

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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3rd Sunday of Lent ***March 15, 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

Sunday	Mar. 15	7:00 p.m.
Monday	Mar. 16	8:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Mar. 17	7:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Mar. 18	5:30 p.m.
6:00pm–10:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hours => Spend time with Jesus		
Thursday	Mar. 19	8:00 a.m.
Friday	Mar. 20	12:10 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	Mar. 21	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Mar. 22	10:00 a.m.

INTENTIONS

-- Forty Hours Talk(Confessions after)
Elizabeth (Liz) Haag
-- Forty Hours Talk(Confessions after)
Patricia Zamora +
-- Forty Hours Talk(Confessions Before)
Jerome & JoAnn Konen +
Lucy Barron +
Martha Burbach +
Fr. Brad Zitek +
* Exposition / Stations / Benediction *
People of Our Parish
John L. Sullivan +

*While we were
still sinners,
Christ died for us.*

— Romans 5:8

Stewardship: March 1, 2020

Adult Envelopes:\$1,630.00
Loose Plate:\$266.00
Children:\$0.00
Holy Day: \$0.00
Total:\$1,896.00

Joy of the Gospel Campaign

Total Pledged:\$958,770.00
Gifts last week:\$100.00
Total Gifts Received:.....\$883,503.05
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

Ash Wednesday\$10.00

Parish Calendar

Sat. & Sun.	Mar. 14-15	After 5:00pm & 10:00am Masses: Daughters of Charity Dessert Auction
Sun.-Tues.	Mar. 15-17	7:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration Talks by Dr. Benjamin Akers
Wednesday	Mar. 18	6:00pm – 10:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration 7:00pm – 9:00pm: RCIA Classes in Parish Hall
Thursday	Mar. 19	1:00pm: Adult Bible Study in Parish Hall

Catholic School News:

Enrollment is OPEN for all grade levels! Upcoming Dates to remember: 9th Grade Information Night: March 19, 5:30pm (Time change). 7th Grade Information Night: April 7, 7:00pm.

Campaign Update: All of us are indebted to previous generations for their sacrifices in making possible what we enjoy today. We have all worshipped in churches we did not establish, attended schools we did not build, and studied from books we did not buy. Now we have the opportunity to provide for our current needs and for the needs of future generations at the North Platte Catholic Schools. THANK YOU to everyone who has supported the NOW is the Time Campaign with gifts of time, talent, and treasure. You have helped us pass the \$1 million mark! But there is much work to be done to achieve our goal. The Endowment needs a total of \$1.6-\$2 million to ensure completion of all campaign projects and goals. Please consider getting involved! Your gift to this campaign will support current and future generations of students at NPCS with updated plumbing, improved facilities, and a secure financial foundation. Contact the Endowment office to make your pledge: 308-534-5939, w.dodson@npcschools.org, or visit the North Platte Catholic Schools on Facebook or online at: www.npcschools.org.

Mid-Nebraska Big Red Sports Banquet, Mar. 21: It's a fan experience like no other. See some of your favorite Husker football players up-close and in-person. Silent and Live auctions with unique Husker items and memorabilia. Q & A with Huskers in the hot seat, and an autograph signing. This year's featured players are: Wyatt Mazour, Khalil Davis, Carlos Davis, and Reid Karel. Tickets are still available at \$65 per person (includes dinner). Purchase tickets at The Sports Shoppe, or online at: www.bidpal.net/bigred2020. Proceeds from the event support the St. Patrick School Activities Association.

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. 26 = St Pat Chapel; Mar. 18, 30, Apr. 6 = McDaid Chapel.

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

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 & many social events the Parish hosts. Please come see!

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.**

Eucharistic Procession ... surrounding Planned Parenthood in Lincoln (48th & Old Cheney) on March 31 at 2:00pm. Park at the Cornerstone Christian Church at 4849 Old Cheney Road. Join hundreds at this peaceful & prayerful witness to the sanctity of all human lives.

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.

FREE Magnificat App ... during this challenging time, many faithful may be unable to attend Mass. Magnificat is honored to provide complimentary access to our online version to help people pray from home. English: <https://us.magnificat.net/free>; Spanish: <https://latina.magnificat.net/gratis>

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.

In the Dark ... The following words were written by a young lady who had an abortion, and illustrate a common theme the Church encounters in those who have had abortions. Cases like this show the need for the efforts the pro-life movement makes to counsel those who feel pressured to abort, and to give them alternatives: *“The counseling was only pro-abortion. No information was given to me about pro-life choices or agencies at the abortion clinic. They also told me it wouldn't hurt. It was extremely painful. I was not told anything about how this would affect me for the rest of my life.”* Read more testimonies of those who have had abortions at AbortionTestimonies.com.

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!

Charity & Stewardship Appeal CSA 2020 (DDP) ... March 21-22, and March 28-29, you will be asked to stop in the Narthex after Mass to make your pledge for The Charity and Stewardship Appeal (CSA 2020). The goal for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is **\$9,010.00**. These funds will be used for various programs funded by the Charity & Stewardship Appeal (CSA 2020). **Our Diocese is holding to CSA Appeal 1 month earlier than in the past!**

Since we support a Catholic Grade School & High School, **80% of our goal & everything over our goal comes back to us, to help us provide Catholic education through our local Catholic School!**

Just as we are one in the Body of Christ, we must remember that we are one with other parishes in our diocese. Once a year, our bishop asks each of us to make a commitment to support the work of our diocesan programs/ministries that provide services that no one parish could provide on its own. This effort is a means by which we can all work together to care for the Church by sharing the gifts God has granted us. Our goal is 100% participation. Please experience the joy of giving & join us as we work to continue God's work of spirituality, charity & education.

Over the last 26 years, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church has greatly benefited from The Charity and Stewardship Appeal (CSA): we have borrowed \$436,457.04 for Parish Hall, Rectory, & Farm. We borrowed \$1,485,000 for the new Church at very low interest rates. We have paid off loans for Parish Hall, Rectory, & “Farm”. We still owe \$61,613.45 on Church loan. Though many parishioners have made significant contributions to Joy of the Gospel Campaign through pledges & other gifts, we need to continue to make a gift to CSA 2020 at a similar level as in previous years, & also use regular Sunday envelopes!

Lectio: SALVATION: Unveiling Scripture and Tradition ... Please come to spend time sharing your faith with other Catholics and learn what “salvation” means.

	7:00pm –8:15 or 8:30pm	7:00pm	7:00pm
Will Not Meet in this week (March 15 – 21)			
Forty Hours Eucharistic Devotions (March 15 - 17)			
#4	Not Just Personal	Monday March 23	Thursday March 26
#5	Not Just a Legal Transaction	Monday March 30	Thursday April 2
Will Not Meet in Holy Week (April 5 – 11)			
#6	Not a Spectator Sport	Tuesday April 14	Thursday April 16
#7	Not Simply a Moment	Monday April 20	Thursday April 23
#8	Not Inevitable	Sunday April 26	Monday April 27
#9	Not Just for Other People	Thursday May 7	Friday May 8
#10	Not Only About the Future	Tuesday May 12	Thursday May 14

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!

Results of the Parish Council Elections ...

Congratulations to the newly elected members of the Parish Council: Jeff Orr and Mickey Morlang and Kanen Hammond (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. 21, 5:00pm	Sun, Mar. 22, 10:00am
Lector	Mike Krondak	Justin Pieper
Acolyte	Ed Rieker	Jerry Cooper
Server	William Krondak	Xavier Pieper
	Nicholas Krondak	Elijah Heimann
Music	Volunteer	Buhrman/Niesen/Gregg
Gifts	Volunteer – Ask Ushers	Volunteer – Ask Ushers
Ushers	Steve Fear	Duane Johnsen
	Janet Fear	Heather Johnsen
Rosary		

Readings for the Week

Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-51b, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1,5-9; Ps147:12-13,15-16,19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday:	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

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: 3/17 - Justin Pieper, 3/22 - Rosemary Jones.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION ... Christians have always imagined initiation as a journey. Saul was on a journey on the Damascus road when he was knocked off his feet by an encounter with the Risen Lord. After stumbling, blind, to a Christian household, he emerged days later, baptized and clear sighted, as Paul. Enlightened, he begins a life so disconnected with his former ways that it seems to require a new name. The custom of acquiring a new name at baptism is thus very old, and is a deeper question than "naming the baby"; it is, rather, one of a break with the past and a place in the community. The first Christians mostly kept their pagan names, and therefore blended in with their neighbors. Eventually, some people began to name their children after Christian virtues or feasts, like "Ephiphany" for a child born on Epiphany, or "Fides" for faith. Later, the names of beloved martyrs or saints began to take hold, as older converts exchanged their birth names for the names of admired saints. Today, catechumens may still choose to assume a "Christian name" before baptism, and parents are still asked to be mindful of our tradition as they give a name to a child.

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THIRST ... Each time today's Gospel story is read, I can't help but think of the many television commercials I've seen depicting perspiring athletes lifting a beverage to their lips while the scorching sun beats down on them. Our culture has definite ideas about how to quench thirst. Today, those ideas are turned upside down. The Samaritan woman operates, initially, on the TV commercial level. She asks Jesus for the flowing water so that she will not have to keep coming to the well. Jesus then talks about what real thirst is, and how he, and he alone, can quench that thirst. Lent calls us to find those places deep within ourselves where we thirst. In our thirst, as did the Israelites, we cry out to God asking for springs of living water. Deep down we know that only the Lord can satisfy these thirsts.

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AVAILABILITY ... God does not ask for our ability or our inability, but our availability. — Anonymous

WISDOM ... A wise old owl lived in an oak. The more he saw the less he spoke. The less he spoke the more he heard. Why can't we all be like that wise old bird? —English nursery rhyme

Pray for our Seminarians: Scott James Nemeč, from St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Seward & St. Wenceslaus Parish in Bee. He entered the Seminary in 2015. He is in Theology 1 at Mount St. 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.