

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time *January 31, 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 **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

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	Feb. 1	8:00 a.m.	For an end to contraception
Tuesday	Feb. 2	7:00 a.m.	Special Intention (jls)
Wednesday	Feb. 3	5:30 p.m.	Otto, Virginia, Lynn Weskamp +
6:00pm–10:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hours => Spend time with Jesus			
Thursday	Feb. 4	8:00 a.m.	Ned & Adela Hernandez & Family +
Friday	Feb. 5	12:10 p.m.	Martha Burbach +
		5:30 p.m.	Parishioners with Birthday in February
			<i>followed by: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & all night Adoration</i>
Saturday	Feb. 6	8:00 a.m.	Billy Wright
		5:00 p.m.	People of our Parish
Sunday	Feb. 7	10:00 a.m.	Jeanne Stec

INTENTIONS

**The devil is willing
for a person to
profess Christianity
as long as he
does not practice it.**

Stewardship: January 24, 2021

Adult Envelopes:\$1,455.00
Loose Plate:\$296.00
Children:\$0.00
Holy Day: (Mary, Mother of God).... \$50.00
Total:\$1,801.00

Joy of the Gospel Campaign
 Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
 Gifts last week:\$0.00
Total Gifts Received:.....**\$945,253.05**
 Original DIAL Loan:.....1,485,000.00
 Total Received (CTTF Camp): \$1,025,440.07
 Misc Donations Received:.....\$739,940.31
 Total Payments on Loan:.....\$1,765,812.77
 Balance on DIAL LOAN:..... **\$0.00**

Retired Priests:.....\$0.00

This past week, we were able to make our **FINAL PAYMENT** on our **DIAL Loan for our New Church**. As of January 28, 2021, **our Parish has NO DEBT!**

Parish Calendar

Sunday	Jan. 31	11:30am – 12:30pm: Family Formation Classes, Parents & Children (in Person and via Zoom) 6:00pm: 5th Sunday Rosary followed by coffee, water, & treats in the Parish Hall at a social distance.
Wednesday	Feb. 3	6:00pm – 10:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration; 7:00pm – 9:00pm: RCIA Classes in Person and via Zoom
Thursday	Feb. 4	1:00pm: Adult Bible Study (contact Teri Volesky)
Friday	Feb. 5	6:00pm – 8:00am (on Saturday): First Friday Holy Hours / Eucharistic Adoration
Saturday	Feb. 6	6:15pm: Everyone invited to Write Saint Valentine Day Cards to Homebound
Sunday	Feb. 7	11:30am: Daughters of Charity Meeting in person in Parish Hall & through Zoom – Write Saint Valentine Day Cards

Catholic School News:

Enroll Today: Enrollment is OPEN for all grade levels! Little Leprechaun Preschool through 12th Grade — ALL on one campus. There is comfort in familiarity—Why is routine and schedule important? A consistent daily schedule and step-by-step routines give children a predictable day. Schedules and routines in the school setting and at home help children: Feel in control of their environment. Feel safe, secure, and comfortable. When you enroll at our school, you have the privilege of seeing the same staff and administration, you have the same drop-off & pick-up routine for more than 12 years! Don't wonder what the next year will bring—Join us and become a part of the IRISH school family! Preschool and Kindergarten Information Night, Wednesday, February 3 @ 6:00pm, in the McDaid Gym. Tours can be given throughout the year. Students & Parents are also welcome to come and observe in the classrooms. Contact Gwen Covey—308-532-1874. This is an investment you won't regret!

Catholic Schools Week: 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!

Kitchen Help Needed: 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!

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

Family Formation Parent's Meeting ... Our **February Meeting** is on **Sunday, January 31, 11:30am–12:30pm** 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 ... it is important for parents to learn the faith also! Every day is a school day!**

Daughters of Charity (Altar Society) Meeting: will be **Sunday, February 7, at 11:30am** 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 **Saturday, February 6 at 6:15pm** or **Sunday, February 7 at 11:15am (notice adjusted dates)** to write Valentine cards for those who are homebound, in the nursing homes, & 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.*

Spousal Hearts: Renewed in Love ... Marriage Encounter presenting Virtual weekends 2021, Feb. 19-21, April 23-25. Contact Pat/Janelle Benson, Pat308-940-0670, Janelle308-940-1105, ptbjben@yahoo.com.

Good Counsel Retreat House Retreats Register for Online & in person Retreats sponsored by Good Counsel Retreat House www.goodcounselretreat.com, 402-786-2705, or goodcounsel@cdolinc.net.

February - March Schedule:

- 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)”
- Feb. 26-28..... Johnnette Benkovic Williams Men / Women
 “Living His Life Abundantly in Today’s World”
- 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. 11-14..... Fr. Gary Coulter Men / Women
 “4-day Private Directed Ignatian Retreat” (Thur-Sun)
- Mar. 15-18..... Fr. Chris Barak..... Men / Women
 “4-day Private Directed Ignatian Retreat” (Thur-Thur)
- Mar. 19-21 Bishop Robert Finn..... Men
 “Watch and Pray: Lenten Men’s Retreat”
- Mar. 26-28..... Fr. John Anthony Boughton, CFR .. Men / Women
 “Spiritual Workout: Getting in Shape for the Spiritual Combat”
- Mar. 29 – Apr. 1 Fr. Chris Barak..... Men / Women
 “4-day Private Directed Ignatian Retreat” (Mon-Thu; Holy Week)

2 weeks to Sign up for Retrouvaille ... *Retrouvaille* (pronounced retro-vi) means ‘rediscovery’. Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? 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 Feb. 19-21, 2021 weekend, 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 **7:00pm on March 15th** via a unique Zoom link that attendees will receive upon registration.

A Tragic Commemoration ... From the Catechism ... “Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person -- among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life. “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you” (*Jer 1:5; cf Job 10:8-12; Ps 22:10-11*). “My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately wrought in the depths of the earth” (*Ps. 139:15*). Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable.” -- *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, n. 2270-2271

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 1st, 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 <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/lent2021>. 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.

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/ascension-podcasts/bibleinayear/> and press the “Listen Now” button.

FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:

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

Liturgical Ministers

Lector		
Acolyte		
Server		
Music		
Gifts		
Ushers		
Rosary		

Liturgical Calendar & Saints

Saturday:	Jan. 30	Weekday in Ordinary Time (Wk.3) Blessed Virgin Mary (Opt. Mem)
Sunday:	Jan. 31	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	Feb. 1	Weekday in Ordinary Time (Wk.4)
Tuesday:	Feb. 2	The Presentation of the Lord (Feast)
Wednesday:	Feb. 3	Weekday in Ordinary Time (Wk.4) St. Blaise, St. Ansgar (Opt. Memorials)
Thursday:	Feb. 4	Weekday in Ordinary Time (Wk.4)
Friday:	Feb. 5	St. Agatha (Memorial)
Saturday:	Feb. 6	St. Paul Miki & Companions (Memorial)
Sunday:	Feb. 7	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prayers for the sick: Jim Beckius, Kerry Heskett (Ben Heskett's sister), Rick Ryan, Becky Harold, Pat Wessell, Vinette Tenopir (Mickie Morlang's mother), Sheila Exner, Cathy Leathers, Tucker Smith, J.D. Troyer, 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: 1/30 - Brock Johnsen, 1/31 - Renate Nordquist, Ryan Nordquist, 2/2 - Sharon Beckius, 2/5 - Jan Daniel, Hans Kain, 2/6 - Kevin Bantam.

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

SECTION ONE – PRAYER IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

CHAPTER ONE – THE REVELATION OF PRAYER

Moses and the Prayer of the Mediator

2574 Once the promise begins to be fulfilled (Passover, the Exodus, the gift of the Law, and the ratification of the covenant), the prayer of Moses becomes the most striking example of intercessory prayer, which will be fulfilled in **"the one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus."**¹⁹

19 1 Tim. 2:5 ⁵For there is one God. There is also one mediator between God and the human race, Christ Jesus, himself human, ...

2575 Here again the initiative is God's. From the midst of the burning bush he calls Moses.²⁰ This event will remain one of the primordial images of prayer in the spiritual tradition of Jews and Christians alike. When **"the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob"** calls Moses to be his servant, it is because he is the living God who wants men to live. God reveals himself in order to save them, though he does not do this alone or despite them: he calls Moses to be his messenger, an associate in his compassion, his work of salvation. There is something of a divine plea in this mission, and only after long debate does Moses attune his own will to that of the Savior God. But in the dialogue in which God confides in him, Moses also learns how to pray: he balks, makes excuses, above all questions: and it is in response to his question that the Lord confides his ineffable name, which will be revealed through his mighty deeds.

20 Ex. 3:1-10 ¹Meanwhile Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian. Leading the flock across the desert, he came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²There an angel of the LORD appeared to him in fire flaming out of a bush. As he looked on, he was surprised to see that the bush, though on fire, was not consumed. ³So Moses decided, "I must go over to look at this remarkable sight, and see why the bush is not burned." ⁴When the LORD saw him coming over to look at it more closely, God called out to him from the bush, "Moses! Moses!" He answered, "Here I am." ⁵God said, "Come no nearer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground. ⁶I am the God of your father," he continued, "the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob." Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. ⁷But the LORD said, "I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have heard their cry of complaint against their slave drivers, so I know well what they are suffering. ⁸Therefore I have come down to rescue them from the hands of the Egyptians and lead them out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey, the country of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. ⁹So indeed the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have truly noted that the Egyptians are oppressing them. ¹⁰Come, now! I will send you to Pharaoh to lead my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

Pray for our Seminarians: Cody Alan Hein, from St. Mary Parish in David City. He entered the Seminary in 2020. He is in College 2 at St. Gregory the Great 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 Intention - Violence Against Women: We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.