

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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1st Sunday of Lent *February 21, 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. 22	8:00 a.m.	Landon Bliss
Tuesday	Feb. 23	7:30 p.m.	Liv/Dec mem. Bode/Ruskamp families
Wednesday	Feb. 24	5:30 p.m.	Special Intention (jls)
6:00pm-10:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hours => Spend time with Jesus			
Thursday	Feb. 25	8:00 a.m.	MaKenna Ketter
Friday	Feb. 26	12:10 p.m.	Makayla Connelly (~bd)
		5:30 p.m.	Pamela Bellini
		6:00 p.m.	* Exposition / Stations / Benediction *
Saturday	Feb. 27	5:00 p.m.	Nancy Vandenberg +
Sunday	Feb. 28	10:00 a.m.	People of our Parish

INTENTIONS

**You are not tempted
because you are evil;
you are tempted
because
you are human.**

Stewardship: February 14, 2021

Adult Envelopes:\$1,270.00
Loose Plate:\$45.00
Children:\$0.00
Holy Day:\$0.00
Total:\$1,315.00

Joy of the Gospel Campaign
 Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
 Gifts **last week:**\$0.00
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

Southern NE Register:\$65.00

3 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

Sunday	Feb. 21	6:30pm-9:00pm: <u>Women at the Well Lenten Retreat</u> at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church & Hall.
Wednesday	Feb. 24	6:00pm – 10:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration 7:00pm – 9:00pm: <u>RCIA Classes</u> in Person and via Zoom
Thursday	Feb. 25	1:00pm: Adult Bible Study (contact Teri Volesky) 7:00pm – 8:30pm: <u>The Search</u>
Friday	Feb. 26	7:00pm – 8:30pm: <u>The Search</u>
Sunday	Feb. 28	11:30am: <u>Family Formation Classes</u> , Parents & Children (in Person and via Zoom)

Catholic School News:

Irish Fest 2021: Raffle tickets are now on sale! Please support this important fundraiser for the NPCS. 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 NPCS 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 NPCS Facebook page. Call or email the Endowment Office to order/purchase tickets: 308-534-5939, endowment@npcschools.org.

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!

Student of the Month: Jordan Lech has been selected as the student of the month for February. Teachers and Student Council members vote on a student to receive this honor. Jordan, a junior, is the daughter of Mike and Jane Lech of North Platte. Her school activities include cheerleading, volleyball, National Honor Society, S.A.I.N.T.S. and she is on the honor roll. Outside of school she finds time to volunteer at parish events and she works at America's Heartland Animal Center here in North Platte. She and her family are members of Holy Spirit Catholic Church. Jordan has a twin brother, Matthew, (also a junior at St. Pat's).

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

Lenten Fish Fry at St. Pat's ... The Knights of Columbus will be serving up a delicious Fish dinner each Friday of Lent, 5:30pm-7:30pm at St. Pat's Parish Hall. We will respect social distancing for those who wish to join us in person. As an added bonus, we are adding CURBSIDE – GRAB AND GO! Adults \$8.00 kids 12 and under \$4.00.

Family Formation Parent's Meeting ... Our **February Meeting** is on **Sunday, February 28, 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, March 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.*

Knights of Columbus Meeting ... Mon, Mar. 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.*

Women at the Well Lenten Retreat ... This Lenten Event, "Know Your Worth," is Feb. 21 6:30pm-9:00pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Virtual presenter Danielle Bean is a writer & speaker helping struggling moms to know their dignity and worth so they can find peace, balance, and joy in family living. She is the Brand Manager for CatholicMom.com & recently hosted the Catholic Moms Summit. RSVP to Fr. Seiker or Ashley Perlinger, or on Facebook. Event/book is \$5.00.

Father/Son Program ... "In His Image" for boys age 10-14 and their fathers will be held Sunday, March 21 from 1:30pm-4:30pm at John XXIII Diocesan Center and virtually. 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 in person and \$10 virtually. To register, visit <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/fatherson>. Questions, please call the NFP Offices 402-473-0630 or email naturalfamilyplanning@cdolinc.net.

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 - May Schedule:

Feb. 26-28..... Johnnette Benkovic WilliamsMen / 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)
 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)
 Apr 1-3 Marian Sisters /Fr. Jonathan Haschke.....Women
Holy Week Retreat for Young Women
 Apr. 9-11 Fr. Benjamin Rynearson Men / Women
“Jesus, You Can Do All Things (Divine Mercy Weekend)”
 Apr. 15-18 Matt Simms Men / Women
“4-day Private Directed Ignatian Retreat” (Thu-Sun)
 Apr. 23-25 Fr. Jay Buhman..... Men / Women
“It is God Who Invites You: Come and See”
 Apr. 29 - May 2 Fr. Gary Coulter Men / Women
“4-day Directed Spiritual Exercises” (Thu-Sun)
 May 7-8 Janette Howe of Seven Sisters Apostolate .Women
“Real Women Wear Armor” (24 hour Retreat)

The Cleansing Power of Water ... Today’s first reading speaks to us of Noah’s Ark. The flood that God sent upon the world in Noah’s day was a cleansing of evil. Now, God cleanses us not by floods, but by the waters of baptism, which bring to us a whole new kind of life: the life of God within us. Our special efforts in Lent to come closer to God are a response to what has already happened to us! Because we have received the new life of God, we have to reform our lives and live as his sons and daughters. We have to become who we already are. The holy water we use when we come in and out of Church is a reminder of the cleansing waters of baptism, and a reminder of the new life we are called to live. God is a God of life, and therefore we are the People of Life. This Lent, let’s look for ways to foster respect for life, especially the sick, the disabled, and the unborn.

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.

Change Your Station, Change Your Life ... This Lent, listen to Catholic Radio for one hour each week. Jesus will change your life! Already a listener? Tell a friend about the life-changing station you’ve been listening to. Visit www.spiritcatholicradio.com for a station near you.

Catholic Daughters Meeting ... Court Our Lady #1549
 March meeting: **Saturday, Mar. 6, 2021, 1:00pm** at St Patrick Church Spiritual Life Center. Please bring your rosary and wear your mask.

Healing Mass ... March 7, 2021, St. Patrick Church, McCook. 3:30pm=Divine Mercy Chaplet, 4:00pm=Mass. All are welcome to receive physical, spiritual, & mental healing. Confession available before Mass.

FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:

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. Come & spend time sharing your faith with other Catholics & learn from the presenters & other parishioners.

The cost of each participant guide is \$10.00.

	7:00pm – 8:15 or 8:30pm	7:00pm	7:00pm
#2	Who Are You?	Thursday Feb. 25	Friday Feb. 26
#3	Why a God?	Sunday Feb. 28	Thursday Mar. 4
#4	What’s Our Story	Thursday Mar. 11	Friday Mar. 12
#5	Who is Jesus?	Thursday Mar. 18	Friday Mar. 19
#6	Am I Saved?	Tuesday Mar. 23	Thursday Mar. 25
Will Not Meet in Holy Week (March 28 – April 3)			
#7	Why a Church?	Tuesday Apr. 6	Friday Apr. 9

Consecration to St. Joseph ... The Parish has ordered **50 books** by Fr. Donald H. Calloway, MIC to assist you in participating in this **Consecration to St. Joseph**. **The cost of each book is \$10.00.** The books should arrive soon. **To continue the consecration prayers, contact Fr. Seiker. He will provide you a set of prayers to use until books arrive.**

Fr. Seiker’s schedule ... Mon. Feb. 22 – Tue. Feb. 23, meeting with Jesus Caritas Priests in Lincoln and Priest Study Day in York on Tuesday. I will return Tue. Afternoon for **7:30pm Mass**. (notice new time)

CCC (continued) ²Driving out the Canaanites, Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites, I will send an angel before you ³to the land flowing with milk and honey. But I myself will not go up in your company, because you are a stiff-necked people; otherwise I might exterminate you on the way. ⁴When the people heard this bad news, they went into mourning, and no one wore his ornaments. ⁵The LORD said to Moses, “Tell the Israelites: You are a stiff-necked people. Were I to go up in your company even for a moment, I would exterminate you. Take off your ornaments, therefore; I will then see what I am to do with you.” ⁶So, from Mount Horeb onward, the Israelites laid aside their ornaments. ⁷The tent, which was called the meeting tent, Moses used to pitch at some distance away, outside the camp. Anyone who wished to consult the LORD would go to this meeting tent outside the camp. ⁸Whenever Moses went out to the tent, the people would all rise and stand at the entrance of their own tents, watching Moses until he entered the tent. ⁹As Moses entered the tent, the column of cloud would come down and stand at its entrance while the LORD spoke with Moses. ¹⁰On seeing the column of cloud stand at the entrance of the tent, all the people would rise and worship at the entrance of their own tents. 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. ¹²Moses said to the LORD, “You, indeed, are telling me to lead this people on; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘You are my intimate friend,’ and also, ‘You have found favor with me.’ ¹³Now, if I have found favor with you, do let me know your ways so that, in knowing you, I may continue to find favor with you. Then, too, this nation is, after all, your own people.” ¹⁴“I myself,” the LORD answered, “will go along, to give you rest.” ¹⁵Moses replied, “If you are not going yourself, do not make us go up from here. ¹⁶For how can it be known that we, your people and I, have found favor with you, except by your going with us? Then we, your people and I, will be singled out from every other people on the earth.” ¹⁷The LORD said to Moses, “This request, too, which you have just made, I will carry out, because you have found favor with me and you are my intimate friend.” ¹⁸Then Moses said, “Do let me see your glory!” ¹⁹He answered, “I will make all my beauty pass before you, and in your presence I will pronounce my name, ‘LORD’; I who show favors to whom I will, I who grant mercy to whom I will. ²⁰But my face you cannot see, for no man sees me and still lives. ²¹Here,” continued the LORD, “is a place near me where you shall station yourself on the rock. ²²When my glory passes I will set you in the hollow of the rock and will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. ²³Then I will remove my hand, so that you may see my back; but my face is not to be seen.” **Chapter 34:1** The LORD said to Moses, “Cut two stone tablets like the former, that I may write on them the commandments which were on the former tablets that you broke. ²Get ready for tomorrow morning, when you are to go up Mount Sinai and there present yourself to me on the top of the mountain. ³No one shall come up with you, and no one is even to be seen on any part of the mountain; even the flocks and the herds are not to go grazing toward this mountain.” ⁴Moses then cut two stone tablets like the former, and early the next morning he went up Mount Sinai as the LORD had commanded him, taking along the two stone tablets. ⁵Having come down in a cloud, the LORD stood with him there and proclaimed his name, “LORD.” ⁶Thus the LORD passed before him and cried out, “The LORD, the LORD, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity, ⁷continuing his kindness for a thousand generations, and forgiving wickedness and crime and sin; yet not declaring the guilty guiltless, but punishing children and grandchildren to the third and fourth generation for their fathers’ wickedness!” ⁸Moses at once bowed down to the ground in worship. ⁹Then he said, “If I find favor with you, O Lord, do come along in our company. This is indeed a stiff-necked people; yet pardon our wickedness and sins, and receive us as your own.”

Liturgical Ministers

Lector		
Acolyte		
Server		
Music		
Gifts		
Ushers		
Rosary		

Liturgical Calendar & Saints

Saturday:	Feb. 20	Saturday after Ash Wednesday
Sunday:	Feb. 21	1st Sunday of Lent
Monday:	Feb. 22	The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle (<i>Feast</i>)
Tuesday:	Feb. 23	Lenten Weekday (<i>Wk. 1</i>) St. Polycarp (<i>Opt. Memorial</i>)
Wednesday:	Feb. 24	Lenten Weekday (<i>Wk. 1</i>)
Thursday:	Feb. 25	Lenten Weekday (<i>Wk. 1</i>)
Friday:	Feb. 26	Lenten Weekday (<i>Wk. 1</i>)
Saturday:	Feb. 27	Lenten Weekday (<i>Wk. 1</i>)
Sunday:	Feb. 28	2nd Sunday of Lent

Prayers for the sick: Daniel Nisley, Spencer Bale, Jim Beckius, Kerry Heskett (Ben Heskett's sister), Rick Ryan, Becky Harold, Sheila Exner, Cathy Leathers, 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: Vinette Tenopir (Mickie Morlang's mother), 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: 2/21 - Kim Hampton, 2/27 - Ed Rieker.

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

SECTION ONE – PRAYER IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE CHAPTER ONE – THE REVELATION OF PRAYER

2577 From this intimacy with the faithful God, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,²³ Moses drew strength and determination for his intercession. He does not pray for himself but for the people whom God made his own. Moses already intercedes for them during the battle with the Amalekites and prays to obtain healing for Miriam.²⁴ But it is chiefly after their apostasy that Moses “stands in the breach” before God in order to save the people.²⁵ The arguments of his prayer – for intercession is also a mysterious battle – will inspire the boldness of the great intercessors among the Jewish people and in the Church: God is love; he is therefore righteous and faithful; he cannot contradict himself; he must remember his marvelous deeds, since his glory is at stake, and he cannot forsake this people that bears his name.

25 Cf. Ex. 32:1-34:9 ¹When the people became aware of Moses' delay in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said to him, “Come, make us a god who will be our leader; as for the man Moses who brought us out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has happened to him.” ²Aaron replied, “Have your wives and sons and daughters take off the golden earrings they are wearing, and bring them to me.” ³So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron, ⁴who accepted their offering, and fashioning this gold with a graving tool, made a molten calf. Then they cried out, “This is your God, O Israel, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.” ⁵On seeing this, Aaron built an altar before the calf and proclaimed, “Tomorrow is a feast of the LORD.” ⁶Early the next day the people offered holocausts and brought peace offerings. Then they sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. ⁷With that, the LORD said to Moses, “Go down at once to your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt, for they have become depraved. ⁸They have soon turned aside from the way I pointed out to them, making for themselves a molten calf and worshipping it, sacrificing to it and crying out, ‘This is your God, O Israel, who brought you out of the land of Egypt!’ ⁹I see how stiff-necked this people is,” continued the LORD to Moses. ¹⁰Let me alone, then, that my wrath may blaze up against them to consume them. Then I will make of you a great nation.” ¹¹But Moses implored the LORD, his God, saying, “Why, O LORD, should your wrath blaze up against your own people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with such great power and with so strong a hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, ‘With evil intent he brought them out, that he might kill them in the mountains and exterminate them from the face of the earth?’ Let your blazing wrath die down; relent in punishing your people. ¹³Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, and how you swore to them by your own self, saying, ‘I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky; and all this land that I promised, I will give your descendants as their perpetual heritage.’” ¹⁴So the LORD relented in the punishment he had threatened to inflict on his people. ¹⁵Moses then turned and came down the mountain with the two tablets of the commandments in his hands, tablets that were written on both sides, front and back; ¹⁶tablets that were made by God, having inscriptions on them that were engraved by God himself. ¹⁷Now, when Joshua heard the noise of the people shouting, he said to Moses, “That sounds like a battle in the camp.” ¹⁸But Moses answered, “It does not sound like cries of victory, nor does it sound like cries of defeat; the sounds that I hear are cries of revelry.” ¹⁹As he drew near the camp, he saw the calf and the dancing. With that, Moses' wrath flared up, so that he threw the tablets down and broke them on the base of the mountain. ²⁰Taking the calf they had made, he fused it in the fire and then ground it down to powder, which he scattered on the water and made the Israelites drink. ²¹Moses asked Aaron, “What did this people ever do to you that you should lead them into so grave a sin?” Aaron replied, “Let not my lord be angry. ²²You know well enough how prone the people are to evil. ²³They said to me, ‘Make us a god to be our leader; as for the man Moses who brought us out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has happened to him.’ ²⁴So I told them, ‘Let anyone who has gold jewelry take it off.’ They gave it to me, and I threw it into the fire, and this calf came out.” ²⁵When Moses realized that, to the scornful joy of their foes, Aaron had let the people run wild, ²⁶he stood at the gate of the camp and cried, “Whoever is for the LORD, let him come to me!” All the Levites then rallied to him, ²⁷and he told them, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Put your sword on your hip, every one of you! Now go up and down the camp, from gate to gate, and slay your own kinsmen, your friends and neighbors!” ²⁸The Levites carried out the command of Moses, and that day there fell about three thousand of the people. ²⁹Then Moses said, “Today you have been dedicated to the LORD, for you were against your own sons and kinsmen, to bring a blessing upon yourselves this day.” ³⁰On the next day Moses said to the people, “You have committed a grave sin. I will go up to the LORD, then; perhaps I may be able to make atonement for your sin.” ³¹So Moses went back to the LORD and said, “Ah, this people has indeed committed a grave sin in making a god of gold for themselves! ³²If you would only forgive their sin! If you will not, then strike me out of the book that you have written.” ³³The LORD answered, “Him only who has sinned against me will I strike out of my book. ³⁴Now, go and lead the people whither I have told you. My angel will go before you. When it is time for me to punish, I will punish them for their sin.” ³⁵Thus the LORD smote the people for having had Aaron make the calf for them. Chapter 33:1The LORD told Moses, “You and the people whom you have brought up from the land of Egypt, are to go up from here to the land which I swore to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob I would give to their descendants [\[see next page\]](#)”

Pray for our Seminarians: Louden Daniel Redinger, from Sacred Heart Parish in Shelton/Kenesaw. He entered the Seminary in 2014. He is in College 2 at St. Charles Borromeo 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.