

# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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## *The Baptism of the Lord* *January 12, 2020*

**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

#### **Family Formation Program**

Sunday mornings (Sept-May) 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 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. 13	8:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Jan. 14	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>
Wednesday	Jan. 15	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
<b>6:00pm–10:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hours =&gt; Spend time with Jesus</b>		
Thursday	Jan. 16	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>
Friday	Jan. 17	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>
		<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
Saturday	Jan. 18	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>
Sunday	Jan. 19	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>

## INTENTIONS

Anna Lee
Special Intention (js)
Conrad & Carmen Buhrman
Special Intention (kvs)
Martha Burbach +
Andrew Foley (-bap)
People of Our Parish
Jerome & JoAnn Konen +

**“A voice came from  
the heavens, saying,  
“This is my beloved Son,  
with whom  
I am well pleased.”**

— Matthew 3:17

## **Stewardship: January 5, 2020**

<b>Adult Envelopes:</b> .....	\$2,082.50
<b>Loose Plate:</b> .....	\$125.20
<b>Children:</b> .....	\$1.00
<b>Holy Day:</b> (Christmas) .....	\$25.00
<b>Holy Day:</b> (Mary, Mother of God) .....	\$732.00
<b>Total:</b> .....	\$2,965.50

### Joy of the Gospel Campaign

Total Pledged: .....	\$958,770.00
Gifts last week: .....	\$850.00
<b>Total Gifts Received: .....</b>	<b>\$880,183.05</b>
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: .....	\$1,702,428.04
<b>Balance on DIAL LOAN: .....</b>	<b>\$62,451.74</b>

**Christmas (Retired Priests) .....** \$80.00

### **Parish Calendar**

Sunday	Jan. 12	<b>11:00am:</b> Knights of Columbus Breakfast	<b>11:30am:</b> Daughters of Charity Meeting
Monday	Jan. 13	<b>7:00pm:</b> Knights of Columbus Meeting in Parish Hall	
Wednesday	Jan. 15	<b>6:00pm – 10:00pm:</b> Eucharistic Adoration	<b>7:00pm – 9:00pm:</b> RCIA Classes in Parish Hall
Thursday	Jan. 16	<b>1:00pm:</b> Adult Bible Study in Parish Hall	
Saturday	Jan. 18	<b>10:00am:</b> Nebraska Walk for Life, Lincoln	

## **Catholic School News:**

**Upcoming Events:** 1/13- 4:00pm- JH G&B Bball @ Hershey, 1/14- 5:00pm- G&B Bball @ Mullen, 1/15- 2:00pm JH G&B Bball @ Maxwell, 1/16- 5:00pm JH G&B Bball @ Chase Co., 5:30pm- WR @ Hershey Quad, 1/17- 2:30pm WR @ Elm Creek, 4:30pm- G&B Bball @ Overton, 1/18- 10:00am WR @ Sandhills Thedford, 10:00am Speech @ Wallace.

**God is Here:** Three of our high school students recently started a Pro-Life Committee. The Bishop set an initiative to increase pro-life activity in our diocese. Deacon Davis was inspired by this idea and shared it with 7<sup>th</sup> grader, Braelyn Gifford. Braelyn recruited her sister, Madison Gifford and Natalia Wieszorek to help get things organized. The committee held a meeting and invited others to join. Their group now has 10 strong members. The reason we choose to identify ourselves as pro-life instead of just anti-abortion is that the pro-life position goes beyond just opposing abortion, but focuses on preserving life. It is a position that seeks not only to be against what is wrong, but to be actively striving for what is right. Our aim should be not to condemn people because of their actions, but to love people in spite of them. In a society where subjects like this can be controversial, we're so proud we have students representing what they believe!

**Parents' Night:** Kindergarten information night- Monday, Feb. 3, 6:00pm @ McDaid. Presentation given by teachers Mrs. Cox and Mrs. York. Preschool information night- Wednesday, February 12, 6:00pm @ Martin Cordes Building, 601 S. Taft Street. Presentation given by teacher Mrs. Cooley. Contact Gwen Covey to register: 308-532-1874.

### North Platte Catholic School:

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

**Catholic Daughters Supper ...** Catholic Daughters of America Court, Our Lady of Fatima # 1549, is holding a Soup and Cookie supper on Saturday, January 25th at 6:00pm. for a \$6 charge. It will be held in the Parish Hall at St Patrick's Catholic Church. Please come and enjoy a good bowl of soup and fellowship.

**Advent / Christmas Baby Shower ...** Thanks to all who contributed gifts for His little ones. The gifts will be donated to the Women's Resource Center this week.

## **Daughters of Charity (Altar Society) Meeting:**

will be **Sunday, Jan. 12, at 11:30am** in Rectory Conference Room. All women are invited & encouraged to attend.

**Knights of Columbus Meeting ... Mon, Jan. 13, 7:00pm,** Parish Hall. All Knights are invited to attend.

**Breakfast by Knights of Columbus ... Sunday, Jan. 12,** 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 Missallettes.

**Surviving Divorce ...** Divorced? Come find comfort, counsel, hope and healing consistent with Catholic Church teachings. The twelve-week video series & facilitator led Surviving Divorce program begins on **February 3<sup>rd</sup>**, 7-9pm, at John XXIII Diocesan Center, 3700 Sheridan Blvd. A suggested donation of \$50 covers the cost of the program and includes the Surviving Divorce personal guide and all materials. Classes are kept small and may be registered for by contacting the Family Life Office at 402-473-0620 or catholicflo@cdolinc.net

## **Joy & Hope Anniversary Recognition Mass**

The Mass and a reception for all married couples will be held **Sunday, Feb. 9, 2020** at 9:00am Mass at Cathedral of the Risen Christ, Lincoln. We kindly request that all couples register with the Family Life Office, however, special recognition will be given to those couples celebrating 10, 25, 40 and 50 years or more. Suggested donation of \$10 per couple is appreciated! Family guests are welcome. Registration forms should be available at your parish office or call Family Life Office at (402) 473-0620.

## **Annual Villa Marie Dance ...**

Villa Marie Home and School for Special Needs Children is hosting its annual Benefit Dance, Silent Auction, and Raffle—"Anchored in Hope"—on Friday, January 24 at the Rococo Theater, 140 N. 13th Street, Lincoln. *(Please note the change of venue.)* 6:00pm= Doors open, 7:00pm=event begins. Music provided by Malpractice. Tickets range: \$20 - \$40; a Valentino's dinner is included in ticket price. Contact the Rococo at <http://rococotheatre.com/events/> to purchase tickets. Please call Jenny (402-874-0577) or go to our website [www.villamarieschool.com](http://www.villamarieschool.com) for more info. All proceeds go toward funding operational expenses at Villa Marie School. Thank you for your support!

**New FertilityCare App ...** Attention, Creighton Model Fertility Care users! There is a new app available for charting! Go to [www.fertilitycareapp.com/app\\_features\\_and\\_faqs](http://www.fertilitycareapp.com/app_features_and_faqs), for more info, and then contact your teacher or Certified Fertility Care Practitioner, Kathy Burr, to schedule a follow up or to get signed up for the app. Email [ckburr240@gmail.com](mailto:ckburr240@gmail.com) or text 308-991-1880.

**Nominations for Daughters of Charity ...** Women of the Parish are encouraged to please pray about and consider nominating themselves or another woman to be on the ballot to be an Officer of the Daughters of Charity for 2020-2022. Please consider being active in this important group of women in our Parish!

**Nebraska Walk for Life ...** On Jan. 18, 2020, the Nebraska Walk for Life will begin at 10:00am at the north steps of the State Capitol. From there, we will walk to the UNL Student Union, where the Keynote Speakers, Jennifer and Jeff Christie, will speak at 11:30am. Prior to the Walk, join us for the annual Pro-Life Mass starting at 9:00am at St. Mary Church, 1420 K Street, Lincoln. Reverend Scott Harter, Pastor at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Ord, NE, will be the celebrant and the homilist for the Mass.

**Baptism and Life ...** "Whoever is moved by love begins to perceive what "life" really is. He begins to perceive the meaning of the word of hope that we encountered in the Baptismal Rite: from faith I await "eternal life" - the true life which, whole and unthreatened, in all its fullness, is simply life. Jesus, who said that he had come so that we might have life and have it in its fullness, in abundance (*cf. Jn 10:10*), has also explained to us what "life" means: "this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent" (*Jn 17:3*). Life in its true sense is not something we have exclusively in or from ourselves: it is a relationship. And life in its totality is a relationship with him who is the source of life. If we are in relation with him who does not die, who is Life itself and Love itself, then we are in life. Then we 'live'" - Pope Benedict XVI, *Encyclical on Hope*, November 30, 2007.

**Spiritual Warfare Series ...** A 3-part series will be given by Matt Simmons, Director of Spiritual Formation, on Spiritual Warfare at John XXIII Diocesan Center from 6:30-8:30pm. Ephesians 6:12 "For our struggle is not with flesh and blood but with the principalities, with the powers, with the world rulers of this present darkness, with the evil spirits in the heavens." Series will be January 21, Our Identity in Christ; February 18, Battleground of Our Minds; and March 24, Our Weapons for Spiritual Warfare. The workshop is free and registration is kindly requested. For topic details and to register please visit <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/03oe-spiritual-warfare>. Questions? Call 402-473-0615 or email [Annette-Wemhoff@cdolinc.net](mailto:Annette-Wemhoff@cdolinc.net)

**Rediscover Your Marriage ...** *Retrouvaille* (*pronounced retro-vi*) simply means 'rediscovery'. The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. Tens of thousands headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending. *Retrouvaille* is a not spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering.

*Retrouvaille* helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped tens or 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 on February 14-16, 2020, call 1-888-317-5654 or 308-986-2351 or [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org) on web.

**Put a Retreat into Your Schedule ...** register at [www.goodcounselretreat.com](http://www.goodcounselretreat.com) & receive immediate confirmation or call Good Counsel Retreat House at 402-786-2705 to register now.

### **January – May Schedule:**

Jan 31 - Feb 2 ... Fr. William Holoubek ..... Men / Women  
"Unbound: Breaking Free from Spiritual Wounds"  
Feb 7-8..... Fr. Lux & Fr. McGuire (LDCCW)... Women  
(LDCCW Winter Symposium Fri-Sat)  
Feb 28 - Mar 1 .. Fr. Christopher Goodwin..... Men / Women  
"Living on God's Word"  
Mar 6-8..... Fr. Joseph Faulkner ..... Men / Women  
"Biblical Prayer and its Benefits"  
Mar 13-15 ..... Tony Brandt & Chris Stewart. Men/ Women  
"Disciples on Mission: Discipleship, Evangelization & Stewards"  
Mar 23-26 ..... Fr. Chris Barak & Fr. Gary Coulter Men / Women  
"4-day Directed Spiritual Exercises Mon-Thur"  
Apr 3-5 ..... Fr. Sean Kilcawley ..... Men / Women  
"Rend Your Hearts: Living a Spirituality of Surrender"  
Apr 9-11 ..... Marian Sisters..... Young Women  
Holy Week Retreat for Young Women  
Apr 17-19 ..... Fr. John Rooney ..... Men / Women  
"Receiving Mercy & Being Merciful"  
May 1-3 Marian Sisters (Mother Ann Marie & Sr. Serena) . Women  
Women's Retreat on Mary – Mother of God

**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.

### **O, Come Let Us Adore Him, Christ the Lord! ...**

May the words of our Christmas hymn help us to find the real meaning of Christmas and live it throughout the whole year!!

**Carpooling to the Nebraska Walk for Life ...**  
Some of us will be carpooling to the Nebraska Walk for Life on Saturday, Jan. 18. Meet in parking lot at 5:15am, and leave shortly after that. Attend 9:00am Pro-Life Mass at St. Mary Church in Lincoln, participate in the Walk, listen to the keynote speaker at the Union, eat lunch; 12:30pm=leave. Return by 4:00pm. Join us in supporting [Life!](http://Life!)

**Thank You ...** to all who participated in our annual Parish Buffet Dinner last Sunday. Thanks to all who helped!

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

**Nominations for Parish Council ...** are being accepted for the next few weeks. You may nominate another parishioner or yourself. Normally the terms for the parish council are for two years. We have 2 veteran members & 2 new members on the parish council each year. Hopefully there will be 4 parishioners' names on the ballot.

**Children's Envelopes ...** are available for every child (we know of) from Kindergarten-Seniors in High School. If someone doesn't receive a box of envelopes, please contact the rectory. Also, if there are preschool children who would like to receive envelopes, please contact the rectory. We'll give children a statement of their contributions for 2019 in Jan. 2020. **Please use these envelopes for the new year 2019, not old envelopes.** Please teach the children about giving to the Lord!!

### **New Parishioners / Moved Parishioners:**

over the last year there have been some new parishioners added to our parish family and some parishioners who have moved away. We want to welcome those who are new and remember to pray for those who have moved away. **New Parishioners:** John & Donna Bode [Aug 2018], Mike Baxa [Jan 2019], Brent & Nikki Downey [Mar 2019], Mark & Cathy Leathers [Mar 2019], Brock & Jessica Devore [Mar 2019], Belle Soto [June 2019], Monica Kramer [Oct 2019], Virginia Coppersmith [Nov 2019], Please introduce yourself to them & welcome them to our parish. **Parishioners who have moved away:** Rick & Alexa Marquez [moved to Ringwood, NJ Aug 2018], Lisa Cloutre [moved to Bellevue, NE Nov 2018], Melissa Johnson [moved to Saint George, KS July 2019], Marcie Minchow [moved to Omaha Nov 2019], Margo Higgins [moved to Gothenburg Nov 2019].

## Liturgical Minister

	Sat., Jan. 18, 5:00pm	Sun., Jan. 19, 10:00am
<b>Lector</b>	Mike Krondak	Justin Pieper
<b>Acolyte</b>	Jerry Volesky	Duane Johnsen
<b>Server</b>	Volunteer	Harmon Johnsen
	Volunteer	Brock Johnsen
<b>Music</b>	Volunteer	Greg Vandenberg
<b>Gifts</b>	Volunteer – Ask Ushers	Volunteer – Ask Ushers
<b>Ushers</b>	Cindy Swanson	Spencer Hampton
	Alice Robinson	Volunteer
<b>Rosary</b>		

## *Readings for the Week*

Monday:	1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday:	Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

**Prayers for the sick:** J.D. Troyer, Matt Reisen (Matt & Ashley Perlinger's friend), Margaret Ruskamp (Donna Bode's mother), Special Intention, Carolyn Cohen, Tim Garth (Theresa McCarthy-Garth's son), Those struggling with Alcoholism, Mary Lou Robles (Toni Barron's sister), Renate Nordquist, Sharon Beckius, Mike & Kim Paul, Jim Beckius.

**Prayers for the deceased:** Dolores Kosmicki, Patricia Zamora (Toni Barron's sister), Teresa Clouatre, Gordon Swanson (Cindy Swanson's father), Florena Schneweis (Emily Krondak's mother), Carlos Fleury (Steve/Janet Fear's son-in-law), Ruby Ramirez (Toni Barron's sister), JoAnn Bode Waters (John Bode's sister), Fr. Paul Rutten, Fr. Brad Zitek, Eileen Boltz, Peggy Fleecs, Leona Clouatre, Bernadine Torres, Father Jim Novakowski, Martha Burbach, Luke Ranck, Margaret Baxa, Mary Portz, Phyllis Beckius.

<p><b>Birthdays/Anniversaries:</b> 1/11 - Lucy Wartman, 1/12 - Corinne Hammond, 1/13 - David Lott, 1/14 - Marinn Niesen, 1/19 - Paul Orr, 1/19 - Karl Hendricks.</p>
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**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ...** Through the centuries, artists and craftspeople have depicted Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River by John. At first in mosaics and frescoes, and later in tapestries, stained glass, and paintings, the scene is familiar. Jesus is standing waist high in flowing water. Above him, standing on dry land, John the Baptist pours water over Jesus. The first artists to depict this were sketching from memory. This is exactly how most people were baptized in the early days: as adults, standing or kneeling in the water, with water poured over their heads. This method of baptizing, called immersion, is the favored way today. An adult enters a font, or an infant is lowered a bit into the water supported by a parent's hand, and water is poured or splashed over them. The treasures of baptistry art attest that submersion, or plunging beneath the water's surface, is not really in our tradition, and that "infusion," the mere pouring of a few drops of water, yields too narrow an understanding of what it means to be plunged into Christ's life. Jesus Christ has gone before us into the water, and waits for us there with abundant gifts. No wonder the tradition calls for abundant symbols! —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**THIS IS MY BELOVED SON ...** This Sunday's celebration of the Baptism of the Lord closes the Christmas season. In the scriptures we see one more epiphany, or manifestation, of the Spirit of God in Jesus – but this time it is as an adult, rather than as a child. Jesus' baptism also serves as the inauguration of his prophetic mission and the messianic age. Today's reading from Isaiah describes God's chosen Messiah, upon whom God's spirit rests. In the Acts of the Apostles Peter says that "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power" (Acts 10:38). Finally, in the proclamation from Matthew's Gospel Jesus' baptism in water goes almost unnoticed. The crucial moment comes when the Spirit of God comes upon Jesus and a voice from heaven echoes the words of Isaiah: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17). Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

**CERTAINTY ...** The Son of God died; it is by all means to be believed because it is absurd. And he was buried and rose again; it is certain because it is impossible. —Tertullian

**PEACE ...** We should have great peace if we did not busy ourselves with what others say and do. —Thomas à Kempis

**UNITY ...** Unity is vision; it must have been part of the process of learning to see. —Henry Adams

**Pray for our Seminarians:** Rev. Mr. Caleb Daniel Hile, from St. Joseph Parish in Lincoln. He entered the Seminary in 2013. He is in Theology 4 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 ... (January)**

**Prayer intention for evangelization - Promotion of World Peace:** We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.