## ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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# *3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time January 24, 2021*

**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 <u>8:30 a.m.</u> 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 <u>before noon Wednesday</u> 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**

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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.

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Monday	Jan. 25	8:00 a.m.	MaKenna Ketter	Christ never told
Tuesday	Jan. 26	<u>5:30 p.m.</u>	Special Intention (jls)	His disciples to
Wednesday			Otto, Virginia, Lynn Weskamp +	<b>▲</b>
<u>6:00pm-10:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hours =&gt; Spend time with Jesus</u> Thursday Ion 28 8:00 a m Mary Lon Bobles + Stay at home and				
Thursday	Jan. 28		Mary Lou Robles +	•
Friday	Jan. 29	<u>12:10 p.m.</u>	Verna Kellogg +	wait for sinners
		<u>5:30 p.m.</u>	Parishioners with Birthday in January	to come to the
Saturday	Jan. 30	<u>5:00 p.m.</u>	Kerry Heskett	to come to them.
Sunday	Jan. 31	<u>10:00 a.m.</u>	People of our Parish	
Stewardship: January 17, 2021				

Adult Envelopes:       \$1,140.00         Loose Plate:       \$55.00         Children:       \$0.00         Holy Day:       (Mary, Mother of God)         \$20.00       Total:	Joy of the Gospel Campaign           Total Pledged:         \$958,770.00           Gifts last week:         \$15,000.00           Total Gifts Received:         \$945,253.05           Original DIAL Loan:         1,485,000.00           Total Received (CTTF Camp): \$1,025,440.07         Misc Donations Received:           Misc Donations Received:         \$739,940.31           Total Payments on Loan:         \$1,759,678.04           Balance on DIAL LOAN:         \$8,568.02	Contemplative Sisters: \$0.00 Retired Priests: \$100.00			
Parish Calendar           Wednesday         Jan.         27         6:00pm – 10:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration;         7:00pm – 9:00pm: RCIA Classes in Person and via Zoom           Thursday         Jan.         28         1:00pm: Adult Pible Study (centert Teri Velesky)					

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Sunday	Jan.	31	11:30am - 12:30pm: Family Formation Classes, Parents & Children
			6:00pm: 5th Sunday Rosary followed by tea & lemonade outside after the Rosary (Weather permitting)

#### **Catholic School News**:

Upcoming Events: Jan. 25: 2:00pm- JH G & B Basketball Tournament, Boys- @ St. Pat's, Girls- @ Hershey, Jan. 27: 4:00pm- JH G & B Basketball vs. Maxwell, Jan. 29: 2:00pm- WR @ Ord, Jan. 30: 9:00am- Speech, 2:00pm- G & B Basketball @ Kimball.

<u>Enroll Today</u>: Our Preschool & Kindergarten enrollment is currently taking place and space is filling up fast! Information night for Preschool & Kindergarten is set for Wednesday, February 3 @ 6:00pm in the McDaid Gym. Contact Gwen Covey @ 532-1874 for more information. COVID restrictions will be followed.

<u>Kitchen Help Needed</u>: Want to work with some fun co-workers and great students? We are looking to fill a temporary, part-time position in our high school kitchen. Hours are 10:00am-2:00pm. Individual must be able to lift at least 40 pounds of material and have the ability to stand for the hours listed. Contact Mr. Dodson @ 532-1874.

Irish Fest 2021: In the interest of health & safety, the Endowment has decided to postpone Irish Fest events for 2021. We do hope to return bigger and better next year. The Irish Fest Raffle will still be conducted. NPCS students K-12 will be selling raffle tickets starting in February. More details on raffle prizes will be shared soon!

<u>Catholic Schools Week</u>: Catholic Schools Week will be Jan. 31-Feb. 6! This week gives us the opportunity to recognize and thank everyone for helping us keep our school successful. This week is also another opportunity for us to share all that a Catholic education has to offer. If you have ever considered NPCS, please contact us today! A faith-based education is a decision you won't regret making!

#### North Platte Catholic School: Faith & Knowledge for a Brighter Future

**Spousal Hearts: Renewed in Love ...** Marriage Encounter presenting Virtual weekends 2021, Feb. 19-21, April 23-25. Contact Pat & Janelle Benson, Pat 308-940-0670, Janelle 308-940-1105, pbjbben@yahoo.com.

**Bible in a Year** ... Have you heard? The "Bible in a Year" is a daily podcast of readings and reflections that go through the Bible from cover to cover in a year, narrated by Fr. Mike Schmitz. The sequence for daily readings is based off of the Great Adventure Bible Timeline by Jeff Cavins. Visit https://media.ascensionpress.com/category/ascensionpodcasts/bibleinayear/ and press the "Listen Now" button. **Family Formation Parent's Meeting** ... Our <u>February</u> <u>Meeting</u> is on <u>Sunday, January 31, 11:30am–12:30pm</u> in Parish Hall, for all parents of School age children, and in person classes for children Grades K-6. Children, Teachers, and Parents will all be asked to wear masks during the classes (similar to what is being done in many schools). Parents are asked to teach their children by their example ... <u>it is</u> <u>important for parents to learn the faith also!</u> <u>Every day is a school day!</u>

**Daughters of Charity (Altar Society) Meeting:** will be <u>Sunday, Februay 7, at 11:30am</u> in person in the Parish Hall (*observing a Social Distance*) and via Zoom. All women are invited & encouraged to participate either in person or virtually through Zoom. All of the women (*for whom we have emails*) will receive an email invitation to join the Zoom meeting later this week. *If you have never used Zoom before or have questions, please contact Fr. Seiker BEFORE the meeting begins.* 

**Everyone is Invited (Adults & Youth)** ... Join the Daughters of Charity on <u>Saturday, February 13</u> at <u>6:15pm</u> or <u>Sunday, February 14</u> at <u>11:15am</u> to write Valentine cards for those who are homebound, in the nursing homes, and the elderly. Come join us for a fun, 30-minute community service! We will write short Valentine's Day notes to let them know we are thinking of them. Questions? Contact Kathy Burr (308-991-1880) or Cindy Keck (308-530-9115).

Knights of Columbus Meeting ... Mon, Feb. 8, 7:00pm, in person in the Parish Hall (observing a Social Distance) and via Zoom. All Knights are invited to participate. If you have never used Zoom before or have questions, please contact Fr. Seiker BEFORE the meeting begins.

**9 Days for Life** ... Join thousands of Catholics nationwide praying the annual <u>9 Days for Life novena, Jan. 21-29</u>. Sign up today at <u>www.9daysforlife.com!</u> 9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. *(cf last wk Bulletin insert)* 

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Jan. 18-25) Theme is "Abide in my love ... You shall bear much fruit." (Jn 15:1-17) <u>Good Counsel Retreat House Retreats</u> Register for Online & in person Retreats sponsored by Good Counsel Retreat House www.goodcounselretreat.com, 402-786-2705, or goodcounsel@cdolinc.net. <u>February - March Schedule:</u>

Feb. 5-7..... Fr. William Holoubek ....... Men / Women *"Unbound: Freedom in Christ"* Feb. 11-14...... Fr. Gary Coulter ...... Men / Women

"4-day Private Directed Ignatian Retreat" (Thu-Sun)

Feb. 17 ..... Ash Wednesday Day of Reflection ... Men / Women (\$10, in-person or online)

- Feb. 20 (Sat) ...... Fr. Benjamin Holdren ..... Moms of Young People "Holiness is for Everyone (Seriously)"
- Mar. 4-7 ...... Fr. Gary Coulter ...... Men / Women "4-day Directed Spiritual Exercises" (Thu-Sun)
- Mar. 11-18...... Fr. Chris Barak & Fr. Gary Coulter.... Men / Women "8-day Private Directed Ignatian Retreat" (Thur-Thur)

- Mar. 19-21 ...... Bishop Robert Finn...... Men "Watch and Pray: Lenten Men's Retreat"

**Marriage Saving – the Post Session Phase** ... *Retrouvaille* (pronounced retro-vi) means 'rediscovery'. The post-weekend phase of Retrouvaille is as crucial to the healing of a troubled marriage as the initial weekend experience. During the postweekend sessions, the weekend technique is further developed and combined with additional tools to explore other areas of the marriage relationship. For confidential information about or to register for the February program beginning with a weekend on Feb. 19-21, 2021, call 1-888-317-5654 or 308-986-2351 or www.HelpOurMarriage.org.

**Healing Hearts Support Sessions** ... Healing Hearts Support Sessions for those who have suffered the loss of a loved one are being offered to assist Catholics in the grief process. The sessions will be held on six weekly Tuesday evenings beginning February 16, 7:00pm-9:00pm, at John XXIII Diocesan Center, 37th & Sheridan Blvd. Suggested Donation: \$25. To register, please call 402-473-0620.

Save the Date: Virtual Event With Jeff Cavins ... Spirit Catholic Radio has enjoyed hosting a Celebration event for our listeners for 15 years! This year, we are excited to announce that we will get to join you virtually for this year's event – the Spirit Celebration Adventure! Our guest speaker will be Jeff Cavins, speaker, author, TV host, podcaster, and pilgrimage leader. Jeff's theme of "Overcoming the World – What is the Proclamation of the Gospel?" will break open seven truths everyone should know about boldly proclaiming the good news of the Gospel. This video event will begin at <u>7:00pm on March 15<sup>th</sup></u> via a unique Zoom link that attendees will receive upon registration.

<u>A Tragic Commemoration</u> ... On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court, in the Roe vs. Wade decision, made its worst mistake in history. By declaring that children in the womb are not "persons," it opened the door to tens of millions of abortions. Some 62 million children have been killed in the womb since then just in America. In fact, over 10,000 of these children killed by abortion each year are at 21 weeks of development or beyond. Indeed, as we mark another Roe vs. Wade commemoration, it is time for all of us to get involved in the efforts to end abortion. Visit www.TenStepsToEndAbortion.com to learn what you can do.

## The Word 2021 Catholic Bible Summit ...

**Feb. 11-13** ... This will be the largest virtual gathering of its kind ... and it's FREE to attend. Featuring Fr. Mike Schmitz, Dr. Scott & Kimberly Hahn, Chris Stefanick, Curtis Martin, Patrick Madrid, Danielle Bean, Mark Hart, Lisa Brenninkmeyer, Fr. Josh Johnson and many more presenters, this is sure to be an unprecedented gathering. The presenters will be opening the Bible for Catholics to help them find clarity, hope, and joy, even in the midst of uncertain times.

You will learn: \* How to find unshakeable hope and peace no matter what you're going through. \* How to hear what God is saying to you right now. \* The keys to unlocking a deeper personal and family prayer life. \* Where to turn in times of suffering. \* The keys to overcoming doubt and share your faith with others. \* How to find balance and re-calibrate your family with the Word of God.

You won't want to miss this unprecedented FREE event for Catholics! The Word 2021 International Catholic Bible Summit is FREE, online, & includes more than 70 of the most trusted and loved Bible experts as they go deep in to how to use the Bible to find clarity, hope, and joy, even in the midst of uncertain times. Register for FREE: www.CatholicBibleSummit.com

**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 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:00pm-9:00pm, 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 familylifeoffice@cdolinc.net.

**2021 Lenten Series** ... An Introduction to Spiritual Life will be led by Matt Simmons, diocesan director of the Office of Evangelization and Spiritual Formation. The series will be in-person at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, or at-home, livestream, on-demand recordings. It will be held Tuesdays starting Feb. 16 – Mar. 30 from 7:00pm-9:00pm. Series is free; registration requested <a href="https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/lent2021">https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/lent2021</a>. Any questions, call 402-473-0615 or email Annette-Wemhoff@cdolinc.net. Participants are welcome to attend even if they cannot come to each event in the series. Everyone is warmly invited to attend!

**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.

## FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:

<u>Fr. Seiker's schedule</u> ... <u>Mon. Jan. 25 – Tue. Jan. 26</u>, meeting with Jesus Caritas Priests in Lincoln. I will return Tue. afternoon.

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary Program** ... by Knights of Columbus Council #12530 on <u>Sunday, January 31, 2020 at 6:00pm</u>. We will pray the Angelus & the Rosary in the Church. Following the Rosary, at <u>6:30pm all are invited to the Parish Hall for Coffee, water &</u> treats at a social distance.

**<u>RCIA Classes</u>** ... (Inquiry class in Faith) on Wednesdays in Parish Hall 7:00pm – 9:00pm, will continue until mid-May 2021. <u>It is</u> <u>not too late to join!</u> Classes for Catholics & non-Catholics. Come, learn more about your faith; <u>offered in person (*with social distance*) & virtually.</u>

## Liturgical Calendar & Saints

Lector	Saturday: Jan. 23 Weekday in Ordinary Time (WK.2) St. Vincent, St. Marianne Cope, BVM (Opt. Mem)
Acolyte	Sunday: Jan. 24 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Server	Monday: Jan. 25 The Conversion of St. Paul (Feast)
	Tuesday: Jan. 26 Sts. Timothy and Titus (Memorial)
Music	Wednesday: Jan. 27 Weekday in Ordinary Time ( <i>Wk.3</i> ) St. Angela Merici ( <i>Opt. Memorial</i> )
Gifts	Thursday: Jan. 28 St. Thomas Aquinas (Memorial)
Ushers	Friday:       Jan. 29       Weekday in Ordinary Time (Wk.3)         Saturday:       Jan. 30       Weekday in Ordinary Time (Wk.3)
Rosary	Blessed Virgin Mary (Opt. Mem) Sunday: Jan. 31 <u>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>

Prayers for the sick: Kerry Heskett (Ben Heskett's sister), Rick Ryan, Becky Harold, Pat Wessell, Vinette Tenopir (Mickie Morlang's mother), Sheila Exner, Cathy Leathers, Tucker Smith, Robert Wessell, J.D. Trover, Cindy Ryan, Dean & Janice Large, Jennifer Schmid, Sharon Beckius, Those affected with/by COVID-19, Theresa McCarthy-Garth, Peggy Lawler, Matt Reisen (Matt & Ashley Perlinger's friend), Special Intention, Carolyn Cohen, Tim Garth (Theresa McCarthy-Garth's son), Those struggling with Alcoholism, Renate Nordquist, Kim Paul.

**Prayers for the deceased:** Ginger Daigger, Troy Tickle, Carolyn Cohen, Steve Haman (Matt Perlinger's uncle), Betty Conley (Bishop Conley's mother), Mike Paul, Sammy Medinger, Mary Lou Robles (Toni Barron's sister), Leo Walz, Ardis "Jo" Ginapp, Verna Kellogg, Bonnie Greco (Ashley Perlinger's grandmother), Shirley Lindekugel, Beatrice Estrada, Eloise Kramer (Monica Kramer's mother), Nellie Rodriguez (Toni Barron's sister), Reyes Robles (Toni Barron's brother-in-law), Margaret Ruskamp (Donna Bode's mother), 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), Eileen Boltz, Leona Clouatre, Bernadine Torres, Martha Burbach, Luke Ranck.

**Birthdays/Anniversaries:** 1/23 - Reiny Burbach, 1/25 - Ellie Buhrman, John Torruella, 1/28 - Jerry Volesky, 1/29 - Isabel Belgum, 1/30 - Brock Johnsen, 1/31 - Renate Nordquist.

#### Catechism of the Catholic Church (Second Edition) PART FOUR – CHRISTIAN PRAYER

## SECTION ONE - PRAYER IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

#### **CHAPTER ONE – THE REVELATION OF PRAYER**

#### God's Promise and the Prayer of Faith

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- 2573 God renews his promise to Jacob, the ancestor of the twelve tribes of Israel.<sup>17</sup> Before confronting his elder brother Esau, Jacob wrestles all night with a mysterious figure who refuses to reveal his name, but he blesses him before leaving him at dawn. From this account, the spiritual tradition of the Church has retained the symbol of prayer as a battle of faith and as the triumph of perseverance.<sup>18</sup>
  17 Cf. *Gen*. 28:10-22. "Jacob departed from Beer-sheba and proceeded loward Haran. "When he came upon a certain shrine, as the sun had already set, he stopped there for the night. Taking one of the stones at the shrine, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep at that spot. "Then he had a dream: a staiway rested on the ground, with its top reaching to the heavens; and God's messengers were going up and down on it. "And there was the LORD standing beside him and saying: "I, the LORD, am the God of your forefather Abraham and the God of Isaac: the land on which you are lying I will give to you and your descendants. "These shall be as plentiful as the dust of the earth, and through them you shall spread out east and west, north and south. In you and your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing. "Know that I am with you: I will protect you wherever you go, and bring you back to this land. I will never leave you until I have done what I promised you." "When a lacob aweke from his sleep, he exclaimed, "Truly, the LORD is in this spot, although I did not know it!" "In solemn wonder the cired out: "How awesome is this shrine! This is nothing else but an abode of God, and that is the gateway to heaven!" \*Early the next morning Jacob took the stone that he had put under his head, set it up as a memorial stone, and poured oil on top of it. "He called that slee Bethel, whereas he former name of the town had been Luz. "Jacob them made his yous: "If God remains with me, to protect me on this journey! Tam making and to give me enough bread to eat and clothing to wear."<sup>21</sup>and I

**Pray for our Seminarians:** Jonah Alexander Brox, from St. Teresa Parish in Lincoln. He entered the Seminary in 2017. He is in Theology 1 at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary.

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS ... (January) Prayer Intention for Evangelization - Human **Fraternity:** May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.