

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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4th Sunday of Lent *March 14, 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. 15	8:00 a.m.	Elizabeth (Liz) Haag
Tuesday	Mar. 16	7:00 a.m.	Anna Lee
Wednesday	Mar. 17	5:30 p.m.	Otto, Virginia, Lynn Weskamp +
		6:00pm-10:00pm	Eucharistic Holy Hours => Spend time with Jesus
Thursday	Mar. 18	8:00 a.m.	Raymond Barron +
Friday	Mar. 19	12:10 p.m.	Special Intention (jls)
		5:30 p.m.	Tim Seiker (~bap)
		6:00 p.m.	* Exposition / Stations / Benediction *
Saturday	Mar. 20	5:00 p.m.	Randy Kramer +
Sunday	Mar. 21	10:00 a.m.	People of our Parish

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**You cannot
 turn back the clock.
 But you can
 wind it up again.**

Stewardship: March 7, 2021

Adult Envelopes:\$1,355.00
Loose Plate:\$259.00
Children:\$0.00
Holy Day:\$0.00
Total:\$1,614.00

Ash Wednesday\$25.00

Joy of the Gospel Campaign

Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
 Gifts last week:\$0.00
Total Gifts Received:\$945,573.05
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

Contemplate Sisters:\$100.00
 Christmas Retired Priests:\$100.00
 American Bishops Overseas:\$5.00
 Black & Indian Collection:\$5.00
 Catholic Communication:\$5.00
 Catholic Home Missions:\$5.00
 Catholic University:\$5.00
 Retired Religious:\$5.00

Parish Calendar

Sunday	Mar. 14	Knights of Columbus Breakfast Burritos: After 10:00am Mass.
Monday	Mar. 15	7:00pm: Virtual Event with Jeff Cavins
Wednesday	Mar. 17	6:00pm – 10:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration 7:00pm – 9:00pm: RCIA Classes in Person and via Zoom
Thursday	Mar. 18	1:00pm: Adult Bible Study (contact Teri Volesky) 7:00pm – 8:30pm: The Search
Friday	Mar. 19	7:00pm – 8:30pm: The Search
Sat./Sun.	Mar. 20/21	Daughters of Charity Dessert Auction: After 5:00pm and 10:00am Masses

Catholic School News:

Upcoming Events: **Mar. 16:** 11:00am- SPVA Quiz Bowl, **Mar. 17:** All School Spirit Wear Day, **Mar. 18:** 7:00pm- 9th Grade Parents Night (for all incoming 9th graders, current students, and transfer students. Questions to Mrs. Eickhoff, 308-532-1874).

Student of the Month: Dakota Guthrie has been selected as the student of the month for March. Teachers and Student Council members vote on a student to receive this honor. Dakota, a sophomore, is the daughter of Jim and Toni Guthrie of North Platte. Her school activities include cheerleading, volleyball, track, choir, swing choir, band, elite band, Dixieland band, Pro-Life Committee, Quiz Bowl, One Act, art, S.A.I.N.T.S. and she is on the honor roll. Outside of school she finds time to volunteer at parish events and participates in two different Bible Study groups. She is attending Confirmation classes. She also volunteers at the Fox Theatre. Dakota and her family are members of Holy Spirit Catholic Church. She has two younger siblings that are both at St. Pat's. Hailey is in the 9th grade and Allison is in 7th grade.

Books for Sale, 6th Grade Class: "You Might Have Been a Kid in 2020 If..." The book illustrates things that made 2020 a year like no other, written and illustrated by the students. Available for purchase for \$10.00. All proceeds will go to the McDaid P.T.O. Call the McDaid Office to order!

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.

K of C (March 14) Breakfast Burritos ... Find

the breakfast burrito order form on our website! During social distancing the Knights of Columbus are offering homemade Breakfast Burritos to enjoy. Burritos are \$3.00 each, \$15.00 for 6, \$30.00 for 12, etc. They will be individually wrapped & can be eaten the day of the breakfast (warm) or picked up to go (warm or cold). Prepackaged salsa is available upon request. Payment is expected when picked up at the K of C Breakfast (**March 14**). Help Knights of Columbus plan accordingly.

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!

Household plants will be available for a "good-will" offering after the weekend Masses, March 20-21. Proceeds to the Daughters of Charity to help with altar flowers, candles, linens and other supplies.

Change Your Station, Change Your Life ...

This Lent, listen to Catholic Radio for 1 hr each week. Jesus will change your life! Already a listener? Visit www.spiritcatholicradio.com for station near you.

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.

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, pjbjben@yahoo.com.

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. 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)
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 “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)

The Most Basic Right ... “The common outcry, which is justly made on behalf of human rights -- for example, the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture -- is false and illusory if the right to life, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition for all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination.” -- Pope John Paul II, *Christifideles Laici* (1988), n. 38.

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.**

Camp Kateri Registration ... Registration is now open for SKY Camp (rising grades 5th-9th), Catholic Adventure Camp (rising grades 4th-6th) and the Tekakwitha Games (rising grades 5th-9th). For more information, or to register for camp, go to www.campkateri.org.

High School Volunteer Counselors Needed ...

Camp Kateri is now accepting applications for volunteer high school counselors for SKY, Catholic Adventure Camp and the Tekakwitha Games. For more information, please go to www.campkateri.org.

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.

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.

Catholics at the Capitol Online Series ...

This year, Nebraska Catholic Conference is offering three ONLINE events in lieu of our annual in-person event. Information & registration link for each event is below. Feel free to attend one or all three online events. You will need to fill out a separate registration for each event. Each will have unique guest speakers, & registration will include an NCC Advocacy Kit.

Catholics at the Capitol: 2021 Legislative Issues *If you missed Mar. 9,* https://zoom.us/j/615564096784?pwd=ZDp0OurlxCAxN0NfJEsw5AbjYkN9LhDQlY1cQ3EAFvPEXVas49nDL1q5yuQphu.7CVbsvpc8laVsPAJ?startTime=1615312662000&x_zm_rta_id=J6v8Pm5nQl-U1ukNxrjkkQ.1615664096784.8b42fe6a5c4faec4adb86529656dbab2&x_zm_rhtauid=140

Catholics at the Capitol: Why a Good Catholic Meddles in Politics

Tuesday, March 16 at 7:30pm – 9:00pm ... Join us for the second of our Catholics at the Capitol online series! Grab a drink and tune in for a discussion about why a good Catholic meddles in politics, how we can fit advocacy into our everyday lives, and the NCC’s priority bills for the year. Our guest speakers will be Bishop James Conley of Lincoln, Lt. Gov. Mike Foley, and Nikki Shasserre. Register at <https://necatholic.org/news-events/event-calendar.html/event/2021/03/16/catholics-at-the-capitol-why-a-good-catholic-meddles-in-politics/326055>.

Catholics at the Capitol: How to Make Your Voice Heard in a Pandemic

Tuesday, March 23 at 12:00pm - 1:30pm ... Join us for the third of our Catholics at the Capitol online series! We will spend time diving into our top priority bills for the session and talk about how to make your voice heard to elected officials amid the pandemic. We will also be joined by Senator Lou Ann Linehan who will discuss school choice legislation and Senator Mike McDonnell who will discuss closing the unemployment insurance gap for immigrants. Register at <https://necatholic.org/news-events/event-calendar.html/event/2021/03/23/catholics-at-the-capitol-how-to-make-your-voice-heard-in-a-pandemic/326058>.

Free Holy Week Bible Conference ... Prepare for Holy Week ...

You are invited to register for the Augustine Institute FREE Virtual Bible Conference at <https://bibleconference.augustineinstitute.org/>

Seeking a way to grow in your love and knowledge of God’s Word this Lent? Looking for a Lenten program when in-person parish missions and small groups cannot gather?

Join some of the nation’s most dynamic Scripture scholars on **March 27 for a one-day virtual event that will be streamed via Zoom (11:00amCDT – 4:00pmCDT)**. This virtual event is free!

FROM FR. MARK SEIKER:

The Search ... an innovative video-based journey that tackles the key questions of every human heart. **Cost of participant guide=\$10.00.**

	7:00pm – 8:15 or 8:30pm	7:00pm	7:00pm
#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

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church Re-Opening (beginning Sat. 03/13/21):

- **Singing without restrictions at Mass**, use of choirs to lead the music (if members of the choir are comfortable being in the Choir).
- **Use of liturgical ministers on the Altar ...** beginning Palm Sunday (Saturday Vigil & hopefully Sat, Mar 20 & Sun, Mar 21). There will be some Practice sessions/meetings scheduled with Lectors, Acolytes, Servers.
- **Return to the use of the confessionals ...** beginning Saturday, Mar 13.
- **Use of holy water fonts** at Easter Vigil, Apr. 3 (with newly blessed Easter Water)
- **We will stop having the cleaning of the Communion Rail during Mass after each group has received Holy Communion** (beginning Sat, Mar 13). However, custodians will regularly clean the Communion Rail.
- **Generally, the Opening Process will be on Palm Sunday (and the Saturday Vigil) with a few items beginning Saturday, March 13.**
- **Parishioners are encouraged to make participation in Sunday (Saturday Vigil) Mass a spiritual priority!**

Consecration to St. Joseph ... The Parish ordered **50 books** by Fr. Donald H. Calloway, MIC to assist you in participating in this Consecration to St. Joseph. **The books HAVE ARRIVED (\$10.00 each).**

Liturgical Ministers

Lector	
Acolyte	
Server	
Music	
Gifts	
Ushers	
Rosary	

Liturgical Calendar & Saints

Saturday:	Mar. 13	Lenten Weekday (Wk. 3)
Sunday:	Mar. 14	4th Sunday of Lent
Monday:	Mar. 15	Lenten Weekday (Wk. 4)
Tuesday:	Mar. 16	Lenten Weekday (Wk. 4)
Wednesday:	Mar. 17	Lenten Weekday (Wk. 4) St. Patrick (Opt. Memorial)
Thursday:	Mar. 18	Lenten Weekday (Wk. 4) St. Cyril of Jerusalem (Opt. Memorial)
Friday:	Mar. 19	St. Joseph, Spouse of Virgin Mary (Solemnity)
Saturday:	Mar. 20	Lenten Weekday (Wk. 4)
Sunday:	Mar. 21	5th 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: Jim Beckius, 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: 3/13 - Jim Nisley, 3/17 - Justin Pieper, Eileen Tejral.

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

2580 The Temple of Jerusalem, the house of prayer that David wanted to build, will be the work of his son, Solomon. The prayer at the dedication of the Temple relies on God's promise and covenant, on the active presence of his name among his People, recalling his mighty deeds at the Exodus.²⁹ The king lifts his hands toward heaven and begs the Lord, on his own behalf, on behalf of the entire people, and of the generations yet to come, for the forgiveness of their sins and for their daily needs, so that the nations may know that He is the only God and that the heart of his people may belong wholly and entirely to him.

28 *1 Kings 8:10-61* ¹⁰When the priests left the holy place, the cloud filled the temple of the LORD ¹¹so that the priests could no longer minister because of the cloud, since the LORD'S glory had filled the temple of the LORD. ¹²Then Solomon said, "The LORD intends to dwell in the dark cloud; ¹³have truly built you a princely house, a dwelling where you may abide forever." ¹⁴The king turned and greeted the whole community of Israel as they stood. ¹⁵He said to them: "Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who with his own mouth made a promise to my father David and by his hand has brought it to fulfillment. It was he who said, ¹⁶'Since the day I brought my people Israel out of Egypt, I have not chosen a city out of any tribe of Israel for the building of a temple to my honor; but I choose David to rule my people Israel.' ¹⁷When my father David wished to build a temple to the honor of the LORD, the God of Israel, ¹⁸the LORD said to him, 'In wishing to build a temple to my honor, you do well. ¹⁹It will not be you, however, who will build the temple; but the son who will spring from you, he shall build the temple to my honor.' ²⁰And now the LORD has fulfilled the promise that he made: I have succeeded my father David and sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD foretold, and I have built this temple to honor the LORD, the God of Israel. ²¹I have provided in it a place for the ark in which is the covenant of the LORD, which he made with our fathers when he brought them out of the land of Egypt." ²²Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of the whole community of Israel, and stretching forth his hands toward heaven, ²³he said, "LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below; you keep your covenant of kindness with your servants who are faithful to you with their whole heart. ²⁴You have kept the promise you made to my father David, your servant. You who spoke that promise, have this day, by your own power, brought it to fulfillment. ²⁵Now, therefore, LORD, God of Israel, keep the further promise you made to my father David, your servant, saying, 'You shall always have someone from your line to sit before me on the throne of Israel, provided only that your descendants look to their conduct so that they live in my presence, as you have lived in my presence.' ²⁶Now, LORD, God of Israel, may this promise which you made to my father David, your servant, be confirmed. ²⁷'Can it indeed be that God dwells among men on earth? If the heavens and the highest heavens cannot contain you, how much less this temple which I have built! ²⁸Look kindly on the prayer and petition of your servant, O LORD, my God, and listen to the cry of supplication which I, your servant, utter before you this day. ²⁹May your eyes watch night and day over this temple, the place where you have decreed you shall be honored; may you heed the prayer which I, your servant, offer in this place. ³⁰Listen to the petitions of your servant and of your people Israel which they offer in this place. Listen from your heavenly dwelling and grant pardon. ³¹'If a man sins against his neighbor and is required to take an oath sanctioned by a curse, when he comes and takes the oath before your altar in this temple, ³²listen in heaven; take action and pass judgment on your servants. Condemn the wicked and punish him for his conduct, but acquit the just and establish his innocence. ³³'If your people Israel sin against you and are defeated by an enemy, and if then they return to you, praise your name, pray to you, and entreat you in this temple, ³⁴listen in heaven and forgive the sin of your people Israel, and bring them back to the land you gave their fathers. ³⁵'If the sky is closed, so that there is no rain, because they have sinned against you and you afflict them, and if then they repent of their sin, and pray, and praise your name in this place, ³⁶listen in heaven and forgive the sin of your servant and of your people Israel, teaching them the right way to live and sending rain upon this land of yours which you have given to your people as their heritage. ³⁷'If there is famine in the land or pestilence, or if blight comes, or mildew, or a locust swarm, or devouring insects; if an enemy of your people besieges them in one of their cities; whatever plague or sickness there may be, ³⁸if then any one (of your entire people Israel) has remorse of conscience and offers some prayer or petition, stretching out his hands toward this temple, ³⁹listen from your heavenly dwelling place and forgive. You who alone know the hearts of all men, render to each one of them according to his conduct; knowing their hearts, so treat them ⁴⁰that they may fear you as long as they live on the land you gave our fathers. ⁴¹'To the foreigner, likewise, who is not of your people Israel, but comes from a distant land to honor you ⁴²(since men will learn of your great name and your mighty hand and your outstretched arm), when he comes and prays toward this temple, ⁴³listen from your heavenly dwelling. Do all that the foreigner asks of you, that all the peoples of the earth may know your name, may fear you as do your people Israel, and may acknowledge that this temple which I have built is dedicated to your honor. ⁴⁴'Whatever the direction in which you may send your people forth to war against their enemies, if they pray to you, O LORD, toward the city you have chosen and the temple I have built in your honor, ⁴⁵listen in heaven to their prayer and petition, and defend their cause. ⁴⁶'When they sin against you (for there is no man who does not sin), and in your anger against them you deliver them to the enemy, so that their captors deport them to a hostile land, far or near, ⁴⁷may they repent in the land of their captivity and be converted. If then they entreat you in the land of their captors and say, 'We have sinned and done wrong; we have been wicked'; ⁴⁸if with their whole heart and soul they turn back to you in the land of the enemies who took them captive, pray to you toward the land you gave their fathers, the city you have chosen, and the temple I have built in your honor, ⁴⁹listen from your heavenly dwelling. ⁵⁰Forgive your people their sins and all the offenses they have committed against you, and grant them mercy before their captors, so that these will be merciful to them. ⁵¹For they are your people and your inheritance, whom you brought out of Egypt, from the midst of an iron furnace. ⁵²Thus may your eyes be open to the petition of your servant and to the petition of your people Israel. Hear them whenever they call upon you, ⁵³because you have set them apart among all the peoples of the earth for your inheritance, as you declared through your servant Moses when you brought our fathers out of Egypt, O Lord GOD." ⁵⁴When Solomon finished offering this entire prayer of petition to the LORD, he rose from before the altar of the LORD, where he had been kneeling with his hands outstretched toward heaven. ⁵⁵He stood and blessed the whole community of Israel, saying in a loud voice: ⁵⁶"Blessed be the LORD who has given rest to his people Israel, just as he promised. Not a single word has gone unfulfilled of the entire generous promise he made through his servant Moses. ⁵⁷May the LORD, our God, be with us as he was with our fathers and may he not forsake us nor cast us off. ⁵⁸May he draw our hearts to himself, that we may follow him in everything and keep the commands, statutes, and ordinances which he enjoined on our fathers. ⁵⁹May this prayer I have offered to the LORD, our God, be present to him day and night, that he may uphold the cause of his servant and of his people Israel as each day requires, ⁶⁰that all the peoples of the earth may know the LORD is God and there is no other. ⁶¹You must be wholly devoted to the LORD, our God, observing his statutes and keeping his commandments, as on this day."

Pray for our Seminarians: Bradley Paul Moss, from St. John & St. Joseph Parishes in Lincoln. He entered the Seminary in 2018. He is in College 3 at St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS ... (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.