

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time ***February 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

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 Feb. 11 8:00 a.m.
 Tuesday Feb. 12 **7:00 a.m.**
 Wednesday Feb. 13 **5:30 p.m.**
6:00pm-10:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hour => Spend time with Jesus
 Thursday Feb. 14 8:00 a.m.
 Friday Feb. 15 **12:10 p.m.**
 Saturday Feb. 16 **5:00 p.m.**
 Sunday Feb. 17 **10:00 a.m.**

INTENTIONS

Bernadine Torres +
 Mike Baxa
 Elli Fugate
 Anna Lee
 Martha Burbach +
 Bernadine Duryea +
 People of Our Parish

*Then I heard the voice
of the Lord saying,
“Whom shall I send?
Who will go for us?”
“Here I am, “I said, “send me!”
— Isaiah 6:8*

Stewardship: February 3, 2019

Adult Envelopes:\$1,049.00
Loose Plate:\$120.00
Children:\$0.18
Holy Day: 0\$0.00
Total: \$1,169.18

Joy of the Gospel Campaign
 Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
 Gifts last week:\$625.00
Total Gifts Received:.....\$801,628.05
 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

Southern NE Register.....\$15.00

Parish Calendar

Sunday Feb. 10 **Knights of Columbus Breakfast** – CCD CLASSES – 11:30am=Daughters of Charity
 3:30pm Cursillo SW NE Ultreya, St. Patrick, Imperial
 Monday Feb. 11 7:00pm **Knights of Columbus Meeting** in Parish Hall.
 Wednesday Feb. 13 **6:00-10:00pm=Eucharistic Adoration** 7:00pm RCIA Class
 Thursday Feb. 14 12:30pm = Adult Bible Study in Parish Hall Classroom
 Sunday Feb. 17 11:00am CCD CLASSES

Catholic School News:

Thank You: to all our families who participated in the Parent Teachers Conferences this past week! Communication is a vital tool in the world of your child's education and we look forward to serving your family throughout the rest of the year.

In case you missed it NOW is the time to Enroll or Re-Enroll your Preschooler for the 2019 - 2020 school year! Contact Jennifer Winder at j.winder@npcschools.org if you have questions regarding enrollment or if you'd like to learn more about what North Platte Catholic Schools has to offer your family!

Other Important Enrollment / Information Nights: Thu - 3/14 9th Grade Information Night; Tue - 3/26 7th Grade Information Night.

Events for the week of February 11th - 16th: Mon - 2/11 NCDA Swing Choir Competition at Chase County. Tue - 2/12 Girls SubDistrict Bball continues. Thu - 2/14 Happy Valentine's Day; NSAA STATE WRESTLING. Fri - 2/15 NSIAA-NCA State Dance Competition; NSAA STATE WRESTLING; 6:00 Boys Basketball at Paxton. Sat - 2/16 Speech at Loup City; NSIAA-NCA State Cheer Competition; NSAA STATE WRESTLING

From the Endowment: ALL are invited to **IRISH FEST!** Sun - 2/24 for a delicious homemade meal, bake sale, silent auction, raffle, and a gym full of games & prizes for the kids.

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.

North Platte Catholic School:

Faith and Knowledge for a Brighter Future

New Year, New Hours, New Remodeling! ...

Beginning Thursday, Feb. 7 the **Bargain Bin** will now be open every Thursday from 5pm-8pm in addition to the regular hours Monday through Saturday from 10am-3pm. Every 2nd Monday of each month from 5pm-8pm is a Bag Sale as well as daytime Bag Sales the 15th and 30th each month. If the 15th or 30th falls on Sunday, the Bag Sale is the previous Saturday. Come and check out all the new remodeling, too!

Daughters of Charity (Altar Society) Meeting:

will be **Sunday, Feb. 10, at 11:30am** in Rectory Conference Room. All women are invited & encouraged to attend.

Breakfast by Knights of Columbus ... Sunday,

Feb. 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 Missalette.

Knights of Columbus Meeting ... Mon, Feb 11,

7:00pm, Parish Hall. All Knights are invited to attend.

Southern Nebraska Register ... The subscription

rate for the Southern Nebraska Register is \$15 for one year. Please use the envelope for your subscription to the Register. If you are not receiving your copy, please let the office know so we can add you to the list. Please make checks payable to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. Thank you!!

TIME TO SIGN UP TO JOIN THE FUN ...

There is a sign up sheet on the table in the Narthex to please bring your favorite family DESSERT AND RECIPE to be auctioned on **Saturday, March 9** or **Sunday, March 10** after the Parish Mass. Come join the FUN AND take home your neighbor's dessert! **Invite your neighbors and friends to the Favorite Family Dessert and Recipe Auction.**

Camp Kateri: Summer Camp Registration ...

Registration is now open for SKY Camp (Grades 5-7), SKY Teens (Grades 8-9) and Leadership Camp (Grades 6-9). For more information, or to register for these camps, go to www.campkateri.org.

SKY Camp & Leadership Camp Volunteer Counselors

Needed ... Camp Kateri is now accepting applications for high school volunteer counselors for SKY and Leadership Camp. For more information, or to download an application, go to www.campkateri.org.

Put a Retreat into Your Schedule ... You can register at 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).
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.

February – July Schedule:

Feb 15-17..... Sr. Ann Marie Walsh, SOLT. Men / Women
“Healing & Living Our Lives in the Image & Likeness of God”
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

From Sinners to Apostles ... Saint John Paul II wrote the following words to all women who have had abortions: “The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To the same Father and to his mercy you can with sure hope entrust your child. With the friendly and expert help and advice of other people, and as a result of your own painful experience, you can be among the most eloquent defenders of everyone’s right to life. Through your commitment to life, whether by accepting the birth of other children or by welcoming and caring for those most in need of someone to be close to them, you will become promoters of a new way of looking at human life.” (*The Gospel of Life, n.99*)

Stress in Your Marriage? ... *There is less than a week left to sign up for Retrouvaille. Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) simply means ‘rediscovery’. Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness and simply shut down. Others experience conflict and arguments in their relationship. Most don’t know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the February program beginning with a weekend **Feb. 15-17, 2019**, call 1-888-317-5654 or 308-986-2351 or www.HelpOurMarriage.org on the web.*

“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); pjbbben@yahoo.com; www.wmesection9.org. Call 30 days ahead to reserve facilities. Accepting all reservations.

Stewardship (Gifts & Talents Survey) Forms ... I ask each Parishioner, adults and children, to complete a Gifts & Talents Form. You may return the forms in the collection basket, give to the Ushers, mail to the Rectory, or give to Father. (Extra Forms on table in the Narthex.) Thank you!!

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**) by **Dr. Michael Barber** (Augustine Institute).

Introduction to Deliverance ... Have you ever wondered...exactly what IS deliverance and how does it fit into our Catholic Faith? The Diocesan Office of Evangelization/Unbound Ministry will be hosting an evening consisting of four 20 minute talks. This is open to ALL: laity, religious, clergy, members of the Christian community & anyone who would like a better understanding of the meaning of deliverance and how each person can benefit from it. Join us at **Sehnerts Café**, 312 Norris Avenue, **McCook, NE** on **Monday, Feb. 25, 6:00-7:30pm**. Questions? Contact Annette at annette-wemhoff@cdolinc.net or call 402-473-0619.

Knights of Columbus Annual Free Throw Championship ... All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the Knights of Columbus Annual Free Throw Championship. The local competition is **Sunday, Feb. 10 at St Patrick High School**. Noon=Doors open for registration, 1:00pm=competition begins.

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district, regional, State and International competitions.

Participants will compete in their respective age divisions. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. There is no charge for the event, everyone is welcome. Sign up forms are available in the gathering area. Additional information is available on Council website www.knightsofcolumbuscouncil1211.com.

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!

Magnificat Winter Prayer Meal ... Saturday, February 16, 9:30am, Hillcrest Country Club, 9401 East O Street, Lincoln, NE. Special guest speaker is Diocesan Priest, Father John Rooney. “...I know the One in Whom I have put my trust...” *2 Tim. 1:12* is Father Rooney’s favorite scripture verse in his exciting journey that is continually challenged and renewed in Christ! His vocation grew out of a dedication and devotion of his parents in their Catholic Faith. What appeared to be a total disaster when sent in 2003 for treatment of alcoholism has become an amazing blessing in his life and priesthood. Register by sending \$20 check payable to Magnificat c/o Tina Colgan, 521 N 56 St, Lincoln, NE 68504. (*students \$10*) *Deadline is February 11. For information call or text Rhonda Litt at 402-525-6396 or call Barb Bechtolt at 402-489-6905.*

FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:

Parish On-line Calendar ... On Parish webpage, click on “**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Calendar**”. Parish, School, Community, & Diocesan events are listed. Keep up to date on Parish & Catholic events!

Committee meeting to plan 25th Anniversary ... We are looking for pictures from the first 15 years, especially the early years. Please contact Jan Daniel or Father Seiker.

TOTUS TUUS scheduled for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton ... July 7-12, 2019. Parents plan to send your children and invite others!

2018 Individual Contribution Statements ... were mailed on Saturday, February 9, 2019.

Fr. Seiker at Cursillo Fourth Day Retreat ... in Doniphan, NE, leave Sat, Feb. 16; return Sat evening. Father Kishore Gorantla, an Indian Priest, assigned at St. Joseph, Alma, NE will have Saturday Confessions/Mass. Please welcome him.

Liturgical Minister

	Sat., Feb. 16, 5:00pm	Sun., Feb. 17, 10:00am
Lector	Mike Krondak	Shane Lowrey
Acolyte	Jerry Volesky	Duane Johnsen
Server	Volunteer	Lakeland Lowrey
	Volunteer	Harmon Johnsen
Music	Volunteer	Greg Vandenberg
Gifts	Jerry & Teri Volesky	Charles & Toni Barron
Ushers	Cindy Swanson	Volunteer
	Alice Robinson	Spencer Hampton
Rosary		

Readings for the Week

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps104:1-2a, 5-6,10,12,24,35c; Mk 6:53-56
 Tuesday: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13
 Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23
 Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30
 Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37
 Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-4abc, 5-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10
 Sunday: Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

Prayers for the sick: 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: 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: 2/11 - Betty Steffes, 2/12 - Paul Nordquist, 2/13 - Ryce Troyer, 2/14 - Peggy Orr, Jerry Steffes.

Congratulations: to Paul & Renate Nordquist who celebrate their 62nd Wedding Anniversary Feb. 14.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... The Reign of God comes about because people commit to reversing their lives completely, to embracing new vision, new values. Many popular television shows exploit an unattractive side of human nature by pitting contestants against one another, even to the point of performing dangerous stunts or devious schemes, to gain money or favor. At the liturgy, we counter that impulse by committing ourselves to live generously. In response to Christ’s total gift, we offer bread and wine as the emblems of our lives, our hopes, our joys and sorrows. The bread and wine carried to the altar contain our lives, and by offering our lives to God, we prepare to receive the gift of God’s own life. We are to become what we receive: the body of Christ. On Sundays, this self giving is often accompanied by a collection and procession of gifts for the poor and money for the upkeep of the parish. There are certainly other methods of collecting money, some perhaps more efficient. Yet the act of giving from our abundance, and attending to the needs of the poor, opens us up to participation in the changes the Reign of God requires.

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GOD’S SUMMONS ... Confronted with God’s power and majesty, the first response of the prophet Isaiah was to acknowledge his sinfulness. “Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips,” he said aloud. Likewise, with his empty fishing nets dramatically filled at Jesus’ instruction, Peter fell to his knees and cried out, “Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.” Next, Peter got up. He docked his boats then left to follow Jesus. Isaiah also had a dramatic change of heart. When he heard the Lord say, “Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?” Isaiah answered, “Here I am, send me.” We are summoned daily by the Risen Lord. We are reminded of the saving power of the gospel and know in our heart of hearts that, as St. Paul wrote, believing in anything else won’t lead to anything. What will it take for you to move past your sinfulness? What will it take for you to get off your knees? What will it take for you to bring to dock what is unimportant and to accept your call to be God’s messenger? — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

CHOOSING SIDES ... My great concern is not whether God is on our side; my great concern is to be on God’s side.

—Abraham Lincoln

SERVE THE POOR ... Be diligent in serving the poor. Love the poor, honor them as you would Christ himself.

—St. Louise de Marillac

Pray for our Seminarians: Rev. Mr. Allan Nguyen Phan, from Sacred Heart, Lincoln. He entered the Seminary in 2011. He is on Apostolate at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Seward.

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 ...

(February) Universal - For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

World Marriage Day 2019

Couples Married More Than 60 Years in 2019

Charles & Toni Barron

Paul & Renate Nordquist

Couples Married More Than 50 Years in 2019

Jerry & Sharon Beckius

Don & Sheila Exner

Dennis & Trudy Brosius

John & Billie Rouzee

Gary & Jan Bush

Jerry & Betty Steffes

Jerry & Kay Cooper

John & Carol Torruella

Couples Married 40 Years in 2019

Kevin & Denise Burbach

Couples Married 30 Years in 2019

Conrad & Carmen Buhrman

Couples Married 20 Years in 2019

Michael & Emily Krondak

Wedding Prayer

Father, as we prepare for World Marriage Day, we thank you for your tremendous gift of the Sacrament of Matrimony. Help us to witness to its glory by a life of growing intimacy. Teach us the beauty of forgiveness so we may become more and more ONE IN HEART mind and body. Strengthen our dialogue and help us become living signs of your love. Make us grow more in love with our Church so we may renew the Body of Christ. Make us a sign of unity in the name of Jesus, Our Lord and brother. AMEN.

For Your Marriage website ... The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops have a new website: www.foryourmarriage.org. It has a wealth of excellent information and interactive offering for couples preparing for marriage and for marriage enrichment.

Marriage Survey

A survey on Marriages :

- * Couples married by a Justice of the Peace ... one out of two marriages break up
- * Couples married by the Church ... one out of three marriages break up
- * Couples married by the Church and attend Church together ... one out of 50 marriages break up
- * Couples married by the Church, go to Church together and pray together ... one out of 1,429 marriages break up.

(from The Denver Catholic Register, August 12, 1987, vol. LXIII No. 31)

The grace of the sacrament of Matrimony (from Catechism of the Catholic Church)

1641 “By reason of their state in life and of their order, [Christian spouses] have their own special gifts in the People of God.” This grace proper to the sacrament of Matrimony is intended to perfect the couple's love and to strengthen their indissoluble unity. By this grace they “help one another to attain holiness in their married life and in welcoming and educating their children.”

1642 Christ is the source of this grace. “Just as of old God encountered his people with a covenant of love and fidelity, so our Savior, the spouse of the Church, now encounters Christian spouses through the sacrament of Matrimony.” Christ dwells with them, gives them the strength to take up their crosses and so follow him, to rise again after they have fallen, to forgive one another, to bear one another's burdens, to “be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ,” and to love one another with supernatural, tender, and fruitful love. In the joys of their love and family life he gives them here on earth a foretaste of the wedding feast of the Lamb:

How can I ever express the happiness of a marriage joined by the Church, strengthened by an offering, sealed by a blessing, announced by angels, and ratified by the Father? ... How wonderful the bond between two believers, now one in hope, one in desire, one in discipline, one in the same service! They are both children of one Father and servants of the same Master, undivided in spirit and flesh, truly two in one flesh. Where the flesh is one, one also is the spirit.