

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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2nd Sunday of Lent *March 8, 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. 9	8:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Mar. 10	6:30 a.m.
Wednesday	Mar. 11	5:30 p.m.
6:00pm–10:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hours => Spend time with Jesus		
Thursday	Mar. 12	8:00 a.m.
Friday	Mar. 13	12:10 p.m.
		5:30 p.m.
		6:00 p.m.
Saturday	Mar. 14	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Mar. 15	10:00 a.m.

INTENTIONS

Elli (Fugate) Schmidt
 JoAnn Bode Waters +
 Otto, Virginia, & Lynn Weskamp +
 Emily Flores +
 Martha Burbach +
 Parishioners with Birthday in March
 * Exposition / Stations / Benediction *
 Anna Lee
 People of Our Parish

*Christ Jesus ...
 destroyed death and
 brought life and
 immortality to light
 through the Gospel.*

— 2 Timothy 1:10b

Stewardship: March 1, 2020

Adult Envelopes:\$2,415.00
Loose Plate:.....\$312.00
Children:\$0.00
Holy Day: (Ash Wednesday) \$722.50
Total:\$3,449.50

Joy of the Gospel Campaign
 Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
 Gifts last week:\$2,375.00
Total Gifts Received:.....\$883,403.05
 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

Parish Calendar

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: <u>Lectio: Salvation</u> (Lent/Easter Study)
Monday	Mar. 9	7:00pm: Knights of Columbus Meeting, Parish Hall	
Wednesday	Mar. 11	6:00pm – 10:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration	7:00pm – 9:00pm: RCIA Classes in Parish Hall
Thursday	Mar. 12	1:00pm: Adult Bible Study in Parish Hall	7:00pm: <u>Lectio: Salvation</u> (Lent/Easter Study in Hall)
Sat. & Sun.	Mar. 14-15	After 5:00pm & 10:00am Masses: Daughters of Charity Dessert Auction	

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. If you don't currently attend our school, please contact us for more information.

Upcoming Events: Mar. 7: Daylight Savings Time, Mar. 9: No School for St. Pat's Jr/Sr High School Students (LLP & McDaid Students still have a regular school day), SPVA Speech @NPSP, Mar. 11: End of 3rd Quarter, Mar 12-14: Boys State Basketball, Mar 12: No School, Faculty In-Service, Mar. 13: No School, Spring Break Pt. 2.

Spirit Wear Day: On Friday, February 28. St. Pat's and McDaid had a Spirit Wear Day at school. For a minimum donation of a dollar, the students could wear designated 'spirit wear' t-shirts and jeans. All funds raised were donated to Mrs. McCarthy-Garth (5th Grade teacher at McDaid) to help defray medical expenses as she continues her cancer treatments. McDaid Principal, Mrs. Wood, reported that the amount contributed was the highest amount ever collected on a spirit wear day. It speaks volumes about how much love and empathy fill the hearts of our students and school family. God is Good and God is Here! If you have an interest in making a donation to Mrs. McCarthy-Garth, an account has been established in her name at NebraskaLand National Bank. Please continue to pray for her and her family.

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 at 7:30am: Mar. 10, Mar. 26 in the St. Pat's Chapel and Mar. 18, 30, & Apr. 6 in the McDaid Chapel.

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

St. Pat's Friday Fish Fry ... On Fridays during Lent, there will be a Fish Fry at St. Pat's Parish Hall from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 8.

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. **There are still several spots available.**

Forty Hours Eucharistic Adoration ... Sunday, Mar. 15-Tuesday, Mar. 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 a Professor 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.

Dr. Benjamin Akers' talks will be:

- Sunday (03/15/20): **“Walking with the Word”** ... On the road to Emmaus, Jesus meets disciples who are leaving the Church. He walks with them, teaches Scripture, and sets their hearts on fire. We will explore how we can follow Jesus' example to bring others back to walking with the Word.
- Monday (03/16/20): **“Praying like a Disciple”** ... We all know that prayer is important in the Christian life, yet, many times we do not know what to say. In response to the disciples' request to teach them to pray, Jesus gives them the Lord's Prayer. In this session we will examine what we are really asking God for when we say the Our Father.
- Tuesday (03/17/20): **“Being a Missionary Disciple”** ... Christians are called to follow Jesus on the path of discipleship. This presentation will reflect on what Sacred Scripture tells us about following Jesus. We will also hear the challenge from Christ to share the Catholic Faith with family, friends, and others in our life.

Singles, couples and families; Catholics and other Christians are cordially invited to come to hear Dr. Benjamin Akers speak and also to spend some time with our Eucharistic Lord (in Adoration opening your heart to Jesus' Heart).

Child care will be provided in the Parish Hall (from 6:40pm – 8:30pm). There are two young women (about 20-30 years old) who currently work in a Day Care Facility in North Platte, who have been “background checked” who will be providing Day Care for us. Please RSVP to rectory-office@seas-np.org, and let us know how many children and the ages of the children that will be coming to child care, so that we have enough other youth or adults to help these two professional women care for the children.

Men Suffer Too ... The following is a letter written by a man who lost his son to abortion: *Dear John Peter, In the fall, John, when the leaves fall from the trees I shall think of you, for you too fell from life. In the cold of winter, John, the snow shall remind me of you: for like the snow you were and are white and pure. In the spring, John, I shall think of you: for the birth of spring shall remind me that you, too should have been born into this world. John, I shall think of you in the summer: I shall imagine your laughter. I shall see you as you might have been, a little boy running and playing, scraping your knees from a fall. I shall miss, John, all that I might have gained from your life. May you rest in the arms of God, Dad.* Men struggling with the temptation and wounds of abortion can find help through Priests for Life at www.FatherhoodForever.org.

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.*
- June 20-21 ... Crossroads Walkers at St. Elizabeth*
- July 12-17 ... TOTUS TUUS at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.*
- July 18, 2020 ... Seven Sisters Apostolate Retreat*

Southern Nebraska Register ... subscription rate is \$15.00/1 yr. Make checks to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. Thank you!

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
#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

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.

FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:

Fr. Seiker's schedule ... Tue. March 10, there is a Priest Study Day at St. Gregory the Great Seminary in Seward beginning at 11:00am. There is a Memorial Mass for Fr. James O'Connor (a recently deceased diocesan priest) at 10:15am at the Seminary. Thus, the Tuesday morning Mass will be at 6:30am (early risers are welcome). I will spend Tuesday evening with Dad and Mom, and return on Wednesday. If there is an emergency for which you need a Priest, please call: Fr. Bernard Kimminau, Curtis (308-367-4280), Fr. Tom Bush, Grant (308-352-4803), Fr. Josh Brown, St. Patrick (532-0942), Fr. Sauger, Holy Spirit (534-6623).

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!

Results of the Parish Council Elections ... Congratulations to the newly elected members of the Parish Council: Jeff Orr and Mickey **Morlang Morelang** and Kanen **Hammond Hammon** (who will serve a one year term to replace Marcie Minchow [who was elected last year moving to Omaha]). Thank you to all those whose names were on the ballot and to those who voted. Thank you to Ken Bjornstad and Diane Gregg, who have completed their terms on the Parish Council. I appreciate each of the persons who have served on the parish council, & the gift of time & effort to the Parish through their time given to Council & the many extra ways they shared their talents.

Liturgical Minister

	Sat., Mar. 14, 5:00pm	Sun, Mar. 15, 10:00am
Lector	Mike Krondak	Justin Pieper
Acolyte	Jerry Volesky	Duane Johnsen
Server	Nicholas Krondak	Brock Johnsen
	Alex Krondak	Harmon Johnsen
Music	Volunteer	Greg Vandenberg
Gifts	Volunteer – Ask Ushers	Volunteer – Ask Ushers
Ushers	Cindy Swanson	Volunteer
	Alice Robinson	Spencer Hampton
Rosary		

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday:	Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

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: 3/7 - Rhett Nordquist, Mickey Morlang, Seth McCormick, 3/9 - Tish Connelly, Andrea McCormick, 3/11 - Rebecca Krondak, 3/12 - Tyler Bantam, Carol Pineda, 3/13 - Jim Nisley.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... Olive oil looms large in the vocabulary of baptism. There are other oils in the pantry closet, from grapeseed to safflower to canola, but only olives yield the proper meanings. Olives don't just happen; they are cultivated, nurtured, pruned, and fussed over; they are a sign of human and divine cooperation. Olives can thrive in poor soil, but they cannot survive without human ingenuity, planting shoots and pruning branches. They can't be popped from a tree and munched like apples: they are inedible without long curing; neither do they yield their oil to hand pressure alone, but only to huge stone mills. Abundant patience is needed as sediment sinks to the bottom of storage barrels and pure oil rises to the surface. Olive oil is a byproduct of peace: war keeps harvesters, planters, and pruners within city walls and turns millers into soldiers. To obtain oil from olives you need vast measures of hope, patience, faith, and ingenuity. Olive oil is a sign of God's bounty and the way we human beings collaborate with God to bring about impossibly wonderful results. It is creation at its finest. Some people give chocolate eggs for Easter; perhaps olive oil is a more appropriate gift! — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

CHANGE ... Lent is all about change and change is usually not easy. In order to change we have to leave something behind. Today we hear about a very old man who decides to answer God's call. Abram experiences a tremendous amount of change when he leaves everything behind, risking it all for God's promise. Jesus changes, is transfigured, right before the eyes of his disciples. The Lenten scriptures issue the call for us to change, to be transfigured, so that we, too, will soon share in the glory of God. What is it that the Lord is asking us to leave behind? Are we willing to take the risk for the promise made by God? These questions are at the heart of the Lenten journey of conversion. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

SHARING ... It's easy to halve the potato where there's love. — Irish saying

THE HEAVIEST LOAD ... A chip on the shoulder is the heaviest load anyone can carry. — Anonymous

SPRING WEATHER ... In the spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside of 24 hours. — Mark Twain

Pray for our Seminarians: Bradley Paul Moss, from St. John & St. Joseph Parish in Lincoln. He entered the Seminary in 2018. He is in College 2 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 ... (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.