

# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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## *2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time* *January 20, 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	Jan. 21	8:00 a.m.	Christopher Herring
Tuesday	Jan. 22	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	Renewed Respect for Life
Wednesday	Jan. 23	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Jacob Buhrman
<b>6:00pm-10:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hour =&gt; Spend time with Jesus</b>			
Thursday	Jan. 24	8:00 a.m.	Andrew Foley (-bap)
Friday	Jan. 25	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>	Martha Burbach +
Saturday	Jan. 26	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	People of Our Parish
Sunday	Jan. 27	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	Brandon Niesen

## INTENTIONS

***Nations shall behold  
your vindication,  
and all the kings  
your glory***

— Isaiah 62:2

## **Stewardship: January 13, 2019**

**Adult Envelopes:** .....\$2,172.00  
**Loose Plate:** .....\$107.00  
**Children:** .....\$3.00  
**Holy Day:** 0 .....\$0.00  
**Total:** ..... \$2,282.00

### Joy of the Gospel Campaign

Total Pledged: .....\$958,770.00  
 Gifts last week: .....\$1,225.00  
Total Gifts Received:.....\$798,463.05  
 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:.....\$1,616,480.04  
 Balance on DIAL LOAN:..... \$142,296.27

Christmas (Retired Priests)..... \$50.00

## **Parish Calendar**

Sunday	Jan. 20	11:00am	CCD CLASSES	–	<b>7:00pm = Theology on Tap (at KC Hall)</b>
Wednesday	Jan. 23	<b>6:00-10:00pm</b>	<b>=Eucharistic Adoration</b>	–	7:00pm = RCIA Class
Saturday	Jan. 26	<b>Nebraska Walk For Life:</b>	9:00am = <b>Mass;</b>	10:00am = <b>Walk in Lincoln</b>	
Sunday	Jan. 27	11:00am	CCD CLASSES		

## Catholic School News:

**It's time for Preschool and Kindergarten Enrollment!** We will host an Information Night on Tues - 2/5 beginning at 6:30pm. Please join us to meet the teachers, tour our campus, and learn more about becoming a part of our North Platte Catholic Schools Family. Contact Jennifer Winder via email at [j.winder@npcschools.org](mailto:j.winder@npcschools.org) if you have questions prior to this event.

**Mark your calendars!** Help us celebrate national Catholic Schools Week beginning January 27<sup>th</sup> through February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Here's a brief overview of upcoming activities you can join us for: Mon - 1/28 Opening Assembly 9:00am with Proclamation by Mayor Livingston, lunch with local dignitaries. Tue - 1/29 Mass with Bishop Hanefeldt 8:30am at McDaid Gym. Wed - 1/30 Bingo for Books at McDaid 5:30pm, Pizza and Bingo from 6-7pm.. Thu - 1/31 Grandparents Lunch.

**IRISH Speech Season is Under Way:** Upcoming meets: Sat – 2/2 at Sutherland, NPHS 2/9, Loup City on 2/16, and at Southwest on 2/23. Sat – 3/2 is Best of the West at NPHS. SPVA Speech will be held in Kimball on Mon – 3/4, and the season rounds out with District Speech on Mon – 3/11 at NPHS and State Speech in Kearney on Fri – 3/22. Best wishes to Mrs. Blake as she begins this exciting season and Break A Leg Team IRISH!

**From the Endowment:** Mark your calendar for a day of family fun at IRISH FEST! Join us on Sun – 2/24 for a delicious homemade meal, bake sale, silent auction, raffle, and a gym full of games and prizes for the kids. **ALL are invited!**

The Endowment office is currently accepting donations of (new) items for the silent auction. If you have an item to donate, or would like to donate as a sponsor of the event, contact Wendy Dodson at: 308-534-5939, [w.dodson@npcschools.org](mailto:w.dodson@npcschools.org).

### North Platte Catholic School:

***Faith and Knowledge for a Brighter Future***

## **Nebraska Walk for Life ... Jan. 26, 2019, at the Capital in Lincoln,**

- 9:00am Pro-Life Mass at St. Mary Church (14<sup>th</sup> & K)
- Keynote Speaker: **Catherine Adair** (former Planned Parenthood employee).

**Card Shower for Reiny Burbach ...** The family of Reiny Burbach requests a card shower in honor of his 94<sup>th</sup> birthday, January 23, 2019. Cards may be sent to: 1501 Cornhusker Circle, North Platte, NE 69101.

**Safe Environment ...** The Diocese of Lincoln requires that its employees and volunteers report any allegations of abuse or neglect of a minor or elder connected with church related activity to law enforcement, consistent with the requirements of Nebraska law. If anyone has information that a minor or elder is being or has been subjected to abuse or neglect please report it immediately to local law enforcement or to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services toll-free number 1-800-652-1999, and also to any Parish Pastor, School Administrator, Teacher, or to any Diocesan official at the Catholic Chancery (402) 488-0921, so that immediate steps may be taken for the protection of the minor or elder.

## **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of**

**Unborn Children ... Tuesday, January 22,** is the infamous 46<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision Roe vs. Wade and Doe vs. Bolton (1973) legalizing abortion during all nine months of pregnancy. The U.S. Bishops have designated **Tue, Jan 22** as a day of penance for the violations to **the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life.** Please offer some form of prayer & penance on this day & attend Mass to pray for an end to this atrocity.

## **Knights of Columbus One Rose, One Life Campaign ...**

will be **Saturday, Jan. 26 & Sunday, Jan. 27.** This fund raiser is Nebraska's primary source of income for Culture of Life. All funds collected will support Pro-Life Organizations and activities throughout Nebraska. Prayer is the greatest action we can take in battling the Culture of Death. The One Rose, One Life prayer cards are a good reminder for continued prayers throughout the year. As Knights of Columbus members hand these prayer cards to you, please be prepared to give a donation to this very important campaign.

**Put a Retreat into Your Schedule ...** You can register at [www.goodcounselretreat.com](http://www.goodcounselretreat.com) & receive immediate confirmation or call Good Counsel Retreat House (402-786-2705). Our parish made a \$1,500 donation to the Retreat House (which covers 9 persons). Two 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.

### **January – July Schedule:**

Feb 1-3..... Fr. William Holoubek ..... Men / Women  
    *“Unbound: Breaking Free from Spiritual Wounds”*  
Feb 15-17..... Sr. Ann Shields..... Men / Women  
    *“Faith: More Precious than Gold”*  
Feb 22-24    Fr. Angelus Montgomery, CFR. Men/Women  
    *“American Saints and Heroic Virtue”*  
Mar 8-10..... Fr. Karl Millis..... Men / Women  
    *“St. Teresa of Avila in Light of the Joy of the Gospel”*  
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

**God, our Spouse and Lord of Life ...** “As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so shall your God rejoice in you.” Today’s first reading from Isaiah shows us how much God delights in human life. He rejoices in us as in a bride. He gives himself to us as a bridegroom is called to do for his beloved. He protects and defends us, and leads us to the life that never ends. His commitment to humanity is the source of ours. Like him, we are to give ourselves for the good of others, starting with the most vulnerable lives – children at the very beginning of their development in the womb.

This week, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, marks the sad anniversary of the Roe vs Wade Supreme Court decision that legalized the killing of those children by abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy. This remains the single most destructive and barbaric public policy in our nation, and hundreds of thousands of Americans march in Washington, in San Francisco, and in many other cities at this time of year calling for a change. Moreover, this coincides with our nation’s honoring of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., whose dream of equality for all under the law needs to be applied now to the children in the womb. This is a work around which Christians of all denominations should unite, and this week also marks the week of prayer for Christian Unity.

**Marriage Saving – the Weekend Phase ...** *Retrouaille* (pronounced *retro-vi*) simply means ‘rediscovery’. During the weekend phase of *Retrouaille* a series of presentations are given by a team of three couples and a priest. The team presents a technique of communication that enables you to take a good look at most areas of your relationship. After each presentation you have time in the privacy of your room to discuss the previous presentation. For confidential information about or to register for the February program beginning with Feb. 15-17, 2019 weekend, call 1-888-317-5654 or 308-986-2351 or [www.retrouaille.org](http://www.retrouaille.org) on web.

**Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration ...** Wednesdays of the year, 6:00pm (after the 5:30pm Mass) - 10:00pm. We need at least one (1) person present during each of those four hours. Anyone is invited to just “drop in” to spend some time with our Eucharistic Lord ... but we need 4 persons each week.

**“Heighten our heart-to-heart communication” ...** Enhance your true love for one-another. Take the time for a very special weekend together and make a **World Wide Marriage Encounter Weekend** for your marriage. Marriage Encounter brings a renewal to the life of a parish one couple at a time. It touches at the heart of a couple, vivifying the Sacrament. **There is a Marriage Encounter Weekend at the Lied Center in Nebraska City, Feb. 15-17, 2019.** To register for a weekend please contact Pat / Janelle Benson (Janelle=308-940-1105; Pat 308-940-0670; Home: 308-946-3568); [pjbjben@yahoo.com](mailto:pjbjben@yahoo.com); [www.wvmesection9.org](http://www.wvmesection9.org). Call 30 days ahead to reserve facilities. Accepting all reservations.

**9 Days for Life ...** Jan. 14–22. Pray for respect & protection of all human life with new intentions, brief reflections, & more each day.

**The Catholic Daughters of Americas ...** is one of the oldest and largest organizations of Catholic women in the Americas. They donate to charities, administer scholarship programs and strive “to be helping hands where there is pain, poverty, sorrow or sickness.” Our motto is “Unity and Charity”. We are wanting the ladies of our area to feel welcome and are inviting them to join us!

Our CDA meetings are normally held on the first Monday of every month at 7:00pm in St. Patrick Parish Spiritual Life Center. We are having a pot luck dinner Feb. 2 at 12:00 noon at St Patrick Parish Hall. Please come join us.

**“Theology on Tap” ...** for single & married adults in their 20’s & 30’s. Join us **Sunday, January 20** when **Brandon Harvey** speaks. *Brandon is a Catholic Speaker, Writer, and Theological Consultant who resides in Omaha, NE. While receiving a BA in Theology and Philosophy, an MA in Theology (Franciscan University), and further studies in Liturgy, he has spend the last 12 years teaching adults, deacon candidates, catechist, Catholic school teachers, college students, teenagers, and children. Brandon Harvey is the host of the Home Catechesis podcast and Home Catechesis youtube channel. He writes numerous articles each week that can be found on platforms like: Homiletic and Pastoral Review, The Catholic Exchange, Catholic Lane, Amazing Catechists, and Joy in Truth. He married his high-school sweetheart from Gretna Public High School. They have four children. Start time: 6:30pm-7:00pm social time, with presentation starting promptly at 7:00pm. Knights of Columbus Hall (515 E 5<sup>th</sup> 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.*

### **FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:**

**Nominations for Parish Council ...** are being accepted for the next few weeks. Please contact one of the current Parish Council members or Parish Trustees (Members: Ken Bjornstad, Diane Gregg, Philip Heimann, Jim Nisley, and Trustees: Jerry Volesky & Duane Johnsen) or Fr. Seiker to nominate another parishioner or yourself. Normally the terms for the parish council are for two years. Philip Heimann & Jim Nisley are finishing their terms. Ken Bjornstad and Diane Gregg, are completing the first year of their two year term. We have 2 veteran members and 2 new members on the parish council each year; we need four parishioners’ names on the ballot.

**Parish On-line Calendar ...** is in the process of being updated. On Parish webpage, click on “**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Calendar**”. Various Parish, School, Community, and Diocesan events are listed ... more events are being added. This is a good way to keep up to date on Parish and Catholic events!

**Committee meeting to plan 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary ...** a committee of men & women from our Parish has been formed to begin planning our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a Parish (*founded by Bishop Bruskevitz on June 13, 1994*). We are looking for pictures from the first 15 years, especially the early years. Please contact Jan Daniel or Father Seiker.

**Celebration of Life Dinner (Nebraskans Embracing Life) ...** **Friday, Jan. 25, 6:00pm, 11830 Stonegate Dr #3693, Omaha.** I plan to go to this Dinner, spend Friday night with my parents, participate in the Walk for Life in Lincoln on Saturday, & **Return by 4:00pm, Saturday.**

## Liturgical Minister

	Sat., Jan. 26, 5:00pm	Sun., Jan. 27, 10:00am
<b>Lector</b>	Mike Krondak	Justin Pieper
<b>Acolyte</b>	Ed Rieker	Jerry Cooper
<b>Server</b>	William Krondak	Xavier Pieper
	Nicholas Krondak	Nicholas Niesen
<b>Music</b>	Volunteer	Buhrman/Niesen/Gregg
<b>Gifts</b>	Don & Sheila Exner	John & Billie Rouzee
<b>Ushers</b>	Steve Fear	Duane Johnsen
	Janet Fear	Heather Johnsen
<b>Rosary</b>		

## *Readings for the Week*

Monday:	Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday:	Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2,4-5,9,10c; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday:	Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday:	Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12
Friday:	Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1-2; Mk 16:15-18
Saturday:	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 or Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:20-21
Sunday:	Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

**Prayers for the sick:** 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, John Kahl, Mike & Kim Paul, Eileen Boltz, Jim Beckius.

**Prayers for the deceased:** 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:** 1/19 - Paul Orr, Karl Hendricks, 1/20 - Carmen Buhrman, 1/21 - Dennis Brosius, 1/22 - Don Exner, 1/23 - Reiny Burbach, 1/25 - John Torruella, Ellie Buhrman.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ...** The cause of church unity is commended to Christians for prayer and action every year around this time. This week is not so much to focus on the many divisions within the Christian family, but on bonds of faith and mission. Even though Christians have always shown an inclination to fracture, spin off, and mutate into new expressions, recent history shows some new points of convergence and agreement. Catholics are more firmly rooted in the word of God, for example, and many Protestants are more likely to celebrate Communion than in years past. Some denominations are merging and pooling resources, and people from various traditions are collaborating on projects. The call of this week is to be mindful of the diversity of our traditions and customs while treasuring what we hold in common. The old advice to "lighten up" is good medicine, because sometimes our differences are delightful and amusing. If someone says, "Let us pray," a Catholic might close the eyes, bow the head and fold hands; a Protestant reach out and clasp hands with the person in the next chair; and someone belonging to an Orthodox tradition might stand up with eyes wide open. Each has taken a different path, but the goal is always the same. This is a week not for focusing on the well worn paths of divergence, but for mutual delight in a common goal. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**A VISIBLE GOD ...** We find it difficult to convey ideas to people unless we can actually show them something, demonstrate what we mean. God, who is invisible and truly beyond human understanding, apparently faces the same difficulty. People want to see, not just listen to an idea. So God gave us Jesus Christ, God made visible in the world. During these past weeks we have seen how Jesus was revealed as an infant to the shepherds and the magi, and then began his adult "public life" at his baptism by John. Today's Gospel reading tells us of his "first sign," providing wine for the wedding guests at Cana. Of course, even Jesus, God made visible, was not always easily understood in his own day, nor is he even now. So we have to ponder what we see: the poverty and simplicity of his birth, his humility and openness before John the Baptist, his kindness and compassion toward people in their ordinary problems, such as running short of wine at a wedding. Yet it is in coming to know Jesus that we come to know God. —Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

**LOOKING GOOD ...** The best mirror is a friend's eyes. —Gaelic proverb

**Pray for our Seminarians:** **James Robert O'Neil**, from St. Mary's, Nebraska City. He entered the Seminary in 2014. He is in Theology 2 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 ...**

**(January) Evangelization** - That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.