

# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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## ***7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*** ***February 23, 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. 24 8:00 a.m.  
 Tuesday Feb. 25 **5:30 p.m.**  
**Ash Wednesday (Day of Fast and Abstinence)**  
**Ash Wednesday** Feb 26 7:00 a.m.  
 12:10 p.m.  
 7:00 p.m.  
**8:00pm–10:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hours => Spend time with Jesus**  
 Thursday Feb. 27 8:00 a.m.  
 Friday Feb. 28 **12:10 p.m.**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
 Saturday Feb. 29 **5:00 p.m.**  
 Sunday Mar. 1 **10:00 a.m.**

## INTENTIONS

Ed Rieker (-bd)  
 MaKenna Ketter  
 Rev. Brad Zitek  
 For our Benefactor  
 Liv/Dec mem. Bode/Ruskamp families  
 Pamela Belini  
 Martha Burbach +  
 Bishop James Conley  
 \* Exposition / Stations / Benediction \*  
 Rush Limbaugh  
 People of Our Parish

*Be holy,  
 for I,  
 the Lord,  
 your God,  
 am holy.*

— Leviticus 19:2b

## Stewardship: February 16, 2020

**Adult Envelopes:** .....\$2,200.00  
**Loose Plate:** .....\$217.00  
**Children:** .....\$0.00  
**Holy Day:** ..... \$0.00  
**Total:** .....\$2,417.00

### Joy of the Gospel Campaign

Total Pledged: .....\$958,770.00  
 Gifts last week: .....\$100.00  
**Total Gifts Received: .....\$881,028.05**  
 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:..... \$61,613.45**

Southern NE Register: .....\$45.00

## Parish Calendar

Sunday Feb. 23 6:30pm: Theology on Tap: John & Rebecca Lilyman from Kearney=speakers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor NebraskaLand Bank.  
 Wednesday Feb. 26 8:00pm – 10:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration 8:00pm – 9:00pm: RCIA Classes in Parish Hall  
 Thursday Feb. 27 1:00pm: Adult Bible Study in Parish Hall  
 Sunday Mar. 1 11:30am: Family Formation Classes, Adults & Children 7:00pm: Women at the Well Lenten Retreat, St. Pat's

## Catholic School News:

Enrollment is OPEN for all grade levels! Upcoming Dates to remember: 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Information Night: March 19, 7:00pm. 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Information Night: April 7, 7:00pm.

"BUMP UP DAY": April 17, 8:00am-12:00pm. 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. 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. Little Leprechaun Preschool through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade – ALL on one campus. Join us and become a part of the IRISH school family! This is an investment you won't regret! GOD is HERE!

**Upcoming Events:** Boys Basketball Sub-Districts: Feb. 24, 25, & 27. Girls Basketball District Finals: Feb. 28. Boys Basketball District Finals: Feb. 29. Pray for all our students competing in the following activities this weekend: State Cheer, State Dance, State Wrestling.

**St. Pat's Irish Fest:** Sunday, February 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/person, raffle tickets are \$2/each, and game tickets are just \$0.25. Spend the day at St. Pat's and help support our schools!

**Ash Wednesday All School Mass:** Feb. 26, 10:00am, Holy Spirit Catholic Church. "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

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

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

## Daughters of Charity (Altar Society) Meeting:

will be **Sunday, Mar. 8, at 11:30am** in Rectory Conference Room. All women are invited & encouraged to attend.

## DESSERT AUCTION ... COME JOIN THE FUN ...

We appreciate your desserts made with milk or eggs for the DESSERT AUCTION! Please place these desserts into the refrigerators when you bring them & let someone know that they need brought out just prior to the auction. Desserts do need to be brought in the container you wish to sell along with the RECIPE CARD! The AUCTION will be held in the Parish Hall after the Saturday, March 14 5:00pm Mass & Sunday, March 15 10:00am Mass! Funds received will assist the Daughters of Charity to defray the expenses to provide the Altar Breads, Wine, Candles & the many social events the Parish host. PLEASE COME SEE!

## Breakfast by Knights of Columbus ... Sunday,

**Mar. 8**, 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 ... Mon, Mar 9,

**7:00pm**, Parish Hall. All Knights are invited to attend.

## Family Formation Parent's Meeting ... Sun., March 1,

**11:30am–12:30pm** in Parish Hall, for all parents of School age children.

## Meal for New Parents ... Brent & Nikki Downey's new baby,

Luke Gregory, was born 2/15/20. A meal schedule has been established for them online via [TakeThemAMeal.com](http://TakeThemAMeal.com). If you want to make them a dinner go to <https://www.takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=GLUC6874>, or call Hanna at 660-0543.

**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 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

### **Camp Kateri Summer Camp Registration ...**

Registration is now open for SKY Camp (rising grades 5-9), Catholic Adventure Camp (rising grades 4-6) and Leadership Camp (rising grades 6-9). High School-aged volunteer counselors are also needed. For more information, or to register for a camp, go to [www.campkateri.org](http://www.campkateri.org).

**Day of Advocacy...** Join Catholics from across the state for a day of advocacy at the Nebraska State Capitol on **March 4, 2020!** We begin at St. Mary Church, Lincoln with Mass at 8:00am, and the program will be at 9:00am, with speakers, lunch, and lobbying activities until 1:30pm. Hear from keynote speaker - former Nebraska Governor Kay Orr, State Senators, and the Nebraska Catholic Conference staff on important legislative issues of the 2020 Legislative session. For more information and to register at [necatholic.org](http://necatholic.org) or call 402.477.7517.

### **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.** & 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 & 2 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; call after 6:00pm).

**Catholic Daughters March Meeting ...** will be **March 2, 6:00pm** in the Spiritual Life Center at St Patrick Catholic Church. Please note the time change for the meeting. At 7:00pm Deputy County Attorney Tanya Roberts Connick will be speaking about human trafficking, all are invited to attend.

**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.

**Day of Recollection Retreat ...** Start your Lenten season with a one-day 'Day of Recollection' retreat. The LDCCW has planned two retreats, open to men and women of the Lincoln Diocese. Join us on **Ash Wednesday, February 26,** at the **Waverly Good Counsel Retreat House,** from **9:00am-3:00pm,** with Father Justin Fulton. Cost is \$10 and you are asked to bring your lunch. Your second/alternative retreat is **Friday, February 28 at St. Mary Church in Sutton,** from **9:00am-2:30pm,** with Father Andrew Heaslip. Cost is \$5 and you are asked to bring a meatless salad to share. Confession time will be provided at both locations. Mark your calendar now. If you have questions, please email [ldccwpresident@gmail.com](mailto:ldccwpresident@gmail.com).

**Self-Sacrificing Love ...** Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical "God is Love" teaches that "agape, which [is] ... the typical expression for the biblical notion of love ... expresses the experience of a love which involves a real discovery of the other, moving beyond the selfish character that prevailed earlier. Love now becomes concern and care for the other. No longer is it self-seeking, a sinking in the intoxication of happiness; instead it seeks the good of the beloved: it becomes renunciation and it is ready, and even willing, for sacrifice" (n.6). This kind of love is seen in a particular way when we care for the weak and defenseless, both born and unborn. May the Pope's encyclical encourage us to build a culture of life!

### **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.

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

**March 14-15 ... Favorite Dessert Auction.**

**March 15-17 ... Forty Hours Eucharistic Adoration**

**April 19 ... First Holy Communion at St. Elizabeth.**

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

**April 28-29 ... Unplanned Movie at Neville.**

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 ...** The subscription rate is \$15.00 / 1 year. Use the envelope to renew your subscription. Make checks payable to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. Thank you!

**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](http://www.madetomagnify.com). RSVP through Facebook or to 308-532-0942.

**Forty Hours Eucharistic Adoration ...** Sunday, March 15 - Tuesday, March 17. There will be a talk each evening (**Sunday 7:00pm, Monday 7:00pm, & Tuesday 7:00pm**) by **Dr. Benjamin Akers** (Augustine Institute).

### **FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:**

**Nominations for Parish Council ...** You may nominate another parishioner or yourself. Normally terms for the parish council are two years. We have 2 veterans & 2 new members each year.

**New Software for Church HVAC Controls ...** envelopes are available in Narthex for you to use to make a donation to help with one-time HVAC expenses. The HVAC controls installed 10 years ago for our new Church used JAVA software which now has security issues and is old technology. Johnson Controls is proposing to install a new software program and the necessary hardware at a cost of \$24,926.00. This is a needed and necessary expense!

## Liturgical Minister

	Sat., Feb. 29, 5:00pm	Sun., Mar. 1, 10:00am
<b>Lector</b>	Loren Baxa	Mike Krondak
<b>Acolyte</b>	Ed Rieker	Bob Ryland
<b>Server</b>	Volunteer	Kevin Bantam
	Volunteer	Tyler Bantam
<b>Music</b>	Matt & Ashley Perlinger	Choir
<b>Gifts</b>	Volunteer – Ask Ushers	Volunteer – Ask Ushers
<b>Ushers</b>	Ken Bjornstad	Derek Bantam
	Teresa Bjornstad	Jennifer Bantam
<b>Rosary</b>		

## *Readings for the Week*

Monday:	Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday:	Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday:	Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11

**Prayers for the sick:** Rose Jurado, Troy Tickle, Iris Wyman Lloyd, 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), Eileen Boltz, Leona Clouatre.

**Birthdays/Anniversaries:** 2/27 - Ed Rieker, 3/1 - Shane Belgum.

**HOLY AND PERFECT ...** Our openness to God's powerful action helps us understand Jesus' words in today's Gospel, when he demands that we become "perfect." Most of us shudder at the thought of having to be perfect. The idea of achieving perfection seems impossible, frankly. But, just before despair sets in, we recall that we are merely creatures. If God wants us to be "holy" and "perfect," as today's readings emphasize, then God will provide all we need to chip away at our imperfections. If we nurse a hateful grudge against someone and cannot imagine being free of the resentment, God can help. If we harm our own bodies through bad habits, the holy Spirit can strengthen our resolve and transform our daily behavior. If we long for advantage over others, if we are disgusted by the thought of loving "unworthy" people, if we overwhelmingly prefer comfort and stability over the wildness of lavish generosity – Jesus Christ, King of glory, can convert our timid hearts. These transformations take time, patience, and prayer. Sitting quietly to reflect over today's readings is an excellent kind of prayer, and an inspiring way to begin. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**FOOLISHNESS ...** Sometimes the idea of repentance seems old-fashioned, naïve, even foolish. But if you're looking for real foolishness, you'll find it in today's readings. We begin with Leviticus and the admonition, "Take no revenge and cherish no grudge" (Leviticus 19:18). We've heard that message before, of course, so we might forget how far it is from the so-called "practical realities of life." Saint Paul warns us about being practical, though. Whoever considers oneself wise had better "become a fool," because "the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God" (1 Corinthians 3:18, 19). This "foolishness" continues in the Gospel: "Offer no resistance to one who is evil" (Matthew 5:39). In fact, offer the other cheek when you've been slapped. Hand over your coat as well as your shirt. Be like God, who sends sunshine and rain on the bad as well as the good. "So be perfect," says Jesus, "just as your heavenly Father is perfect" (5:48). Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**ASH WEDNESDAY ...** Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving: these disciplines, prescribed by Jesus himself in the Sermon on the Mount, along with strict instructions not to flaunt them in public to win recognition and praise (Matthew 6:1-18), have been embraced by all the saints at the beginning of every Lent for almost two thousand years. But mention Lent, and many react with a grimace or slight shudder – even now, years after official obligations have been reduced to a minimum! No wonder the Eastern Rite's "Lenten Announcement" sounds surprising: "Let us receive with joy, O faithful people, the divinely inspired announcement of Lent! The Lenten Spring shines forth! Begin the fast with joy! Let us fast from passions as well as food, taking pleasure in the good works of the Spirit, and accomplishing them in love!" Saint John Chrysostom, whose feast is September 13, elaborates: "Do you fast? Give proof by your works. If you see a poor person, take pity. An enemy, be reconciled. A friend gaining honor, don't be jealous." A positive approach! May the saints help us keep such a Lent! —Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**FORGIVENESS ...** People who cannot forgive others break the bridge over which they must pass if they are to reach heaven; for everyone has a need to be forgiven. —George Herbert

**STRONG BELIEFS ...** Strong beliefs win strong people and make them stronger. —Walter Bagehot

**Pray for our Seminarians:** Paul Charles Mach, from St. Teresa 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.

**FORGIVING AN ENEMY ...** Who has not forgiven an enemy has not yet tasted one of the most sublime enjoyments of life. —Johann Kaspar Lavater

**REPENTANCE ...** Of all human acts, repentance is the most divine. The greatest of all faults is to be conscious of none. —Thomas Carlyle

# St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, North Platte, NE

## 2020 Lenten Schedule

### Lent Mass/Confession/Stations Schedule

Sundays: (as usual, Sat 5:00pm; Sun 10:00am)  
 Weekdays: check the Bulletin for Mass schedule  
 Fridays: 6:00pm Stations of Cross  
 Saturdays: 4:00pm-4:55pm Confessions  
 Sundays: 9:00am-9:55am Confessions

### Lenten Regulations

**Abstinence** ... means eating no meat nor any soup or gravy made from meat. Abstinence obliges all Catholics over the age of 14. Days of abstinence are: Ash Wednesday and all of the Fridays of Lent.

**Fasting** ... means eating only one full meal with two smaller meals, which together do not equal the full meal. No snacks or eating between meals. The law of fasting obliges all Catholics between the ages of 18 & 59. Days of fasting are: Ash Wednesday / Good Friday.

Sickness, hard manual labor, pregnancy, etc. automatically excuse one from these obligations. Nevertheless, it should be pointed out that these are serious obligations. In cases of doubt or question, the matter should be discussed with the priest who hears a person's confession.

### Daily Lenten Prayer Reflection Options

**FORMED.org ... various studies** ... Visit the FORMED.org webpage (if you are not already signed up, please do so on our webpage. It is FREE. There are many great resources for your faith growth: Bible Studies, Faith Formation; Current Topics, Youth Programs; many great Catholic Movies; Audio Books; ebooks; learn your Faith better, & then share your Faith with others.

**Best Lent Ever 2020** ... Sign Up at [bestlentever.com/invite](https://bestlentever.com/invite) Each day receive spiritual coaching from Matthew Kelly; <https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-lent-ever/>

**Bishop Robert Barron Lent Reflections** ... Each day Bishop Barron will send you a short email with an uplifting spiritual reflection. Sign up at <http://LentReflections.com>.

**Magnificat Lenten Companions** ... available in Church Narthex for free. Pick one up to help in your spiritual growth!

**5 Minutes With the Word** ... available in Church Narthex for free. Pick one up to help in your spiritual growth!

### Operation Rice Bowl

On Ash Wednesday, our parish will begin Operation Rice Bowl. Sponsored by Catholic Relief Services, the six week Lenten program combines **Prayer, Fasting, Education, and Almsgiving**. Proceeds benefit the poor, both in our diocese and in the developing world. Please join this meaningful Lenten observance. "Rice "Bowl" envelopes/information are available on a table in Narthex.

2020 marks the 45<sup>th</sup> year of CRS Rice Bowl – the largest and oldest Lenten program practiced by Catholics in the United States. Use your CRS Rice Bowl & Lenten Calendar to guide your Lenten prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to watch videos of people & communities whose lives your Lenten gifts are changing through CRS Rice Bowl.

### Lectio: SALVATION: unveiling Scripture and Tradition ...

At every Sunday Mass, Catholics confess that Jesus came down from heaven “for us men and for our salvation.” But what does “salvation” mean? In this remarkable 10-part video series, Scripture scholar and theologian Michael Patrick Barber provides a thorough, deeply Catholic, and deeply biblical, answer.

Please come to spend time sharing your faith with other Catholics and learn from Dr. Barber (*who spoke at our Forty Hours Devotions last year, 2019*) and other parishioners.

	7:00pm – 8:15 or 8:30pm	7:00pm	7:00pm
#1	<b>Not Self-Help</b>	<u>Tuesday</u> Feb. 25	<u>Thursday</u> Feb. 27
#2	<b>Not Just Fire Insurance</b>	<u>Monday</u> March 2	<u>Thursday</u> March 5
#3	<b>Not Without Cost</b>	Sunday March 8	<u>Thursday</u> March 12
Will Not Meet in this week (March 15 – 21) <b>Forty Hours Eucharistic Devotions (March 15 - 17)</b>			
#4	<b>Not Just Personal</b>	<u>Monday</u> March 23	<u>Thursday</u> March 26
#5	<b>Not Just a Legal Transaction</b>	<u>Monday</u> March 30	<u>Thursday</u> April 2
Will Not Meet in Holy Week (April 5 – 11)			
#6	<b>Not a Spectator Sport</b>	<u>Tuesday</u> April 14	<u>Thursday</u> April 16
#7	<b>Not Simply a Moment</b>	<u>Monday</u> April 20	<u>Thursday</u> April 23
#8	<b>Not Inevitable</b>	<u>Sunday</u> April 26	<u>Monday</u> April 27
#9	<b>Not Just for Other People</b>	<u>Thursday</u> May 7	<u>Friday</u> May 8
#10	<b>Not Only About the Future</b>	<u>Tuesday</u> May 12	<u>Thursday</u> May 14

### Take an Hour of Adoration During Lent

During Lent, and always, you are encouraged to spend some extra time with our Eucharistic Lord ... either by taking an hour of Adoration each week, or maybe even each day ... or by joining in the prayer of the Mass during the week.

Spending time with Jesus is one of the best ways to deepen your spiritual life, and grow closer to God. Come and rest with the Lord for an hour each week. If you take time to pray, you find you have more time!

### Forty Hours Eucharistic Adoration ...

Sunday, March 15 - Tuesday, March 17. There will be a talk each evening (Sunday 7:00pm, Monday 7:00pm, & Tuesday 7:00pm) given by **Dr. Benjamin Akers**. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the Monstrance on the Altar after the 10:00am Mass on Sunday through the day and the night (except during Weekday Masses) until the closing at 7:00pm on Tuesday evening. After each evening's talk there will be cookies and refreshments in the Parish Hall. Dr. Benjamin Akers is an Associate Professor of Theology and the Associate Dean at Augustine Institute, Denver.

Singles, couples and families; Catholics and other Christians are cordially invited. This is a tremendous opportunity to come to know the Lord, His Word, and our holy Catholic faith better, during the Season of Lent.

## A Reflection on Lent

From The Church's Year of Grace (Vol. II) by Dr. Pius Parsch (p.68-71)

“At the very outset we must take positive steps to acquire the spirit of Lent. Through the vestibule of Pre-Lent we enter the sanctuary of the sacred Easter season. What is the purpose of this portion of the Church year? What can it give us? It gives divine life, and in divine life we have the essence and the end of all Christian piety. Objectively, this life was won by Christ through a hard fight in His bitter passion; subjectively, it is now bestowed in baptism, and renewed in second baptism or penance. In briefest outline this gives the high purposes of Lent.

a) Christ's passion! Already during the Christmas octave and in the Sundays after Epiphany the Church introduced the passion motif; in Pre-Lent it received greater stress and now it becomes the major theme. Christ, the divine Warrior, enters into conflict with the Prince of darkness. During the first half of Lent the interior aspect of the conflict is accentuated, while during the second the motif of physical suffering comes into the foreground and reaches its climax in Holy Week.

Recall that in the Christmas cycle we were not merely interested spectators of the mighty struggle between light and darkness; then as now the mystery is re-enacted in each person's heart: in your soul Christ is wrestling with the devil; or better, by the very fact that you are a member of the mystical Christ you are involved in this fight. At Easter we want to be ready to sing Alleluia with our Leader, but the victory can only be gained by death and crucifixion to the natural man. Therefore we must re-live our Savior's passion in Lent; as catechumens we must die with Christ; as penitents we must die with Christ; as disciples we must die with Christ in order to rise with Him as new men on Easter. Christ's passion, accordingly, is not merely the highest motive for a spiritual renewal; rather it must be, in the sense of St. Paul; re-lived by us. We must share His sufferings and death.

b) Baptism. Lent is springtime in the ecclesiastical year. From the planted and dying kernels of divine wheat a wonderful harvest will come, souls ripe for baptism. Lent is the ideal season to prepare for baptism.

In the ancient Church baptism was ordinarily administered to adults. After preliminary preparation that often extended over a period of years, select catechumens were numbered among those who desired baptism and then, as postulants, given special instruction as they participated almost daily in the first part of the Mass. Furthermore, they undertook definite penitential exercises and were the object of repeated ecclesiastical exorcisms. The older Masses of Lent come from this time and frequently were designed with special reference to those preparing for baptism. This fact easily explains the confident and at times joyous tone of the Masses; the baptism motif often loses itself in the jubilant motif of Easter. Preparation for baptism had indeed a serious side, for example, the death of the "old" man; it likewise had joyful aspects, e.g., the maternal pride of the Church, internal transfiguration, the coming Easter celebration.

For understanding the liturgy of the season this is of great importance; not the sober and serious mood of penance but a joyful anticipation of baptism is the spirit proper to the older strata of Lenten texts.

c) Lent is also the period for a second baptism, the painful baptism of penance. It is the time *par excellence*

for interior purification. In the early centuries sinners were obliged to do public penance during Lent; in a solemn penitential service they received the mourners' garb on Ash Wednesday and thereupon were excluded from community services until Holy Thursday. By way of exception they were allowed to attend the Mass of the catechumens. This third and most recent motif in the Masses of Lent (especially on Thursday) gradually found its way into the liturgy after the catechuminate had ceased to exist. Century by century greater stress was placed on penance with the result that present day Christians who most often approach Christian life from the viewpoint of overcoming sin, regard Lent simply as a time for special penitential practices.

Let us then feel ourselves as true penitents, on Ash Wednesday let us receive the cross of ashes as a dedication to mortification and self-denial; let us try to submerge ourselves in the purifying stream of Lenten penance.

Whatever our status, whether it be catechumen, penitent, or faithful member of the Church, we must never forget that the main task of the liturgy is not to impart instruction but to bestow divine life. Certainly the Masses of Lent give us advice on spiritual renewal (after the manner of retreat conferences); but the purpose of missal readings is less instruction than a demonstration of the power of grace. This is why the ancient Roman liturgy loved to portray the effect of the sacred mysteries in the Lessons at Mass, choosing scenes from the Old and New Testament which typified the action of grace. The readings, indeed the whole variable text of the Mass, were regarded as parables on the graces of redemption coming to the members of the Church from Christ's death on the Cross.

These graces are granted principally in baptism (penance) and in the holy Eucharist, the two great wellsprings of salvation. The first makes a beginning, the second brings growth and perfection; but both have essentially the same effect. On this account not only the catechumen and the penitent, but also the believer, can observe Lent fruitfully in essentially the same manner. Lent brings the graces of redemption to all; some receive incipient, germinal grace, others the grace of growth or perfecting grace.

A typical example is the Gospel about the healing of the man who had been sick for thirty-eight years. Here baptism, penance, and the Eucharist are represented in symbolic form. The catechumen is healed in the water of baptism, the penitent in the laver of penance, and the believer in the blood of Christ. Christ performs this miracle now during Lent on a higher level of reality by baptism, penance, and the Eucharist. Thus the symbolic character of miracles in the Old and New Testaments is of great liturgical importance.

Lent, then, is the time of salvation *par excellence* not only for catechumens and penitents, but for the faithful as well. The catechumens attain their goal in baptism on Holy Saturday, the penitents theirs in the reconciliation of Holy Thursday. Lent is designed to aid them in preparing. And through daily Mass the faithful have the divine life within them enriched and perfected. By Holy Thursday they should be free from all sin and cleansed of guilt so as to appear in the full maturity and perfection of grace on Holy Saturday.”

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## March 2020

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- March 7 Alice Robinson
- March 14 Dessert Auction
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- March 1 Duane/Heather Johnsen
- March 8 Knights of Columbus
- March 15 Krongak or Wartman
- March 22 Estrada Sisters
- March 29 Estrada Sisters

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 1st Sunday of Lent 11:30am Family Formation Classes Women at the Well Lenten Retreat, 7:00-9:00pm, St. Patrick	<b>2</b> 7pm Lectio: Salvation	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Day of Advocacy, State Capitol, Lincoln 6:00pm—10:00pm Eucharistic Adoration RCIA 7-9pm	<b>5</b> Adult Bible Study 1:00pm 7pm Lectio: Salvation	<b>6</b> 5:30pm Mass First Friday Followed by All night Eucharistic Adoration 6:00pm Stations of the Cross Retreat at Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly (M/W)	<b>7</b> Retreat at Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly (M/W) Biblical Prayer and its Benefits Fr. Joseph Faulkner
<b>8</b> 2nd Sunday of Lent 11:00am Knights of Columbus Breakfast 11:30 am Daughters of Charity Meeting Cursillo SW NE Ultraya at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, (3:30pm) 7pm Lectio: Salvation Retreat at Good Counsel	<b>9</b> 7:00pm: Knights of Columbus Meeting	<b>10</b> 11:00am Priests Study Day at St. Gregory the Great Seminary in Seward	<b>11</b> 6:00pm—10:00pm Eucharistic Adoration RCIA 7-9pm	<b>12</b> Adult Bible Study 1:00pm 7pm Lectio: Salvation	<b>13</b> 6:00pm Stations of the Cross Retreat at Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly (M/W) Disciples on Mission: Discipleship, Evangelization, & Stewards Tony Brandt/Chris Stewart	<b>14</b> Fearfully & Wonderfully Made Mother Daughter Program, Lincoln Retreat at Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly (M/W) Disciples on Mission: Discipleship, Evangelization, & Stewards Tony Brandt/Chris Stewart Daughters of Charity Dessert Auction, 6:15pm
<b>15</b> 3rd Sunday of Lent Daughters of Charity Dessert Auction, 11:15am In His Image Father/Son Program, Lincoln Forty Hours Eucharistic Adoration Talk, 7:00pm, Dr. Benjamin Akers Retreat at Good Counsel Retreat House, (M/W)	<b>16</b> Forty Hours Eucharistic Adoration 7:00pm Talk Dr. Benjamin Akers	<b>17</b> Forty Hours Eucharistic Adoration 7:00pm Talk Dr. Benjamin Akers	<b>18</b> 6:00pm—10:00pm Eucharistic Adoration RCIA 7-9pm	<b>19</b> Adult Bible Study 1:00pm Feast of St. Joseph	<b>20</b> 6:00pm Stations of the Cross	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 4th Sunday of Lent	<b>23</b> 7pm Lectio: Salvation Retreat at Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly (M/W) 4-Day Directed Spiritual Exercises Fr. Chris Barak & Fr. Gary Coulter	<b>24</b> Retreat at Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly (M/W) 4-Day Directed Spiritual Exercises Fr. Chris Barak & Fr. Gary Coulter	<b>25</b> Retreat at Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly (M/W) 4-Day Directed Spiritual Exercises Fr. Chris Barak & Fr. Gary Coulter 6:00pm—10:00pm Eucharistic Adoration RCIA 7-9pm	<b>26</b> Adult Bible Study 1:00pm 7pm Lectio: Salvation Retreat at Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly (M/W) 4-Day Directed Spiritual Exercises Fr. Chris Barak & Fr. Gary Coulter	<b>27</b> 6:00pm Stations of the Cross	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 5th Sunday of Lent 11:30am Family Formation Classes	<b>30</b> 7pm Lectio: Salvation	<b>31</b>	Indianola Deanery Priests Meeting			

# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH, North Platte, NE

## LAY MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS -- March 2020

### February 29 – March 1, 2020 (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent)

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
<b>Lector</b>	Loren Baxa	Mike Krondak
<b>Acolyte</b>	Ed Rieker	Bob Ryland
<b>Server</b>	Volunteer	Kevin Bantam
	Volunteer	Tyler Bantam
<b>Music</b>	Matt & Ashley Perlinger	Choir
<b>Gifts</b>	Volunteer – Ask Ushers	Volunteer – Ask Ushers
<b>Ushers</b>	Ken Bjornstad	Derek Bantam
	Teresa Bjornstad	Jennifer Bantam
<b>Rosary</b>		

### March 21 - 22, 2020 (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent)

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
<b>Lector</b>	Mike Krondak	Justin Pieper
<b>Acolyte</b>	Ed Rieker	Jerry Cooper
<b>Server</b>	William Krondak	Xavier Pieper
	Nicholas Krondak	Elijah Heimann
<b>Music</b>	Volunteer	Buhrman/Niesen/Gregg
<b>Gifts</b>	Volunteer – Ask Ushers	Volunteer – Ask Ushers
<b>Ushers</b>	Steve Fear	Duane Johnsen
	Janet Fear	Heather Johnsen
<b>Rosary</b>		

### March 7 - 8, 2020 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent)

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 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>	Peggy Orr	Matt & Ashley Perlinger
<b>Gifts</b>	Volunteer – Ask Ushers	Volunteer – Ask Ushers
<b>Ushers</b>	Jerry Beckius	Jeff Orr
	Sharon Beckius	Volunteer
<b>Rosary</b>		

### March 28 - 29, 2020 (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent)

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
<b>Lector</b>	Jim Nisley	Michael Lafleur
<b>Acolyte</b>	Volunteer	Greg Vandenberg
<b>Server</b>	William Krondak	Elijah Heimann
	Alex Krondak	Jace Grunden
<b>Music</b>	Greg Vandenberg	Matt & Ashley Perlinger
<b>Gifts</b>	Volunteer – Ask Ushers	Volunteer – Ask Ushers
<b>Ushers</b>	Ken Bjornstad	Volunteer
	Teresa Bjornstad	Duane Johnsen
<b>Rosary</b>		

### March 14 - 15, 2020 (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent)

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
<b>Lector</b>	Mike Krondak	Justin Pieper
<b>Acolyte</b>	Jerry Volesky	Duane Johnsen
<b>Server</b>	Nicholas Krondak	Brock Johnsen
	Alex Krondak	Harmon Johnsen
<b>Music</b>	Volunteer	Greg Vandenberg
<b>Gifts</b>	Volunteer – Ask Ushers	Volunteer – Ask Ushers
<b>Ushers</b>	Cindy Swanson	Volunteer
	Alice Robinson	Spencer Hampton
<b>Rosary</b>		

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