

# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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## ***6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*** ***February 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](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 Feb. 18 8:00 a.m.  
 Tuesday Feb. 19  
 Wednesday Feb. 20 **5:30 p.m.**  
**6:00pm-10:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hour => Spend time with Jesus**  
 Thursday Feb. 21 8:00 a.m.  
 Friday Feb. 22 **12:10 p.m.**  
 Saturday Feb. 23 **5:00 p.m.**  
 Sunday Feb. 24 **10:00 a.m.**

## INTENTIONS

Landon Bliss  
 - No Scheduled Parish Mass -  
 Jacqie Burn  
 Bob "Junior" Barron +  
 Martha Burbach +  
 Campbell, Marie Bode  
 People of Our Parish

*"Blessed are you who are poor,  
 for the kingdom of God is yours.  
 Blessed are you who are now  
 hungry, for you will be  
 satisfied."*

— Luke 6:20 21a

## **Stewardship: February 10, 2019**

**Adult Envelopes:** .....\$2,466.00  
**Loose Plate:** .....\$153.50  
**Children:** .....\$4.00  
**Holy Day:** .....\$0.00  
**Total:** ..... \$2,623.50

### Joy of the Gospel Campaign

Total Pledged: .....\$958,770.00  
 Gifts last week: .....\$425.00  
**Total Gifts Received:.....\$802,053.05**  
 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.....\$300.00

## **Parish Calendar**

Sunday Feb. 17 11:00am CCD CLASSES **7:00pm = Theology on Tap**  
 Tuesday Feb. 19 Priests Study Day at St. Gregory the Great Seminary, Seward  
 Wednesday Feb. 20 **6:00-10:00pm=Eucharistic Adoration** 7:00pm RCIA Class  
 Thursday Feb. 21 12:30pm = Adult Bible Study in Parish Hall Classroom 6:30pm = 25th Anniversary Committee  
 Saturday Feb. 23 10:00am First Confession for 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Students  
 Sunday Feb. 24 11:00am CCD CLASSES **12:00pm – 3:00pm Irish Fest**

## **Catholic School News:**

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](mailto: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 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Information Night; Tue – 3/26 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Information Night.

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](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month from 5pm-8pm is a Bag Sale as well as daytime Bag Sales the 15<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> each month. If the 15<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> falls on Sunday, the Bag Sale is the previous Saturday. Come and check out all the new remodeling, too!

## **Save the Date - 2019 Walk for Life! ...**

This year's Walk for Life will be Saturday and Sunday, May 4 – 5, 2019. Be thinking of how you can be involved! To make the walk successful we need many walkers who will beat the bushes for sponsors! Let's make this walk the most amazing ever. For more information, please call Peggy Orr, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Women's Resource Center Church Liaison, at 308-520-7843.

**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 contact Rectory office, to be added 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](http://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](http://www.campkateri.org).

## **"Theology on Tap" ...**

for single & married adults in their 20's & 30's. Join us **Sunday, Feb. 17** when **Fr. Andrew Litt** (from St. Patrick Church, McCook) speaks. 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.

## **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).

**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).

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 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

**We are making progress ...** "The American people are becoming more pro-life. According to a very significant poll last year, general support for Roe v. Wade fell under fifty percent for the first time since 1973. Most Americans do not support Roe v. Wade, and are against allowing most of the abortions the Court has made legal. We can, moreover, take heart in knowing that spiritual, educational and legislative efforts are making a big difference in the hearts and minds of so many people of good will. More and more citizens are coming to question abortion and to recognize – as a starting point for deeper conversion – that there is something radically wrong with abortion and the support given it by our laws. There is a growing realization that human life and human dignity cannot be suppressed without immense damage to the entire fabric of our nation and numerous consequences. In the midst of the enormous challenge posed by threats to life, there are new reasons to hope that the truth of God's law will prevail as a great light in our nation as our people move increasingly toward valuing human life from its earliest and most vulnerable stages onward. This is indeed cause for rejoicing in the Lord!" – from the homily of Cardinal Justin Rigali, Mass for Life, January 21, 2007.

**Save the Date: Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>! ... 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@sogs.edu](mailto:events@sogs.edu) We hope to see you there!

**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](mailto:annette-wemhoff@cdolinc.net) or call 402-473-0619.

**Looking Back, Looking Forward ....** During 2019, we celebrate the Silver Anniversary of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish which was officially created by Bishop Fabian Bruskevitz on June 13, 1994. However our history goes back another 30 years.

Shortly after the Diocese of Lincoln celebrated its 75th Anniversary, planning for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish started in 1964 when Fr. John Graves, the pastor of St. James Parish in Curtis, worked with Bill Pendergast and Clarence Frazier (*former North Platte mayor*) to conduct a census of those Catholics who lived south of the South Platte River. At that time there were approximately 35 families. Due to lack of funds, Bishop Casey did not invest in land at that time. The closest Parishes in the Lincoln Diocese were in Curtis, Wellfleet, and Farnam. In January 1970, through the forethought of Bishop Glennon Flavin, the Diocese of Lincoln purchased the approximately 10 acres of land on which St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Hall, Rectory, and Church have been built.

Fr. Gary Brethour was assigned as the first Pastor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish on June 13, 1994 when the Parish was officially created by Bishop Fabian Bruskevitz. Fr. Brethour was also the Pastor of St. James Church in Curtis, St. William Church in Wellfleet, and St. Joseph Church in Farnam. During the last weeks of June, and during July, and August, Fr. Brethour met with the Parishioners of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish and began inviting them to respond to God's graces and form a Parish family.

The first Sunday Mass was held on Sunday, August 21, 1994 at 8:00am in the Student Lounge area at the Vocational Technical campus of Mid-Plains Community College. Volunteer Parishioners arrived early to set up student lounge for Mass, using one of the tables for the Altar, a "portable/temporary" tabernacle (used for before & during Mass), as well as the arranging the chairs. Volunteers also made kneeling cushions for parishioners to use to kneel on rather than the tile floor of the student lounge. Fr. Brethour was available in a "temporary" Confessional for 30 minutes before Mass.

After Mass, parishioners volunteered to bring rolls and coffee and serve them in order to provide the opportunity for Parishioners to meet and get to know each other and begin to form our family spirit of our Catholic Parish. Fr. Brethour commented that parishioners were very willing to help in any way they could.

### **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 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary ...** We are looking for pictures from the first 15 yrs, especially early years. Please contact Jan Daniel or Father Seiker. **Meeting: Feb. 21, 6:30pm.**

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

**Cursillo Fourth Day Retreat Postponed due to Weather ...** scheduled for Sat. Feb. 16 at Doniphan, NE, has been postponed due to weather. When it is reschedule, I will let you know the new date.

**Spirit Radio Dinner ...** Monday, Feb. 18, 6:00pm, Omaha. I plan to go to this Dinner, spend Monday night in Omaha, then go to a Lincoln Diocese Priest Study Day in Seward on Tuesday, spend Tuesday evening with my parents, and return by 4:30pm, Wednesday.

## Liturgical Minister

	Sat., Feb. 23, 5:00pm	Sun., Feb. 24, 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>	Greg Vandenberg	Buhrman/Niesen/Gregg
<b>Gifts</b>	Steve & Janet Fear	Chuck & Kathy Burr
<b>Ushers</b>	Steve Fear	Duane Johnsen
	Janet Fear	Heather Johnsen
<b>Rosary</b>		

## *Readings for the Week*

Monday:	Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8,16bc-17,20-26; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a,2,3ac-4,3b,9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday:	Gn 8:6-13,20-22; Ps 116:12-15,18-19; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday:	Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33
Friday:	1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Saturday:	Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13
Sunday:	1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

**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:** 2/18 - Nora McCormick, William Krondak.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ...** In recent years, there has been remarkable progress in drawing persons with disabilities into full celebration. Now it is generally accepted that worship places need accommodations such as ramps or elevators, large-print materials for those who are sight-impaired, and perhaps even an assisted hearing system or signing in American Sign Language. American Sign Language is not merely English translated into movement, but a distinct language with its own grammar, syntax (word order), and vocabulary. For this reason, the American Catholic bishops have approved American Sign Language (ASL) as an official language of the liturgy. Celebrating liturgy in our own language (the vernacular) means that liturgy must be accessible to all languages and cultures. The fact that Mass is celebrated this weekend in some places in total silence, but with the full participation of deaf people praising God in the movements of their hands, and sometimes even with a priest who is deaf, is nothing less than the Church being faithful to the image of Jesus, who made the deaf hear and the mute speak. Remember too that deafness is an invisible disability, and that there may well be people in your parish who are quietly yearning for Mass to be signed for them in ASL. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**BLESSED ...** When we think of the word "Beatitude" we think of today's discourse from Luke's Gospel, or the more familiar one from Matthew (which begins "Blessed are the poor in spirit ..."). Actually, beatitudes occur throughout the prophets and Gospels. Today in Jeremiah (with an echo in the psalm) we hear, "Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord" (Jeremiah 17:7). Following his resurrection in John's Gospel, Christ proclaims, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed" (John 20:29). The evangelists placed these sayings throughout the Gospels as short reminders about the characteristics that one will find in a follower of Christ, characteristics that will help spread the Good News in this life and lead to eternal blessings in the next. In Latin, the saints are called the Beati, the "Blessed," for they are the ones who lived the "blessed" life as described by Jesus throughout the Gospels. How blest are we, when we also strive to make our own days a living beatitude! —Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

**INSEPARABLE ...** Faith and works are like the light and heat to a candle; they cannot be separated. —Anonymous

**NONSENSE ...** A little nonsense, now and then, is relished by the wisest among us. —Anonymous

**Pray for our Seminarians:** Louden Daniel Redinger, from Sacred Heart, Shelton/Kenesaw. He entered the Seminary in 2014. He is in his "Spiritual Year" 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 ...**

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

# You're invited to **IRISH FEST 2019**

A fundraiser for McDaid and St. Patrick's Schools

**Sunday, February 24th**

12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

St. Patrick's High School, 500 S. Silber

Homemade Dinner served 12:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Mini Carnival Games & Prizes

Fun Jumpz ♣ Silent Auction ♣ Bake Sale ♣ Raffle

**Fun for ALL ages!**

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## **IRISH FEST RAFFLE PRIZES:**

♣ \$1,000 CASH    ♣ \$250 CASH

♣ \$250 SCRIP of Choice Certificate

♣ 50 lbs USDA Choice ground beef from Lincoln Co. Feedyard

♣ 15 lbs Filet Mignon from Lincoln Co. Feedyard

♣ 2 tickets to Kenny Chesney in concert at Pinnacle Bank

Arena on May 18th (Row 1 tickets, \$660 value)

**TICKETS ARE \$2.00 EACH OR 10 FOR \$15.00**

Tickets for sale at the Endowment Office (601 S. Tabor), McDaid or St. Pat's HS Offices, after Weekend Masses (at the SCRIP table) at Holy Spirit & St. Patrick's Churches.

\*Raffle drawing at 2:50 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24th. \*You do NOT have to be present to win.