

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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1st Sunday of Lent *March 1, 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	Mar. 2	8:00 a.m.	Nancy Vandenberg +
Tuesday	Mar. 3	7:00 a.m.	President Donald J. Trump
Wednesday	Mar. 4	5:30 p.m.	Liv/Dec mem. Bode/Ruskamp families
6:00pm-10:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hours => Spend time with Jesus			
Thursday	Mar. 5	8:00 a.m.	Jacob Buhrman
Friday	Mar. 6	12:10 p.m.	Martha Burbach +
		5:30 p.m.	Tim Seiker (-bap)
		6:00 p.m.	* Exposition /Stations/ All night Adoration
Saturday	Mar. 7	9:00 a.m. MASS	Ed Rieker (-bd)
		5:00 p.m.	People of Our Parish
Sunday	Mar. 8	10:00 a.m.	Roger Wyatt +

INTENTIONS

*The Lord, your God,
shall you worship,
and Him alone
shall you serve.*

— Matthew 4:10

Stewardship: February 23, 2020

Adult Envelopes:\$1,550.00
Loose Plate:.....\$127.00
Children:\$0.00
Holy Day: 0 \$0.00
Total:\$1,677.00

Joy of the Gospel Campaign

Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
 Gifts last week:\$0.00
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:\$35.00

Parish Calendar

Sunday	Mar. 1	11:30am: Family Formation Classes, Adults & Children	7:00pm: Women at the Well Lenten Retreat, St. Pat's
Monday	Mar. 2	7:00pm: Lectio: Salvation (Lent/Easter Study in Hall)	
Wednesday	Mar. 4	8:00am: Catholic Day of Advocacy ("Catholics at the Capitol")	
		6:00pm - 10:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration	7:00pm - 9:00pm: RCIA Classes in Parish Hall
Thursday	Mar. 5	1:00pm: Adult Bible Study in Parish Hall	7:00pm: Lectio: Salvation (Lent/Easter Study in Hall)
Friday	Mar. 6	5:30pm: Mass followed by First Friday Holy Hours (from Friday 5:30pm Mass - 9:00am Mass on Sat)	
Sunday	Mar. 8	11:00am: Knights of Columbus Breakfast, Parish Hall	11:30am: Daughters of Charity Meeting
		3:30pm: Cursillo Ultreya at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Hall	7:00pm: Lectio: Salvation (Lent/Easter Study)

Catholic School News:

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

7th 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 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!

Upcoming Events: Mar. 2: Spring sports begin. Mar. 5-7: Girls State Basketball. Mar. 6: No School, Spring Break Part 1.

St. Pat's Irish Fest: Thank you for another successful Irish Fest! The Endowment is grateful for all who attended and supported this event on February 23rd. Proceeds from the event will total over \$23,000 in support of the North Platte Catholic Schools Endowment-Trust, Inc. These funds directly support students and staff at Little Leprechaun, McDaid Elementary, and St. Patrick High School. **Congratulations to our Irish Fest Raffle winners!** iPad – Steve Weber, Yeti Cooler – Mick & Sue Fleck, \$250 – TJ & Joy Fleck, \$500 SCRIP – Todd & Bridget Pettit, \$1,000 – Ali Blake.

Daily Mass during Lent: 7:00am Mass will be held every school day morning during Lent in the McDaid Chapel. All are WELCOME!

Holy Rosary: Please join us for the Irish Rosary in the Schoolhouse: Mar. 2: 7:30am, McDaid Chapel, Mar. 10: 7:30am, St. Pat's Chapel, Mar. 18: 7:30am, McDaid Chapel.

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

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 ...

There is a sign up sheet on the table in the Narthex to please bring your favorite family DESSERT AND RECIPE to be auctioned on **Saturday, March 14** or **Sunday, March 15** after the Parish Mass. Come join the FUN AND take home your neighbor's dessert! **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! 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.
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. 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 & receive immediate confirmation or call Good Counsel Retreat House at 402-786-2705 to register now.

February – May Schedule:

- 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.

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,** & Joan Rvland (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.

You Shall Be Like Gods ... This original temptation,

outlined in the first reading, was a promise that what was right and what was wrong would be up to us; that we could write our own moral law. That's what the "tree of the knowledge of good and evil" meant, and why Adam and Eve couldn't eat from it. We are all called to know good from evil, but not to decide it. To think we decide it is the error of the "pro-choice" mindset. "It's all up to me and my choice, even if it means killing a baby." In the culture of life, on the other hand, we live in the freedom of the children of God, and pattern our lives on the obedience of Jesus that leads to life eternal.

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

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).

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

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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, 7:00pm. All you can eat Buffet! (Over 30 different dishes). Hosted by: St. James, St. William, St. Joseph Catholic Churches.

FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:

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., Mar. 7, 5:00pm	Sun., Mar. 8, 10:00am
Lector	Jim Nisley	Michael Lafleur
Acolyte	Jerry Volesky	Conrad Buhrman
Server	William Krondak	Jace Grunden
	Nicholas Krondak	Weston Hammond
Music	Peggy Orr	Matt & Ashley Perlinger
Gifts	Volunteer – Ask Ushers	Volunteer – Ask Ushers
Ushers	Jerry Beckius	Jeff Orr
	Sharon Beckius	Volunteer
Rosary		

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday:	Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

Prayers for the sick: Theresa McCarthy-Garth, Young woman (with many difficult situations), 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, Bernadine Torres, Martha Burbach, Luke Ranck.

Birthdays/Anniversaries: 3/1 - Shane Belgum, 3/7 - Rhett Nordquist, Mickey Morlang, Seth McCormick.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... In a few weeks' time, at the Chrism Mass of the diocese, fresh sacramental oils will be blessed and chrism consecrated for use in every parish. Olive oil is the main ingredient of chrism, but olive oil with some exotic additives that change its character and purpose. Rich balsam and perfumes separate chrism from the pantry. Food no longer, neither is this oil for grooming or toning muscles. It has a breathtaking aroma that is both alluring and enduring. The prayer of consecration is a good meditation for the coming Lenten season since it focuses us on the goal of our journey, linking it with the olive bearing dove at the end of Noah's stormy voyage of forty days. The dove signaled the birth of a new world, a society reborn from the wreckage of the old, drowned world of sin. At the end of our Lenten journey, the oil of chrism will be poured down in abundance on the brows of catechumens and infants, as well as on those to be confirmed or ordained. Lent puts us in touch with the hard edges of life in need of salvation, and the chrism of Easter joy redeems and restores. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

STRENGTH AGAINST TEMPTATION ... The first Sunday of the season of Lent always includes a Gospel account of the temptation of the Lord Jesus in the desert by the devil. This year, the story is set against the backdrop of the first reading from Genesis, which recounts the very first temptation by the devil. That story is set in a garden of delight. The Gospel story is set in the desert. As believers, we know that temptation comes our way in our own gardens of delight as well as the deserts of our lives. As Lent begins, our attention is drawn to that temptation within each of us to become like God – we want control, power, and answers to all of life's difficult questions. As communities of faith, we are given this season of repentance so that we can join our hearts with others on the difficult journey of conversion. We look to God and to one another for strength against temptation. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TEMPTATION ... Every conquered temptation represents a new fund of moral energy. Every trial endured and weathered in the right spirit makes a soul nobler and stronger than it was before. — William Butler Yeats

PRAYER ... The value of persistent prayer is not that God will hear us, but that we will finally hear God. — William McGill

Pray for our Seminarians: John William McDonald, from St. Patrick Parish in Lincoln. He entered the Seminary in 2017. He is in Theology 1 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 ... (March)

Prayer intention for evangelization - Catholics in China: We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.