

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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2nd Sunday of Lent *February 28, 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	Mar. 1	8:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Mar. 2	
Wednesday	Mar. 3	5:30 p.m.
6:00pm-10:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hours => Spend time with Jesus		
Thursday	Mar. 4	8:00 a.m.
Friday	Mar. 5	12:10 p.m.
5:30 p.m.		
<i>followed by: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament / Stations of the Cross & all night Adoration</i>		
Saturday	Mar. 6	8:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m.		
Sunday	Mar. 7	10:00 a.m.

INTENTIONS

Mary Sue Shoemaker
 - NO Scheduled Parish Mass -
 Beatrice Estrada +
 Mary Lou Robles +
 Special Intention (jls)
 Parishioners with Birthday in March
 Rush Hudson Limbaugh III +
 People of our Parish
 Lonnie Schmid +

**Shadows
 fall behind
 when we walk
 toward the light.**

Stewardship: February 21, 2021

Adult Envelopes:\$2,565.00
Loose Plate:.....\$340.00
Children:.....\$0.00
Holy Day: 0 \$0.00
Total:\$2,905.00

Joy of the Gospel Campaign
 Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
 Gifts last week:\$50.00
Total Gifts Received:.....\$945,473.05
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:\$60.00
 Ash Wednesday:\$1,395.00
 4 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. 28	11:30am: Family Formation Classes , Parents & Children (in Person and via Zoom)
		7:00pm – 8:30pm: The Search
Wednesday	Mar. 3	6:00pm – 10:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration 7:00pm – 9:00pm: RCIA Classes in Person and via Zoom
Thursday	Mar. 4	1:00pm: Adult Bible Study (contact Teri Volesky) 7:00pm – 8:30pm: The Search
Friday	Mar. 5	6:00pm – 8:00am (on Saturday): First Friday Holy Hours / Eucharistic Adoration

Catholic School News:

Upcoming Events: **Mar. 1:** Boys District Finals, SPVA Speech in Sutherland, Baseball, Golf and Track Seasons Begin, **Mar.2:** Boys District Finals, **Mar. 3-4:** No School- Spring Break, **Mar. 3-5:** NSAA Girls Basketball Tourney.

Irish Fest 2021: Thank you for your support! Since the inception, Irish Fest has generated over \$1 Million dollars for the NPCES Endowment - nearly \$300,000 in the past 10 years alone. These funds allow the Endowment to support the general operating budget of our school system, funding our most basic needs (teacher salaries, tuition assistance, facility operations, etc.). Thanks for making this year's raffle a success!

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

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.

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.

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.

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. *If you have never used Zoom before or have questions, please contact Fr. Seiker BEFORE the meeting begins.*

DESSERT AUCTION - COME JOIN THE FUN ... The AUCTION will be held in the Parish Hall after the **Saturday, March 20, 5:00pm** Mass and/or **Sunday, March 21, 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 hosts. **PLEASE COME SEE! Invite your neighbors and friends to the Favorite Family Dessert and Recipe Auction.**

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!

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.*

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.

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.

March - May Schedule:

- 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 HaschkeWomen
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)

A Pro-Life Lent ... The traditional practice of "giving something up for Lent" is a practice of self-denial; our Lord said that to follow him, we must deny our very selves. It means we say No to ourselves and Yes to God and others. This reverses the pattern of sin, which says Yes to ourselves and No to God and others. In our culture, the most violent No to God and others is abortion. Over three thousand times every day in our nation, people say No to a little child so that they may say Yes to their fears or their plans. This Lent, as we practice self-denial, let's think of these children. Let's offer our sacrifices for them. May all say Yes to God and Yes to the unborn. For more ideas about how to foster respect for the unborn this Lent, visit www.priestsforlife.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 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.**

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.

Real Life Catholic ... Bishop Conley will join Chris Stefanick on Real Life Catholic **March 3 at 7:00pm** for a live call-in show. Please join in watching at www.reallifecatholic.com/live. Enter your questions online, or call 330-732-5228.

Emmaus Institute Classes ... Looking for a way to boost your spiritual life during Lent and Easter? The Emmaus Institute for Biblical Studies is accepting registrations for its **10-week Online & In-Person Course** starting March 8th. See www.emmausinstitute.net for info.

Mother/Daughter Program ... "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made" for girls age 9-13 and their mothers will be held **March 28, 2021** from 1:30pm-4:30 pm at John XXIII Diocesan Center and **virtually**. 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 in person and \$10 virtually. To register, visit <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/motherdaughter>. Questions, please call Jen Davis at 402-261-6375 or email jmdavis17@gmail.com.

Spousal Hearts: Renewed in Love ... Marriage Encounter presenting **Virtual Weekend 2021: April 23-25**. Contact Pat/Janelle Benson, Pat 308-940-0670, Janelle308-940-1105, pjbiben@yahoo.com.

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!

2021 Wild Game Feed ... Saturday, Feb. 27, Curtis Community Center, 6:00pm. All you can eat Buffet! (Over 30 different dishes). Hosted by: St. James, St. William, St. Joseph Catholic Churches.

K of C (March) Breakfast Burrito ... watch our webpage for order form to order Breakfast Burritos. In lieu of our monthly pancake breakfast, during these times of social distancing the Knights of Columbus are offering homemade Breakfast Burritos to enjoy.

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
#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 ... Tue. March 2. I will be going to a Funeral for a Permanent Deacon (*I know through Cursillo*) in Omaha. There will NOT be a Parish Mass on Tuesday. I will return Wednesday morning.

Liturgical Ministers

Lector		
Acolyte		
Server		
Music		
Gifts		
Ushers		
Rosary		

Liturgical Calendar & Saints

Saturday:	Feb. 27	Lenten Weekday (Wk. 1)
Sunday:	Feb. 28	2nd Sunday of Lent
Monday:	Mar. 1	Lenten Weekday (Wk. 2)
Tuesday:	Mar. 2	Lenten Weekday (Wk. 2)
Wednesday:	Mar. 3	Lenten Weekday (Wk. 2) St. Katharine Drexel (Opt. Memorial)
Thursday:	Mar. 4	Lenten Weekday (Wk. 2) St. Casimir (Opt. Memorial)
Friday:	Mar. 5	Lenten Weekday (Wk. 2)
Saturday:	Mar. 6	Lenten Weekday (Wk. 2)
Sunday:	Mar. 7	3rd Sunday of Lent

Prayers for the sick: Daniel Nisley, Spencer Bale, Jim Beckius, Kim Prenosil, 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, Tim Garth (Theresa McCarthy-Garth's son), Those struggling with Alcoholism, Renate Nordquist, Kim Paul.

Prayers for the deceased: Vinette Tenopir (Mickey 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: 2/27 - Ed Rieker, 3/1 - Shane Belgum, 3/7 - Rhett Nordquist, Mickey Morlang.

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

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

David and the Prayer of the King

2578 The prayer of the People of God flourishes in the shadow of God's dwelling place, first the ark of the covenant and later the Temple. At first the leaders of the people – the shepherds and the prophets – teach them to pray. The infant Samuel must have learned from his mother Hannah how "to stand before the LORD" and from the priest Eli how to listen to his word: "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening."²⁶ Later, he will also know the cost and consequence of intercession: "Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD by ceasing to pray for you; and I will instruct you in the good and the right way."²⁷

26 *1 Sam 3:9-10* ⁹So he said to Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" When Samuel went to sleep in his place, ¹⁰the LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Cf. 1 Sam 1:9-18 ⁹Hannah rose after one such meal at Shiloh, and presented herself before the LORD; at the time, Eli the priest was sitting on a chair near the doorpost of the LORD'S temple. ¹⁰In her bitterness she prayed to the LORD, weeping copiously, ¹¹and she made a vow, promising: "O LORD of hosts, if you look with pity on the misery of your handmaid, if you remember me and do not forget me, if you give your handmaid a male child, I will give him to the LORD for as long as he lives; neither wine nor liquor shall he drink, and no razor shall ever touch his head." ¹²As she remained long at prayer before the LORD, Eli watched her mouth, ¹³for Hannah was praying silently; though her lips were moving, her voice could not be heard. Eli, thinking her drunk, ¹⁴said to her, "How long will you make a drunken show of yourself? Sober up from your wine!" ¹⁵"It isn't that, my lord," Hannah answered. "I am an unhappy woman. I have had neither wine nor liquor; I was only pouring out my troubles to the LORD. ¹⁶Do not think your handmaid a ne'er-do-well; my prayer has been prompted by my deep sorrow and misery." ¹⁷Eli said, "Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him." ¹⁸She replied, "Think kindly of your maidservant," and left. She went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and no longer appeared downcast.

27 *1 Sam 12:23* ²³As for me, far be it from me to sin against the LORD by ceasing to pray for you and to teach you the good and right way.

Pray for our Seminarians: **Matthew Connor Kovar**, from Appleton Assumption Parish in David City. He entered the Seminary in 2014. He is in Theology 4 at Mount Saint 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 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.

(March) Intention for evangelization - Sacrament of Reconciliation: Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.