

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time ***February 7, 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. 8	8:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Feb. 9	7:00 a.m.
Wednesday	Feb. 10	5:30 p.m.
6:00pm-10:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hours => Spend time with Jesus		
Thursday	Feb. 11	8:00 a.m.
Friday	Feb. 12	12:10 p.m.
		5:30 p.m.
Saturday	Feb. 13	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Feb. 14	10:00 a.m.

INTENTIONS

For priestly, religious, married vocations
 Special Intention (jls)
 Elli (Fugate) Schmidt
 Beatrice Estrada +
 Verna Kellogg +
 For our Benefactors
 People of our Parish
 Anna Lee

**Every day,
 intentionally or not,
 every Christian
 is preaching
 some kind of sermon.**

Stewardship: January 31, 2021

Adult Envelopes:\$1,803.00
Loose Plate:\$275.82
Children:\$10.00
Holy Day: 0 \$0.00
Total:\$2,088.82

Joy of the Gospel Campaign
 Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
 Gifts last week:\$170.00
Total Gifts Received:.....\$945,423.05
 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

1 ½ weeks ago, 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

Saturday	Feb. 6	6:15pm: Everyone is invited to Write Saint Valentine Day Cards to Homebound
Sunday	Feb. 7	11:30am: Daughters of Charity Meeting in Parish Hall & through Zoom, Write St. Valentine Day Cards
Monday	Feb. 8	7:00pm: Knights of Columbus Meeting in Parish Hall & through Zoom
Wednesday	Feb. 10	6:00pm – 10:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration; 7:00pm – 9:00pm: RCIA Classes in Person and via Zoom
Thursday	Feb. 11	1:00pm: Adult Bible Study (contact Teri Volesky)
Sunday	Feb. 14	11:00am: Knights of Columbus Breakfast Burritos (<i>orders due by Friday, Feb. 12 at Noon</i>)

Catholic School News:

Irish Fest 2021: Raffle tickets are now on sale! Please support this important fundraiser for the NPCCS. All proceeds directly benefit students and staff at St. Pat's High School, McDaid Elementary, and Little Leprechaun Preschool. Raffle tickets are \$2.00 each. They're available for purchase at the NPCCS Endowment Office (601 S. Tabor Ave) or from any McDaid or St. Pat's student. Don't miss a chance at these amazing prizes: \$1,000 Cash, \$500 Cash, \$250 Cash, \$1000 Tuition Voucher for NP Catholic Schools, \$500 Kwik Stop Gift Card, 55" Smart TV, YETI Rolling Cooler, PowerBeats Pro Headphones. Prize drawing will be held at 3:00pm on February 28th, live on the NPCCS Facebook page. Call or e-mail the Endowment Office to order/purchase tickets: 308-534-5939, endowment@npcschools.org.

Catholic Schools Week: Our CSW was a glorious celebration of our Faith, Parishes, Community, Families and Students! "CSW is our annual opportunity to draw awareness to the blessings of Catholic education, not only here in North Platte, but certainly to the whole church," Bishop Hanefeldt said. "This is an opportunity to spend some time with the students not only in prayer, but also to visit their classrooms." Thank you to the Diocese of Grand Island Bishop Hanefeldt, our parish Priests and Deacons for saying mass for our Jr/Sr High students. Thank you to the Bishop and Diocesan Superintendent Engle for visiting classrooms at McDaid and spending time to answer questions.

Enrollment: Enrollment is OPEN for all grade levels! Little Leprechaun Preschool through 12th Grade — ALL on one campus. Join us and become a part of the IRISH school family! Tours can be given throughout the year. Students & Parents are also welcome to come and observe in the classrooms. Contact Gwen Covey at 308-532-1874. This is an investment you won't regret! God is Here!

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

Healing Mass ... March 7, 2021, St. Patrick's Church, McCook. 3:30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet, 4:00pm Mass celebrated by Fr. Christopher Barak. All are welcome to receive physical, spiritual, and mental healing. Confession available before Mass.

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.*

K of C (February) Breakfast Burrito ... In lieu of our monthly pancake breakfast, during these times of social distancing the Knights of Columbus are offering homemade Breakfast Burritos to enjoy instead. Burritos are \$3.00 each, \$15.00 for 6, \$30.00 for 12, etc. They will be individually wrapped and can be eaten the day of the breakfast (warm) or picked up to go (warm or cold). Prepackaged salsa is available upon request. Payment is expected when picked up on day of K of C Breakfast which this month is **February 14**. Pre-orders are appreciated & accepted until noon, Friday, February 12. Help the Knights of Columbus plan accordingly. Order form available on SEAS webpage.

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, pbjben@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. 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)

Stress in Your Marriage? ... *Retrouvaille* (pronounced retro-vi) means 'rediscovery'. *There is less than a week left to sign up for Retrouvaille.* Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness and simply shut down. Others experience conflict and arguments in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. 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.

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 pilgrim 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.

Abortion Survivors ... Child psychiatrist Philip Ney relates, "A woman reported telling her nine year old son about her abortion, which had taken place years before he was born. He said, 'I knew, Mom, that there was something wrong. I always have nightmares about knives and my mother killing me. I have an imaginary brother who wants to kill me. If you had not aborted the other, would you have aborted me?'" (*Abortion Survivors*, p.36). This is a story repeated more times than most people realize, and representing a societal and pastoral problem whose proportions are greater today than at any previous time in history: the phenomenon of tens of millions of abortion survivors. It is clear that abortion's primary victim is the child who is killed. It has also become increasingly clear that to kill the child is to harm the mother and father as well. What is not always so well known, however, is that abortion makes its impact felt on those who have had a sibling aborted, and that this impact is felt in surprising and astonishing ways, which also have wider implications for the whole of society.

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.

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.

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!

FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:

2020 Contribution Statements ... will be mailed this week.

The Search ... The Search from FORMED is an innovative video-based journey that tackles the key questions of every human heart. In seven beautifully filmed episodes, Chris Stefanick and experts from the fields of science, medicine, psychology, art, and religion examine our place in the larger story of existence. **Watch the trailer on SEAS webpage.** Please come to spend time sharing your faith with other Catholics and learn from the presenters & other parishioners. **Dates for sessions 2 - 7 will be scheduled this week.**

	7:00pm – 8:15 or 8:30pm	7:00pm	7:00pm
#1	What Do You Seek?	Sunday Feb. 14	Friday Feb. 19
#2	Who Are You? (Feb. 21 wk)	TBA	TBA
#3	Why a God? (Feb. 28 wk)	TBA	TBA
#4	What's Our Story? (Mar 7 wk)	TBA	TBA
#5	Who is Jesus? (Mar. 14 wk)	TBA	TBA
#6	Am I Save? (Mar. 21 wk)	TBA	TBA
Will Not Meet in Holy Week (March 28 – April 3)			
#7	Why a Church? (Feb. 21 wk)	TBA	TBA

Liturgical Ministers

Lector		
Acolyte		
Server		
Music		
Gifts		
Ushers		
Rosary		

Liturgical Calendar & Saints

Saturday:	Feb. 6	St. Paul Miki & Companions (<i>Memorial</i>)
Sunday:	Feb. 7	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	Feb. 8	Weekday in Ordinary Time (<i>Wk.5</i>) St. Jerome Emiliana (<i>Opt. Memorial</i>) St. Josephine Bakhita (<i>Opt. Memorial</i>)
Tuesday:	Feb. 9	Weekday in Ordinary Time (<i>Wk.5</i>)
Wednesday:	Feb. 10	St. Scholastica (<i>Memorial</i>)
Thursday:	Feb. 11	Our Lady of Lourdes (<i>Opt. Memorial</i>)
Friday:	Feb. 12	Weekday in Ordinary Time (<i>Wk.5</i>)
Saturday:	Feb. 13	Weekday in Ordinary Time (<i>Wk.5</i>)
Sunday:	Feb. 14	6th 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 Smith, 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: 2/6 - Kevin Bantam, 2/8 - Joanne Bollish, 2/8 - Jonathan Nisley, 2/11 - Betty Steffes, 2/12 - Paul Nordquist, Mike Baxa, 2/13 - Ryce Troyer, 2/14 - Jerry Steffes, Peggy Orr.

Congratulations: to Paul & Renate Nordquist who celebrate their 64th Wedding Anniversary Feb. 14.

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

2576 “Thus the Lord used to speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend.”²¹ Moses’ prayer is characteristic of contemplative prayer by which God’s servant remains faithful to his mission. Moses converses with God often and at length, climbing the mountain to hear and entreat him and coming down to the people to repeat the words of his God for their guidance. Moses “is entrusted with all my house. With him I speak face to face, clearly, not in riddles,” for “Moses was very humble, more so than anyone else on the face of the earth.”²²

21 *Ex. 33:11* ¹¹The Lord used to speak to Moses face to face, as one man speaks to another. Moses would then return to the camp, but his young assistant, Joshua, son of Nun, would not move out of the tent.

22 *Num. 12:3* ³Now, Moses himself was by far the meekest man on the face of the earth.

Num. 12:7-8 ⁷Not so with my servant Moses! Throughout my house he bears my trust: ⁸face to face I speak to him, plainly and not in riddles. The presence of the Lord he beholds. Why, then, did you not fear to speak against my servant Moses?”

Pray for our Seminarians: Isaac Karol Wahlmeier, from St. Michael Parish in Hastings. He entered the Seminary in 2018. He is in College 4 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.