

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time ***February 9, 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

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. 10	8:00 a.m.	Elli (Fugate) Schmidt
Tuesday	Feb. 11	7:00 a.m.	Elizabeth (Liz) Haag
Wednesday	Feb. 12	5:30 p.m.	Otto, Virginia, Lynn Weskamp +
6:00pm–10:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hours => Spend time with Jesus			
Thursday	Feb. 13	8:00 a.m.	Anna Lee
Friday	Feb. 14	12:10 p.m.	Martha Burbach +
		5:30 p.m.	Parishioners with Birthday in February
Saturday	Feb. 15	5:00 p.m.	Gordon Swanson +
Sunday	Feb. 16	10:00 a.m.	People of Our Parish

INTENTIONS

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*Light shines
through the darkness
for the upright.*

— Psalm 112:4

Stewardship: February 2, 2020

Adult Envelopes:\$3,103.50
Loose Plate:\$139.00
Children:\$2.00
Holy Day: 0 \$0.00
Total:\$3,244.50

Joy of the Gospel Campaign

Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
 Gifts last week:\$675.00
Total Gifts Received:\$880,928.05
 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:..... \$60,613.45

Parish Calendar

Sunday	Feb. 9	11:00am: Knights of Columbus Breakfast	11:30am: Daughters of Charity Meeting
Wednesday	Feb. 12	6:00pm – 10:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration	7:00pm – 9:00pm: RCIA Classes in Parish Hall
Thursday	Feb. 13	1:00pm: Adult Bible Study in Parish Hall	

Catholic School News:

Our Mission: In union with the Catholic Church, the mission of the North Platte Catholic Schools is to assist parents in teaching their children to know, love & serve Jesus while providing a high-quality academic education.

PLEASE JOIN US for **Information Night** ... We WANT You to be a part of our IRISH school family!

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. If you have questions or can't attend the information night, please let us know — tours can be given throughout the year. Parents are also welcome to come and observe in the classrooms.

IRISH FEST 2020 ... Save the date and join us for IRISH FEST on Sunday, Feb. 23! We're celebrating 45 years of family fun with this annual event! Enjoy a homemade roast beef dinner, bake sale, silent auction, raffle, and a gym full of games & prizes for the kids. ALL are welcome. Cost of the meal is \$6.00/person, raffle tickets are \$2.00/each, and game tickets are just \$0.25. Spend the day at St. Pat's and help support our schools!

A few IRISH FEST items to note for McDaid/St. Pat's Families...

* All NPCCS students (grades K-12) are asked to sell raffle tickets. Please watch for info. and tickets to come home with your children.

* Students 7-12 are asked to supply cakes and baked goods. (Though anyone is welcome to contribute bake sale items & cake-walk cakes!) Please deliver baked goods to St. Pat's HS on Friday 2/21 before 4:00 or Saturday 2/22 between 9:00am - 12:00pm.

* The Endowment is still accepting silent auction donations. Call the office at: 534-5939, or e-mail w.dodson@npcschools.org.

* Many volunteers are needed for Irish Fest! Sign up online at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050845ADAA2DA6F49-irish>

Enrollment is now OPEN! Upcoming Dates to remember:

February 12th – 6:00pm - **Preschool Information Night**

March 19th – 7:00pm - **9th Grade Information Night**

April 7th – 7:00pm - **7th Grade Information Night**

April 17th - **'BUMP UP DAY' 8AM to Noon** Your student is invited to spend a 1/2 day with us to get the IRISH classroom experience. This is especially fun for the littles when they get to be one grade older for 1/2 of a day. If you don't currently attend our school, please contact us for more information.

Little Leprechaun Preschool through 12th Grade. ALL on one campus. Join us and become a part of the Irish school family! This is an investment you won't regret!

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

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 18th 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.

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.

Put a Retreat into Your Schedule ... register at www.goodcounselretreat.com & receive immediate confirmation or call Good Counsel Retreat House at 402-786-2705 to register now.

February – May Schedule:

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

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 Questions, please call the NFP Offices 402-473-0630 or email naturalfamilyplanning@cdolinc.net.

Mother/Daughter Program ... "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made" for girls age 9-13 and their mothers will be held **Saturday, Mar 14, 2020** 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. Visit lincolndiocese.regfox.com/motherdaughter to register. Call Jen Davis (402-261-6375) or email jmdavis17@gmail.com with questions.

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, 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 or text 308-991-1880.

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.

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

Stress in Your Marriage? ... *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 a weekend **Feb. 14-16, 2020**, call 1-888-317-5654 or 308-986-2351 or www.retrouvaille.org.

Upcoming Schedule of Events ...

March 14-15 ... Favorite Dessert Auction.

April 25 ... Confirmation at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

July 12-17 ... TOTUS TUUS at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

July 18, 2020 ... Seven Sisters Apostolate Retreat

"Theology on Tap" ... for single & married adults in their 20's & 30's. Join us **Sunday, February 23** when **John and Rebecca Lilyman from Kearney will be the speakers.** Start time: 6:30pm-7:00pm social time, with presentation starting promptly at **7:00pm, NebraskaLand Bank 3rd Floor.** Free will donations accepted. Cash bar. Please follow our link on Facebook: Theology on Tap North Platte. If you have questions, call Jennifer Kramer 520-1622.

Southern Nebraska Register ... In your Jan-Feb packet of envelopes, there is an envelope for the Southern Nebraska Register. The subscription rate for the Southern Nebraska Register is \$15.00 for one year. At \$15.00, this is an incredible bargain. Please use the envelope for your subscription to the Register. If you are not receiving your copy, please let the office know so we can add you to the list. Please make checks payable to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church.

Women at the Well Lenten Retreat ... will be **March 1, 2020** from 7:00pm-9:00pmCT at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 415 North Chestnut St, North Platte, NE. **Guest speaker Lisa Cotter will present on "Real Womanhood."** The world offers us many different ideas on what it means to be a woman. As we search for answers, our attempts to make sense of it all can lead to frustration and disillusionment. Using Biblical principles, insights from Pope Saint John Paul II's Feminine Genius, and the heroic example of modern-day saints, Lisa gets to the truth about what it means to be an authentic woman. Cost is \$5. Hors d'oeuvres, Wine, and Fellowship. Read more on Lisa at www.madetomagnify.com. RSVP through Facebook or to 308-532-0942.

2020 Wild Game Feed ... Saturday, Feb. 29, Curtis Community Center. All you can eat Buffet! (Over 30 different dishes made with Duck, Deer, Squid, Moose, Dove, Quail, Pheasant, Turtle, Frogs, Fish, Turkey, Goose, & Many More). 5:00pm=Doors Open; 7:00pm=Meal. Hosted by: St. James, St. William, St. Joseph Catholic Churches.

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. 15, 5:00pm	Sun., Feb. 16, 10:00am
Lector	Mike Krondak	Justin Pieper
Acolyte	Jerry Volesky	Duane Johnsen
Server	Volunteer	Brock Johnsen
	Volunteer	Harmon Johnsen
Music	Volunteer	Greg Vandenberg
Gifts	Volunteer – Ask Ushers	Volunteer – Ask Ushers
Ushers	Cindy Swanson	Volunteer
	Alice Robinson	Spencer Hampton
Rosary		

Readings for the Week

Monday:	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 8:22-23,27-30; Ps 84:3-5,10-11; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday:	1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6,30-31,39-40; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday:	1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4,35-37,40; Mk 7:24-30
Friday:	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday:	Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37

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: 2/8 - Joanne Bollish, 2/11 - Betty Steffes, 2/12 - Paul Nordquist, Mike Baxa, 2/13 - Ryce Troyer, 2/14 - Jerry Steffes, Peggy Orr, 2/15 - Wynne McCormick.

Congratulations: to Paul & Renate Nordquist who celebrate their 63rd Wedding Anniversary Feb. 14.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... You need more than water for a bath. Most family bathrooms contain an arsenal of soaps and emollients, lotions, shampoos, and conditioners to combat grime and honor the body. A bath without oil is still unthinkable. No wonder early Christians used lavish amounts of oil to "paint" the skin of people drawn dripping wet from the baptismal font on Easter. There were two oils used in baptism long ago. "Oil of exorcism" protected candidates from "evil spirits"; it strengthened their resolve and purified their purposes.

The second oil, slathered over them after baptism's bath, "sealed" them, making them like Christ, the anointed one, the priest, the prophet, the king. Chrism has always had a powerful odor; rich resinous perfumes are stirred in before it is consecrated. As the newly baptized were embraced by new brothers and sisters in Christ, the scent permeated the hall of Eucharist, a sign of our connection to Christ and to one another. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

GOD'S CALL ... The person who has been "saved," who has "heard the good news of salvation," still lives in an unsaved world, a world sadly oblivious to the presence of God. Today's readings outline how the disciple is present in the world.

The outline begins with Isaiah: "Share your bread ... shelter the oppressed ... clothe the naked" (Isaiah 58:7). Those who hear the word of salvation are not insensitive to the urgent needs of others. Then Paul reminds his flock that he brought Christ to them not in eloquence or wisdom, but by being with them in the "weakness and fear" of their daily lives (1 Corinthians 2:3). Finally, Jesus tells his disciples to go out into the gloom and darkness of the streets of the world and let God's light shine through their good deeds.

We disciples don't save the world. To the extent, however, that we have heard the word of God and been awakened to God's presence, we may spread that word and bring that presence to others. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

LATER ... One who waits to do a great deal of good at once, will never do anything. —Samuel Johnson

PRESIDENTIAL GARDENING ... After I die, I want it said of me that I plucked a weed and planted a flower wherever I thought a flower would grow. —Abraham Lincoln

REASONS OF THE HEART ... The heart has its reasons of which reason knows nothing. —Blaise Pascal

Pray for our Seminarians: Rev. Mr. Robert William Johnson, from St. Thomas Parish in Lincoln. He entered the Seminary in 2014. He is in Theology 4 at Mount St. Mary 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.