

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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2nd Sunday of Lent ***March 17, 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

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. 18	8:00 a.m.	Mick Kirwan +
Tuesday	Mar. 19	7:00 a.m.	Ryan Volesky +
Wednesday	Mar. 20	5:30 p.m.	Matthew Buhrman & Meg Tasler
6:00pm-10:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hour => Spend time with Jesus			
Thursday	Mar. 21	8:00 a.m.	Elizabeth (Liz) Haag
Friday	Mar. 22	12:10 p.m.	Martha Burbach +
		5:30 p.m.	For our Benefactors
		6:00 p.m.	* Exposition / Stations / Benediction *
Saturday	Mar. 23	5:00 p.m.	People of Our Parish
Sunday	Mar. 24	10:00 a.m.	Kristen Tickle

INTENTIONS

*The LORD is
my light and
my salvation
whom should I fear?*

— Psalm 27:1

Stewardship: March 10, 2019

Adult Envelopes:\$1,686.00
Loose Plate:\$80.41
Children:\$2.00
Holy Day: 0\$0.00
Total: \$2,258.41

Joy of the Gospel Campaign

Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
Gifts last week:\$250.00
Total Gifts Received:\$804,548.05
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\$490.00

Parish Calendar

Sunday	Mar. 17	11:00am CCD CLASSES	7:00pm Theology on Tap (KC Hall)
Monday	Mar. 18	7:00pm No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion.	
Wednesday	Mar. 20	6:00-10:00pm=Eucharistic Adoration	7:00pm RCIA Class
Thursday	Mar. 21	12:30pm = Adult Bible Study in Parish Hall Classroom	6:30pm = 25th Anniversary Committee
		7:30pm No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion.	
Saturday	Mar. 23	1:00pm The Legacy Conference, St. Patrick, McCook	
Sunday	Mar. 24	11:00am CCD CLASSES	

Catholic School News:

A Reminder to all Currently Enrolled Families!: Please take time to log in to Sycamore and Re-Enroll your students for the 2019-2020 School Year. Once you have logged in please go to My School; Enrollment; Online Portal. This is also where you can add students if you have new preschooler to add to NPCS classes for next year. Need help accessing Sycamore contact Jennifer Winder at j.winder@npcschools.org.

Mark Your Calendars for the Following Important Enrollment / Information Nights!: Tue - 3/26 - 7th 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: 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.

Lenten Prayer Opportunities: Please join us for Daily Mass in the McDaid Chapel at 7am each day we are in session. Thank you Fr. Josh and Fr Matthew for providing this to enhance our Lenten Journey.

You can also join us for Rosary on the following dates in March: Wed - 3/20 is at McDaid Chapel and Thu - 3/28 is in the SPHS Chapel.

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 ... on March 17, go to 11:00am Mass at St. Patrick and eat brunch together. Then 6:00pm-8:00pm Sunday, an Irish stew & potato soup.

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.

Waffle Fee Fundraiser ... at St. Patrick Parish on Saturday, Mar. 23, 6:00pm-8:30pm in the Parish Hall. Free will donations will support the religious education program! Youth will attend a retreat this summer & your support will help them get there!

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

Buck-A-Month Drive ... 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 next Sat/Sun, Mar 23-24. Any amount is appreciated. Thank you & God Bless. *Loren Baxa, Grand Knight.*

Knights of Columbus ... Our Council #12530 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is inviting men, 18 years of age or older, who are practicing Catholics in union with the Church, to be new members of the Knights. If you are interested, please see Loren Baxa or Justin Pieper

Southern Nebraska Register ... subscription rate: \$15 for one year. Make checks payable to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. Thank you!

Put a Retreat into Your Schedule ... You can register at www.goodcounselretreat.com or call (402-786-2705). **Four persons** are interested in these Retreats: one=Mar 22-24, 2-3=Mar 29-31.

March – July Schedule:

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

Fresh Commitment to Life... ... Cardinal Justin Rigali, in the annual Mass for Life in Washington DC in 2007, commented on the Roe vs. Wade decision that legalized abortion on January 22, 1973. He called it a "misguided use of judicial power exercised in the name of the authority resting in the people of the United States of America." He went on to say, "Each passing year confirms us in the pain of recognizing the violence inflicted upon millions and millions of unborn children and even partially born children in our land. It is important that this truth be acknowledged, that repentance be sincere, and that effective means be taken to stop this grotesque tragedy, while preventing it from being repeated in the future. At the same time each passing year confirms us in new hope for the future. As people of prayer, we are moved by the words of Saint Paul, who says: "...we have set our hope on the living God" (1 Tim 4:10). The word of God and His commandments encourage us in our efforts, and they certainly inspire the rising generation to form new attitudes and assume a fresh commitment to the cause of life."

Forty Hours Eucharistic Adoration ... Sunday, March 31 - Tuesday, April 2. There will be a talk each evening (Sunday 7:00pm, Monday 7:00pm, & Tuesday 7:00pm) given by **Dr. Michael Barber**. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the Monstrance on the Altar after the 10:00am Mass on Sunday through the day and the night (except during Weekday Masses) until the closing at 7:00pm on Tuesday evening. After each evening's talk there will be cookies and refreshments in the Parish Hall. Dr. Michael Barber is a Professor at Augustine Institute, Denver. Singles, couples and families; Catholics and other Christians are cordially invited. This is a tremendous opportunity to come to know the Lord, His Word, and our holy Catholic faith better, during the Season of Lent.

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.

Filed in Holy Land, *No Greater Love* is a **five-part video series & full-length book** that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Edward Sri guides you through last hours of Christ's life in a biblical pilgrimage.

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

Looking Back and Moving Forward

In July 1995, results were reported on our participation in the Diocesan Charity and Stewardship Appeal (which was combined with our Parish Build Fund Campaign to raise money for our new Hall). St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parishioners pledged \$5,195.00 (*exceeding the Diocesan goal for our parish of \$500.00*).

Ground Breaking for our Parish Hall was held on Sunday, August 6, 1995. Bishop Bruskewitz celebrated the 11:00am Mass at the Voc-Tech Campus. Then all proceeded to the "building site" (*the original 10 acres of land, on which the Parish Hall, Rectory, & Church have been built*) for the Ground Breaking Ceremony. Then all went to the Stockman Inn for a Luncheon for a wonderful meal provided by an anonymous donor. In addition to Bishop Bruskewitz and Father Brethour using two "gold painted shovels", parishioners were encouraged to bring their own shovels and join in the ceremony. Fr. Brethour wrote: *"If you have ever been to a ground breaking, you know the sense of community it inspires. In a symbolic turning over of dirt, everyone senses that they truly have 'a hand' in the project. I hope each of you can be on hand to share in spirit what you are creating together in reality."*

In early August 1995 a group of volunteers went to St. Andrew Church outside of Osceola, NE, to load a semi trailer with a beautiful tabernacle, pews, and other assorted liturgical items for our parish. St. Andrew parish closed when the parishioners decided their group was too small to stay together as a parish and they associated themselves with St. Mary Parish, a few miles away. Our Diocesan Building Commission suggested, and Bishop Bruskewitz agreed, that our parish get first chance at buying these items. We got a great deal: everything for \$2,000. A special thanks to Mike Ginapp for the use of his semi tractor and Herbst Towing for the use of a trailer.

"Theology on Tap" ... for single & married adults in their 20's & 30's. Join us Sunday, March 17 when **Dr. Michael Skoch** a Catholic Family Physician, with 25 years of experience delivering babies speaks. Start time: 6:30pm-7:00pm social time, with presentation starting promptly at 7:00pm. **Knights of Columbus Hall (515 E 5th St)**. Free will donations accepted. Cash bar. Please follow our link on Facebook: Theology on Tap North Platte. If you have questions, call Jennifer Kramer 520-1622.

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!

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.

Possible New Sign ... 25th 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.

Committee meeting to plan 25th Anniversary ... We are looking for pictures from the first 15 yrs, especially early years. Please contact Jan Daniel or Father Seiker. **Meeting: Mar. 21, 6:30pm.**

Liturgical Minister

	Sat., Mar. 23, 5:00pm	Sun., Mar. 24, 10:00am
Lector	Mike Krondak	Justin Pieper
Acolyte	Ed Rieker	Jerry Cooper
Server	William Krondak	Xavier Pieper
	Nicholas Krondak	Nicholas Niesen
Music	Greg Vandenberg	Buhrman/Niesen/Gregg
Gifts	Steve & Janet Fear	Mike & Emily Krondak
Ushers	Steve Fear	Duane Johnsen
	Janet Fear	Heather Johnsen
Rosary		

Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
 Tuesday: 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
 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, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
 Saturday: Mt 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
 Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

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: 3/17 - Justin Pieper, 3/22 - Rosemary Jones, 3/23 - Johnathan Troyer.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... By now, many may have failed in Lenten discipline to some measure or another: the daily doughnut is simply too alluring, or a furtive puff on a cigarette irresistible. There is meaning even in the failure, though, a kind of reminder that we cannot save ourselves. Part of the power of Lent is that we do it together, and although individuals decide on different ways to keep it, it is fundamentally the same journey. We fall, we get up, we keep moving. The desire to "give something up" for Lent is an age old impulse in the Christian heart. We get better at it over the years, and move more deeply into the meaning and message of acts of sacrifice; so there is no shame in stumbling, as long as we are not discouraged by the failure and give up. We are clearing space in our lives, after all, and some of the things we desire to give up are worth rooting out completely anyway. What do we do with the space we have cleared out by our sacrifice? The Lenten question of giving up is balanced by the Easter question of our response to Christ's embrace of us in love: "What are you taking on for Easter?" —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

STAND FIRM IN THE LORD ... It is not hard to imagine, in this age of wars, evil groups bent on the destruction of humanity, and political follies, that the words of Saint Paul were so accurate, even for his time. It seems that the world never changes. Paul says, "Many ... conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is their destruction ... Their minds are occupied with earthly things" (Philippians 3:18, 19). The result is the destruction of innocent people and of the Earth itself. But Paul says to the Philippians, "our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ" (3:20). He will "change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body" (3:21). Note that he says "body" rather than "bodies." He is talking about the whole community of believers, who, following the example of Jesus and of Paul, will come into the glory of God. So "stand firm in the Lord" (4:1). — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

IRELAND ... No reptiles are found there [in Ireland], and no snake can live there; for, though often carried thither out of Britain, as soon as the ship comes near the shore, and the scent of the air reaches them, they die. —Venerable Bede

AMBITIONS ... Many ambitions are nipped in the budget. —Anonymous

Pray for our Seminarians: Tony Clint Schukei, from St. Teresa, Lincoln. He entered the Seminary in 2016. He is in Theology 1 at St. Charles Borromeo 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.