

# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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## *The Presentation of the Lord* *February 2, 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	Feb. 3	8:00 a.m.	Andre Gonzalez +
Tuesday	Feb. 4	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	Special Intention (kvs)
Wednesday	Feb. 5	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Jacob Buhrman
<b>6:00pm-10:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hours =&gt; Spend time with Jesus</b>			
Thursday	Feb. 6	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	In Thanksgiving
Friday	Feb. 7	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Jeanne Stec
<i>followed by: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament &amp; all night Adoration</i>			
Saturday	Feb. 8	9:00 a.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Friday Holy Hour/Simple Reposition
		<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	People of Our Parish
Sunday	Feb. 9	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	John L. Sullivan +

## INTENTIONS

***“He had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way.”***

— Hebrews 2:17a

## **Stewardship: January 26, 2020**

**Adult Envelopes:** .....\$1,330.00  
**Loose Plate:** .....\$124.00  
**Children:** .....\$0.00  
**Holy Day:** .....\$0.00  
**Total:** .....\$1,454.00

### Joy of the Gospel Campaign

Total Pledged: .....\$958,770.00  
 Gifts last week: .....\$70.00  
Total Gifts Received:.....\$880,253.05  
 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:.....\$1,702,428.04  
 Balance on DIAL LOAN:..... \$62,451.74

Southern NE Register: .....\$15.00

### **Parish Calendar**

Sunday	Feb. 2	11:30am: Family Formation Classes, Adults & Children	1:00pm: Knights Annual Free Throw Competition
Wednesday	Feb. 5	6:00pm – 10:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration	7:00pm – 9:00pm: RCIA Classes in Parish Hall
Thursday	Feb. 6	1:00pm: Adult Bible Study in Parish Hall	
Friday	Feb. 7	5:30pm: Mass followed by First Friday Holy Hours (from Friday 5:30pm Mass - 9:00am Holy Hour on Sat)	
Sunday	Feb. 9	11:00am: Knights of Columbus Breakfast	11:30am: Daughters of Charity Meeting

## **Catholic School News:**

**Catholic Schools Week:** Catholic Schools are really a gift, and they are really a treasure! “To be able to have one week in the year when we celebrate our Catholic school, when we share the good news with the rest of the community, it’s really a blessing,” shared Superintendent Dodson. National Catholic Schools week is a wonderful reminder to our students on how fortunate they are to be blessed with our Catholic Schools. Thank you to all that make NPCS successful and all who were able to participate in our events. Grand Island Bishop Hanefeldt celebrated an all school Mass with us on Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Parents’ Night:** Enrollment is open! Kindergarten information night- Mon., Feb. 3, 6:00pm @ McDaid. Presentation given by teachers Mrs. Cox and Mrs. York. Preschool information night- Wed., Feb. 12, 6:00pm @ Martin Cordes Building, 601 S. Taft Street. Presentation given by teacher Mrs. Cooley. Contact Gwen Covey to register: 308-532-1874. If you have questions or can’t attend the information nights, please let us know - tours can be given throughout the year. Parents are also welcome to come and observe in the classrooms.

North Platte Catholic School:  
***Faith and Knowledge for a Brighter Future***

## **KofC 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 will be held on **Sunday, Feb. 2** at 1:00pm at Saint Patrick’s High School, 500 South Silber Street in North Platte. There is no cost to participate.

## **Superstar Catholic School 2020 Contest ...**

Vote for North Platte Catholic Schools! It’s back! The 2020 Superstar Catholic School Contest presented by Spirit Catholic Radio – January 27 through Feb. 8. All Catholic high schools and elementary schools in the listening area are eligible to win; including North Platte Catholic Schools. Contest voting lasts two weeks and schools will compete by enrollment size! Prizes include \$1,000 on-air time for winning schools. The contest is Spirit Catholic Radio’s way of shining a light on the GREAT Catholic schools in our listening area. Voting started Jan. 27 at spiritcatholicradio.com.

**LDCCW Winter Symposium ...** Ladies, please join your Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women at the Winter Symposium **Friday evening Feb. 7 — Feb. 8** at the **Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly.** There will be prayer, meditation, great speakers, time for confession, Mass and fellowship. Register online at [goodcounselretreat.com](http://goodcounselretreat.com)

**Breakfast by Knights of Columbus ... Sunday, Feb. 9,** 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 Missalettes.

**Knights of Columbus Meeting ... Monday, Feb. 10, 7:00pm,** Parish Hall. All Knights are invited to attend.

**Daughters of Charity (Altar Society) Meeting:** will be **Sunday, Feb. 9, at 11:30am** in Rectory Conference Room. All women are invited & encouraged to attend.

**Seven Sisters Apostolate Retreat ...** on **Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>** at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. It is for women already involved in a Seven Sisters Group and also those who would like more info about the Apostolate. The theme will be “Distractions in Prayer.” Registration & Continental Breakfast will begin at 8:00am, 9:30am=Mass, the day will end at 3:00pm. Final details are being completed, and more info is to come. **Foundress Janette Howe will be our Retreat Leader,** and Joan Ryland (308-520-6800) is the representative from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. There are still several Priests we want to cover in prayer with a Seven Sister Apostolate Group and two more Bishops in our Diocese. If interested in joining us in prayer before Our Lord in His Blessed Sacrament, or for more info., please contact Rhonda Litt - text 402-525-6396 or call after 6:00pm.

**Healing after Abortion ...** If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential, compassionate help is available. Visit [HopeAfterAbortion.org](http://HopeAfterAbortion.org).

**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 March 3, 2020, 7:00-9:00 p.m., at John XXIII Diocesan Center, 37th & Sheridan Blvd. Suggested Donation: \$25 (for materials) To register, please call 402-473-0620.

**Father/Son Program ...** "In His Image" for boys age 10-14 and their fathers will be held Sunday, March 15, 2020 from 1:30pm-4:30pm at John XXIII Diocesan Center. This program is designed to educate boys on growing up and becoming a man. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$25 per father/son or \$35 per family. To register, visit [lincolndiocese.regfox.com/fatherson](http://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/fatherson) Questions, please call the NFP Offices 402-473-0630 or email [naturalfamilyplanning@cdolinc.net](mailto:naturalfamilyplanning@cdolinc.net).

**Mother/Daughter Program ...** "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made" for girls age 9-13 and their mothers will be held Saturday, March 14, 2020 from 9:00am-12:00pm at John XXIII Diocesan Center. This program is designed to educate girls on growing up and becoming a woman. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$25 per mother/daughter or \$35 per family. To register, visit [lincolndiocese.regfox.com/motherdaughter](http://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/motherdaughter). Call Jen Davis at 402-261-6375 or email [jmdavis17@gmail.com](mailto:jmdavis17@gmail.com) with questions.

**Magnificat Winter Prayer Meal ...** Did you forget to register for Magnificat's Winter Prayer Meal with Father Justin Wylie on February 8? There's still time! Text 402.525.6396 or call and leave a message at 402.489.3819 for Coordinator Rhonda Litt, by Tuesday, February 4. Please leave your name, phone number and who will be attending. Then mail your registration, \$25 each, check payable to Magnificat c/o Tina Colgan, 521 N 56 ST, Lincoln, NE 68504. (students \$10). Pre-paid Registration only, no walk-ins. Magnificat will be at Hillcrest Country Club, 9401 East O Street, Lincoln, at 9:30am. "Be a Friend and Bring a Friend" as we share our JOY in the spirit of gratitude and praise of God! "Glorify the Lord with me. Let us together extol His Holy Name." Psalm 34:4

**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 Feb. 3, 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 & all materials. Classes are kept small & you may register by contacting the Family Life Office (402-473-0620) or [catholicflo@cdolinc.net](mailto: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.

**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 get signed up for the app. Email [ckburr240@gmail.com](mailto:ckburr240@gmail.com) or text 308-991-1880.

**Why I Go There ...** "Why do I go there [to pray and protest at abortion mills]? It is because I must, I am a mother and I have the heart of a mother. I know what it is like to have a difficult pregnancy, to have everything far from perfect. I have been through labor (aptly named) and delivery. I've held that new little baby, looked in his eyes and said "Hello little one. Who are you? Let's get to know each other. I am your mother and you are my baby. I love you." - Mary Therese

**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.

### **February – May Schedule:**

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

**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 Jan 21, Our Identity in Christ, Feb. 18, Battleground of Our Minds; and March 24, Our Weapons for Spiritual Warfare. The workshop is free & registration is kindly requested. For topic details; 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)

**Christmas Poinsettias ...** thank you to those who gave donations for our Christmas poinsettias: Charles & Toni Barron, in memory of all the Barron's deceased families; Beatrice Estrada, in memory of Juan B. Ortega family & Julian and Martin Estrada; Jim & Shirley Nisley, in memory of Otto, Virginia & Lynn Weskamp, and Robert & Anita Nisley; Alice Robinson, in memory of Al Robinson; Jim & Henrietta Boots, in memory of Jesse/Bernadine Torres & deceased Cabrera family.

**2 Weeks to Sign up for Retrouvaille ...** 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 a weekend on Feb. 14-16, 2020, call 1-888-317-5654 or 308-986-2351 or [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org) on the web.

**Marriage Encounter ...** Enhancing our couple-love Marriage Encounter Weekend, in Kearney, Feb. 7-9. Contact Pat & Janelle Benson (Pat=308-940-0670; Janelle=308-940-1105; [pjbben@yahoo.com](mailto:pjbben@yahoo.com)). Register right-away as a gift over to one another. This is for all three Dioceses in Nebraska.

### **Upcoming Schedule of Events ...**

*March 14-15, 2020 ... Favorite Dessert Auction.*  
*July 12-17 ... TOTUS TUUS at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.*  
*July 18, 2020 ... Seven Sisters Apostolate Retreat*

### **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.

## Liturgical Minister

	Sat., Feb. 8, 5:00pm	Sun., Feb. 9, 10:00am
<b>Lector</b>	Jim Nisley	Michael Lafleur
<b>Acolyte</b>	Jerry Volesky	Conrad Buhrman
<b>Server</b>	William Krondak	Jace Grunden
	Nicholas Krondak	Weston Hammond
<b>Music</b>	Matt & Ashley Perlinger	Peggy Orr
<b>Gifts</b>	Volunteer – Ask Ushers	Volunteer – Ask Ushers
<b>Ushers</b>	Jerry Beckius	Jeff Orr
	Sharon Beckius	Volunteer
<b>Rosary</b>		

## *Readings for the Week*

Monday:	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday:	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
Friday:	Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday:	1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday:	Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

**Prayers for the sick:** Sherry Kahl (Yvette Troyer's mother), Derek Caster (brother of Jan Daniel's daughter-in-law), Peggy Lawler, J.D. Troyer, Matt Reisen (Matt & Ashley Perlinger's friend), Special Intention, Carolyn Cohen, Tim Garth (Theresa McCarthy-Garth's son), Those struggling with Alcoholism, Mary Lou Robles (Toni Barron's sister), Renate Nordquist, Mike & Kim Paul, Jim Beckius.

**Prayers for the deceased:** 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 Schneewis (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, Leona Clouatre.

**Birthdays/Anniversaries:** 2/2 - Sharon Beckius, 2/5 - Jan Daniel, 2/6 - Kevin Bantam, 2/8 - Joanne Bollish.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ...** The prayers surrounding baptism often speak of being “clothed in Christ,” and clothes are an important consideration. In ancient times, adults were probably baptized without any clothes at all, and old texts survive asking people to leave fancy garb and jewelry behind as they enter the font. Baptism was typically in a private place, the community waited elsewhere, and the casting off of clothing was hardly a public moment, nor was it embarrassing in ancient cultures where privacy was largely unknown. Nonetheless, what was left behind on one side of the font was replaced on the other as a white robe was wrapped around the newly baptized. It was a robe of honor, a dazzling sign of a new beginning for a society that valued clothing as a sign of personal identity. For the newly baptized, a whole week in white garments was the rule, through the second Sunday of Easter, called “Sunday in Albis,” because of all the folks wearing their baptismal robes. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**A CHRISTMAS REPRISE ...** The Church's celebration three weeks ago of the Baptism of the Lord signaled the “official” end of the Christmas season. Today's feast of the Presentation of the Lord seems to extend the Incarnation celebration a bit longer. In fact, some have called this feast a “second Epiphany.” The first reading recalls the anticipation of Advent, as Malachi writes, “Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me.” The reading from Hebrews reminds us of the Incarnation, proclaiming that Jesus had a “share” in our own “blood and flesh.” The Gospel finds the infant Jesus on his first visit to Jerusalem and his human parents once again surprised and in awe over the events surround his birth. In the simplicity of the manger, in the grandeur of the temple, in the domesticity of Nazareth, Jesus comes. May we come to know him and so be filled with “wisdom” and the “favor of God.” Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

**THE ROAD TO GOD...** There is but one road to lead us to God – humility; all other ways would only lead astray, even were they fenced in with all virtues. —Nicolas Boileau-Despreaux

**Pray for our Seminarians:** Tyler Wade Johnson, from St. John's Parish in Lincoln. He entered the Seminary in 2019. He is in College 1 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 Prayer Intention:** Listen to the Migrants' Cries: We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.