30, 8:15pm – 10:30pm, 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 Forgiveness!**

CHRISM MASS ... On Monday, 3/26/18, the Mass for the Blessing of the Holy Oils (the Chrism Mass), will be prayed in the Cathedral of the Risen Christ in Lincoln at 5:00pm. At this Mass, over 100 priests will be concelebrating with the Bishop to show the unity of the Church in our own Diocese. All are welcome to attend!

RICE BOWL OFFERINGS ... The Church instructs us to bring gifts for the poor in the offertory on Holy Thursday. That would be a very fitting time to bring your Rice Bowl contributions (the fruits of your Lenten fasting & sacrifices) to Church & put in the collection.

ADORATION on Holy Thursday ... After the Mass of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday), parishioners are asked to spend one hour in adoration: A-H (11-12) I-P (9-10), Q-Z (10-11).

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION ... On Good Friday, the collection will be for the Holy Land. This money is used to maintain the Catholic shrines in the Holy land, to alleviate suffering there among the Christian population & to help retain a Catholic presence in the place where Christ redeemed the world.

COME TO THE EASTER VIGIL ... In order to fully appreciate the beauty and the mystery of the Easter Vigil, it must begin after dark! This is one of the most impressive and beautiful Masses of the whole Church year. Experience it this year!

MERCY SUNDAY: Novena to the Divine Mercy ... We will begin the novena at the service of the Seven Last Words on Good Friday after the Stations of the Cross at 12:10pm. Join in praying the Novena & Chaplet daily. Also, please come to the **Holy Hour, Sun., April 8, 3:00pm-4:00pm, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church**, praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, & quiet prayer time.

Be open to the Lord's mercy, pray for an outpouring of His mercy in your life, in the lives of those you love, and in all persons throughout the world. Be merciful!

Liturgical Minister

	Easter Vigil-Sat. 8:30pm	Sun., Apr. 1, 10:00am
Lector	Jim Nisley / Shane Lowrey	Michael Lafleur
Acolyte	Duane Johnsen	Jerry Cooper
	Bob Ryland/ Conrad Buhrman	
Server	Jace Grunden / Will Krondak	Weston Hammond
	Lakeland Lowrey/Xavier Pieper	Drew Connelly
Music	Choir	Greg Vandenberg
Gifts	Newly Confirmed	Jarrold/LaTisha Connelly
Ushers	Cindy Swanson	Volunteer
	Alice Robinson	Jeff Orr

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday:	Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday:	Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31-34; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday:	Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday:	Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
Saturday:	Gn 1:1 — 2:2; Gn 22:1-18; Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rom 6:3-11; Lk 24:1-12
Sunday:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9

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 Schneewis (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: 3/25 - Anne Kain, Keaton Hampton, Eidren Hampton, Steph Sierks, 3/26 - Felicity Heimann, 3/29 - Bob Ryland, 3/30 - Jack Pieper, Janet Fear.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... For many centuries, Christian pilgrims have longed to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, and on Passion Sunday the eyes of the world are on the *Via Dolorosa*, the "Road of Sorrows," in Jerusalem. As soon as it became safe for Christians to worship in public in the fourth century, a way was marked out. It was changed a few times over the years, and today's usual route was sketched by the Franciscans six hundred years ago, although Anglicans and Byzantines have their own unique detours. Friday is the most favored day, although it is crowded then. Almost everyone begins at the Lion's Gate in the Muslim Quarter, and ends at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. It's less than a quarter mile, but it threads its way through crowded markets with souvenir shops and fast-food snacks. There are, just as in your parish church, fourteen stations along the way. The exact spots are not known, but what matters is the pilgrim's unique ability to see even an ordinary road in a teeming city as something more than meets the eye.

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

PASSION ... The contrast between the processional reading in today's liturgy and the proclamation of the Passion is striking. We are given a glimpse of how profoundly the word of God is fulfilled in Jesus.

First he must be hailed as the Messiah, the One who is to come. He must be acknowledged by all, though they do not know what they are saying. They think he is the promised king, a worldly king of the Jews who will free them from the Roman occupation. They do not yet understand, even the disciples, exactly where this triumphal procession is leading. In our lives, we too do not know where we are going. It is in faith that we can follow Christ wherever he may lead us, trusting that death is not the end, nor evil the victor. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

SUFFERING ... Jesus did not come to do away with suffering or remove it. He came to fill it with his presence.

—Paul Claudel

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: **Dominic Ian Winter**, from St. Joseph Parish and St. Mary Parish, Lincoln. He entered the Seminary in 2015. He is in College 4 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 2 at Mount St. Mary 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.

(APRIL): Universal: For Those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters - That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.