

# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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## *1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent* *March 10, 2019*

***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. 11	8:00 a.m.	Bernadine Torres +
Tuesday	Mar. 12	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	TS Family
Wednesday	Mar. 13	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Elli Fugate
<b>6:00pm-10:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hour =&gt; Spend time with Jesus</b>			
Thursday	Mar. 14	<b>5:30 A.M.</b>	Anna Lee
Friday	Mar. 15		- No Scheduled Parish Mass - *** Stations of the Cross ***
		<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	
Saturday	Mar. 16	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	Sally Jones +
Sunday	Mar. 17	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	People of Our Parish

## INTENTIONS

*The word is  
near you,  
in your mouth  
and in your heart.*

— Romans 10:8

## Stewardship: March 3, 2019

**Adult Envelopes:** .....\$1,416.50  
**Loose Plate:** .....\$136.59  
**Children:** .....\$5.36  
**Holy Day:** 0 ..... \$0.00  
**Total:** ..... \$1,583.45

**Joy of the Gospel Campaign**  
Total Pledged: .....\$958,770.00  
Gifts last week: .....\$0.00  
Total Gifts Received: .....\$804,298.05  
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: .....\$1,626,980.04  
Balance on DIAL LOAN: ..... \$133,871.31

Ash Wednesday ..... \$25.00

## Parish Calendar

Sunday	Mar. 10	<b>Knights of Columbus Breakfast –</b>	CCD CLASSES
		<b>11:15am - Favorite Dessert Auction in Parish Hall.</b>	
Monday	Mar. 11	<b>6:00pm Knights of Columbus Meeting in Parish Hall.</b>	
Mon/Tue	Mar. 11 or 12	<b>7:00pm No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion.</b>	
Wednesday	Mar. 13	6:00-10:00pm=Eucharistic Adoration	7:00pm RCIA Class
Thursday	Mar. 14	12:30pm = Adult Bible Study in Parish Hall Classroom	
Sunday	Mar. 17	11:00am CCD CLASSES	<b>7:00pm Theology on Tap (KC Hall)</b>

## Catholic School News:

**A Reminder to all Currently Enrolled Families!** Please log in to Sycamore & Re-Enroll your students for 2019-2020 School Year. Need help with Sycamore contact Jennifer Winder j.winder@npcschools.org.

**Mark Your Calendars for the Following Important Enrollment / Information Nights!** Thu - 3/14 - 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Orientation. Tue - 3/26. - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Orientation. Fri - 3/29 - BUMP UP DAY!\* This is a day where your student can spend the morning taking the IRISH Experience in the classrooms. If your family would like to learn more about the North Platte Catholic Schools we invite you and your student to join us. Please contact Jennifer Winder j.winder@npcschools.org to learn more and to put your student on the list for this visit day!

**Upcoming Events:** Wed - 3/13 - Quiz Bowl 2pm @ Ogallala. Thu - 3/14 - NHS Inductions; SPVA Quiz Bowl @ Bridgeport; 7pm - 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Orientation. Fri - 3/15 - NSAA District Speech. Sat - 3/16 - Big Red Banquet. Tue - 3/19 - SPVA Music @ Bridgeport; 7pm - School Board Mtg. Fri - 3/22 - NSAA STATE SPEECH. Sat: 3/23 - 10am G&B Track @ Hershey.

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

**St. Patrick Day Celebration ...** Join St. Patrick Parish on March 17, 6:00pm-8:00pm for a St Patrick Day Celebration in the Parish Hall. Serving Irish Stew and Potato Soup. Irish music will be played. FREE WILL donation.

**Without A Spouse March Meeting ...** March 10, to go to 10:00am Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, followed by Breakfast and join in the Dessert Auction. Meet at Bargain Bin at 9:15am to car pool. Then on March 17, go to 11:00am Mass at St. Patrick and eat brunch together. Then from 6:00pm-8:00pm Sunday, an Irish stew and potato soup.

## DESSERT AUCTION ... COME JOIN THE FUN ...

Desserts do need to be brought in the container you wish to sell along with RECIPE CARD! Auction held in Parish Hall after 5:00pm Saturday Mass and 10:00am Mass THIS WEEKEND! Funds received assist the Daughters of Charity to defray expenses to provide Altar Breads, Wine, Candles & the many social events the Parish hosts. **Please Come See!**

**The Legacy Conference ... Saturday, Mar. 23, 2019**  
at St. Patrick Church Basement, McCook, 1:00pm - 4:00pm.

- Fr. Thomas Schultes: Stewardship and demographics
- Chris Raun & Les Mach: Practical Strategies for charitable giving now and into the future
- Fr. Steve Major: End-of-Life matters

Hopefully at least 20 persons from our Parish will go to this Conference!

**Breakfast by Knights of Columbus ... Sunday, Mar. 10,** 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 11, 6:00pm,** Parish Hall. All Knights are invited to attend.

**Annual Red Mass with Bishop Conley ...** to pray for all in the legal profession: Mon, Mar. 18, 7:00am Newman Center, Lincoln. Breakfast will follow Mass, with a talk given by Mike Scaperlanda on "Lessons from the Life of American Martyr Bl. Stanley Rother". All are invited to this free event sponsored by Catholic Lawyers Guild.

**Hastings Marriage Encounter ...** The up-coming Hastings Marriage Encounter (March 29-31) has 8 couples registered. We would like to have 12 or more couples to make it complete. Contact Pat/Janelle Benson, Pat:308-940-0670, Janelle:308-940-1105, pbjbbn@yahoo.com

**Forty Hours Eucharistic Adoration ...** Sun, Mar 31 - Tue, Apr. 2. There's a 7:00pm evening talk by Dr. Michael Barber.

## Put a Retreat into Your Schedule ...

You can register at [www.goodcounselretreat.com](http://www.goodcounselretreat.com) or call (402-786-2705). Four persons are interested in these Retreats: one=Mar 22-24, 2-3=Mar 29-31; others who are interested in going on either of these Retreats contact Fr. Seiker.

### March – July Schedule:

Mar 18-21 ..... Fr. Gary Coulter ..... Men / Women  
 “Silent Directed Ignatian Retreat (Mon-Thur)”  
 Mar 22-24 ..... Fr. Sean Timmerman ..... Men / Women  
 “Awareness of Christ: the Rosary and the Eucharist”  
 Mar 29-31 ..... Sharon Doran ..... Men / Women  
 “Scriptural Lenten Retreat on the Boundless Mercy of God”  
 April 18-20 ..... Marian Sisters Young Women Triduum Retreat  
 May 10-11 ..... Janette Howe ..... 2 Day Retreat for Women  
 “In Quiet and Trust Your Strength Lies”  
 Summer 2019 8 Day Silent Ignatian Retreats... Men / Women  
 July 1-9; July 10-18 Fr. Dennis Brown, OMV

**Lent and Life ...** “By our gracious gift each year, your faithful await the sacred paschal feasts with the joy of minds made pure” (Preface of Lent 1). The purpose of Lent is succinctly expressed by this preface. Catechumens prepare for baptism into the paschal mystery. The faithful are reminded of their baptism, and will renew their baptismal vows at the Easter liturgy. Baptism initiates us into the eternal life Christ gives us. The baptized are sons and daughters of God and are members of the Church, the People of Life. The choices of the baptized are therefore to be shaped by their new identity (see Rom 6:6; Eph. 4:17-24). Christ calls the Samaritan woman to repent as she accepts the waters of new life (see John 4:15-24). Lenten repentance is necessary so that God’s people may more deeply become who they are. They are called to see their sins more clearly. Hence baptism is known as “illumination.” Anyone who makes the Lenten journey is called to be more alert to the attacks on human life and dignity around them. The people of life are called to reject sin and all the devil’s works and empty promises (Renewal of Baptismal Promises, Easter Liturgy). The “pro-choice” and “right to die” mentalities are two of those “empty promises” which are firmly rejected by the baptized. A firm rejection of these positions is integral to repentance. Lent is the perfect time for us to call our congregations to a clearer understanding of why this is true, & to lead them to a deeper affirmation of life, both natural and eternal, in the celebration of the Paschal Mystery.

## No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through

**Christ’s Passion ...** during Lent, parishioners are encouraged to join in a Study by Dr. Edward Sri and Ascension in the Parish Hall on **various evenings**. Study Guides are available at Parish Office.

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *No Greater Love* is a five-part video series and full-length book that reveals Christ’s amazing love for us. Best-selling author Edward Sri guides you through the last hours of Christ’s life in this biblical pilgrimage.

	7:00pm – 8:15 or 8:30pm	7:00pm	7:00pm
#1	<b>The Prayer of the Agony:</b> Jesus in Gethsemane	<u>Monday</u> Mar 11	<u>Tuesday</u> Mar 12
#2	<b>“Are You the Christ?”</b> (Mk 14:61): Jesus’ Arrest and Trial Before the Sanhedrin	<u>Monday</u> Mar 18	<u>Thursday</u> Mar 21 7:30pm
#3	<b>The Trial Before Pilate:</b> Jesus Is Condemned to Death	<u>Tuesday</u> Mar 26	<u>Thursday</u> Mar 28
#4	<b>The Death of the Messiah:</b> Jesus Carries His Cross, Is Crucified, and Dies	<u>Thursday</u> Apr 4 7:30pm	<u>Saturday</u> Apr 6
#5	<b>The Seven Last Words:</b> Jesus the Teacher at Calvary	<u>Monday</u> Apr 8	<u>Thursday</u> Apr 11
Will Not Meet in Holy Week (April 14 – 20)			
#6	<b>Bonus Video:</b> The Resurrection	<u>Tuesday</u> Apr 23	<u>Thursday</u> Apr 25

## Looking Back and Moving Forward ....

In Feb. 1995, at the suggestion of the Parish Council, we started a project referred to as the “Change Jar”. Parishioners were encouraged to contribute change or cash to be used for different projects/goals. The first goal was to purchase a new copy machine for the Parish. By June there were enough donations to the “Change Jar” to pay for the copy machine. The next project was new black cassocks for our Altar Boys. In December 1995, the “Change Jar” project became saving money for a new Sound System for the Parish Hall.

In March 1995, the women of the parish met for an organizational meeting and chose the name “Daughters of Charity” as the name of the Parish Altar Society. The name “Daughters of Charity” came from the Religious Order that St. Elizabeth Ann Seton started in 1809 in Maryland. The first officers of the Daughters of Charity were: Dolly Frazier (President), Phyllis Wilkens (Vice President), Denise Burbach (Secretary/Treasurer), Phyllis Beckius (corresponding secretary with the Southern Nebraska Register).

In late March 1995 (after weeks of preparation), new Lectors (Jerome Beckius, Dennis Chilcott, Andy Mueller, Luke Ranck, William Reed, Robert Tucker, Eugene Wiemers) and new Acolytes: (Jesse Torres and Ray Slowinski) were installed by Bishop Bruskwewitz at a ceremony in Lincoln.

From Dec. 8, 1994 – Sep. 10, 1995, our parishioners joined other Catholics throughout the Lincoln Diocese in a period of preparation for a Eucharistic Congress (held at the Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly) on September 10, 1995. A Eucharistic Congress is an assembly of clergy, religious and laity for the purpose of deepening understanding of and devotion to the Holy Eucharist. It is organized around a certain theme has instructional and inspirational activities (including the Parish Mission in January 1995, Eucharistic Adoration in the Old Rectory on Sunday afternoons, Bulletin inserts). The Theme of the Eucharistic Congress was: “They came to know Him in the breaking of the bread.” (Luke 24:35)

Summer CCD for our Grade School children was held at St. James Parish, in Curtis, from Mon, Jun 12 – Thu, Jun 15. Three Marian Sisters taught the children: Sr. Rosaline (Gr 1-2), Sr. Peggy (Gr 3-5), and Sr. Cecilia Ann (Gr 6-8). The Sisters commented that the children knew their Catechism questions & prayers. Our CCD teachers the first year (1994-95) were: Henrietta Boots, Leona Cloutre, Ed Rieker, Peggy Orr, Jan Bush, Lydia Wandler, Pat Daigger, Joan Ryland, Mary Portz, Ron/Rosemary Jones.

In June 1995, Fr. Brethour wrote in the Bulletin some comments made by recent visitors at our Sunday Mass at the Voc-Tech Campus: “The visitors were impressed with our parish. They were impressed how after Mass everyone knows what to do and pitches in the gets things put away and the tables and chairs back in place. They were also impressed by your singing!! I could not agree more. I am very proud of all of you and all you have accomplished in one short year. Your dedication to our parish and your prayers have resulted in great progress. Let everything we do be done for the glory of God.”

## FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:

**Fr. Seiker at Cursillo Regional Encounter ...** I will be attending the Cursillo Spring Region VI Encounter in Kansas City, KS. I will be leaving on Thursday, March 14 (after an early morning 5:30am Mass: early risers are welcome) & return Sunday (March 17) afternoon. Msgr. Adrian Herbek will be here for Saturday/Sunday Confessions & Masses. Please welcome him.

**Cursillo Fourth Day Retreat ...** postponed due to weather.

**Possible New Sign ...** 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee has been researching the possibility of replacing the existing 20-23 year old sign along Walker Road with a newer digital sign (possibly 3' x 8' or 4' x 8') which would replace the existing 4' x 8' sign in the exact same location, perhaps 1'-2' higher. No decisions have been made. Much to discuss.

## Liturgical Minister

	Sat., Mar. 16, 5:00pm	Sun., Mar. 17, 10:00am
<b>Lector</b>	Mike Krondak	Shane Lowrey
<b>Acolyte</b>	Jerry Volesky	Duane Johnsen
<b>Server</b>	Volunteer	Lakeland Lowrey
	Volunteer	Harmon Johnsen
<b>Music</b>	Volunteer	Matt & Ashley Perlinger
<b>Gifts</b>	Don & Sheila Exner	Spencer & Tiffany Hampton
<b>Ushers</b>	Cindy Swanson	Volunteer
	Alice Robinson	Spencer Hampton
<b>Rosary</b>		

## *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, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12  
 Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19  
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48  
 Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17 — 4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

**Prayers for the sick:** Special Intention, Carolyn Cohen, Tim Garth (Theresa McCarthy-Garth's son), Jon Walz, Parishioner's friend's daughter (Sarah; severe headaches & medical issues), Those struggling with Alcoholism, Parishioners seeking adoption of a child, Dave Hoedel (Reiny Burbach's son-in-law), Annie Vieyra, Theresa McCarthy-Garth, Mary Lou Robles & Patricia Zamora (Toni Barron's sisters), Kelly Henry (Mitch Gregg's sister), Patti Caudillo, Renate Nordquist, Sharon Beckius, Mike & Kim Paul, Jim Beckius.

**Prayers for the deceased:** Fr. Brad Zitek, Eileen Boltz, Peggy Fleecs, Carol LaBrie (Loren Baxa's sister-in-law), Leona Clouatre, Virginia Waechter (Peggy Orr's mother), Mary Jane Vitt (Chris Behm's mother), Bob "Junior" Barron (Toni Barron's brother), Bernadine Torres, Father Jim Novakowski, Martha Burbach, Jerry Kenny (Charles/Toni Barron's son-in-law), Bernadine Duryea, Luke Ranck, Margaret Baxa, Mary Portz, Phyllis Beckius.

**Birthdays:** 3/9 - LaTisha Connelly, Andrea McCormick, 3/12 - Tyler Bantam, Zachary Gregg, Carol Pineda, 3/13 - Jim Nisley, 3/17 - Justin Pieper.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ...** Often, when a family keeps vigil around a person who is preparing for death, they may notice three interwoven activities. First, the dying person may become more prayerful and reflective than ever before, reviewing life's journey in gratitude to God, or seeking forgiveness and making amends for wrongs. Second, as death approaches, the need to eat and drink is lessened until even an ice cube brushed against the lips is satisfying. Third, persons who are dying often make plans to give their possessions away, making bequests, handing treasures down, providing for favorite charities. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving: with these three "pillars" of Lent, we rehearse our death every year in this season, and anticipate the final work we will do in this life. And every year, at the end of our journey, is the joy of Easter and the experience of the victory of Christ over death's darkness and power. Annually, we remind ourselves that the Christian experiences the same power and presence at the end of life's journey: Christ to the rescue and the lasting joy of heaven. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**ALMSGIVING, PRAYER, FASTING, AND TEMPTATION ...** As we begin our season of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, the reading from Deuteronomy reminds us of our duty of almsgiving, that we "set [our offerings] before the Lord, [our] God, [and] shall bow down in [God's] presence" (Deuteronomy 26:10). The reading from Romans refers us to our prayer, reminding us that "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart ... For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (Romans 10:8, 13). These are comforting words, and encourage us to ask God for what we need and to aid us in our prayer. Finally, the Gospel of Luke shows us a fasting Jesus, who was tempted as we are, and who knows what it means to be human. Someone once said that temptation arises when you're tired and weary, and the devil comes along and makes a perfectly reasonable suggestion. Jesus shows us that, with his help, we too can overcome our temptations, reasonable as they may sound. —Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

**EXPEDIENCY IS NO JUSTIFICATION ...** No one is justified in doing evil on the ground of expediency. —Theodore Roosevelt

**PAST AND FUTURE ...** There is no saint without a past – and no sinner without a future. —Anonymous

**ILL HABITS ...** Ill habits gather by unseen degrees – As brooks make rivers, rivers run to seas. —Ovid

**Pray for our Seminarians:** Matthew James Schilmoeller, from North American Martyrs, Lincoln. He entered the Seminary in 2016. He is in College 4 at St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

**Pray for our Religious Sisters:** School Sisters of Christ the King, Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln, Sisters at the Carmel of Jesus, Mary & Joseph, Pink Sisters, Sisters of Mary, Queen of Mercy.

## **HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS ...**

**(March) Evangelization** - That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.