

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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3rd Sunday of Lent ***March 24, 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. 25	8:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Mar. 26	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Mar. 27	5:30 p.m.
6:00pm-10:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hour => Spend time with Jesus		
Thursday	Mar. 28	8:00 a.m.
Friday	Mar. 29	12:10 p.m.
		5:30 p.m.
		6:00 p.m.
Saturday	Mar. 30	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Mar. 31	10:00 a.m.

INTENTIONS

Special intention (JS)
 Fr. Brad Zitek +
 Mrs. Dorothy Turner +
 Book of Memories / Blessings
 Martha Burbach +
 KC Founders Day
 * Exposition / Stations / Benediction *
 Frank Schneweis +
 People of Our Parish

The LORD
*secures justice
 and the rights of
 all the oppressed.*

— Psalm 103:6

Stewardship: March 17, 2019

Adult Envelopes:\$1,411.54
Loose Plate:.....\$273.00
Children:.....\$5.25
Holy Day: 0 \$0.00
Total: \$1,689.79

Joy of the Gospel Campaign
 Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
 Gifts last week:\$1,895.00
Total Gifts Received:.....\$806,443.05
 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\$195.00

*Fr. Seiker at monthly Jesus Caritas
 Priest meeting in Waverly,
 Mon-Tue, March 25-26.*

Parish Calendar

Sunday	Mar. 24	11:00am CCD CLASSES
Tuesday	Mar. 26	7:00pm No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion.
Wednesday	Mar. 27	6:00-10:00pm=Eucharistic Adoration 7:00pm RCIA Class
Thursday	Mar. 28	12:30pm = Adult Bible Study in Parish Hall Classroom
		7:00pm No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion.
Sunday	Mar. 31	11:00am CCD CLASSES
Sun -Tues	Mar. 31- Apr. 2	7:00pm 40 Hours Eucharistic Adoration (Dr. Michael Barber)

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 NPCCS classes for next year. Need help with Sycamore: contact Jennifer Winder 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 3/23 - 10am G&B Track @ Hershey. Mon - 3/25 - Middle School Quiz Bowl. Tue - 3/26 - 7th Grade Parent Orientation. Wed - 3/27 - Golf @ Cambridge 10am. Fri - 3/29 - Bump Up Day (see above: more details). Sat-3/30-G&B Track @ Sutherland 10am.

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: Thu - 3/28 in SPHS Chapel.

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

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, pjbibben@yahoo.com

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

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 this 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

2-Day Unbound Conference in McCook ... on April 5-6, 2019. Participants will learn about Unbound through live presentations and videos and how it teaches 5 simple "keys" to break the chains of emotional, spiritual and mental bondage and unlock the doors to freedom. The diocese has been doing the Unbound ministry for over 4 years and we have prayed with hundreds of people. Parishioners are invited to St Patrick Elementary School, McCook, Fri., Apr. 5, 6:00-9:00pm and Saturday, April 6, 8:00am-5:00pm. Event is Free, registration is required. Please register: lincoldiocese.org/unbound.

Save the Date: Sunday, April 7th! ... St. Gregory the Great Seminary is holding its **first Benefit Banquet** to help support the seminarians and various projects at the Seminary. The "Table of St. Gregory" will begin at 5:00pm with sung Vespers (evening prayer) presided by Bishop Conley, followed by cocktails and Open House, and concluding with a plated dinner at 6:30pm served by the seminarians. To make reservations or to find out more information, please call the Seminary at (402) 643-4052 or email us at: events@sggs.edu We hope to see you there!

“If you see one film this year, see *Unplanned.*” ...

-Archbishop Joseph Naumann. Viewer Discretion Advised: Parents may wish to view the film before bringing children under 17 due to graphic imagery. To purchase tickets: Visit <https://unplannedtickets.com/> for opening weekend March 29–31 at theaters in Lincoln & Kearney. *Unplanned* is the inspiring, true story of one woman's journey of transformation. As one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the nation, Abby Johnson was involved in upwards of 22,000 abortions and counseled countless women about their reproductive choices. One day she saw something that changed everything, leading Abby Johnson to become one of the most ardent pro-life speakers in America. Take a friend and go see this movie opening weekend. It is truly life-changing.

Lent, A Eucharistic Time ... “The Eucharist draws us into Jesus’ act of self-oblation ... we enter into the very dynamic of His self-giving’ (Encyclical *Deus caritas est*, 13). Let us live Lent then, as a ‘Eucharistic’ time in which, welcoming the love of Jesus, we learn to spread it around us with every word and deed. Contemplating “Him whom they have pierced” moves us in this way to open our hearts to others, recognizing the wounds inflicted upon the dignity of the human person; it moves us, in particular, to fight every form of contempt for life and human exploitation and to alleviate the tragedies of loneliness and abandonment of so many people. May Lent be for every Christian a renewed experience of God’s love given to us in Christ, a love that each day we, in turn, must ‘regive’ to our neighbor, especially to the one who suffers most and is in need. Only in this way will we be able to participate fully in the joy of Easter” (Pope Benedict XVI, *Lenten Message*, 2007).

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.*

	7:00pm – 8:15 or 8:30pm	7:00pm	7:00pm
#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

Catholics at the Capitol ... Join us for the Nebraska Catholic Conference’s annual advocacy day – Catholics at the Capitol! Advocates will receive an up-to-date explanation of all the bills most important to you and the Church, get trained on how to build a relationship with your elected official, and get the chance to lobby on behalf of your beliefs. **Join us Wed., Mar. 27 in Lincoln.** To register, visit <http://necatholic.org/news-events/event-calendar.html/event/2019/03/27/catholics-at-the-capitol-/235694>

Looking Back and Moving Forward

During April-May 1995, the Parish Building Committee worked with Clark Enersen Partners, Inc (*architects from Lincoln*) to come with preliminary sketches for a “Master Plan”. Then from July- September, the Parish Building Committee worked with Jim Brown Construction from Holdrege (*a Design/Builder*), to come up with the original blue prints for the Parish Hall on Sept. 28, 1995 which were revised on Oct. 10, 1995. During August-September 1995, workers prepared the building site for the construction of the Parish Hall. In October, footings were poured and concrete blocks for the foundation were laid. In November-December, workers started framing the Hall.

As the construction was beginning on the physical building of the Parish Hall, our Parish was also growing spiritually, and looking beyond our own Parish to help others. Parishioners met in the Old Rectory on Thursday (*beginning in late September 1995*) for RCIA classes to grow in their faith. In October 1995, the CCD Students and Teachers sponsored a “Rosaries for Russia” project (*coordinated by Phyllis Beckius*) and requested the donation of Rosaries (*new, used, or broken – to be repaired*) for shipment to Russia. “*Rosaries for Russia distributes rosaries to people world-wide who are experiencing religious freedom after years of domination by the former Soviet Union. Many of these countries are also in economic turmoil, and have poor distribution systems. Our local effort will be part of a national Family Rosary program, founded by Holy Cross Father Patrick Peyton.*” 75 Rosaries were collected.

In the November 19, 1995 Bulletin, Fr. Brethour wrote: **“Many Things To Be Thankful For ...** Thanks to all of you for a very good year this past year. So many of you are involved in the life of the parish -- teaching CCD, involved in adult education, the parish council, building committee, Daughters of Charity, preparing meals, rectory maintenance, rectory cleaning, rectory lawn care, Sunday Mass set-up, earthmoving at the building site, office help, typing the bulletin, typing papers, working with servers, serving as lectors, acolytes, servers, ushers, coffee and rolls, special projects and music. This list seems never to end!

While being small means we must each shoulder more of the load, we also enjoy the satisfaction of our personal contributions, and the wonder of getting to know and appreciate one another more deeply. What a gift! As I ponder this list, WOW! We do have a lot of great things happening, because of the high level of involvement among our parishioners. We might pause and ponder God’s generosity, which cannot be outdone. Thank you, and thanks be to God.”

In the December 3, 1995 Bulletin, Fr. Brethour wrote: **“Rolling Along ...** The first layer of our parking lot has been placed. The three inches of asphalt millings will be covered with two inches of regular asphalt next Spring, when weather permits. Please feel free to drive on the millings. We want them to be well packed and settled before we add the top layer.”

In late December 1995 / early January 1996, some of the CCD students began a pro-life project to build small wooden crosses to symbolize the number of babies aborted each month in the State of Nebraska. After some time, these wooden cross were replaced with the metal “re-bar crosses” that are still standing to the Northeast of the Parish Hall.

FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:

Collection for Flood Victims ... Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska is accepting monetary donations to assist those affected by the horrific and ongoing flood/storm damage in Nebraska. Checks may be mailed to 2241 O St. Lincoln NE 68510 OR online: https://www.cssisus.org/what_you_can_do/donate.html If donating by check, be sure to list “flood relief” in your check memo. If donating online, designate “flood relief” in the “specific designation for your gift” field. God bless you for your support & continued prayers! Please keep all those affected by this unfortunate natural disaster in your prayers.

Liturgical Minister

	Sat., Mar. 30, 5:00pm	Sun., Mar. 31, 10:00am
Lector	Jim Nisley	Michael Lafleur
Acolyte	Jerry Volesky	Duane Johnsen
Server	William Krondak	Drew Connelly
	Nicholas Krondak	Jace Gunden
Music	Greg Vandenberg	Greg Vandenberg
Gifts	AliceRobinson/CindySwanson	Shane Lowrey
Ushers	Cindy Swanson	Volunteer
	Alice Robinson	Spencer Hampton
Rosary		

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab,6-7bc,8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13,15-16,19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday:	Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Prayers for the sick: Flood Victims, 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.

<p>Birthdays: 3/23 - Johnathan Troyer, 3/25 - Anne Kain, Keaton Hampton, Eidren Hampton, 3/26 - Felicity Heimann, 3/29 - Bob Ryland, 3/30 - Jack Pieper, Janet Fear.</p>

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... Hollywood has given us an image of Moses slipping off his shoes before a burning bush. God has just called Moses by name, and so that Moses doesn't miss the meaning of this breakthrough in human history, God requires that all barriers to the experience be eliminated. If you've ever tried to maneuver barefoot across hot sand, or pick your way along a rocky beach, you know how sensitive feet can be.

Within the Church, there are religious orders with a custom of going barefoot, not merely to show poverty, but to be an outward sign of a desire for connection with creation, a desire to go through life alert to what God is doing. In early days, when reconciliation was a once in a lifetime possibility, penitents often went barefoot for a long period of time as a sign of their conversion. Even today, people follow an ancient practice of slipping off their shoes to walk in the procession to the cross on Good Friday. It is striking that the first use of our newly scrubbed feet from Holy Thursday night is to walk resolutely in the footsteps of Christ to the cross. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

MID-LENT CHECK-IN ... God says to Moses, "This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you . . . The LORD, the God of your [ancestors], the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob" (Exodus 3:14, 15). As Jesus would later say, God is not a God of the dead, but of the living, and so we believe that the dead will one day rise. At this midpoint of Lent, we pause to consider how our repentance is leading us to the Resurrection, to our reunion with the great "I AM." Part of our repentance involves working to secure justice for all and helping our neighbor to live in God's ways. We encourage each other and nurture each other, like the compassionate gardener of today's Gospel, who tells the owner of the orchard that he will nurture the tree, fertilize it, and perhaps it will bear fruit. —Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

STRENGTH TO SPLIT ROCKS ... Do you know that oftentimes a root has split a rock, when suffered to remain in it? Give no judgment to the seed of evil, seeing that it will break up your faith. —St. Cyril of Jerusalem

HURDLING ... God's grace within me and God's strength behind me can overcome any hurdle ahead of me. —Anonymous

SPRINGTIME ... Came the Spring with all its splendor. All its birds and all its blossoms. All its flowers, and leaves, and grasses. —Longfellow, Hiawatha

Pray for our Seminarians: Rev. Mr. Andrew Scott Schwenka, from Holy Family, Heartwell. He entered the Seminary in 2012. He is in Theology 4 at North American College in Rome.

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.